

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 7:00p.m. - Sacred Heart Church

Sunday: 8:30a.m. - Sacred Heart Church

10:15a.m. - St. Mary's Church

Tue & Fri: 8:30a.m. - St. Mary's Church

Wed & Thu: 8:30a.m. - Sacred Heart Church

Holy Days of Obligation: As Announced

Confessions

St. Mary's: 8:00 - 8:30a.m. on Fridays

Sacred Heart: 6:00 - 6:45p.m. on Saturdays

8:00 - 8:30a.m. on Sundays

And anytime by appointment.

Baptism

Please contact the pastor

Marriage

Notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to wedding

Pastoral care of the sick

Please call the Pastor at 913-530-3618 for anointing,

Holy Communion and pastoral visits.

CCD Faith Formation

(At Sacred Heart, Baileyville)

Elementary (Grades 1-5) - Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:30pm

Youth (Grades 6-12) - Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:30pm



Sacred Heart Church

357 N Third Street, Baileyville, KS 66404

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St. Mary's Church

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Hall Rental (Sacred Heart): Deann Sudbeck: 785-294-0028:

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Do you wish to become a member of our parish? We welcome you! Please contact the pastor or the parish office.



Pastor's Desk

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were - contrary to their popular image - very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers.

The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us & was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us & we might follow him in faith forever. -Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Live Rosary via Zoom!

Please join us for a live Rosary at 7:00PM on Wednesdays! We will be using the meeting website Zoom..

In order to participate in the Rosary, you will need to have access to the internet. If you do not have a Zoom account that is ok. Here is the information to join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77960952181> and type in the meeting ID 779-6095-2181. If you have a Zoom account, you can sign in to your account and use this meeting ID to join the "meeting."

Let us ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus.

To Jesus through Mary!

How can I tithe to my parish during this time of no Masses?

- ◆ You may mail your weekly envelope to St. Mary's Church, 9208 Main St., St. Benedict, KS 66538
- ◆ Save your weekly tithing and give it on a monthly basis.
- ◆ Contact Father and make arrangements for him to be at the office so you can drop off your envelope.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish in these difficult times! God Bless!!

Altar Society News

Due to the present crisis (COVID-19), the May 3rd Altar Society meeting and election of Officers is cancelled. If anyone would like to be on the ballot, please contact Mindy Sudbeck at 785-294-1040. Thank you.

Access to Father

I am happy to take phone calls. Please know you can call any time at 785-336-6464. If there's a true emergency and someone needs a sacrament from a priest, please also know you can call anytime.



Mass Intentions

Sat (May 02)	People of St. Mary's & Sacred Heart parishes
Sun (May 03)	+ Louis reinecke; + Kathleen Ronnebaum
Tue (May 05)	+ Melvin Ronnebaum
Wed (May 06)	+ August & Reva Olberding
Thu. (May 07)	+ Gilbert Koelzer
Fri (May 08)	+ Dennis Bergman
Sat. (May 09)	+ Cyril Holthaus; + Kenny Martin; For special Intention of Albert-Betty Olberding
Sun (May 10)	People of St. Mary's & Sacred Heart parishes
<i>These Mass Intentions will be honored in my private masses</i>	

This week's Special Observance

Sunday	4th Sunday of Easter
	World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday	Cinco de Mayo
Thursday	National Day of Prayer

Confessions

Confessions are made available anytime by appointment. Please call 336-6464 or 913-530-3618 for an appointment.



Remember In Your Prayers



Linda Broxterman, Mariah (d/o Tony & Samantha Olberding), Kevin Holthaus, Tim Sack, Eldon Kriley, Darlene Kulhman, Gary Scott, Shirley Schmitz, Sarah Conroy, Vivianne Marousek, Stan Murphy, Kristi Meyer, Joyce Koch, Curt Sudbeck, Tom Nolte, Monica Countryman.

Please call or email to remove the name from the list.

A Vocation Reflection

"You have made known to me the paths of life." Ps.16:11.

The Holy Father has asked all Catholic to intercede for vocations, on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life.

Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life? This week:

- ◆ Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- ◆ Keep our parish priest in prayer throughout the week.
- ◆ Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- ◆ Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.

**Pope Francis has requested these prayers be said
whenever the Rosary is prayed during the month of May.**

FIRST PRAYER: O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

SECOND PRAYER: "We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future. Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty & need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress & pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand & free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation & hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Cemetery Improvement Project

The work on the St. Mary's Cemetery Improvement Project is almost complete. The new sidewalk & a section of parking are complete. The fence panels will be installed by volunteers in the coming days. Donations of \$14,000 have been received for the project. I encourage your consideration to provide support for the project. If you'd like to read more about the project & download the donation form, please visit <http://www.stmarysbenedict.org/news/CemeteryProject.pdf>.

Teaching Job opening

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Marysville, KS is seeking a Full Time 4th Grade Teacher for the upcoming 2020-21 school year. Interested applicants should complete the teacher application process online at www.archkckcs.org. Questions? Contact Karen Farrell 562-2831 or kfarrell@stgregorychurch.org.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill and Jeff Keane



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If you would like to send an announcement to the parish bulletin, email to: Email: pastor@shbaileyville.com OR call : 785-336-6464 OR Mail to: P.O. Box 36, Baileyville, KS 66404. Bulletin announcements must be submitted by Wednesday of the week.

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Sacred Heart - St. Mary's

One Minute Meditations

St. Rita of Cascia

Born in 1381 near Spoleto, Italy, St.

Rita was known for her holiness and charity from a young age. She wanted to be a nun but was forced into marrying when she was twelve. Unfortunately, her husband was cruel and violent. After eighteen years, she was widowed. Following the deaths of her sons, she finally entered the convent, where she became known for her piety, kindness, and humility. She is the patron saint of impossible causes.



Honor Mary

Jesus performed his first public miracle because his Mother asked. He said "no" at first, but his mother asked for help. The Bible is clear—Jesus listens to his Mother.

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 4:6)



Why does God let us suffer?

When we watch a loved one suffer – or suffer ourselves – hearing "it's God's will," can feel unsatisfying. The implication is that God directs us like chess pieces, and bad things result. In fact, germs, atmospheric conditions, human error, or just plain chance account for what is often outside of our control. It helps

to remember that God is always present, he wills our good, and evil is not of his doing.

God is always present.

Our Father loves us deeply, cares about our concerns right down to the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30). He urges us to respond well to a world we can't control. If we let him, God will enable us to learn and grow

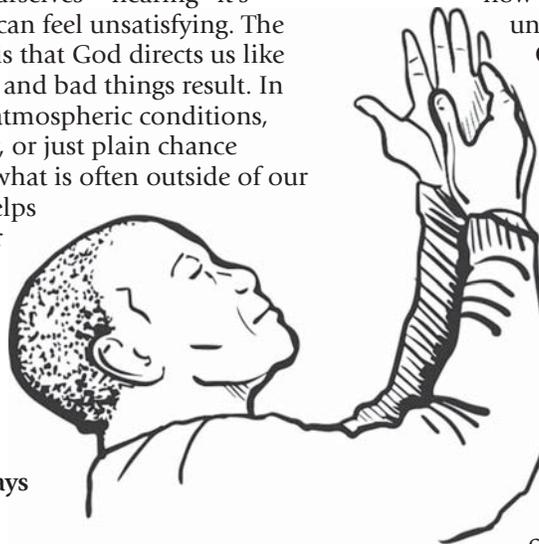
through our experiences, no matter how overwhelming or unpleasant.

God wills our good. It is not God's will that we suffer. The ways of the world aren't always in harmony with his will.

However, his plan for us will bring us the ultimate good. He loves us with true love and wants us prepped and ready for Heaven.

God doesn't make evil. What we see as evil in the world, God can use for good. When

we cooperate with him, suffering becomes meaningful, struggle worthwhile, victory affirming, and even the acceptance of what we cannot overcome life-giving, as they were for Jesus.



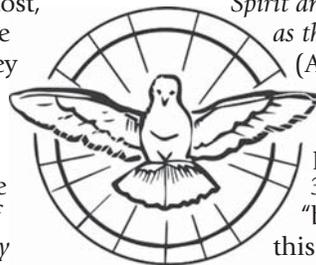
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Pentecost the "birthday of the Church?"

