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Bulletin announcements need to be in by Noon on Thursdays.

Secretary in the office only on Fridays from 8:30AM till 1:30PM

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

APRIL 15, 2018-THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 15-St. Benedict-Liv/Dec. Joe & Rita Strathman Family

Tues.-April 17-St. Benedict -Liv/Dec. Brad Hammes Family

Wed. April 18-Baileyville-For Rain

Thurs. April 19-Baileyville -Liv/Dec. George Haverkamp Family

Fri. April 20- St. Benedict +Cyril Tangeman

Sat. April 21- St. Benedict-Wedding at 1:30PM-Matt Rottinghaus & Jamie Engelken

Sat. April 21-Baileyville-People of the Parishes

Sun. April 22-Baileyville+Alice Schmitz

Sun. April 22-St. Benedict-Liv/Dec. Stan & Cindy Murphy Family

A Call for HELP!!! Dear Parishioners, as we plan for the 2018-2019 CCD year, we are looking for teachers to share their faith with our youngest parishioners. To keep the CCD program running, we need teachers from both of our parishes. You do not have to be a professional teacher. The most important qualification is a desire to share your Catholic faith with the children of our parish. Materials available to teachers are: computer projector, DVD's & players, white/wipe boards, and text books with teacher manuals.

Our greatest needs are: 1 teacher for 9th grade & 1 teacher for 10th & 11th grades. JR/SR High classes are Wednesday evening 7:30-8:30pm; at Sacred Heart (south building). CCD Year starts on the 1st Wednesday in September and ends on the last Wednesday in April. Please give a prayerful consideration to this parish need and contact Fr Regie frregie@gmail.com (785-3366464) or Alicia Keegan pandakeegan@bbwi.net (785.336.6519).

Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants of 2018

We congratulate the 9 children of our parish who are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday (April 15): **Adrian Sudbeck**, son of Curt & Mindy; **Alexander Wichman**, son of Steve; **Carter Stallbaumer**, son of Jeff & Laurie; **Clare Wullschleger**, daughter of Brian & Deanna; **Elizabeth Lueger**, daughter of Brad & Susan; **Hope Henry**, daughter of Will & Charity; **Macy Holthaus**, daughter of Brian & Lisa; **Mykena Lukens**-Amber Sudbeck, Aryk Lukens & **Vincent Schmitz**, son of Justin & Janelle.

May the Lord continue to be present to them! Thank you to our parents and grandparents and extended family for your dedication to your child's religious education and his/her faith development. Your little ones make Jesus very happy. Sincere Thanks to our teachers, **Lisa Dalinghaus, Roxie Schmitz & Susan Lueger** who have taught them well and now they are receiving the fruit of their labors. While we witness our children making their First Communion, it's a great time to remember our own and this amazing gift we receive at every Eucharist. It is amazing to think that God not only became one of us but remains with us: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. May we imitate the wonder and enthusiasm of our First Holy Communion children each and every time we receive Holy Communion. Those from our parish making their First Communion at Sts. Peter & Paul are Hannah Bergman daughter of Brad & Alicia Bergman and Nola Sudbeck, daughter of Michael and Amy Sudbeck.

Ministries - April 22, 2018--4th Sunday of Easter

Cross: Brad Schmitz

Servers: Gage Palic & Nate Deters

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Schmitz, Anita Schmitz, Mary Haverkamp, Arlyn Holthaus, Duana Huerter

Choir EME: Betty Bergman

Lector 1: Shayla Heiman

Lector 2: Kirsten Lortscher

Ushers: Cole Engelken, Joseph Stallbaumer, Bob Rottinghaus

Offertory Gifts: Colleen Blume, Garrett Randel, Ryan Sudbeck

Rosary: Paul Strathman

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

Money Counters: Deb & Marsha

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 notes- Results from the April 8 meeting. Congratulations to upcoming officers. Mindy Sudbeck will be our new secretary/president & Tina Palic will be the new treasurer/vice president.

