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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
DECEMBER 3, 2017-FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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. Dec.3-St. Benedict +Elaine Ronnebaum &
 + Helen Bergman
Tues.-Dec. 5-St. Benedict +Ervin Bergman
Wed. Dec. 6-Baileyville +Gerhard Placke
Wed. Dec. 6-Mass @ Crestview @10AM +James Macke
Thurs. Dec. 7-Baileyville-Mass @6PM +Glen Meyer
Fri. Dec. 8- St. Benedict –Mass @ 8:30AM+Leo Mohrman
Fri. Dec. 8-Baileyville-Mass @ 10:30AM +Gilbert Koelzer
Fri. Dec. 8- St. Benedict-Mass @ 6PM +Larry Nordhus
Sat. Dec. 9-Baileyville + Leon Stallbaumer
Sun. Dec.10-Baileyville –People of the Parishes
Sun. Dec. 10-St. Benedict +Leonard Schmitz

COLLECTIONS for November 26, 2017-Total: \$2,121.00.

ADVENT BOOK REVIEW AND STUDY
 Dear parishioners, during ADVENT we will be having a book review and study of Scott Hahn's, "Joy to the World". This book review and study will be held on Wednesdays 7-8pm at St. Mary's (starting December 6) and on Thursdays 7-8pm at Sacred Heart (starting December 7). It will be a 4-week session. Please take a free copy of "Joy to the World" book located at the back of the church and read the first 3 chapters for the first session. All are welcome to join. Just bring the book and a bible. Looking forward to seeing you there. – Fr. Regie

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
 Friday, December 8, 6:00PM - St. Mary's, St. Benedict

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.

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

FIRST COMMUNION will be on April 15, 2018 at the 10:15AM Mass.

ALL 2018 FIRST COMMUNION are invited to walk up in the processional on Christmas Eve Mass at 4PM. Please meet in the back of church with Lisa Holthaus before mass. Also, they are invited to bring up offertory gifts at Mass as well. Each child will need to go to the back of church when the ushers begin picking up the collection.

CCD – Wednesday, December 6 – No Class
ELEMENTARY CCD - Wednesday, December 6.

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

Ministries for Dec. 10-2nd Sunday in Advent
Cross: Hannah Scott
Servers: Kirsten Lortscher & Joseph Stallbaumer
Candle Holders: Kamden Schmitz & Courtney Stallbaumer
Eucharistic Ministers: Janelle Schmitz, Laurie Strathman,
 Paul Strathman Will Henry, Marsha Korber
Choir EME: Charity Henry
Lector 1: Shayla Heiman
Lector 2: Bailey Schmitz
Ushers: Brad Schmitz, Will Engelken, Garrett Randel
Offertory: Gage Palic, Ryan Sudbeck, Amanda Stallbaumer
Rosary: Cindy Murphy
Organist: Marlene Deters
Cantor: Staci Haug
Money Counters: Evelyn & Joyce



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

HALL RENTAL NOTE:
 1. Please make sure the walk-in cooler door is propped open when you leave.
 2. Make sure the doors to the bathrooms are propped open with a folding chair when you leave.
 3. Once done with the mopping, please hang the mop heads up to dry back in the cleaning closet in the pic room and put the handles back in the closet.
 4. Make sure the fans in the shower rooms are running when you leave.

Christmas Mass Schedule Eve: (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.

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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS -Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

ANGEL TREE - The deadline to have the gifts turned into St. Mary's is today, December 3rd, 2017, after the 10:15AM Mass.

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

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

THE 2017 AXTELL ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS

CHOIR will be performing the cantata *The Promise of a King* by Lloyd Larson and Joseph Martin on Sunday, December 10 at 7:30PM at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Axtell.

This year's cantata is directed by Stan Murphy. Accompanied by Owen Zinke on the piano and enjoys singers from the Axtell, Baileyville, Frankfort, St. Benedict, Seneca, Salem and Summerfiled areas. Refreshments will be served in the St. Michael's Church hall after the cantata.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be at the Community Building on December 15. For appointments call 336-3360 or online at www.RedcrossBlood.org.

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).

ISO FAMILIES for next year's foreign exchange students—So excited we now have student applications in for the next school year.

We are looking for some great American families who are able to invite an international teen into their home for the upcoming school year so they can learn more about our culture, while also sharing their own with you and your family!

Hosts provide their student a clean and safe living environment including a bed, meals, and way to/from school. Students come with medical insurance, clothes, phone, money and anything else they may need for the program. If you can help and are interested in selecting a student for the upcoming school year, message Diane Yunghans or my email is DianeySTS@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE MINUTE - When will it end? Hurricanes,

wild fires, mass shootings, terrorist attacks, and the prospect of nuclear war with North Korea can prompt us to ask the Lord, "When will it end, or when will you return?" Advent is very short this year, and it is intended to remind us that the Lord can come when we least expect it. Even if Christ does not return soon, our life could end sooner than we expect. This Advent, live your marriage with no regrets by telling your spouse: • What are you most grateful for about your spouse? • What are you most attracted to? • What can you forgive in your spouse? • What can you ask for forgiveness? Consider the gift of a more joyful and intentional marriage for Christmas by attending the Every Day in Love Date Night on Jan 13.

DEAR PADRE—DECEMBER 10, 2017

Especially before Christmas, I appreciate times of silence at Mass but seldom find them. Priests ask the congregation to open their missalettes after Communion to recite the daily antiphon, which seems more trouble to locate and say than to simply remain silent. Please advise. Before Mass, it's commendable that silence be observed in the church, sacristy, vesting room, and adjacent areas so that all may "carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 45). During Mass, "Let us pray" is an invitation to observe a moment of silence for the congregation to "place themselves in God's presence and make their personal petitions" (Introduction to the Order of Mass, 35). Communal silence is also observed within the penitential act for people to recollect themselves, at the end of a reading or the homily for all to meditate briefly on what they've heard, then after Communion to praise and pray to God in their hearts (GIRM 45). In other words, there's a silence that reflects shame before God for our sins, a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word, and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body of Christ! If there's no singing after Communion, the antiphon "may be recited either by the faithful, or by some of them, or by a reader; otherwise, it is recited by the priest himself after he has received Communion and before he distributes Communion to the faithful" (GIRM 87). Without liturgical silence, "the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and song" (Introduction 48). Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR