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Baptisms: By appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 PM or by appointment

Weddings: Six months advance notice

Mass Schedule:

Weekday Mass: Monday No Mass / Communion Service Only

Tuesday: 6:00 PM, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 AM, Thursday: 7:00 AM

Saturday: 7:30 AM; Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

December 18th, 2016



Today we light the fourth and last candle on our Advent wreaths. Our Gospel reading today is about trust. When an angel appears to Joseph and tells him to take

Mary as his wife, that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel, he is called to trust. Every healthy family is called to this same trust, trust in God and trust in one another. We now trust Jesus is coming and we trust He will be a part of our family always.



Las Posadas began this past Friday in Church, from which we journeyed to Father Arul's house, on Saturday to Patty Herrera's house and tonight to Aimee

Rottinghaus' house at 6:30. Check last week's insert in the Bulletin for each evening's schedule. Come join us in this festival of songs and treats, as we ask ourselves, "Am I ready for Jesus to enter my home/my heart?"



Welcome to Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic

Church: Judd Ray Jones, son of Jeff & Melinda Jones who was baptized Saturday evening, December 17th after the 4:00 Mass. His sponsors are Travis McCarty and Kelly McCarty.

We also welcome: Cameron Lawrence Carpenter, son of Aaron & Mary Carpenter who will be baptized on Sunday, December 18 after the 11:00 AM Mass. His sponsors are Ryan Showman and JoAnn Devin. May God's continued blessings be on Judd and Cameron, their parents and godparents.

School and School Office closed Dec 22-Jan 3.

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, December 22nd to Monday, January 2nd.

4th Sunday of Advent



"The Sounds of Christmas" Concert is today at 1:00 PM in our Church. Come and hear the amazing talents of our Church musicians. Show your appreciation for their hard work each Sunday by coming to their concert.

Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 18 (today)

3:00 PM - Seneca

7:00 PM - St. Benedict & Sabetha

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - Fr. Arul & K of C Choir

6:00 PM - Fr. Bob & Children's Choir

10:00 PM - Fr. Arul & Adult Choir

Sunday, December 25th - Christmas Day

7:00 AM - Fr. Bob & Cantor

9:00 AM - Fr. Arul & Cantor

Father Arul will be leaving on Christmas Day for a visit to his family in India. We pray he has a special and safe time. Father has asked Fr. Ron Livojevich to take his place and we are grateful he responded "yes".

Fr Ron would like to announce the following scheduling changes from Mon Dec 26 to Fri Feb 3:

Monday, Dec 26 - No Services; Dec 27 & 28 as below:

Every Monday - Communion Services 7:00 AM;

Every Tuesday - Communion Service 6:00 PM;

Every Wednesday - School Communion Service 8:00 AM;

Every Thursday - Mass at 6 PM;

Every Friday - School Mass at 8 AM;

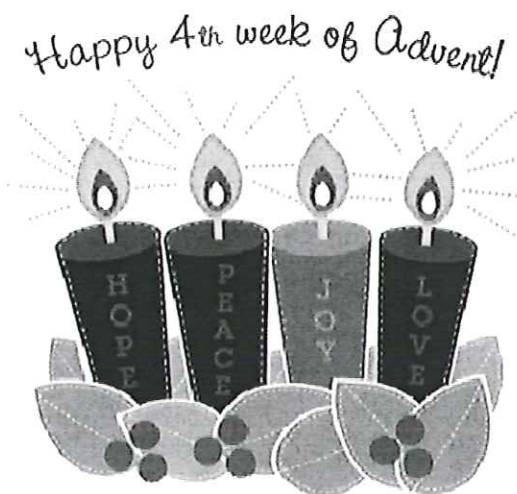
Every Saturday morning - 7:30 AM Mass;

Weekend Masses are as usual.



