

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**  
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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

Marriage: Contact parish priest 6 months before Baptism: Contact parish priest

**NOVEMBER 26, 2017-OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**



Unless specified below Mass times are as listed.

**ST. BENEDICT**---Sunday 10:15AM

**Weekday Mass**---Tuesday and Fridays at 8:30AM

**Confession**-Friday from 8:00AM to 8:30AM

**BAILEYVILLE**---Saturday 6:00PM and Sunday 8:30AM

**Weekday Mass**--- Wednesday, Thursday 8:30AM

**Confession**-Saturday from 5:15PM to 5:45PM

Sundays from 8:00AM to 8:15AM

**Sun. Nov. 26-St. Benedict**--- Special Intention Raymond & Joan Schmitz Family

**Tues.-Nov. 28-St. Benedict** + Garry Wichman

**Wed. Nov. 29-Baileyville** + Gilbert Broxterman

**Thurs. Nov. 30-Baileyville**-Liv/Dec. Vincent Schmitz Family

**Fri. Dec. 1- St. Benedict** +Cyril Tangeman

**Sat. Dec. 2-Baileyville**--- People of the Parishes

**Sun. Dec. 3-Baileyville** +Mary Ann Huninghake

**Sun. Dec. 3-St. Benedict**+Elaine Ronnebaum & +Helen

Bergman

**COLLECTIONS for November 19, 2017**-Total: \$1,707.00.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**

Dear parishioners, this weekend we celebrate the end of the liturgical year with the exclamation: "Jesus Christ is the King of the Universe!" As Thanksgiving weekend comes to an end, we also mark the end of the Church's Liturgical Calendar. Next weekend, we begin a new Liturgical year as we enter into the holy season of Advent ... that 4-week period of preparation for the great celebration of Christmas, the Birthday of our Lord! I would like to take this opportunity to call your attention to some important events: the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8, which is a holy day of obligation; Advent Penance services and our Christmas and New Year Mass schedule.

As you may have observed, Christmas falls on a Monday this year which presents an interesting situation with the Mass schedule. This means that Catholics will need to go to Mass twice in a three-day period of time to fulfill both their Sunday obligation and Christmas obligation. Please mark your calendars for these wonderful celebrations in our parish community. Please note that if you wish to fulfill your Christmas obligation on the evening of December 24 you will also have to attend Mass earlier in the day or on Saturday evening to fulfill the Sunday obligation. If you have questions, please ask.

Also, please note that there is no obligation to attend Mass on January 1, when we honor the Blessed Mother under the title Mother of God. This is because the US bishops lift the obligation when this feast day falls on a Monday. But there is no better way to start the New Year than with an Eucharistic celebration. Therefore, the schedule for that celebration will be simply our weekend Mass Schedule. I do hope that in the midst of all the excitement of shopping and celebrating, you will use the Advent season to draw closer to Jesus in prayer, especially in the Mass! Prayers and blessings.

*Fr. Reginald*

**December 8: Holy Day of Obligation ---Mass Timings**

Thursday, December 7, 6:00PM - Sacred Heart, Baileyville

Friday, December 8, 8:30AM - St. Mary's, St. Benedict

Friday, December 8, 10:30AM - Sacred Heart, Baileyville

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**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** Remember your loved ones during this Christmas season by offering poinsettias/flowers in their names. Please use the envelopes provided in your envelope packet to write their names and for your donation and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office. These poinsettias/flowers will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas celebration and beyond. Please put \$15 in the collection basket for each memorial with the name of your loved one by December 17.

**Ministries for Dec. 3-First Sunday in Advent**

**Cross:** Brad Schmitz

**Servers:** Brayden Uphaus & Nathaniel Stallbaumer

**Candle Holders:** Tyler Nolte & Elijah Sudbeck

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brianna Uphaus, Mary Schmitz, Kevin Nordhus, Diane Schmitz, Arlyn Holthaus

**Choir EME:** Mary Haverkamp

**Lector 1:** Nancy Sudbeck

**Lector 2:** Cindy Murphy

**Ushers:** Curt Sudbeck, Dave Sudbeck, Will Henry

**Offertory:** Rosette Randal Family

**Rosary:** Dave Huerter

**Organist:** Marilyn Holthaus

**Cantor:** Betty Ruegge & Adult Choir

**Money Counters:** Evelyn & Nancy

**Ministries for Dec. 8-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Mass at 8:30AM**---Ministries by volunteers

**Ministries for Dec. 8-Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Mass at 6PM**

**Cross:** Kanin Sudbeck

**Servers:** Amber Blume, Addy Holthaus

**Candle Holders:** Rachel Nordhus & Henry Tangeman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Arlene Holthaus, Duana Huerter, Luke Holthaus, Troy Nordhus, Robert Engelken

**Choir EME:** Evelyn Rottinghaus

**Lector 1:** Dave Huerter

**Lector 2:** Paul Strathman

**Ushers:** Don Sudbeck, Dean Sudbeck, Brian Holthaus

**Offertory:** Ardan & Evelyn Rottinghaus

**Rosary:** Paul Strathman

**Musicians:** Tammy Holthaus, Theresa & Laura Sudbeck, Bailey Schmitz, Ella Sudbeck

**Money Counters:** Evelyn & Nancy

**ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS**

**DEC. 2017-(3RD TUESDAY)-CRESTVIEW at 2PM)**-Theresa Sudbeck (J), Denise Wolsleben, Laurie Stallbaumer, Lindsey Haug, Betty Sudbeck (R)

**DEC. 2017-(3RD WEDNESDAY)-LIFE CARE at 2PM)**-Nancy Sudbeck, Leanna Rottinghaus, Nikki Rottinghaus, Heidi Holthaus, Kathleen Meier