On the feast of Pentecost, the Apostles were in the Upper Room where they held the Passover with Jesus. All of a sudden, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles in the form of wind and fire. "And they were all filled with the Holy

Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance"
(Acts 2:4).

Then the Apostles were emboldened and rushed out to preach the Gospel and baptized 3,000 people. We call this the "birthday" of the Church because this is the day when the Holy Spirit made the Church visible to the world.



Jesus understands

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). It is astounding to think that in his human nature, Jesus experienced fear and suffering, just like we do. Even better, he wants to help.

Fear. Early in his life, soldiers hunted him down to kill him. His neighbors threatened him with harm when they didn’t like his teaching. He endured a horrific Passion. Jesus coped by relying on prayer, grace, and



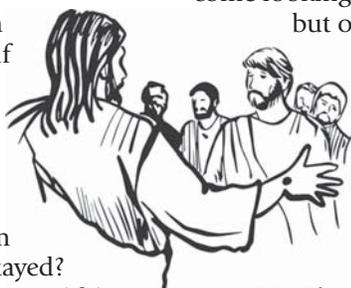
confidence in his Father’s will. He showed us how so we can endure, as well.

Suffering. During his crucifixion, Jesus became sick, dehydrated, and exhausted as his body began to shut down. Once on the Cross, it became harder and harder for him to breathe. In fact, throughout his life, Jesus experienced how it feels for a body to fail. He knows how it feels to die. When we are sick and suffering, we can turn to him for a cure, or the grace and strength to accept his will. All we have to do is ask.

from Scripture

John 20:19-23, Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit

This Gospel shows us a glimpse of how most of the disciples spent their first Easter Sunday – hiding in fear. They were terrified the Romans would find them and execute them. What if the Resurrection really happened as Mary Magdalene said? What if Jesus came looking for them? Would he punish them for abandoning him when they should have stayed?



“the living proof” of the Resurrection. Imagine the Apostles’ great relief at having their Friend back. Jesus did come looking for them, not in anger, but offering his forgiveness.

Instead of punishing them, Jesus gave them a mission and the Holy Spirit to help them. He said, *“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained”* (John

20:23), establishing the Sacrament of Penance. Having authority to forgive sins, the Apostles and their successors could continue Jesus’ work after he returned to Heaven.

Q & A

Why is Mary pictured with a blue mantle?



In the Old Testament, the Ark of the Covenant was covered in blue (or “violet”) fabric for traveling (Numbers 4:5-6). God’s Presence would “rest” on the Ark as a king sits on his throne (Exodus 25:22).

When Mary agreed to be the Mother of Jesus (i.e. God), she became his living “resting place.” In art, Mary’s blue mantle signals she is the new Ark of the Covenant.

Blue also indicates Mary’s royal status. Jesus is the King of Heaven making Mary the Queen Mother. In Biblical times, the mother (not the wife) of the king was the queen. She wasn’t as powerful as the king, but her intercession with him had significant influence.

Mary is not God, but her intercessory prayers for us are powerful because she is Jesus’ mother. When we consider that Mary is also our mother by grace, her blue mantle invites us to entrust our concerns to her. Rather than an obstacle to Jesus, Mary leads us directly to him by a sure, safe path.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 12 – Sts. Nereus and Achilleus (1st century). Not much is known about them, but it is certain they were Roman soldiers under the Emperor Trajan. They converted to Christianity, were exiled from Rome, and eventually martyred.

May 14 – St. Matthias the Apostle (1st century). Chosen by lot to replace Judas Iscariot, St. Matthias is only mentioned once in Scripture, but had accompanied Jesus and the Twelve from the beginning. He spent his life preaching the Good News until his martyrdom.

May 18 - Pope St. John I (526). Born in Tuscany, Italy, John was elected pope in 523 while a deacon. His visit to Constantinople restored peace with the Eastern Church yet raised political suspicions. Arrested by King Theodoric, he died in prison.

May 21 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus’ mission of salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven. Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.



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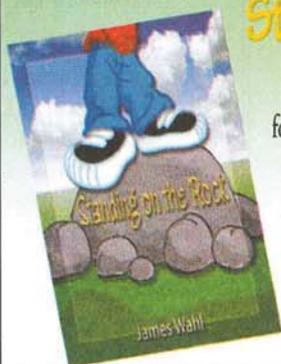
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