

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Parish

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Baptisms: By appointment

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

Weddings: Six months advance notice

Mass Schedule:

Weekday Mass: Monday No Mass/Communion Service Only 7:00AM

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

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

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

December 17th, 2017



"Rejoice in the Lord always! Philippians 4:4.

Today is the 3^d Sunday of Advent, also

called "Gaudete Sunday". Gaudete in Latin

means "rejoice". Priests wear rose-colored vestments to indicate the season of penance is half over, Christmas is almost here!!

Remaining Advent Penance Services:

Sunday, December 17 (today only)

Sts. Peter & Paul, Seneca at 3:00 PM.

St. Benedict and Sabetha at 7:00 PM.

Season of Christmas - Mass Schedules:

Masses for 4th Sunday of Advent:

Saturday, December 23 at 4:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM

Masses for Christmas:

Sunday, December 24th at 4:00 PM in Church

Sunday, December 24th at 4:15 PM in SPPS new gym

Sunday, December 24th at 6:00 PM in Church

Sunday, December 24th at 10:00 PM in Church

Monday, December 25th at 8:00 AM in Church

Monday, December 25th at 10:00 AM in Church

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Sunday Masses)

Saturday, December 30th at 4:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday, December 31, at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

New Years, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day)

Sunday, December 31st at 4:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Monday, January 1st at 8:00 AM

Monday, January 1st at 10:00 AM

Third Sunday of Advent



In Memoriam - The Rite of Christian Burial

was celebrated for Beverly J. Fowler McClary

on Saturday morning, December 16, 2017 at

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Let us remember

Beverly and her loved ones in our prayers.



HAVE YOU SCHEDULED YOUR APPOINTMENT

FOR PICTURES? This Monday, we will start

taking pictures at the K of C Hall for the

directory!! To schedule appts, use either the online site

at [https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-](https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y7pvbzpc/)

[plus.com/y7pvbzpc/](https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y7pvbzpc/) or call Myra at 785-294-1593.



The Memory Tree still has room for your

deceased loved one's names. Enclose your list

of names and a free will donation in a separate envelope

marked **Memory Tree** and place in the offering. Money

raised will be for SPPS to purchase necessary items.

Thank you for decorating our tree!



SPPS Advent Project ends on Monday at 3:00

pm. This is for families in need in our community.

Parishioners may still help by purchasing any of these

needed items: new bath towels, kitchen towels, dish cloths,

blankets, and monetary donations to purchase grocery

cards. Thank you for all the assistance you give in making

Christmas happy for other families.

Father Arul will be in India from Jan. 2nd to Feb. 7th.

Father Ron will be coming for the weekend masses.

Please also welcome Father Anthony from India. He will

be serving in the archdiocese and will be with us in our

parish and helping us for weekday masses for a few

months. **Please welcome Father Anthony and Father Ron.**

Current Minister List: We are enclosing the Server, Lector, Commentator, and Eucharistic Ministers list for the Christmas/New Years Season of Masses:

- The 4th Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23 & 24),
- Christmas (Dec. 24 & 25),
- Holy Family Sunday (Dec. 30 & 31),
- New Years (Dec 31 and Jan.1).

Please check this list thoroughly as you may have been put down twice, due to lack of ministers. Please trade or get a substitute if your time does not work.



Don't forget the 5th annual SPPS PTO Christmas Wish List for the Teachers! The event will run until December 31st. We are

blessed to have wonderful teachers educating our children who often sacrifice time away from their families for the betterment of our students and school. Please bring donations to the School or Parish offices, or place in the Sunday collection labeled Teacher's Wish List. Thank you.

Mission Center Hours for Saturdays in December 2017 are from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm on Dec. 23 and 30th. In January 2018 the hours will return to M-F 1:00 to 4:00 and Sat 12:00 to 3:00.

Financial Stewardship Summary

Projected Yearly Budget \$1,518,735.16 (parish & school)

<i>Fiscal Year 7-1-17 to 6-30-18</i>	<i>Week of 12/10/17</i>	<i>Year to Date Totals</i>
Envelope	\$ 5,708.00	\$ 140,968.00
Plate	\$ 1,212.00	\$ 37,950.10
ACH/Church	\$ 6,899.00	\$ 95,947.00
School	\$ 3,790.00	\$ 52,660.66
ACH/ School	\$ 1,388.74	\$ 14,773.60
Other	\$ 1,115.00	\$ 11,255.43
Total	\$ 20,112.74	\$ 353,554.79
Weekly Budget \$21,000.00	<i>Income over/under</i> - \$887.26	<i>Week 22 to date over/under</i> -\$150,445.21



Windows Report: Our weekly donation report shows a total of \$510,032.00 collected toward our goal of \$600,000.00. God's blessings on everyone who has donated and to those who still plan to,

Thank you for paying your Leaven subscription. The cost is \$21.00. Please make check out to SPPC. Our total collected is now \$4,929.00 toward the balance of \$12,642.00 paid to the Archdiocese for our Parish.

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

Catholic University of America	\$450.00
Hurricane Henry	\$4,966.00
Coop for Human Development	\$1,478.00

Once again, thank you for your generous giving.

Mark your calendars!! The Living in Love weekend is coming back to Sts. Peter & Paul Parish. The weekend of March 17-18 has been reserved for you and your spouse! Give each other a special gift of love.

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel needs one adorer to take Fridays 7-8:00 PM. Please call or text Betty Sudbeck at 336-4022 to take this hour.

The Parish is looking for Volunteers for snow removal from the sidewalks surrounding the Church and School this winter season, please just show up! You will not be called if you have volunteered.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sun Dec 17 - Sts. Peter & Paul Penance Service 3 PM
Sat-Sun, Mar 17-18 - Living in Love weekend

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

Thurs Dec 21 - Early Dismissal - 12:30.
Tues Jan 2 - No School - Staff Work Day
Wed Jan 3 - Classes Resume
Thur Jan 4 - Axtell BB at Home 6:00

UPCOMING CCD EVENTS

Wed Dec 20 - Christmas Parties for K-8th classes/
High School Caroling & Soup Supper.
Monitors: Matt and Julie Lueger, Darrin & Amy Schmitz
Wed Jan 3 - Regular Class



For Communion to the Sick & 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 cordon-bleu supper on New Year's Eve from 5:00 to 8:30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Tickets are \$15.00 or \$5.00 for a hot dog meal. May purchase tickets at the door or call Janet Heideman 336-1233 or Janet Schmitz at 294-0994.



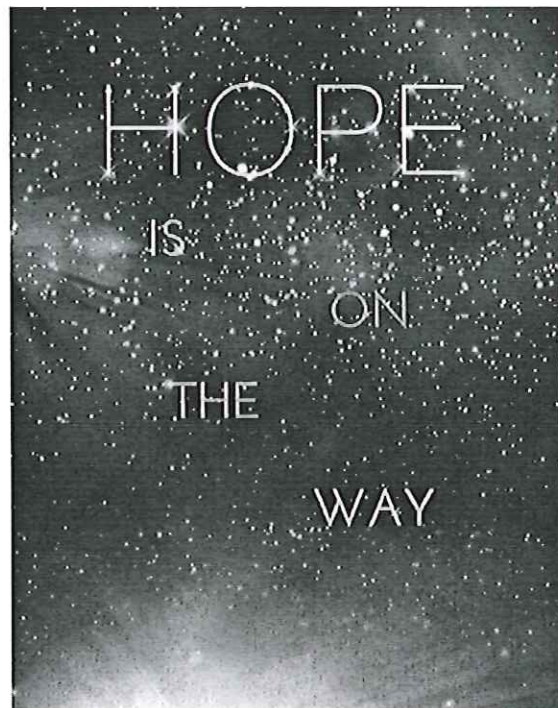
Christmas Reflections: Let's prepare our hearts this Christmas by cherishing the greatest gift of Love-Jesus Christ, our Lord. Let's share God's love and offer grace to everyone-beginning in our homes and radiating out to everyone around us. Let's celebrate this Holy Season!

A Christmas Thank You for all the generosity of the Parish this year of 2017. I want to thank all the parishoners, volunteers, teachers, catechists, musicians, sacristians, ushers, funeral dinners, Catechesis of the Good Shephard, PTO, K of C, Finance council, RCIA, Altar Society, Cemetery Committee, Quilting, Mission Center, School Board, Children's Church and any others not included above for your dedicated service to the Parish this year. My Prayers and Blessings! Fr. Arul



Masses for December 18th to December 24th Third Sunday of Advent

Monday	<u>December 18</u> – 3rd Monday of Advent 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	<u>December 19</u> – 3 rd Tuesday of Advent 11:00 AM – Life Care – Ernie & Joseph Haug (Fr. Arul) 6:00 PM – Dorothy Roeder (Anniv)
Wednesday	<u>December 20</u> – 3 rd Wednesday of Advent 8:00 AM – Galen Lackey (Anniv) 10:00 AM – Crestview Manor – Eldon Fleury (Fr. Arul)
Thursday	<u>December 21</u> – Saint Peter Canisius 8:00 AM – Larry Nordhus
Friday	<u>December 22</u> – 3 rd Friday of Advent 7:00 AM – Sandy Wichman (Anniv)
Saturday	<u>December 23</u> – Saint John of Kanty 7:30 AM – L/D Ernest & Rita Haug Family 4:00 PM – Ralph Schiffbauer
Sunday	<u>December 24</u> – Fourth Sunday of Advent 7:00 AM – Paul Rilinger 9:00 AM – L/D Galen & Audrey Rottinghaus Family



Weekday Servers: Dec. 19 through Dec. 23 (Tues 6 PM, Fri 7 AM, Sat 7:30 AM) Kate Niehues & Maryssa Stallbaumer
Wed & Thu 8 AM – SPPS Students

