

**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  
 Mass Schedule: Sunday Morning Mass at 10:00 AM & Fridays at 8:30AM  
 Marriage: Contact parish priest 6 months before Baptism: Contact parish priest  
**OCTOBER 15, 2017-TWENTY-EIGHTTH SUNDAY**

Unless specified below Mass times are as listed.  
**ST. BENEDICT**---Sunday 10:00AM  
 Weekday Mass---Tuesday 7:30AM and Friday 8:30AM  
 Confession-Friday from 8:00AM to 8:30AM  
**BAILEYVILLE**---Saturday 7:00PM and Sunday 8:30AM  
 Weekday Mass---Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30AM  
 Confession-Saturday from 6:30PM to 7PM  
 Sundays from 8:00AM to 8:30AM

**Sun. Oct. 15-St. Benedict** +Elaine Ronnebaum  
**Tues.-Oct. 16-St. Benedict** +Ignatius & Odelia Sudbeck  
**Tues. Oct. 17-Baileyville**-+Elmer Feldkamp  
**Wed. Oct. 18-Baileyville**-Liv/Dec. Virgil & Max Sudbeck Families  
**Thurs. Oct. 19-Baileyville**-Liv/Dec. Ben A. Deters Family  
**Fri. Oct. 20- St. Benedict**-Dennis Holthaus  
**Sat. Oct. 21-Baileyville** +Elmer Lierz  
**Sun. Oct. 22-Baileyville**-People of the Parishes  
**Sun. Oct. 22-St. Benedict** -Liv/Dec. Francis & Jean Tangeman Family

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**COLLECTIONS for October 8, 2017**-Total: \$1,536.00.

**ALL SAINTS DAY (Nov. 1)** is a Holy Day of Obligation.  
 The Mass schedule is:  
 Tuesday, Oct. at 6:00PM – St. Mary's, St. Benedict  
 Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 7:30AM – St. Mary's, St. Benedict  
 Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 8:30AM – Sacred Heart, Baileyville  
 Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 7:00PM, Sacred Heart, Baileyville

**ALL SOULS DAY (Nov. 2)** even though it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we are encouraged by the Church to pray for our deceased family members and also for all the souls in purgatory. The Mass schedule is:  
 Thursday, Nov. 2 at 8:30AM – Sacred Heart, Baileyville  
 Thursday, Nov. 2 at 6:00PM – St. Mary's, St. Benedict

**JR/HIGH SCHOOL CCD** will be on Wednesday October 18 at 7:30PM.

**CYO MASS** will be on Sunday, October 22.

**CYO MEETING** – We will have a CYO meeting in the church basement after mass on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be working on the Angel Tree Project.

**ELEMENTARY CCD** will be on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Sacred Heart, Baileyville.

**THANK YOU** to the Confirmation teachers (Michelle Buessing and Diane Schmitz), teens, sponsors and families for doing a great job in preparation for the sacrament.

**BISCUITS AND GRAVY BREAKFAST** to benefit Fr. Arul's Orphanage and School for the Deaf in India, will be held on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. Free will offering for a very worthy cause.



**NCHS Class of 2018** is sponsoring its annual Senior Class Breakfast on Sunday, October 15th. Serving begins at 7:00AM and ends at 1PM in the NCHS Commons. Tickets are \$5 ages 7 and up and 6 and under are Free. and Kids K-6th are \$3.

**ANNUNCIATION PARISH AT FRANKFORT** will be having a turkey dinner with all the trimmings on November 5, 2017 from 11AM to 1:30PM at the Cigna Center. Adults-\$10 and children 10 and under \$5. Pot of Gold & country store.

**THE H-H-H-H 4-H** club will have a pancake breakfast on October 22, from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Saints Peter and Paul Parish Hall, Seneca. Everyone welcome.

**FAITH**-All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.

**Ministries for Oct. 22—World Mission Sunday**

**Cross:** Kristen Lortscher  
**Servers:** Brad Schmitz & Hannah Scott  
**Candle Holders:** Joseph Stallbaumer & Courtney Stallbaumer  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anita Schmitz, Sara Nordhus, Brian Holthaus  
**Choir EME:** Lisa Holthaus  
**Lector 1:** Bailey Schmitz  
**Lector 2:** Amanda Stallbaumer  
**Ushers:** Gage Palic & Cole Engelken  
**Offertory:** Ryan Sudbeck, Shayla Heiman & Collen Blume  
**Rosary:** Kenny Schmitz  
**Musicians:** Tammy Holthaus, Theresa & Laura Sudbeck, Bailey Schmitz



**Money Counters:** Marsha & Joyce  
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**ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS**

**OCT. 2017-(3RD TUESDAY)-CRESTVIEW at 2PM)-** Marilyn Rottinghaus, Joyce Schmitz, Brianna Uphaus, Melinda Stallbaumer, Diane Lueger

**OCT. 2017-(3RD WEDNESDAY)-LIFE CARE at 2PM)-** Charity Henry, Kristina Sudbeck, Linda Schmitz, Sara Kramer, Kim Sudbeck

**The Treasurer** will order prize items from Ray's Applemarket and give a reminder call to the first member on the list to call the other ladies. The lady at the top of the list is also responsible for picking up the prize item's at Ray's Applemarket (**Life Care Only**) unless other wise instructed by the Treasurer. Please find a substitute if you cannot attend and let them know the day/nursing home.

**NOVEMBER 12, 2017 -St. Mary's Pancake Breakfast**  
 Serving will be from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If anyone would like to donate eggs, butter, etc. or if you have an item for the chance table, please contact Beth Deters at 336-1725 or any Altar Society Officer.

**RENTAL AGREEMENT**-When renting the hall we have updated the rental agreement instead of "Sweep and scrub as needed" it has been changed to "Sweep and Scrub" the hall after use of the facility. Thank you!

**UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS**

**Nov. 2017 – St. Mary's Annual Church Cleaning** will be held Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017. Parish Council will need to come in a day or two in advance to perform their duties. Officers husbands' help is needed at 3:30 and again around 7:30 to move things to and from the hall. Circles 1 & 2 are asked to come from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Circles 3 & 4 are asked to come from 6:30 p.m. to the end. Please bring buckets, rags, kneepads, etc.

**St. Mary's Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12. Serving will be from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free Will donation. Circles 1 & 2 are in charge. Circles 1 & 2 Leaders come on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 5:30 p.m. to prepare the hall for Sunday and come again on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 6:30 a.m. Circles 3 & 4 Leaders are asked to come Sunday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 a.m. CYO students are asked to help serve the breakfast. Grade 12 comes from 7:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Grades 9, 10, and 11 come from 10:00 a.m. to the end.

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Brad Bowhay, Ivan Rottinghaus, Clara Krogman, Aiden Berkhart, Lyle Rottinghaus, Monica Olberding Countryman, Brad Hammes, Laura Schmelzle, Karsyn Aylward, Ambrose Martin son of Larrissa Nordhus, Martin, Eldon Kriley, Mary Lally, Kenny Olberding, Dennis Bergman, Greg Fangman, Jed Henry, Tim Sack, Victor Holthaus, Sara Conroy, Joyce Koch, Kathleen Ronnebaum, Kristi (Mike) Meyer, Father Edward Oen, Vivianne Marousek, Leon Holthaus, Shirley Schmitz, Larry Sudbeck, Jayla Nolte, Joyce Holthaus, Jerry Lueger, Eric Holthaus.

**HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2017:**

- Oct. 14-Stallbaumer-Hall
- Oct. 14-Church tour at 10AM with Confirmation Class from Topeka.
- Oct. 19-Finance Council Meeting at 7PM
- Nov. 10-11-12-Pancake Breakfast
- Nov. 15-Annual Church Cleaning
- Nov. 23-Scott-Hall
- Nov. 24-25-Rusche-Hall
- Dec. 9-Hall-Halley/Rottinghaus
- Dec. 23-McKinley-Hall
- Dec. 24-Olberding-Hall
- Dec. 25-Scott-Hall
- Dec. 30-Sudbeck-Hall



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

- Feb. 2-3-4-Soup Supper
- Apr. 8-Altar Society Meeting & Election of Officers
- April 1-Scott-Hall
- April 14-Hueter Wedding-Church
- April 21-Rottinghaus & Engelken Wedding-Church
- March 25-Easter Egg Hunt-CYO
- 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-Schmitz Reunion/Niehues-Hall
- Sept. 1-DeMint & Lemons Wedding-Church
- Nov. 22-Scott-Hall
- Dec. 25-Scott-Hall

**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, Grosse-Holthaus, Haug, Haverkamp, Heiman, Grobe-Holthaus, Holthaus, Hueter, 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. There will be a book in the back of church to view. If you have any questions you can call the parish office.

**LIFE CARE FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** is in need of supplies. Items that are needed: toys, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, school supplies, clothes. The donations could be dropped off any time at Life Care and if anyone wants to volunteer to wrap shoe boxes or fill shoe boxes feel free to call Tracie at [785-336-0723](tel:785-336-0723).

**RURAL YOUTH OUTREACH** at St. Patrick's, Corning on Sunday, October 22 (1:00-3:30PM). All parish adults are invited to attend. Building relationships will earn us the right to be heard, so we can help our beautiful kids embrace the truth and beauty of our Catholic Faith will be discussed. Your kids are searching. Will you journey with them?

**ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH** in Axtell is pleased to be hosting this year's Axtell Ecumenical Christmas Cantata on December 10, 2017. This year we are singing The Promise of a King by Lloyd Larson and Joseph Martin, directed by Stan Murphy. For more info call Amy Schmitz at 785-736-2226 or [schmitz@bluevalley.net](mailto:schmitz@bluevalley.net).

**TRUST ONE GREATER**-Young adults are invited to join Archbishop Naumann for Trust One Greater, an adoration event on October 25th from 7:00 to 9:00pm, at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church (601 SW 17th Street, Topeka, KS 66604) This is an opportunity to come together for prayer, adoration, and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, call Emily Lopez at 913.647.0323.

**KNOWLEDGE** may give weight, but accomplishments give luster, and many more people see than weigh.

**WANTED BOOKKEEPER/TECCHNOLOGY COORDINATOR** for St. Gregory's, Marysville – position summary and application on their website, [www.stgregorychurch.org](http://www.stgregorychurch.org). Applications are due by October 31 to Fr. Nathan.

**MEN'S RETREAT**-The Southern Region Christian Men's Group will host the 8th annual Christian Men's Retreat on 18 Nov 2017 at Sacred Heart School in Ottawa from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. This year's theme is The Father Knows Best. We are having a priest, one father of multiple children presenting various aspects of fatherly guidance, and Sam Meier, an Archdiocesan consultant, as speakers. Reconciliation will also be available. Free will donation; lunch included. Contact Les Wuertz at 785-835-6298 or email [leswuertz@live.com](mailto:leswuertz@live.com) for details.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**-Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support **restores the Church and builds the future** in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).



**MARRIAGE MINUTE OCTOBER 15, 2017**

Did you have a good friend or family member skip your wedding for a trivial reason?

If so, you understand the frustration of the father of the groom in this weekend's Gospel. Not only do some guests skip the feast, but some even got violent with his messengers! This is incredibly disrespectful considering the quality of the invite. God has carefully prepared a feast of great joy for us in our marriages. Accepting this invitation means: • Prioritizing our marriage over work • Cleaning ourselves up (through reconciliation with spouse and God) • Dressing up (acts of kindness) Whether we are talking about a wedding feast or our marriages, the extra effort to respond to the Father's invitation pays great dividends in lasting joy. See more at [www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com](http://www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com).

**DEAR PADRE OCTOBER 15, 2017**

I try my best to live as God asks, but I make a lot of mistakes and I don't always feel God's presence. How can I know that God loves me?

Most people, at one time or another, find themselves asking this very question. There comes a time in any developing spirituality and awareness of God when it is necessary to ask the question and then come to a faith conviction that we are, indeed, loved. When we ask ourselves the question, "Does God love me?" we are also asking ourselves, "Do I love me?" It is very hard for the average person to answer that question, but for those who have a tendency to dwell on every mistake, even after receiving forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation or who hold themselves to a standard of perfection, it can be even more difficult. They may find themselves asking, "How can God love me when I have all of these thoughts and these feelings? Surely my life is displeasing to God." God loved you first. God's love started everything off. Because God first loved you, he gave you life. God does love you, no matter what you have done, and he offers forgiveness and mercy through reconciliation when you are truly sorry. There is nothing you can possibly do to make God stop loving you. When God loves, he loves for keeps. He will not change. He will always be faithful in his love for you. That is why the Bible tells us: "God is love." Adapted from Understanding Scrupulosity by Fr. Thomas Santa, CSsR.

**"GOD'S LITTLE GREEN ACRE" Seminarian Support**

– You are invited to join Catholics across the Archdiocese in giving thanks for our seminarians and support them 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. This Christmas the donations will be divided among our seminarians to help them pay for textbooks and living expense. They greatly appreciate these funds since they have no income. For questions call 913-647-0303 or email [vocation@archkck.org](mailto:vocation@archkck.org). Mail donations to: Arch KCK Vocation office, 12615 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66109.

**MARRIAGE** is an institution in which a husband loses his bachelor's degree and the wife gets her master's.