

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
APRIL 8, 2018-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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 7:00PM 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. April 8-St. Benedict +Gilbert Koelzer
Tues.-April 10-St. Benedict +Clem & Florentine Rethman
Wed. April 11-Baileyville-Liv/Dec. Joe & Helen Heiman
 Family
Thurs. April 12-Baileyville -Liv/Dec. Wilbert & Georgann
 Rottinghaus Family
Fri. April 13- St. Benedict-Eleanor Skoch
Sat. April 14-Baileyville-Jeannette Holthaus
Sun. April 15-Baileyville-People of the Parishes
Sun. April 15-St. Benedict-Liv/Dec. Joe & Rita Strathman
 Family

Update Regarding Improvements

The remodeling of the basement and making the restrooms handicapped accessible is almost complete. However, with the start of redoing the concrete on the west side of the church, the restrooms will continue to be inaccessible for a while longer. If need be, and for Children's Church, please continue to use the Parish Hall.

The threshold at the south door has been removed and replaced. As is obvious, the south concrete has been removed. The cross that was imbedded in the concrete has been saved and is intended to be reinstalled in another location.

As we all know, the weather has been a little trying lately causing delays in farming and construction. Hopefully this next week will provide a better opportunity to make progress on the project. Although not definitely set in stone, it is quite probable that the main steps, plaza area, and lower steps will all be removed before the new concrete footings, flat work and steps are put in. If this is the route chosen to best complete the project, access to the church will need to be by way of the north door. Obviously, this will create some inconvenience, particularly getting from the main parking lot to the church - probably for several Sundays. When this occurs is yet to be seen. Everyone's patience and cooperation will be appreciated.

Thank you All: Thank you to all who helped make the Holy Week at St. Mary's beautiful and meaningful by their presence, ministries and support: choir and music ministers, decorators, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, altar servers, CCD and Jr. High students and teachers, council members, and each person who participated in our Holy Week liturgies. YOUR presence and participation brings the Easter mystery to life here and now. Christ is risen! Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Office hours at St. Mary's

The parish office will be open in the morning on Fridays. If you would like to see me or the secretary for any need of yours, please note the change. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS for April 1, 2018: \$2,528.75.

**Ministries - April 15-3rd Sunday of Easter-
 First Holy Communion**

Cross: Emma Stallbaumer
Servers: Faith Henry & Kanin Sudbeck
 Kamden Schmitz & Anthony Lueger
Eucharistic Ministers: Troy Nordhus, Sara Nordhus,
 Wayne Schmitz, Carol Schmitz, Kevin Nordhus
Choir EME: Brianna Uphaus
Lector 1: Don Lueger
Lector 2: Joanne Holthaus
Ushers: Chad Stallbaumer, Nate Sudbeck, Brian Holthaus
Programs: Brice Wullschleger, Eden Schmitz,
 Brynne Sudbeck, Addy Holthaus, Hallie Holthaus
Rosary: Don Lueger
Organist: Marilyn Holthaus
Cantor: Tammy Holthaus & Adult Choir
Money Counters: Deb & Joyce



ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS

APRIL--(CRESTVIEW-3RD TUESDAY) at 2PM)-Rosette Randel, Trish Engelken, Carol Bergman, Donna Stallbaumer
APRIL--(LIFECARE-3RD-WEDNESDAY)-at2PM-Betty Ruegge, Annette Rottinghaus, Betty Roeder, Cheryl Bergman, Nancy Feldkamp



ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING is scheduled for April 8 after 10:15AM Mass in the church hall. We will be voting for new Altar Society Officers for the 2018-2019 year and talking about the upcoming picnic. Please come to see what is new!!

There are still a lot of dishes and bowls left from some funeral dinners. If you are missing any, please pick them up from the back porch of Father's house ASAP. Thanks!!

BACK TO SCHOOL

We will resume our Bible Study on the book of Acts
 On Tuesday (April 10) at St. Mary's
 On Thursday (April 12) at Sacred Heart
 Please read Chapters 13-16 for the class.

2018 Pictorial Directory:

Plans for the 2018 Pictorial Directory are underway! Please mark your calendars for portrait sessions.

- St. Mary's: July 18, 19, 20 & 21
- Sacred Heart: August 2, 3, 4 10 & 11.

Look for more details in May bulletins regarding signing up for a specific time slot. If you cannot make it on one of those days in your own parish, there might be a chance to attend the photo session in the other parish.

First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, April 15. Sacred Heart Church at the 8:30am Mass and St. Mary's at the 10:15am Mass. There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday, April 11, 7pm (For Sacred Heart) and Friday, April 13 at 6pm (St. St. Mary's). All those involved, please mark your calendar.

Children's Church- There will **NO** children's church on April 15, because of First Communion. It has been moved to April 22.

Children's Church Dates- April 22 & 29 & May 6.

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.

HALL & CHURCH Dates for 2018:

- April 7-Lueger Hall
- Apr. 8-Altar Society Meeting & Election of Officers
- April 14-St. Patrick's Parade -Hall
- April 15-First Communion @ St. Benedict
- April 18-Church Tour-St. Mary's, Ks.
- April 21-Rottinghaus & Engelken Wedding-Church
- 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-Matthew Nordhus & Oliva Hoopes Wedding-Church & Hall
- Aug. 25-Bergman-Hall
- Sept. 1-DeMint & Lemons Wedding-Church
- Sept. 8-Lukas Koch-Church-Wedding
- Nov. 22-Scott-Hall
- Dec. 8-Rottinghaus Hall
- Dec. 16-Schmitz-Hall
- Dec. 25-Scott-Hall
- Dec. 29-Lueger



CYO Spring Clean Up – If you need help cleaning up your yard and/or landscaping for the spring, the CYO group is wanting to help you out! There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Please choose either Saturday, April 7th or April 14th and an approximate time that will work for you. In case of rain on the 7th, we will try to get in everyone on the 14th. At this time, we are offering this to the elderly of the parish only. Please sign up by April 6th. You can also contact one of the CYO officers – Bailey Schmitz, Amanda Stallbaumer, Ryan Sudbeck or Shayla Heiman – to schedule a date and time. Thanks!

Summer Ball Concession is in need of ground beef donations or monetary donations towards the purchase of ground beef for the upcoming ball season. Anyone wishing to make a donation, please call/text Katie Dalinghaus at 294-0685.

Meat Making Night/Concession Clean Up is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25th at 5:30 pm. Thank You in advance for all your help and support!

Annunciation Spring Dinner in Frankfort, Ks., will be on Sunday, April 22, from 11AM to 1:30PM at the Cigna Center. Adults: \$10, Children ages 10 & under: \$5. Serving Meatball, cheesy potatoes, green beans, salad, dinner rolls and salad. Come and enjoy a fun filled evening!

Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be on June 10, 2018 at 2PM at the Church of the Nativity in Leawood, Kansas. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the parish office at 336-3174 and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding. Please do as soon as possible.

Nemaha Central High School Blood Drive will be on Wednesday, April 18 from 8 till 2pm. For an appointment call school office at 336-3557 or go online at www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome and needed. By donating blood at NC High School, not only are you helping save lives, you are also helping the school earn a scholarship for one or more of their graduating seniors.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations—On April 22 the Catholic Church asks us to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Here's what you can do: Invite a priest or sister over for a meal, pray a rosary for vocations with each decade dedicated to priests or religious in your life, pray for vocations in the Adoration chapel, read about saints or watch a movie about a famous saint, priest or sister.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend—April 20-22, 2018 in Kansas City. See website for information: www.wvme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

Silent Retreat—Women of all states of life and vocations, ages 18 and up, are invited to "A Woman's Call to Spiritual Motherhood Silent Retreat" directed by The Fathers of Mercy. Retreat held at The Sisters of St. Francis in Independence, MO...Friday evening, June 29th thru Sunday afternoon, July 01st. Cost is \$140, which includes lodging, meals, and cost of retreat. Space is limited. For more information or to register please contact jmrvocationretreat@gmail.com.

Marriage Minute April 8, 2018

Easter begins the season of Mercy! Have you ever wondered, "How do the Works of Mercy apply to family life?" God's beautiful plan for family allows the "Works of Mercy" to be practiced daily.

- Corporal Works of Mercy:
- Give Drink to the thirsty; ever give your child a cold lemonade on a hot day?
 - Feed the hungry; ever prepare dinner for the family?
 - Visit the imprisoned; ever visit your child while he is in time out?
 - Visit the sick; ever visit your sick child at 3am to make sure they are ok?
 - Shelter the homeless; ever make a mortgage payment to provide the house you live in?
 - Clothe the naked; ever give a baby a new diaper and onesie?
 - Bury the dead: ever make sure a loved one receives proper burial?

For more ways to joyfully practice the works of mercy, visit www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

Treasures from our Traditions

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: "Pinky," "Boo-boo," and the like. This Sunday was once called "Low Sunday," a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposita*, or "The Lord's Day for Putting Away the Albs," so no wonder the nickname "Low Sunday" arose. In the old calendar it was also called "Quasimodo Sunday," after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or "As newborn infants," a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo's bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named "Quasimodo" for the feast.

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