

**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  
**MARCH 11, 2018-FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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. March 11-St. Benedict** +Joe & +Anita Oswalt  
**Tues.-March 13-St. Benedict** +Mary Ann Stallbaumer  
 Hunninghake  
**Wed. March 14-Baileyville**– Liv/Dec. Virgil & Max Sudbeck  
 Families  
**Thurs. March 15-Baileyville** +Paul Skoch  
**Fri. March 16- St. Benedict** +Larry Nordhus  
**Sat. March 17-Baileyville**-People of the Parishes  
**Sun. March 18-Baileyville** + Leonard Deters  
**Sun. March 18-St. Benedict** +Clemens & +Cyrilla Sudbeck  
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**COLLECTIONS** for March 4, 2018: \$1,772.00.

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,  
 Hard to believe but we are into the fourth week of Lent, and Easter will be here before we know it. As you can see in the bulletin, Holy Week is fast approaching. I would like to invite all of you to make your participation in the Holy Week liturgies a top priority. This is a week unlike any other during the year. I especially encourage you to attend all the liturgies of the Triduum, (Sacred Three Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter). The Holy Week Schedule is given below.

Traditionally, a key part of our Lenten preparation is going to confession at least once a year as one of the precepts of the church says. When was the last time you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation? These days are the days of penance services in every parish. Besides our regular weekend & Wednesday evening confessions, there will be penance services celebrated in our as well as in the neighboring parishes. To make use of these opportunities, please see the schedule below. God bless!

**LENT PENANCE SERVICES**

**Sunday, March 11 at 7:00pm - St Benedict**

**In the Neighborhood.**

Sunday, March 11—3:00pm @ Kelly & 3:00pm @ Axtell  
 and 5:00pm @ Marysville  
 Sunday, March 18—3:00pm @ Seneca & 6:00pm @Sabetha

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (Mark your calendars)**

**Maundy Thursday-March 29**

5:00PM: The Lord's Supper at St. Mary's  
 7:00PM: The Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart  
 (Eucharistic Adoration until midnight in both parishes)

**Good Friday (March 30)**

5:00pm : Good Friday Service at Sacred Heart  
 7:00pm : Good Friday Service at St. Mary's

**Holy Saturday-March 31**

8:00PM: Easter Vigil Service at Sacred Heart

**Easter Sunday-April 1**

8:30AM: Easter Mass at Sacred Heart  
 10:15am: Easter Mass at St. Mary's

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will be on Monday, March 19th at 7PM. We will be practicing for Holy Week and Easter. New voices are welcome!!

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH DATES:** March 18, April 15 & 29 & May 6.

**Ministries - March 14 - Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**

**Pianist:** Marilyn Holthaus

**Cantor:** TBD

**Stations Leader:** David Huerter

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**Ministries - March 18-5th Sunday of Lent**

**Cross:** Karly Tangeman

**Servers:** Savannah Engelken & ^ Emma Stallbaumer

**Candle Holders:** Hailey Nordhus & Katie Tangeman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lisa Holthaus, Anita Schmitz,  
 Mary Schmitz, Brian Holthaus, Brianna Uphaus

**Choir EME:** Robert Engelken

**Lector 1:** Rachel Schmitz

**Lector 2:** Madison Lortscher

**Ushers:** John Siess, Dylan Lortscher, Kevin Holthaus

**Offertory:** Lawson Schmelze & Addy Holthaus

**Rosary:** Paul Strathman

**Organist:** Marilyn Holthaus

**Cantor:** TBD

**Money Counters:** Marsha & Nancy

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**UPDATE ON THE BUILDING PROJECTS**

Good progress has been made on the remodeling of the church basement restrooms. The steam line has been relocated to allow for head room above the handicapped ramp. The restrooms have been reconfigured and one of them has been redesigned to be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Electrical and plumbing was changed as needed. Sheetrock is up and is being mudded.

Work on the west-side project will begin soon. If weather permits, the plan is to remove the south entrance steps beginning this week – to evaluate the condition of the limestone wall behind the steps. Of course, this will make the south door unavailable to use for a while. Shane Holthaus has been contracted to oversee the west-side project. When possible, Shane will utilize parishioners' help. Again, depending on the weather, work should begin later in March or April. The plan is to work in phases so as to allow the church to be continuously accessible, although there will undoubtedly be some inconveniences. Thank you for your cooperation!

**THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STUDY**

St. Mary's- Tuesday 7pm: Acts chapters 9 & 10.

Sacred Heart- Thursday 7pm: Acts chapters 6-8

Tuesdays 7pm at St. Mary's; Thursdays 7pm at Sacred Heart.

**ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DAY:** The Annual Eucharistic Day at St. Mary's, will be on Sunday March 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity to be present with Our Lord.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Wednesdays 7:00p.m. at St. Mary's**

**Fridays 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart.**

The stations will be followed by a short adoration to the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

The elementary CCD classes will hold Stations of the Cross at 4:40 p.m. during Lent on Wednesdays after their class time. Parents and families are invited to join them in the church at 4:40. We hope to finish at 5 p.m.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** -The First Holy Communions

at St. Mary's will be celebrated on Sunday, April 15 at the 10:15am Mass. There will be a rehearsal on Friday, April 13 at 6pm. All those involved, please mark your calendar.

**IN MEMORY** -Joyce Rottinghaus Anderson, 70, of Chanute, KS passed away March 5, 2018 at Guest Homes Estate in Chanute. Sympathy to her brother Ivan and other brothers and sisters.