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!!

COLLECTIONS for April 8, 2018: \$1,750.00

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.

This week's Bible Study

Acts chapters 17 & 18

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

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.

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.



**Third Sunday of Easter
 April 15, 2018**

You alone, O LORD,
 bring security to my dwelling.— *Psalm 4:9*



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, Allison Steinlage.

HALL & CHURCH Dates for 2018:

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

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!

Gospel Music Family will be performing at the Axtell United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, at 6:30 PM, April 29th. A free will donation will be received.

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.

Axtell United Methodist Church will have a cowboy breakfast on Sunday, April 22 from 7AM to 1PM at the American Legion, Axtell, Ks. Freewill donation.

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 jmjvocationretreat@gmail.com.

Marriage Minute April 15, 2018 Need some peace?

There is plenty to worry about in the world and in our families. If you are stressed out, tired, and anxious, you can relate to the disciples in this weekend's Gospel. They are grieving their mentor, questioning their faith, and fearing for their safety when Jesus enters and offers them peace... the peace of his presence with them. All sacraments make the same Risen Christ present to each of us, and your marriage is a sacrament! To regain some peace: • Ask your spouse to pray for and with you. • Prioritize time with your spouse (and let other things go). • Serve your spouse in a way that makes him/her feel loved. To strengthen your Sacrament, go to www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch

Prairie Star Ranch is offering you the chance to step away and enter into a day of prayer, adventure, outdoor activities, and time to reconnect. Families, friends, and communities are invited to join us on May 6th from 9am to 5pm! Opportunities include Horseback Riding, Canoeing, Ropes Activities, and time for prayer. The experience will culminate with the celebration of the Holy Mass in our beautiful St. Kateri Chapel. Let us journey together on this day of Christ-centered adventure! Register online now or contact the Team at Prairie Star Ranch. www.archkck.org/ranch -- 785-746-5693 -- psrministry@archkck.org

Protect Adoption Choice: The Bishops and the Church in Kansas have been advocating for a law that would protect the conscience rights of faith-based adoption agencies who respect the rights of children to be placed with a father and a mother.

There are many birth mothers who want to use a faith-based provider for a variety of reasons. We should never allow this choice to be taken away from mothers who make the difficult choice to place their child up for adoption. As well, Faith-based adoption providers excel in finding forever homes for hard-to-place situations such as kids with special needs, older children and groups of siblings.

While the bill was passed by the Senate, sadly the Kansas House of Representatives rejected HB 2481, the Adoption Protection Act by a vote of 58 to 64. If we can get just 4 members to change their vote this bill would pass. The Kansas House is in recess till April 26th. Please call your Kansas State Representative today and tell him or her to support the Adoption Protection Act, HB 2481.

For help finding your Kansas Representative's contact information you can visit: www.openstates.org.

More Background: The law would preserve the ability of faith-based adoption-service providers like Catholic Charities and Bethany Christian Services to do their critical work of helping kids find a family, supporting birth mothers, and preparing adoptive parents. Some have mischaracterized this law as trying to stop same-sex couples from adopting which is in no way true. The legislation does not in any way affect the legal option of same-sex couples to adopt children. In the other seven states that have passed laws like the one we hope for in Kansas, same-sex couples continue to adopt children. There are many needy kids who need forever homes and pushing faith-based agencies out will only hurt the most vulnerable. Christian agencies whose policies follow their faith in placing children with only a married man and woman have been forced to close in several states by far-left activists who reject the work of any organization that doesn't embrace the LGBT agenda. For more information please visit: <https://www.protectadoptionchoice.org>.

Did you know the apostles actually edited the Bible story about the woman caught in adultery because what really happened was quite awkward.? It seems Jesus was writing in the sand and said, "If anyone of you is without sin, you be the first to throw a stone." Suddenly, from out of nowhere, a rock came sailing in and whacked the poor woman in the head. Jesus stood up and with great exasperation said, "Mother!"