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3:00 pm at **Baileyville**

Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7:00pm at **St Benedict**

Sunday, Dec.3 at 3:00pm at Axtell & Corning & Kelly at 7PM

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 pm at Frankfort & Marysville at 5PM

Sunday, Dec. 17 at 3 pm at Seneca & Sabetha at 7PM

**Christmas Mass ScheduleEve: (Sunday, December 24)**

4:00 pm : St. Mary's, St. Benedict

7:00 pm : Sacred Heart, Baileyville

**Christmas Day (Monday, December 25)**

9:00 am : Sacred Heart, Baileyville

**New Year's Mass Eve: (Sunday, December 31)**

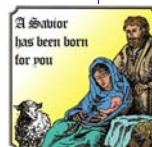
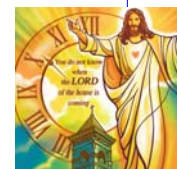
6:00 pm : Sacred Heart, Baileyville

**New Year Day Mass Schedule: (Monday, January 1)**

8:30 am : Sacred Heart, Baileyville

10:15 am : St. Mary's, St. Benedict

**2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES** are in back of church. Please pick up at your earliest convenience. Your number may be different from last year so please throw out your old envelopes. Thank you!



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

Dec. 9-Hall-Halley/Rottinghaus  
Dec. 10-Hall-Lueger  
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 1-Scott-Hall  
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-Beckman Reunion-Hall  
Sept. 1-DeMint & Lemons Wedding-Church  
Nov. 22-Scott-Hall  
Dec. 25-Scott-Hall

**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, GROSSER-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.

**REMEMBER** those who are sick or taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Brad Bowhay, Ivan Rottinghaus, Clara Krogman, Aiden Berkhart, Lyle Rottinghaus, Monica Olberding Countryman, Brad Hammes, Laura Schmelzle, 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, Frank Hulsing.

*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.*

**ANGEL TREE** - The CYO is sponsoring the "Angel Tree" this year. A tree will be up in the back of church with angel tags on it. Parishioners are asked to choose a tag (or tags) and donate a gift in memory of a deceased loved one. All gifts will be donated to the Nemaha County Christmas Bureau to help less fortunate families to have a better Christmas. The deadline to have the gifts turned into St. Mary's is December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Additional information available on the tables in back of church. Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause!

**ELEMENTARY CCD** - Class on November 29.

**JR/HIGH SCHOOL CCD**-Class on November 29 at 7:30pm.

**FIRST COMMUNION**-If anyone has a child that may be planning on making their First Communion in 2018 at St. Mary's to email Lisa Holthaus at [ldalinghaus@yahoo.com](mailto:ldalinghaus@yahoo.com).

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH DATES:** Dec. 3 & 17, Jan.7& 21, Feb. 4 & 18, March 4 & 18, April 15 & 29 & May 6.

**ACHIEVERS 4-H CLUB** is holding a Schwans Cares fundraiser for the benefit of 4-H members in Puerto Rico. On you online order add the fundraising campaign #35319. A portion of your purchase will donated to the Achievers effort. Final day is Dec. 1. Campaign link is <https://www.schwans-cares.com/campaign/35319-achievers-4-h-club>.

**SIXTH ANNUAL BAILEYVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOUP DAY** Sunday, December 3 - 4:30-7:30PM -Chili, Chicken Noodle and vegetable beef soups, ham sandwiches and dessert served. Freewill offering. Proceeds to assist local area charities.

**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.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE SUPPER TICKETS FOR SALE** - The tickets are \$15 for either a pork chop or chicken cordon bleu meal and includes a baked potato, salad, roll, and dessert. Hot dog meals are also available for \$5. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**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).

**MARRIAGE MINUTE NOVEMBER 26, 2017** Is Christ the King of your Marriage? Christ manifests his royalty when He offers his greatest sacrifice. As married couples, we are called to emulate this kind of sacrificial love to one another. We do this when we: • Vulnerably share deeply with our spouse, even though it is difficult • Willingly try new relationship skills, even if it's not comfortable • Generously sacrifice time from work or personal hobbies to spend with our spouse • Humbly apologize, even though we'd rather "win" the argument We may never physically sacrifice our lives for our spouse as Jesus did for us on the cross. But when we practice small, daily sacrifices for our spouse, we participate in Jesus' cross and therefore his glorious triumph!

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION** will be held the weekend of December 9- 10, 2017. Please join in promoting a generous response to this annual appeal. Many Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes - often for little to no pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

**DEAR PADRE—DECEMBER 3, 2017**

Why do we have Advent?  
Advent as we know it today developed many centuries after Jesus' life on earth. Because of the number of persons being baptized in the early Church, a practice developed of having another time for baptism in addition to the Easter Vigil. Christmas was chosen as another baptismal season. Since Lent served as a time of preparation for the baptisms at the Easter Vigil, the weeks leading up to Christmas became a time of penance and preparation. Combined with this penitential practice, of course, was the preparation for Christmas. The Sunday and weekday Scriptures during Advent recall the centuries of longing for the coming of the Messiah, the conception of John the Baptist, and the family history of Mary and Joseph. Today the writings of the prophet Isaiah are featured during Advent because they so eloquently speak of Israel's longing for salvation. Among the special signs and symbols that the Church uses to recall and enter into these central parts of our Christian heritage are the Advent wreath, vespers, reconciliation services, the O Antiphons, Scripture readings, the Jesse tree, the giving tree, the Christmas tree, the crèche, gift-giving, and of course, Midnight Mass. Hopefully, these symbols of the season will remind you of your own birth in baptism and your own commitment to living a life filled with peace and love. Fr. Thomas Santa, CSSR

**LIKE A CHILD**-One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.