**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, Dennis Bergman.

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**HALL & CHURCH Dates for 2018:**

- March 25-Easter Egg Hunt-CYO
- April 1-Scott-Hall
- April 7-Lueger Hall
- Apr. 8-Altar Society Meeting & Election of Officers
- April 15-First Communion @ St. Benedict
- April 18-Church Tour-St. Mary's, Ks.
- April 21-Rottinghaus & Engelken Wedding-Church
- April 21-St. Patrick's Parade at 5PM-Hall
- April 25-Finance Council Meeting at 7PM
- May 6-May Crowning
- May 27-Rottinghaus-Hall
- June 9-Hasenkamp&Steinlage Wedding @ 4PM-Church
- June 13-Hall Cleaning-No renting of hall-after picnic
- June 16-Sudbeck Wedding-Church
- June 22-23-24-25-Annual Church Picnic
- Aug. 5-Boeckman Reunion-Hall
- Aug. 11-Nordhus Wedding-Church & Hall
- Aug. 25-Bergman-Hall
- Sept. 1-DeMint & Lemons Wedding-Church
- Sept. 8-Koch-Church-Wedding
- Nov. 22-Scott-Hall
- Dec. 8-Rottinghaus Hall
- Dec. 16-Schmitz-Hall
- Dec. 25-Scott-Hall
- Dec. 29-Lueger



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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 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, Huertter, Hulsing, Liening, Lierz, Kramer, Krogman, Mohrman, Olberding, Rethman, Ronnebaum, Rottinghaus, Schmitz, Sextro, Strathman, Strathman B, Stegeman, Sudbeck, Wichman. Suggested donation is \$20.

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**BAILEYVILLE K OF C FISH FRY** will be on Friday, March 16th (5:00-8:00pm), at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Baileyville. Freewill donation.

**BERN FIRE DEPARTMENT BBQ PORK DINNER** will be on Saturday, March 17 from 5:30 to 8:30PM at the Bern Community Building. Sponsored by Nemaha County Fire Dist. #4.

**ST. MICHAEL'S, SOUP SUPPER**, Axtell will be on Sunday, March 18 (5:00-8:00pm). Homemade soups, bread and pies. Games, country store and auction.

**A WALK THROUGH THE MASS: A STEP-BY-STEP EXPLANATION**- A Five-Minute Catechesis on the Liturgy of the Mass (A step by step explanation of the Mass) is being offered before the weekend Masses. Please make a Lenten resolution to arrive 10 minutes early for Mass. Rosary leaders - please finish the rosary 10 minutes before the Mass.

**Father:** Don't you think our son gets his brains from me?  
**Mother:** Probably, dear. I still have all of mine.

**ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS**

**MARCH--(CRESTVIEW-3RD TUESDAY) at 2PM)-** Alicia Bergman, Zena Schmelze, Joyce Sudbeck, Shauna Engelken

**MARCH--(LIFECARE-3RD-WEDNESDAY)-at2PM-** Laurie Strathman, Tammy Rottinghaus, Deb Bergman, Tina Palic, Ellen Hanzlicek

**ST MARY'S CHURCH PICNIC- June 24, 2018-**We will begin working on the picnic work list in the near future. Please contact one of the officers if you will have a conflict or a medical issue that will limit your ability to work. Beth Deters (336-1725) Christina Stallbaumer (294-8189), Lisa Holhaus (336-1254) or Charity Henry (294-0936)

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**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS** - Easter offers us a special way of remembering our loved ones who are deceased. Place your intentions in the envelope marked "Easter Flower Memorial" and drop it in the collection basket at weekend masses. The intentions will be remembered at the Easter Masses and your donations will be used towards the decoration of the sanctuary with Easter Lilies.

**THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION** to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**MARRIED?**—There's more than you could ever Imagine! Did you know that being in love is not a stage you grow out of? We can grow more passionately in love each year. Come and experience **Living in Love**, a liberating retreat which gives insight into how differently men and women prefer to achieve intimacy. It helps couples get in touch with the resources that draw them to each other and fuel their romance. Living in Love is a practical application of John Paul II's Theology of the Body and provides a life-changing experience. This remarkable retreat gives married couples of all ages the opportunity to reconnect with their own love history while gaining a joyful sense of hope, purpose and direction for the future. The action-oriented, common sense approach is refreshingly "male" friendly. Don't miss this opportunity to grow more in love with your spouse!

**WHERE**—Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Seneca, Kansas  
Saturday, March 17 8:30 am– 9:00 pm. Includes romantic dinner. Sunday, March 18 8:30 am– 4:00 pm. Includes Sunday Mass.  
Contact Sts. Peter & Paul Parish at 336-2128 or email at [sppsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sppsecretary@gmail.com). There are also forms that you can fill out in the back of church.

**PROTECT ADOPTION CHOICE**- Vulnerable Kansas kids need us to fight to preserve the right for people of faith to collaborate in the legal process of adoption. Please visit and take action through the Kansas Catholic Conference of Bishops' website [www.ProtectAdoptionChoice.org](http://www.ProtectAdoptionChoice.org)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEK-END**—April 20-22, 2018 in Kansas City. See website for information: [www.wwme4youandme.org](http://www.wwme4youandme.org) or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net)

**RECHARGE MARRIAGE WORKSHOP** Have you been looking for marriage enrichment but don't have a whole weekend? Recharge is a 4 hour opportunity to connect with your spouse that will give you the basics to increase the joy in your marriage! Sunday, March 4, from 2-6pm at Christ the King parish in Topeka, KS. Child care is available! For more details or to register, contact Shannon Nichol at [snichol@ctktopeka.org](mailto:snichol@ctktopeka.org) or 785-273-0710 or go to [www.ctktopeka.org](http://www.ctktopeka.org)

**CAMP TEKAKWITHA** helps parents fulfill their baptismal promises by guiding their children into owning their faith and relationship with Christ. All camps have availability. Scholarships are available. Website: <https://www.archkck.org/camp>