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Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30p.m. or by appointment

Weddings: Six months advance notice

Baptisms: By appointment

December 15th, 2013

Advent Penance Schedule

12/15 @ 3:00 PM	Frankfort
12/15 @ 3:00 PM	Baileyville
12/15 @ 3:00 PM	Kelly
12/15 @ 7:00 PM	Sabetha
12/15 @ 7:00 PM	Axtell
12/22 @ 3:00 PM	**Seneca**
12/22 @ 7:00 PM	Marysville
12/22 @ 7:00 PM	St. Benedict
<i>Have mercy on us!</i>	<i>Forgive our sins O Lord!</i>



The Sts. Peter & Paul cantors, choirs, & organists will perform a free **Christmas Concert** this Sunday, at 1:30 PM, in the church. There are so many pretty Christmas songs that are only sung a few weeks out of the year & most people hardly ever get to hear them, so it was decided to have a concert to allow everyone a chance to enjoy them. Some highlights of the program will include these individuals singing certain solos: Alan Lierz: "Mary, Did You Know"; Cyril Steinlage: "Joseph's Song"; Eileen Love: "Breath of Heaven"; Katie Nordhus: "Labor of Love"; Greg Kohake: "Do You Hear What I Hear"; Adult Choir: "Long Time Go"; K of C Choir: "Dona Nobis Pacem"; Moriah & Kale Rottinghaus: "He Is Born". These are just a few of some of the songs that will be performed. There will also be some sing-a-longs of some of the traditional Christmas songs. *Please join us & take some time to enjoy the many beautiful sounds of Christmas!*

The SPPS PTO is hosting the **1st Annual Teacher Christmas Wish List Event** from December 1st - 31st! 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. We hope school families and the parish community find it a beneficial way to say "Thank You!" for all that our teachers do

3rd Sunday of Advent

throughout the year. If you have 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!

Needed - Volunteers are needed to take communion to the nursing homes and homebound. Please call John & Diane Mulryan, at 336-3320, if you can help.

The Parish Office will be open half days, 9 AM - 12 Noon, December 16th to 20th, & on December 23rd & 30th. The office will be closed December 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st. *Our Warmest Wishes for a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!*

FYI - Please have items for the **December 22nd & 29th bulletins** turned in to the parish office by Tuesday, December 17th, as the bulletins will be printed on Friday, December 20th.



Adult Choir **practice** Tuesday, December 17th, at 7 PM, in the church.

SPPS Basketball at Onaga, Thursday, December 19th, beginning at 6 PM.

FYI - There will not be Mass on Friday, December 20th, at 8 AM. A communion service will be held that day.

The SPPS PTO will again sponsor the **Memory Tree** in our church this Christmas season. This provides a way to remember a loved one, living or deceased, that's unable to be with you during the holidays. The cost is \$2 per name with the money to be given to the school to purchase necessary items. Please call Gloria, 336-3691 (H), or 336-2128 (W), by Friday, December 20th, to include a loved one.

SPPS classes will **dismiss** at 12:35 PM, Friday, December 20th, for the Christmas holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6th. *Have a great Christmas vacation!*

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 23rd - 19th, & the cost is considerably less. Please contact Mike Stallbaumer, 294-0927, or John Kohake, 294-1255, for more details.



Please keep this couple in your prayers to be married in December: Tyler Tangeman & Krystal Rottinghaus, (12-21).



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. Please call Sue, 336-2297.

Contributions for 12-8-13: Weekly Budget \$15,000

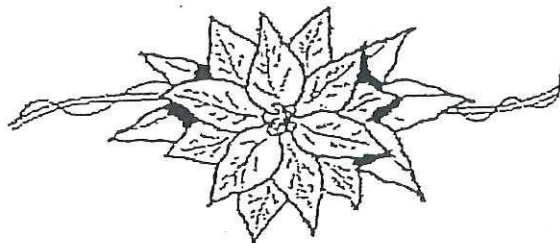
12-8-13 (Electronic Fund Transfer)	Envelopes	\$ 7,115.00
	EFT's	\$ 0.00
	Plate	\$ 457.00
School (Electronic Fund Transfer)		\$ 2,071.66
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Thanksgiving		\$ 10.00
Christmas		\$ 50.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 532.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$ 25.00
Flowers		\$ 145.00
CCD		\$ 30.00
Total	Thank you!	\$ 10,435.66

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.*

"Many Thanks" - 8 tons of newspapers & magazines were collected at the school paper drive in November. Special thanks to everyone who helped make it a success: all the workers, Bruna Implement, Seneca Wholesale, NM Co. Landfill, (Terry, Max & Dennis), & "Special Thanks" for the donuts. The next paper drive will be held in March. *Thank you for saving your newspapers and magazines!*

Sts. Peter & Paul School would like to **"Thank"** everyone for their donations to the school's annual Holiday Food Drive for the Seneca Food Pantry. A total of 1,980 items were donated this year. **"Many Thanks" for your generosity!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Ava Louise Steinlage Memorial **Blood Drive** will be Monday, December 23rd, from 11 AM - 6:30 PM, at the Corning Community Center. Please call 785-857-3758 for an appointment, or go online www.savealifenow.org.

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

The School Council annual Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, December 29th, serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice. From 7 AM to 1 PM, in the parish hall. Come and enjoy! Thank you for your support to SPPS!

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

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 31st, 2011, but fiscal cliff legislation included a two-year retroactive extension and will now expire at the end of this year, on December 31st, 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. Please pray with your family during this time that the Lord will guide you to make right decisions in your life.

The K of C **Soup Day** will be Sunday, January 12th, 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 26th. 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.