Masses for Dec 19 to Dec 25th 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday	Dec 19 – 4th Monday of Advent 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	Dec 20 - 4th Tuesday of Advent 6:00 PM – Dorothy Roeder (Anniv)
Wednesday	Dec 21 – 4th Wednesday of Advent 8:00 AM – Sandy Wichman
Thursday	Dec 22 – 4th Thursday of Advent 7:00 AM – Clarence Rottinghaus
Friday	Dec 23 – 4th Friday of Advent 8:00 AM – Jim Koehler
Saturday	Dec 24 – 4th Saturday of Advent 4:00 PM – Bernadine Sedlacek 6:00 PM – Memory Tree 10:00 PM – L/D Ray & Marian Rottinghaus Family
Sunday	Dec 25 – Nativity of the Lord 7:00 AM - L/D Norman & Darlene Rethman Family 9:00 AM – For our Parish 11:00 AM – NO MASS



Weekday Servers **Tues 6 PM, Thurs 7 AM, Fri 8 AM -** Myiah & Trent Schmelzle
 Wed 8 AM – SPPS Students

Servers - Saturday, Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM	6 PM	10 PM
Andrew Henry	Marley Lutz	Nathan Deters
McKynsey Henry	Carter Lutz	Connor Deters
Jacob Hermes	Gavin Gudenkauf	Parker Wilhelm
Dalton Hermes	Ashlyn Gudenkauf	Chris Dalinghaus

Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday, Dec 24th

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Claire Deters *Brenda Deters	Bruce Deters Lori Carlson	Mary Jane Hammes Marilyn Ronnebaum	K of C Choir	Terry Nordhus
<u>6:00 PM</u>	Jonathan Stallbaumer *Bob Nieheus	Mike Stallbaumer Greg Elder	Bryant Stallbaumer Lacey Frehe	Childrens Choir	Owen Zinke
<u>10:00 PM</u>	Caleb Niehues *Gary Niehues	Brett Haverkamp Adam Niehues	Chelsey Haverkamp Brenda Niehues	Adult Choir	Owen Zinke

ROSARY LEADERS: 4:00 PM Alan Lierz

Servers - Sunday, Dec 25 CHRISTMAS

7 AM

Jacob Hundley
Braden Bramhall
Tyler Gerety
Ben Feldkamp

9 AM

Sarah Haverkamp
Garrett Schmelzle
John Strathman
Taegan Duryea

Assistants at The Eucharist for Sunday, Dec 25th

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Angela Sudbeck *Joan Henry	Dorothy Hammes Rick Henry	Marilyn Nolte Leon Feldkamp	Eileen Love	Janet Kramer
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Jim Strathman *Joe Kohake	Lydia Meyer Margie Shinn	Reilly Haverkamp Leah Shinn	Kale Rottinghaus	
<u>ROSARY LEADERS:</u>	9:00 AM Joe Kohake				



Hail and blessed be the hour and moment

in which the son of God

was born of the most pure Virgin Mary,

at midnight, in Bethlehem,

in piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, O my God!

To hear my prayer,


And grant my desires,

Through the merits of Our Saviour

Jesus Christ,

And of his Blessed Mother. Amen

We are including all the ministry for Christmas in today's Bulletin. You may check if you are working and exchange if you cannot be there.

 The Adult Choir will have practice on Tuesday evening, Dec 20th at 7 PM in Church. There will be no practice on December 27 or January 3.

Childrens and High School Choir Practice will be on Wed. Dec. 21: Childrens choir will start 6:30 PM, High School choir will start at 7:00 PM. Both High School and Children's choir will sing on Christmas Eve at 6 PM Mass. A Look Ahead: Children's choir practice will be on Wednesday, January 4th at 6:00 PM. Childrens Choir will sing on Sunday, January 8 at 9:30 Mass. Childrens Choir is for grades 3-8. New members are welcome.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation (New Years) Masses will be:
Saturday, December 31 at 4:00 PM
Sunday, January 1 at 7:00. 9:00 and 11:00 PM



The Memory Tree is still taking your loved one's names. Please place their names with a free will donation in an envelope marked Memory Tree in the Sunday offering or bring to the Parish office. Money raised will be donated to SPPS.



The SPPS PTO is hosting its 4th annual Christmas Wish List event for the teachers. If you would like to donate to the teacher's wants and needs in the classrooms, please bring donations to the School or Parish offices, or the Sunday collection, labeled Teachers Wish List. The event runs from Dec. 4th to Dec 31st. The list is posted on the church website. Thank you for your continued support!

Mission donations collected and sent by Sts. Peter & Paul Parish include the following:

World Mission of the Pope \$2,053.00;
Military Service Chaplains \$465.00
Campaign for Human Development \$1,373.43
Thank you for your generosity.

CONTRIBUTIONS for week of 12/05/16 to 12/11/16:
Weekly Budget is \$15,000.00

Church	Plate	\$ 1,828.00
	Envelope	\$ 5,705.00
	EFT/ACH	\$ 6,643.00
School		\$ 290.00
	EFT/ACH	\$ 1,016.67
Sol of Mary		\$ 10.00
Flowers		\$ 5.00
Christmas		\$ 10.00
Immac Concep		\$ 680.00
TOTAL	Thank You!!	\$ 16,187.67

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Los Posadas 6:30 every night to 12/23. Check schedule.
Sun Dec 18 - SPPC "Sounds of Christmas Concert" 1 PM
Sun Dec 18 - Sts. Peter & Paul Penance Service 3 PM

SPPS SCHOOL NEWS:

Wed Dec 21 - End of 1st Semester - 12:35 Dismissal
Dec 22-Jan 2 - Christmas break
Tue Jan 3 - Classes resume

CCD NEWS:

Wed Jan 4 - Classes Resume. Monitors are Doug & Monae Schmelzle and Terry & Angie Stueve.

By now you should have received your Christmas letter from Fr Arul with the Book, Resisting Happiness. If you did not receive one, please let the Parish Office know at 336 2128. There are extra books in the Narthex on the FREE table . Please help yourself.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of KCKS is the Special Collection for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. There are two inserts in the Bulletin for Catholic Charities. One shows the work they have done this year in NE Kansas, much of it in our own parish and area. Help them by placing your check in the Sunday Collection marked "Catholic Charities" in the memo.

K of C shirts still available. If you missed yours and would like one, please contact Kirby Schmelzle at 785-213-5787, or pick up at his office at 416 Main.

Thank you for supporting the Spiritual t-shirt fundraiser. Your efforts raised over \$1,200 for SPPS. There are still 4 t-shirts to pick up at the P Office.

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel is looking for an adorer on Friday evenings from 7-8:00 PM. Call Sue Haug at 336-2297 or for any substitute time.



For Communion to the Sick and Home Bound, please call John & Diane Mulryan at 336-3320.

AREA EVENTS:

**Catholic Heart Work Camp of Sacred Heart Baileyville and St. Mary's St Benedict annual pork chop/chicken breast supper on New Year's Eve from 5:00 to 8:30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Tickets are \$15.00, hot dog meal \$5.00. Students will be around to sell tickets or call Gloria Heiman 336-1703 or Rosette Randel 336-2998.

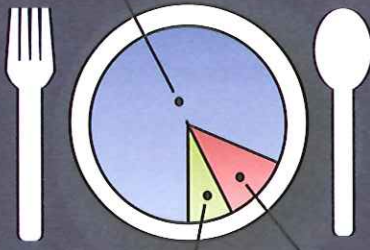
**The 2017 Baileyville Benefit, Sat, Jan 28th & Sun, Jan 29, at Nemaha Central High School, is for Sarah Conroy, Zachary Engelken, Bethany Ohlsen and Jase Suther this year. The auction is at 6:00 pm on Sunday. Donations for the auction and for food are very much welcome and appreciated. For questions, donations and volunteering, please contact Kenny or Diane Schmitz at 336-6252, 336-1771 or email kdschmitz@bbwi.net.

