ST. MARY’S CHURCH
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Bulletin announcements need to be in by Noon on Thursdays.
Mass Schedule: Sunday morning 10:00 AM and Friday morning 8:30 AM
Marriage: Contact priest 6 Months before Baptism Call Father Ed at 336-6464
Confession: First Friday evenings 7:45 AM to 8:00 AM before Mass

MARCH 20, 2016—PALM SUNDAY—PASSION OF THE LORD

Ministries for March 24—Holy Thursday
Servers: Amanda Stallbaumer, Andrew Wichman, Cole Englenk
Eucharistic Ministers: Brianna Uphaus, Leon Holthus, Arlene Holthus, Marsha Korber, Janelle Schmitz
Lector: Alan Schmitz
Commentator: Gabriella Sudbeck
Ushers: NO COLLECTION

Washing of the Feet: CYO, Parish Council, Altar Society
Gift Bearers: David & Duana Huerter Family
Rosary Leader: Greg Schmitz
Organist: Marlene Deters & Adult Choir
Cantor: Tammy Holthus

Ministries for March 25—Good Friday—The Lord’s Passion
Servers: Brad Schmitz, Kirsten Lortscher, Garret Randel
Eucharistic Ministers: Troy Nordhus, Laurie Strathman, Paul Strathman
Lector/Reader: David Huerter
Narrator: Joanie Holthus
Commentator/Speaker: Elmer Ronnebaum
Ushers: Wayne Rottinghaus & Norman Schmelzle
Gift Bearers: No Gifts
Rosary Leader: Paul Strathman
Organist: Marilyn Holthus & Adult Choir
Cantor: Tammy Holthus

Ministries for March 27, 2016—EASTER SUNDAY
Cross: Bailey Nordhus
Servers: Rachel Schmitz & Dylan Lortscher
Eucharistic Ministers: Kyle Haverkamp, Corey Heiman, Marissa Randel, Betty Olberding, Evelyn Rottinghaus
Lector: Diane Schmitz
Commentator: Nancy Sudbeck
Ushers: Parish Council Members
Offertry Gifts: Nick & Connie Huerter Family
Rosary Leader: Don Lueger
Organist: Marlene Deters & Adult Choir
Cantor: Staci Haug

UPCOMING ALTAR SOCIETY EVENTS & NEWS
BINGO AT LIFE CARE NURSING HOME is every 3rd Wednesday at 1:30 PM.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS those who are sick, taking treatments, hospitalized or still recovering: Leroy Tangerman, Brad Bowhay, Margie Miller, Ivan Rottinghaus, Clara Krogman, Aiden Barkhart, Lyle Rottinghaus, Monica Olberding Countryman, Anna Marie Kuckelman, Brad Hammes, Laura Schmelze, Karsyn Aylward, Nancy Broxterman, Cyril Tangeman, Ambrose Martin son of Larissa Nordhus, Martin, Eldon Kreiley, Mary Lally, Kenny Olberding, Mary Ann Schmitz, Dennis Bergman.

ANNUAL CYO EASTER EGG HUNT will be today, Sunday, March 20th, immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass. The age groups will be as follows: 0 to 3 years, 4 years to Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades, and 3rd & 4th grades. Please sign up in the church hall after mass that Sunday.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS at Sacred Heart, Baileyville on March 23 at 7:30 PM.
Saturday,  April 9, 2016 .  Parade will start at 3PM.  Theme:
brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to this special
Land through the Good Friday Collection.  Please support our
ON GOOD FRIDAY
will be on
ST. BENEDICT-ST. PATRICKS PARADE
DINNER
SPPS CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP PORK CHOP
nity service projects.
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
parent meeting – Sunday, March 20 at 7:30PM in the Church Hall at Baileyville. Parents are
couraged to attend. Baseball/Softball sign up in the back of
church after mass on March 19 and 20.
PONY EXPRESS 4-H CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST
will be on March 20 from 7 to 12:30PM at SPPS cafeteria.
Freewill offering. Proceeds go towards expense and commu-
nity service projects.
SPPS CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP PORK CHOP
DINNER will be Sunday, April 3 from 10AM to 1:30PM
Pork Chop meal $14 and a Hot Dog meal is $3.  Advance
tickets may be purchased at Heinen True Value and may be
purchased at the door.
ST. BENEDICT-ST. PATRICKS PARADE will be on
Saturday, April 9, 2016 .  Parade will start at 3PM.  Theme:
GOOD FRIDAY we will support Christians in the Holy
Land through the Good Friday Collection.  Please support our
brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to this special
collection.

HALL & CHURCH is spoken for on these dates for 2016:
- March 20-Easter Egg Hunt & Schmitz-Hall
- March 27-Scott-Hall
- April 1-Hueter-Hall
- April 2-Drew Hueter & Chelsey Rottinghaus Wedding
- April 3-First Communion
- April 3-Schmitz-Hall
- April 9-St. Patrick Day Parade-Hall
- April 11-Finance Council Meeting @7PM.
- April 17—Altar Society Meeting-Election of Officers
- April 23– Julie Holthaus & Andrew Sneed-Wedding
- April 24-Droge-Hall
- May 1–Lueger-Hall
- May 2-Parish Council Meeting at 8PM.
- May 21-Hueter-Hall
- June 4-Abby Olberding & Austin Stallbaumer Wedding
- June 20-27-Picnic Set up & Take down-Hall
- June 26-ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC-Hall
- July 1-Hueter-Hall
- July 2-Mariissa Luenger & Ryan Hueter Wedding-Church
- July 9-Jason Haug & Chloe Hall Wedding -Church
- Sept 3-Holthaus-Hall
- Sept. 17-Brett Holthaus & Anna Groppoli Wedding-Church
- Nov.19-Ashley Schmelzel&Baylen Edelman Wedding-Church
- Nov. 24-Scott-Hall
- Nov. 26-Gudenkauf Reunion-Hall
- Dec. 10-Rottinghaus-Hall
- Dec. 17–Bergman Christmas-Hall
- Dec. 18-Sedebuck-Hall
- Dec. 25-Engelken-Hall
- Dec. 31-Lueger-Hall

HALL & CHURCH is spoke for on these dates for 2017:
- May 27-28-29-St. Benedict Alumni-Hall
- Aug. 6-Schmitz-Hall

150th ANNIVERSARY BOOKS are still available. The book
provides the unique story of St. Mary's Parish from its found-
ing. The family photos are sure to be cherished in decades to
come. Copies available for pickup at the Rectory; leave a mes-
sage at 336-3174 or email to Mary Beth at tahaver-
kamp@bbwi.net. 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, Heinman, Grobe-Holthaus,
Holthaus, Hueter, Halsing, Lierz, Kramer, Krogman,
Mohrmann, Olberding, Rethman, Ronnebaum, Rot-
tinghaus, Sextro, Strathman, Strathman B., Stegeman,
Sudbeck, Wichman.  Suggested donation is $20.

DVD’S of THERESA RETTELE’S Tour of St. Mary’s Church is available at the Rectory for the cost of $10.00.

THE HOLY OILS ARE BLESSED BY
Archbishop Naumann will be lived streamed on the Internet
March  22 at 10:45AM.  Mass will start at 11AM.
MARRIAGE MINUTE-March 20
“I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you.”
Jesus, fully human and fully God, has an eternal perspec-
tive, so think about the thousands of years God had been
waiting to reveal the fullness of His love through the first
Eucharist. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us of the great prep-
eration on a human level that went into that First Eucha-
rist, but think of the centuries of preparation that went
into it from a divine perspective. Jesus desired that mo-
t because it was the moment where he could invite
His disciples to share in His very life and love in the most
intimate of ways.  That same eager desire Jesus had for
sharing His life and love with the first disciples is the
same eager desire He has to share His life and love with
our family. Jesus has been planning to share the Eucha-
ristic meal for centuries with us and our children, and it is
the place where we can be most reasured of His pres-
ence and protection. The Eucharist is where our desire for
God meets His desire for us, and it is the most im-
portant lesson we can pass along to our children. As we
enter into Holy Week this Palm Sunday, let us seize the
opportunities to teach our children about the desire God
has to meet with us through the Mass. If we are able,
take an extra 15 minutes to stop by the adoration chapel
before or after work, to bring our children there, or even
to make the great liturgical celebrations of this Holy
week. Jesus is waiting to encounter us.

THREE COUNTRY Priests were discussing their
attempts to get rid of the bats in their respective church
bell towers. The first said he had tried to shoot them, but that had left
holes in the roof and now he had leaks as well as bats. The
second said he had tried catching the bats in a net
and driving them out into the country, but the bats
usually returned before he did.
The third priest announced he had solved the problem.
“i baptized them and added them to our membership,” he
said, “and i haven’t seen them since”

BEGINNING AND END-Faith is the beginning and the end is love.

EASTER COLLECTION- Blessing for Priests
Did you know your Easter offering is set aside for three
important needs? The Archdiocese is blessed with 30
seminarians in formation for the priesthood. All rely on
your generous donations to the Easter collection to help
defray their tuition and expenses. The Easter collection
also funds the continuing education and spiritual for-
mation of priests. Finally, your contribution supports our
beloved retired priests, who after many years of faithful
service still remain pastorally active throughout their
“golden years.” Please give generously to the Easter Col-
lection and continue to pray for our priests and for voca-
tions to the priesthood. Thank you for honoring them
with your contribution.

CALL TO SHARE – As of today, our parishioners have
faithfully responded to the Archbishop’s Call to Share.
Our parish goal is $6,597.00. To date, we have received
pledges of $5,580.00.

COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2016 Archdiocesan
50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held Sun-
day, June 5, 2016, 2:00 pm, at Church of the Nativity
Parish/Leawood. To receive your invitation from Arch-
bishop Naumann, please call the parish office and give us
your name, address, phone number and date of your wed-
ding.

NATURAL FAMIL PLANNING SESSIONS will be at
Sts. Peter & Paul, Seneca on Monday, March 21 at
7:30PM.