

**ST.MARY'S CHURCH**  
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Secretary in the office only on Thursday from 8:30AM till 1:30PM  
Marriage: Contact parish priest 6 months before Baptism: Contact parish priest  
**JANUARY 7, 2018-THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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  
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**Sun. Jan 7- St. Benedict**-Liv/Dec. Richard & Arlene Schmitz Family  
**Tues.-Jan 9-St. Benedict** +Leonard Fangman  
**Tues. Jan 9-Mass at Life Care at 11AM** +Elmer Feldkamp  
**Wed. Jan 10.-Baileyville** +Gilbert Koelzer  
**Thurs. Jan 11-Baileyville** +Albert Saldanha  
**Fri. Jan 12- St. Benedict** +Clem & Rupert Rethman & +Leroy Tangeman  
**Sat. Jan 13-Baileyville**-Liv/Dec. Allie & Irene Koelzer Family

**Sun. Jan 14-Baileyville**-People of the Parishes  
**Sun. Jan 14- St. Benedict**-+Paul & Mary Ann Schmitz  
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**COLLECTIONS for Dec. 31, 2017- Envelopes: \$1,669.00.**  
**Jan. 1, 2018-Envelopes: \$1,572.00.**

**WELCOME!**  
We joyfully welcome and congratulate the newly-baptized **Valerie Ann Haug** child of Jason & Chloe Haug to St. Mary's Parish family. She was baptized on Sunday, Dec. 31. *May God bless her, and her family!*

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in anyway to prepare and decorate our church for Christmas. May God Bless You!  
*Tammy Holthaus*

**SINCERE** appreciation for the beautiful funeral service at the gorgeous St. Mary's Church for our mother Angela DeVillier . Also for the delicious meal served by the Altar Society. Thank you!  
*The Angela DeVillier Family*

**JOY TO THE WORLD BOOK REVIEW** will continue this week - Wednesday 7-8PM at St. Mary's and Thursday 7-8PM at Sacred Heart. This week's study will cover chapters 7-10. All are welcome to join.

**BAILEYVILLE K of C** Free throw contest will be on January 7, 2018 at St. Benedict Hall, starting at 11:30AM. Ages 9 thru 14 may participate.

**BAILEYVILLE CYO BREAKFAST** will be on Sunday, January 14 from 7:30AM to 12:30PM at the church hall. Serving pancakes, eggs and sausage . Freewill donation.

**SENECA K OF C SOUP LUNCHEON** will be on January 7 from 10 to 2Pm. Come and enjoy soups, sandwiches and deserts.

**SENECA K OF C** Free throw contest will be on January 7, starting at 1PM at SPPS gym. Ages 9-14 are eligible.

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

**CCD CLASSES** will resume on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30PM.

**ELEMENTARY CCD** - Wednesday, January 10 after school.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING** - OPEN TO ALL. Meet at 7:00PM at NVCH conference room every second and fourth Thursday of each month. Contact Sarah at 785-294-

**Ministries - January 14-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Cross:** Madison Lortscher  
**Servers:** Addy Holthaus & Hallie Holthaus  
**Candle Holders:** Nathaniel Stallbaumer & Kanin Sudbeck  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Connie Huerter, Josh Sudbeck, Mary Schmitz, Evelyn Rottinghaus. Kevin Nordhus  
**Choir EME:** Janelle Schmitz  
**Lector 1:** Paul Strathman  
**Lector 2:** David Huerter  
**Ushers:** Danny Tangeman, Jerry Uphaus, Steve Wichman  
**Offertory:** Kenny & Diane Schmitz Family  
**Rosary:** David Huerter  
**Musicians:** Tammy Holthaus, Theresa & Laura Sudbeck, Bailey Schmitz & Ella Sudbeck  
**Money Counters:** Nancy & Marsha



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**ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS**

**JAN 2018-(3RD TUESDAY)-CRESTVIEW at 2PM**-Karen Holthaus(G), Melanie Lierz, Jenny Heiman, Suzanne Nolte

**JAN. 2018-(3RD WEDNESDAY)-LIFE CARE at 2PM**-Linda Haug, Deborah Sudbeck, Amy Sudbeck, Amber Sudbeck, Kristen Tangeman  
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**ST. MARY'S ALTAR SOCIETY** will host their Annual Soup Day on **Sunday, February 4th**. We will be serving from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's cafeteria. Chili, Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Beef Soup will be served along with pies and relishes. Free will offering! Everyone is Welcome!!  
If anyone would like to donate an item for the Chance Table, please contact one of the officers (Beth Deters, Christina Stallbaumer, Lisa Holthaus and Charity Henry)

**Saturday, February 3rd** - PREPARE FOOD AND SET UP HALL FOR SOUP DAY - Officers come at 8:00 a.m. and Circle Leaders 3 & 4 come at 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday, February 4th** - SOUP DAY - Officers come at 6:30 am and ALL Circle Leaders come at 9:00 a.m. Officers' husbands come at 10:30 a.m. CYO kids wait tables. **CYO** - FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, and JUNIORS work from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and SENIORS work from 12:30 p.m. - End.

**NOTE:** If anyone has any extra whipped topping or ice cream bucket containers, please feel free to donate them to the Altar Society. Containers can be left in the back of church or at the rectory house on the back porch. Thank you!!!  
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**GOD'S LITTLE GREEN ACRE" Seminarian Support** - You are invited to join Catholics across the Archdiocese in giving thanks for our seminarians and show your support as they study for the priesthood. Farmers can donate the proceeds from one acre of their crops, and those who don't farm but want to "grow" vocations can make a donation in any amount. Donations will be divided among our seminarians this Christmas to help them pay for textbooks and living expenses. They greatly appreciate these gifts since they have no income. For questions call 913-647-0303 or email [vocation@archkck.org](mailto:vocation@archkck.org). Mail donations to : Vocation office, 12615 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66109.

