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 Bulletin announcements need to be in by Noon on Thursdays.
 Secretary in the office only on Thursday from 8:30AM till 1:30PM
 Mass Schedule: Sunday Morning Mass at 10:00 AM & Fridays at 8:30AM
 Marriage: Contact parish priest 6 months before Baptism: Contact parish priest



OCTOBER 8, 2017-TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

Unless specified below Mass times are as listed.
ST. BENEDICT---Sunday 10:00AM
Weekday Mass---Tuesday 7:30AM and Friday 8:30AM
Confession-Friday from 8:00AM to 8:30AM
BAILEYVILLE---Saturday 7:00PM and Sunday 8:30AM
Weekday Mass---Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30AM
Confession-Saturday from 6:30PM to 7PM
 Sundays from 8:00AM to 8:30AM

Sun. Oct. 8-St. Benedict +Ernest Haug & +Joe Haug
Tues.-Oct. 10-St. Benedict +Garry Wichman
Tues. Oct. 10-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Henry & Clara Meyer Family
Tues. Oct. 10-Mass at Life Care at 11AM-For World Peace
Wed. Oct. 11-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Clarence & Eileen Olberding Family
Thurs. Oct. 12-Baileyville-Gilbert Broxterman
Fri. Oct. 13- St. Benedict-Communion Service @ 8:30AM
Sat. Oct. 14-Baileyville+Jeanette Holthaus & +Loren Deters
Sun. Oct. 15-Baileyville-People of the Parishes & +Gilbert Koelzer
Sun. Oct. 15-St. Benedict +Elaine Ronnebaum

COLLECTIONS for October 1, 2017-Total: \$2,350.00.

A **THANK YOU** to the following: Eucharistic ministers who have retired in the last year are Maurice Feldkamp, Leon Holthaus, Ferdie Deters and Joyce Schmitz and to Elmer & Kate Ronnebaum for taking care of the flowers at the grotto, and to Tammy Holthaus who took care of the flowers in front of the church. Thank you for volunteering and giving St. Mary's the most precious thing you will ever own-you time and talent.

CCD LIVING ROSARY for the Unborn will be Wednesday, October 11 (7:30-8:30PM) at Sacred Heart. Teens sit in the front with your class. All are invited.

ELEMENTARY CCD will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Sacred Heart, Baileyville.

 **WE HAVE PUMPKINS!!** Trailer loads of pumpkins will be outside Sts. Peter & Paul Church after each Mass this weekend of October 8th. For a free will donation, get as many pumpkins as you want. First come, first serve.

BISCUITS AND GRAVY BREAKFAST to benefit Fr. Arul's Orphanage and School for the Deaf in India, will be held on Sunday, October 29th, from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come enjoy biscuits, sausage gravy, eggs, fruit, coffee & juice. Free will offering for a very worthy cause.

2017 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE-Our Nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. In the historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), we ask God to save America through Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join in praying for our nation on October 14 at 12 Noon, at the Seneca North City Park. Bring a lawn chair if you would like. Please contact Arlene Holthaus at 336-2641 for more information.

LIFE CARE FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is in need of supplies. Items that are needed: toys, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, school supplies, clothes. The donations could be dropped off any time at Life Care and if anyone wants to volunteer to wrap shoe boxes or fill shoe boxes feel free to call Tracie at [785-336-0723](tel:785-336-0723).

RURAL YOUTH OUTREACH at St. Patrick's, Corning on Sunday, October 22 (1:00-3:30PM). All parish adults are invited to attend. Building relationships will earn us the right to be heard, so we can help our beautiful kids embrace the truth and beauty of our Catholic Faith will be discussed. Your kids are searching. Will you journey with them?

Ministries for Oct. 15—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cross: Hannah Scott
Servers: Brayden Uphaus & Hallie Holthaus
Candle Holders: Alexis Spring & Kamden Schmitz
Eucharistic Ministers: Brianna Uphaus, Betty Olberding & Craig Haverkamp
Choir EME: Kristina Sudbeck
Lector 1: Elmer Ronnebaum
Lector 2: Nancy Sudbeck
Ushers: Norman Schmelzle & Cyril Schmitz
Offertory: Nick & Connie Huerter Family
Rosary: Don Lueger
Organist: Marilyn Holthaus
Cantor: Kayla Sudbeck

Money Counters: Marsha & Nancy

ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

DISHES-Please pick up dishes on the parish house back porch. Thank you!

OCT. 2017-(3RD TUESDAY)-CRESTVIEW at 2PM)- Marilyn Rottinghaus, Joyce Schmitz, Brianna Uphaus, Melinda Stallbaumer, Diane Lueger

OCT. 2017-(3RD WEDNESDAY)-LIFE CARE at 2PM)- Charity Henry, Kristina Sudbeck, Linda Schmitz, Sara Kramer, Kim Sudbeck

The Treasurer will order prize items from Ray's Applemarket and give a reminder call to the first member on the list to call the other ladies. The lady at the top of the list is also responsible for picking up the prize items at Ray's Applemarket (**Life Care Only**) unless other wise instructed by the Treasurer. Please find a substitute if you cannot attend and let them know the day/nursing home.

NOVEMBER 12, 2017 -St. Mary's Pancake Breakfast
 Serving will be from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free will Donation. Circles 1 & 2 are in charge. If anyone would like to donate eggs, butter, etc. or if you have and item for the chance table, please contact Beth Deters at 336-1725 or any Altar Society Officer.

RENTAL AGREEMENT-When renting the hall we have updated the rental agreement instead of "Sweep and scrub as needed" it has been changed to "Sweep and Scrub" the hall after use of the facility. Thank you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Brad Bowhay, Ivan Rottinghaus, Clara Krogman, Aiden Berkhart, Lyle Rottinghaus, Monica Olberding Countryman, Brad Hammes, Laura Schmelzle, Karsyn Aylward, Ambrose Martin son of Larrissa Nordhus, Martin, Eldon Kriley, Mary Lally, Kenny Olberding, Dennis Bergman, Greg Fangman, Jed Henry, Tim Sack, Victor Holthaus, Sara Conroy, Joyce Koch, Kathleen Ronnebaum, Kristi (Mike) Meyer, Father Edward Oen, Vivianne Marousek, Leon Holthaus, Shirley Schmitz, Larry Sudbeck, Jayla Nolte, Joyce Holthaus, Jerry Lueger, Eric Holthaus.

P.S. These names will remain on the list for two months, if you want to include the names again please call (336-3174) or email at stmarys9208@gmail.com.

ST. BEDE'S ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER and auction will be on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at Kelly. Ks. Serving from 4 to 7PM. Serving chicken noodle soup, vegetable beef soup, ham sandwiches, hotdogs, pie and cakes. Free will donation.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Axtell is pleased to be hosting this year's Axtell Ecumenical Christmas Cantata on December 10, 2017. This year we are singing The Promise of a King by Lloyd Larson and Joseph Martin, directed by Stan Murphy. For more info call Amy Schmitz at 785-736-2226 or schmitz@bluevalley.net.

FOLLOW the crowd and quickly get lost in it!



HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2017:

- Oct. 14-Stallbaumer-Hall
- Oct. 14-Church tour at 10AM with Confirmation Class from Topeka.
- Oct. 19-Finance Council Meeting at 7PM
- Nov. 10-11-12-Pancake Breakfast
- Nov. 15-Annual Church Cleaning
- Nov. 23-Scott-Hall
- Nov. 24-25-Rusche-Hall
- Dec. 9-Hall-Halley/Rottinghaus
- Dec. 23-McKinley-Hall
- Dec. 24-Olberding-Hall
- Dec. 25-Scott-Hall
- Dec. 30-Sudbeck-Hall



HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2018:

- Feb. 2-3-4-Soup Supper
- Apr. 8-Altar Society Meeting & Election of Officers
- April 14-Huerter Wedding-Church
- April 21-Rottinghaus & Engelken Wedding-Church
- March 25-Easter Egg Hunt-CYO
- May 6-May Crowning
- May 27-Rottinghaus-Hall
- June 9-Hasenkamp & Steinlage Wedding @ 4PM-Church
- June 13-Hall Cleaning-No renting of hall until after picnic
- June 16-Sudbeck Wedding-Church
- June 22-23-24-25-Annual Church Picnic
- Aug. 5-Schmitz Reunion/Niehues-Hall
- Sept. 1-DeMint & Lemons Wedding-Church

DVD'S of THERESA RETTELE'S Tour of St. Mary's Church is available at the Rectory for the cost of \$10.00.

150th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS are still available. The book provides the unique story of St. Mary's Parish from its founding. The family photos are sure to be cherished in decades to come. Copies available for pickup at the Rectory; leave a message at 336-3174 or email to Mary Beth at tmhave1991@gmail.com or stmarys9208@gmail.com. Copies also are available through the Kansas Rural Water Association office located west of Seneca. Your grandchildren or great-grandchildren will appreciate having a copy.

GENEALOGY--The parish has acquired genealogy information on many families of the parish including Bergman, Boeckman, Deters, Engelken, Fangman, Grosse-Holthaus, Haug, Haverkamp, Heiman, Grobe-Holthaus, Holthaus, Huerter, Hulsing, Liening, Lierz, Kramer, Krogman, Mohrman, Olberding, Rethman, Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Schmitz, Sextro, Strathman, Strathman B, Stegeman, Sudbeck, Wichman. Suggested donation is \$20.

SCHMITZ HERITAGE BOOK-The John and Mary Schmitz genealogy book is available at St. Mary's parish office for \$10. The money towards this book will be donated to St. Mary's Parish. There will be a book in the back of church to view. If you have any questions you can call the parish office.

ST. MARY'S PARISH, PURCELL will have their pancake luncheon on Oct. 8 from 11AM to 1PM. Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs and pies. Freewill offering.

MARRIAGE MINUTE OCTOBER 8, 2017

What do you think? This weekend, St. Paul gets very specific in his recommendations of what we should think about. Why? Because what we spend time thinking about, we see more of! Thinking about what color to paint your house? All you notice is the colors of the houses in your neighborhood. Chances are, you married someone who is a mix of strengths and weaknesses. Why not spend time thinking about your spouse's wonderful qualities? It won't make the bad things go away, but you will be spending so much time looking for the good that you won't notice as much. This week think about your spouse's: • Most endearing qualities • Most recent sacrificial act • Most attractive traits For more encouragement in thinking the best about your spouse, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com.

FATIMA CENTENARY – Join Archbishop Naumann in the celebration of the Rosary and Mass at Queen of the Holy Rosary, Overland Park at 6:30PM on Friday, October 13 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the conclusion of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the children at Fatima. The message of Our Lady of Fatima remains as important today as it was a century ago. Let us take up her request of prayers for peace and the stability of the world, especially through the Most Holy Rosary and consecration to her Immaculate Heart.

COMPANIONSHIP-Take my hand and walk along with me, not ahead of me; otherwise I may not follow you.

DEAR PADRE OCTOBER 8, 2017

I know we're all supposed to use our gifts to glorify God, but what is liturgical dance? Is it acceptable as part of Mass? Are there rules surrounding it? Liturgical dance is dance movement forming a part of official worship. Through it, people in a community express their joy at God's blessings, foreshadowing the joy of heaven. Dance, in many cultures, is a sign of joy. We dance at weddings, birthday celebrations, and anniversaries. People from both Eastern and Western traditions use dance as a form of expression, and some incorporate it into their religious rites. Jewish worship includes dance on certain feasts, such as the Simhat Torah, where the holy scrolls are part of the sacred movement. In the United States, the practice of liturgical dance began to grow following Vatican II, but it was not readily accepted. Since dance in Western culture is viewed by some as an expression of love, intimacy, or diversion, the Church's approach is reserved. In 1975, the Vatican repeated this and said that because the Roman rite does not include dance as part of worship, inclusion of dance in liturgy is not appropriate ("The Religious Dance, an Expression of Spiritual Joy," *Notitiae* 11, 202-205). We see dancing in our parishes and at diocesan celebrations; however, it should occur outside of the liturgy. —Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR

THERE was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things 'in order,' she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the Pastor's reply. "This is very important," the young woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand." The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the Pastor. The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, "Keep your fork." It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming ... like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!" "So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder... "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork ... the best is yet to come." The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She **KNEW** that something better was coming. At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled. During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share. Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility.