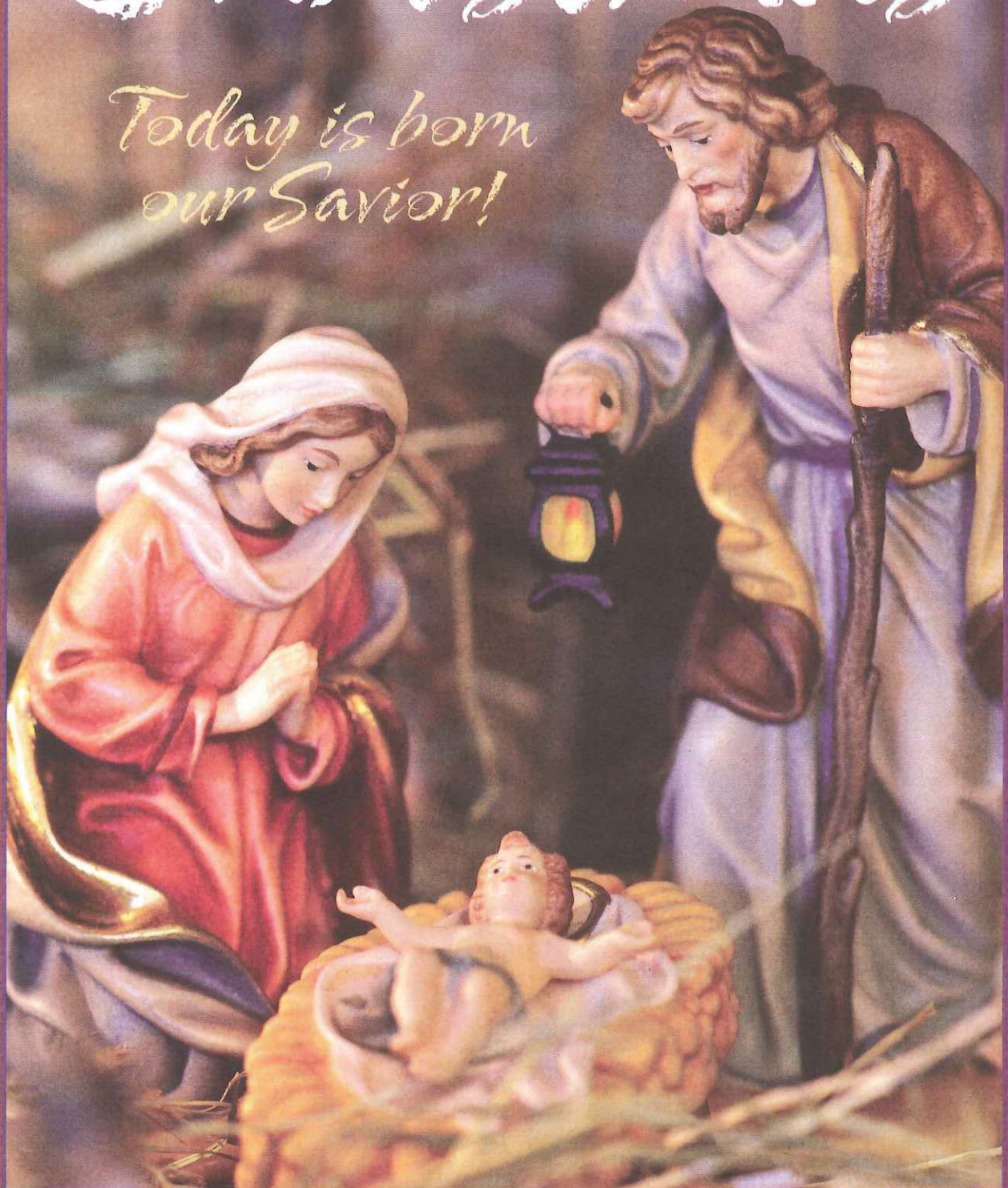


# Christmas

*Today is born  
our Savior!*



SEASON OF CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 25, 2013 – JANUARY 12, 2014



Lamb of  
God

King of Kings

Lord

Righteous One

J • E • S • U • S

Savior

Prince  
of Peace

Counselor

Comforter

December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013

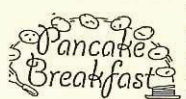
(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent) (The Holy Family)

### Advent Penance Schedule

*12/22 @ 3:00 PM*	**Seneca**
12/22 @ 7:00 PM	Marysville
12/22 @ 7:00 PM	St. Benedict
Have mercy on us!	Forgive our sins O Lord!

"Merry Christmas" - I am receiving prayers, letters, gifts for Christmas as well as for my trip. I want to thank you for all you do for me. It is a very busy season with the advent. It is overwhelming for all the support given to the parish and my ministry. I will remember all your families at my Christmas masses. I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and New Year 2014.  
Fr. Arul

The schedule for Christmas & New Year's Masses are as follows: Mass times on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> are 4, 6, & 10 PM; masses Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 & 9 AM. The mass on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, is at 4 PM, & masses on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, are at 7 & 9 AM.

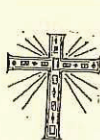


The annual Sts. Peter & Paul School Council Pancake Breakfast will be held next Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee & juice, from 7 AM to 1 PM, in the parish hall. Your support of SPPS is greatly appreciated! Come & enjoy a great breakfast!

The SPPS PTO is hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Teacher Christmas Wish List Event from December 1<sup>st</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>! The Wish List states the current needs/wants in the classroom as well as school-wide needs. If you missed the insert in last week's bulletin there are extra copies in the school and parish offices or on the church website at [www.saintspeterandpaul-seneca.com](http://www.saintspeterandpaul-seneca.com). We hope school families and the parish community find it a beneficial way to say "Thank You!" for all that our teachers do throughout the year. For any questions regarding the event, please contact Jill Hammes, (cell) 785-294-1360, (Home) 785-334-2448. Thank you for your consideration in supporting this wonderful project!

### "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!"

The Parish Office will be open half days, 9 AM - 12 Noon, December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, & January 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Warmest Wishes for a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!



In Sympathy - The Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> for Louis "Jr." Enneking, & Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> for Thelma Schmelzle. Let us remember them and their loved ones in our prayers.

FYI - Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors/Commentators, & Servers are asked to please double check the schedule. Due to numerous holiday masses you may be scheduled multiple times.

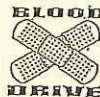
The flower arrangement that will be placed in front of the main altar for next weekend's masses (December 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>) will be dedicated in loving memory of Wilbur "Web" Burdick, from his family.



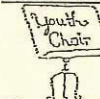
Welcome to the Christian Community Gracen Marie Rippe, daughter of William & Becky Rippe. Sponsors Andy Strathman & Kathryn Bennett, (witness); and to Camden James Nordhus, son of Brad & Ashley Nordhus. Sponsors are Stephen Winkler & Stephanie Sperfslage.

"Happy Birthday!" to Vivina Strathman celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

FYI - No School for SPP students December 23<sup>rd</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Have a fun & enjoyable holiday!



The Ava Louise Steinlage Memorial Blood Drive will be Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 11 AM - 6:30 PM, at the Corning Community Center. Please call 785-857-3758 for an appointment, or online [www.savealifenow.org](http://www.savealifenow.org).



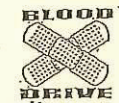
The Children's & HS Choir will practice on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Children's Choir begins at 6:30 PM, & HS Choir at 6:45 PM in the church. Both choirs will sing at the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.





The Adult Choir will sing at the 10 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. **\*\*All choir members are asked to arrive by 9:30 PM.\*\*** The choir will also sing Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve), at 4 PM Mass.

**FYI** - There will be NO CCD classes until Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Have a Safe & Happy Holiday!



Seneca Community Holiday Blood Drive will be Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8 AM - 2 PM. For appointment please call 336-3360 or go online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Sponsor code 009190.

The Youth of Sacred Heart Church, Baileyville, who will attend Catholic Heart Workcamp, are hosting their annual New Year's Eve (December 31<sup>st</sup>) fundraising dinner in their church hall, from 5 - 8:30 PM. Tickets for the smoked pork chop & grilled chicken dinners \$13, in advance/\$15 at the door. Hotdog meals, \$5, in advance/\$6, at the door. Please call Janet Schmitz, 336-2526, for tickets. *Thank you for your support!*

Our parish is a proud supporter of the film Mary of Nazareth. This film will be shown Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Seneca Twin Theatre. Check the website [www.maryfilm.com](http://www.maryfilm.com) to see trailers and reviews. This is a highly acclaimed production on the life of the Blessed Mother. A limited amount of FREE tickets are available for showings at 1 & 4 PM. The movie length is 2 ½ hrs. (No tickets are available for purchase). Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. *\*(Parents please be advised that this movie would be rated PG & some scenes might be too intense for children younger than 11 yrs.)\** For any questions please call the Parish Office, 336-2128.

**\*Update for Catholic Heart Workcamp 2014\*** - There has been a change in direction for next year's camp. Due to the high cost of travel, it has been decided to go to St. Louis instead. The camp is the same week, July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, & the cost is considerably less. Please contact Mike Stallbaumer, 294-0927, or John Kohake, 294-1255, for more details.



**Congratulations** to Tyler Tangeman & Krystal Rottinghaus, who were married on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Our prayers and best wishes as they begin their married lives together. Please keep in your prayers the following couple to be married in January: Dustin Ronnebaum & Tanya Rokey, (1-4).



**Is the Lord calling you to one hour of prayer weekly?** Adorers needed for Tuesday, 7 - 8 AM; Thursday, 12 - 1 PM & 2 - 3 PM; Friday, 4 - 5 PM & Sunday, 1 - 2 PM. Anyone welcome to become an Adorer of our Blessed Sacrament. Call Sue, 336-2297.

Contributions for 12-15-13: Weekly Budget \$15,000

12-15-13	Envelopes	\$	7,316.00
(Electronic Fund Transfer)	EFT's	\$	2,773.00
	Plate	\$	680.00
School		\$	1,015.00
(Electronic Fund Transfer)		\$	700.00
Thanksgiving		\$	5.00
Christmas		\$	25.00
Immaculate Conception		\$	130.00
Flowers		\$	298.00
Total	Thank you!	\$	12,942.00

Electronic Fund Transfer: Please participate in EFT and save money for the parish. To participate please contact the parish office, 336-2128.

**Request for Boilers** - I want to thank all the generous donors for your support towards installing new boilers. I am overwhelmed with your generosity. We have completed the installation. If you still have not donated, Please donate \$500 per family to cover the cost of new boilers. Your donations are greatly appreciated! Fr. Arul.

**Thank you** to the Altar Society Circles who donated food for the funeral luncheon for the families of Louis "Jr." Enneking & Thelma Schmelzle. Special thanks to the funeral committee ladies for organizing & serving the meals.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Just a reminder that Christmas will be here before we realize. I want to remind you about the last chances unless the law changes about making charitable donations to IRA Rollover. The provision was originally scheduled to expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, but fiscal cliff legislation included a two-year retroactive extension and will now expire at the end of this year, on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. As a result please consider donating to our Church (we can finish singles windows project/repay the loan), Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School and Missions. Any individual 70.5 old and older can donate up to \$100,000 or husband and wife can donate up to \$200,000 to charitable causes. The parish will work with the families to utilize the funds as per the discretion of the donor. The requirement is to make the check directly payable to the church or any charitable organization. Please contact Fr. Arul for any clarification, 785-336-2128/2208 or [acarasala@hotmail.com](mailto:acarasala@hotmail.com). Please pray with your family during this time that the Lord will guide you to make right decisions in your life.

There will be an Altar Society meeting on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 1 PM, in the parish hall. The new officers will be installed at this meeting. Welcome to the new officers: Kim Bramhall, President; TeriLynne Haverkamp, Vice-President; Jenise Schraad, Secretary; Deb Rethman, Asst. Secretary; Margie Shinn, Treasurer; & Sandra Rottinghaus, Asst. Treasurer. Special thanks for all their hard work & dedication goes to the outgoing officers: Jan Rottinghaus, DeAnn Koch & Brenda (Gary) Niehues.

The K of C Soup Day will be Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM - 2 PM, in the parish hall. Serving chili, chicken noodle, & vegetable beef soups, sandwiches, desserts, coffee & tea. The free will offering proceeds will go to support seminarians & religious vocations.

St. Ann's Altar Society will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to donate food, (butter, eggs, etc.), raffle items, or make a cash donation, please call Kim Bramhall, 336-6395, & for raffle items, call Margie Shinn, 336-3325.