FISCAL YEAR 2016 AT-A-GLANCE

10,624

meals served during our
Kids Summer Food Program

8,642
children served




785
weekend meals provided

1,197
adults served

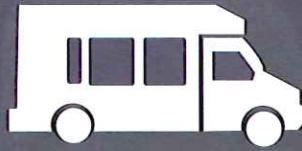
Refugee Employment
Services helped place

322
REFUGEES
in jobs.

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271 immigrants
became
U.S. Citizens.

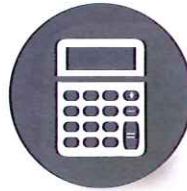


2,858

number of times the
Mobile Resource Bus
provided **food**,
housing and **utility**
assistance to families.

28 individuals completed the full 12 months of
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Combined, they paid off nearly
\$125,000 of debt.



71%
INCREASE

in the number of
individuals who
received financial
education across our
21 county service area.

FOOD
assistance provided

248,480

times.

8,627

number of times
UTILITY
ASSISTANCE
was provided.



225,323

hours of service
provided by volunteers.

17,326
TIMES

clothing
assistance
was provided.

Last year in our Northern Service Area



Offices:
Atchison and Leavenworth

Resource Bus Stops:
Alma, Hiawatha, Holton,
Marysville, Oskaloosa, Seneca,
St. Mary's, Troy and Wamego



Our Northern Service
area hosted **7 sites** for
the Kids Summer Food
Program and served
over **4,100 meals** to
children during the summer
school break.



The Leavenworth EAC
provided food to
individuals
10,868 times.



In Atchison, assistance
with utility payments
was provided **2,934**
times -- an increase of *more*
than 450% from the previous
year.



Logging over
13,000
highway
miles, the

Northern Region Mobile
Resource Bus provided food,
housing and utility assistance
to families over **2,000 times**.



Across our 21 counties,
clothing assistance
was provided
17,326 times.

Meet Sarah.

Six months ago, Sarah took inventory of her life.

- Mom of two healthy children. *Check.*
- Working towards obtaining her Nursing Assistant certification. *Check.*
- A husband with a full-time job, earning a decent wage. *Check.*

Additionally, she and her husband had just signed a purchase agreement for a small mobile home and a lease at the mobile home park. Although life wasn't perfect, it was good.

Then, four months later, Sarah's husband walked out—leaving her and the children behind. Sarah had exhausted her meager savings when a friend from church suggested she utilize the services offered by the Catholic Charities' Mobile Resource Bus.

When the Resource Bus pulled into Sarah's small, rural town, Sarah met with a Catholic Charities Case Manager to assess her situation. Catholic Charities provided the family with food and diapers as well as rent assistance. Sarah also learned about the Kids Summer Food Program which provided meals during the summer for her children. That was just the boost Sarah needed to get back on her feet.

Today, Sarah's checklist looks a little more promising.

- Nursing Assistant Certification. *Check.*
- Secured a job. *Check.*
- Making payments on her own to support herself and her children. *Check.*

Through your support, services such as the Mobile Resource Bus help families like Sarah's get on the road to self-sufficiency.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Each year, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, a ministry of the Archdiocese, provides food, shelter, clothing and other critical programs and services across the 21 counties of our Archdiocese. The Mobile Resource Bus, for example, helps families living in the rural, underserved areas by bringing assistance directly to their community where they otherwise may not have been reached.

Last Christmas, our Catholic community answered the call by donating a record-breaking half million dollars! On behalf of all of us at Catholic Charities, thank you for supporting the communities we serve. Your contributions make a difference -- with **91 cents of every dollar going directly to the programs and services to help our neighbors in need.**

Yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, D.D.
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas



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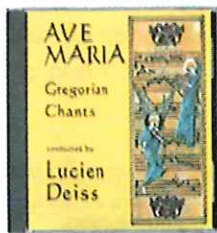
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 ~ II Corinthians 9:10

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