**PURIFIED**-All are welcome to "Purified" with Jason Evert. Hosted by Rural YM Outreach in Ottawa Feb. 3 (3-7 pm) and Holton Feb. (12-4 pm). There will be sessions for adults and youth (7th-12th grades) as well as materials for each family to take home. Rural parishes earn grant money for attendance. [www.archkck.org/rural-outreach](http://www.archkck.org/rural-outreach).

**LIFE** is a journey, not a race!

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

- Jan. 7-Baileyville K of C Free Throw Contest-Hall
- Feb. 2-3-4-Soup Supper
- Feb. 13-Finance Council Meeting at 7PM
- March 25-Easter Egg Hunt-CYO
- March 31-St. Patrick's Parade-Hall
- April 1-Scott-Hall
- Apr. 8-Altar Society Meeting & Election of Officers
- April 14-Huerter Wedding-Church
- April 15-First Communion @ St. Benedict
- April 21-Rottinghaus & Engelken Wedding-Church
- 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-Boeckman Reunion-Hall
- Sept. 1-DeMint & Lemons Wedding-Church
- Nov. 22-Scott-Hall
- Dec. 8-Rottinghaus Hall
- Dec. 16-Schmitz-Hall
- Dec. 25-Scott-Hall



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**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](mailto:tmhave1991@gmail.com) or [stmarys9208@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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**REMEMBER** those who are sick or taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Brad Bowhay, Monica Olberding Countryman, Eldon Kriley, Tim Sack, Victor Holthaus, Sara Conroy, Joyce Koch, Kathleen Ronnebaum, Vivianne Marousek, Shirley Schmitz, 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](mailto:stmarys9208@gmail.com).*

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**SAMUEL GROUP** is a discernment program where you are given the tools to know God's will for your life and how to accept His call with peace and joy. The program is open to students or young adults ages 20- 30. The group meets one Sunday a month 1:00-4:30PM during the school year at the St. Lawrence Catholic Campus Center in Lawrence. The group is run by the Apostles of the Interior Life, who specialize in providing spiritual guidance. Visit their website at [kucatholic.org/samuelgroup](http://kucatholic.org/samuelgroup).

**BEFORE** you pray-Believe, Before you speak- Listen, Before you spend-Earn, Before you write-Think, Before you quit-Try, and Before you Die-Live!

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** – A healthy relationship does not include belittling comments, threats, intimidation, social isolation, economic control, pushing or hitting. If you're not sure if you are in an abusive situation, go to [archkck.org/domestic-violence](http://archkck.org/domestic-violence). If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233. If you're in immediate danger, call 911.

**WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT** -Do you desire to hear God's call for your life and respond so that God may act through you? Then come and join other young women who are open to the joy of totally following God's will for their lives. Ladies between the ages of 18 and 30 are invited to participate, with opportunities to grow in community and friendship, develop a deeper understanding of discernment, and meet some of the consecrated women who are joyfully serving the Church today. Register today at [www.archkck.org/ranch](http://www.archkck.org/ranch) or contact the Retreat Team at: [psrministry@archkck.org](mailto:psrministry@archkck.org); 785-746-5693 What: Women's Discernment Retreat Where: Prairie Star Ranch, 1124 California Road, Williamsburg KS 66095 When: January 19-20, beginning at 5:30pm

**SIGNS OF SPRING**-In Ohio, spring is always eagerly awaited after the long, cold winters. When I arrived at work one day in mid-March, I noticed a sign gaily decorated with flowers and butterflies. It read: "Think Spring." The first day of spring blew in with a snowstorm and freezing temperatures, however, and another flowery sign was posted. This time the message read: "Forget Spring. Think Summer."

**WHAT IS EPIPHANY?**  
Epiphany falls 12 days after Christmas Day on January 6 and is a very important date in the Christian calendar.



Christians use to celebrate Christmas for 12 days straight and it marks the end of the festive season. The ancient Christian feast day is significant as it is a celebration of the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist and is also regarded as a more general celebration of his birth. The 12th night (Epiphany) also marks a visit to the baby Jesus from the three kings (three Wise Men). Epiphany has been celebrated in Europe since the 4th century and is associated with the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus. The Gospel of Matthew says the three kings - named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar - followed a star across the desert to Bethlehem, bearing gifts gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold represented Jesus's royal standing, frankincense his divine birth and myrrh his mortality. The word 'Epiphany' comes from Greek and means 'manifestation.'

**When is Epiphany celebrated?**

The Catholic Church observes Epiphany as single day, however Protestant churches say the season of Epiphany extends from January 6 until Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. During the medieval period, Christmas was celebrated for the 12 days from Christmas Eve on December 24, until the Epiphany. Some Catholic churches in the US mark the Epiphany feast on the Sunday after January 6 and Orthodox Christians celebrate the day on January 19.

The six Sundays which follow the Epiphany are known by Christians as the time of manifestation. Celebrations of Epiphany vary around the world and in many countries it is a public holiday. In Bulgaria people jump into the icy water of the Black Sea to celebrate the annual feast day. Other countries exchange presents and have fireworks and parades. In the Spanish speaking world, Epiphany is known as Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings' Day) and in Mexico crowds gather to taste the Rosca de Reyes - Kings' bread.