Servers – Saturday & Sunday, December 23 & December 24

<u>4 PM</u>	<u>7 AM</u>	<u>9 AM</u>
Allison Schmelzle	Colby Schmelzle	Amelia Olberding
Luke Schmelzle	Jacob Hundley	Sara Haverkamp
Aden Feldkamp	Trenton Schmelzle	Kaitlin Bennett
Chase Holthaus	Timothy Hemman	Sadie Haverkamp

Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday & Sunday, December 23 & December 24

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Kristi Haverkamp *Jeanie Kramer	Kirby Schmelzle Randy Heinen	Tyler Heinen Sheryl Heinen	Alan Lierz	Terry Nordhus
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Sydney Schmelzle *Doug Schmelzle	Rick Henry Jim Runnebaum	Joan Henry Myra Runnebaum	Stacy Rethman	Jan Rottinghaus
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Megan Olberding *Galen Niehues	Jim Strathman Susan Stallbaumer	Reilly Haverkamp Lori Burdick	Alison Hermes	Deb Rethman

Rosary Leaders: 4:00 PM – Alan Lierz 9:00 AM – Jim Henry

Please see the attached insert for the Christmas mass schedules.

Please check all lists thoroughly as some people have been put down more than once, and please trade or get a substitute if your time doesn't work for you.

Christmas Mass Schedules

Sunday, December 24th

4 PM in Church

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Laura Hammes Julie Rottinghaus Joshua Hammes Charlie Bontrager	Dean Becker *Bob Niehues	Mary Sack Julie Strathman	Kim Bontrager Sara Kuckelman	High School Choir Owen Zinke

4:15 PM in Gym

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Andrew Henry McKynsey Henry Lacie Young Colby Frehe	Paula Rottinghaus *Gina Ronnebaum	Donna Miller Lacey Frehe	Carrie Young Lori Carlson	K of C Choir Terry Nordhus

6:00 PM in Church

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Hillary Stallbaumer Maryssa Stallbaumer Cole Hermesch Jillian Stueve	Ty Hermesch *Tyler Heinen	Randy Heinen Sheryl Heinen	Bryant Stallbaumer Jonathan Stallbaumer	Terry Nordhus

10:00 PM in Church

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Jonah Deters Elliott Crabtree Cassidy Rethman John Strathman	Caleb Niehues *Gary Niehues	Bruce Deters Adam Niehues	Brenda Deters Brenda Niehues	Adult Choir Owen Zinke

Monday, December 25th

8:00 AM

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Connor Deters Trista Peterson Garrett Schmelzle Tanner Schmelzle	Nathan Deters *Joe Kohake	Lynda Cross Margie Shinn	Jordan Peterson Leah Shinn	Eileen Love Janet Kramer

10:00 AM

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Jaidyn Koehler Taegan Duryea Seth Meyer Leo Holthaus	Jessica Meyer *Shannon Holthaus	Aaron Duryea Amy Duryea	Adrienne Koehler Lydia Meyer	Children Choir Owen Zinke

Saturday, December 30

4:00 PM

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Samantha Nordhus Carter Lutz Marley Lutz Presley Lutz	Isabella Sudbeck *Riley Bontrager	Bob Niehues Jean Wassenberg Rosary: Bob Niehues	Gina Ronnebaum Mackenzie Nordhus	Cyril Steinlage Deb Rethman

Sunday, December 31

7:00 AM

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Reese Gerety Regan Gerety Keaton Rottinghaus Timothy Hemman	Braden Bramhall *Angela Sudbeck	Leon Feldkamp Dorothy Hammes	Marilyn Nolte Cameron Feldkamp	Stacy Rethman Jan Rottinghaus

9:00 AM

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Heather Suther Trent Thomas Sam Nordhus Ryan Uphaus	Tami Haverkamp *Michelle Fangman	Shelly Schmelzle Alec Suther Rosary: Joe Kohake	Hanna Hammes Ashley Hammes	Katie Nordhus Terry Nordhus

11:00 AM

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Dane Haverkamp Addie Haverkamp Ashlyn Gudenkauf Jonah Deters	Michelle Olberding *Hunter Steinlage	Cara Baker Keith Haverkamp	Isaac Haverkamp Patty Haverkamp	Greg & Anna Kohake Emily Altenhofen

4:00 PM

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Luke Holthaus Cooper Kramer Carter Kramer Zach Kramer	Ashley Carlson *Jeanie Kramer	Paul Boeding Greg Elder	Marilyn Boeding Damian Enneking	

Monday, January 1

8:00 AM

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Marianna Hammes Joel Hammes Wade Leonard Jacob Hundley	Chelsey Haverkamp *Todd Leonard	Brett Haverkamp Marian Rottinghaus	Mary Jane Hammes Ray Rottinghaus	

10:00 AM

<u>Servers</u>	<u>Lector/Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Singer/Organist</u>
Chris Dalinghaus Keaton Dalinghaus Hailey Wurtz Derek Wurtz	Aimee Rottinghaus *John Rottinghaus	Jerry Rottinghaus Paula Rottinghaus	Mary Rottinghaus Sharon Haverkamp	

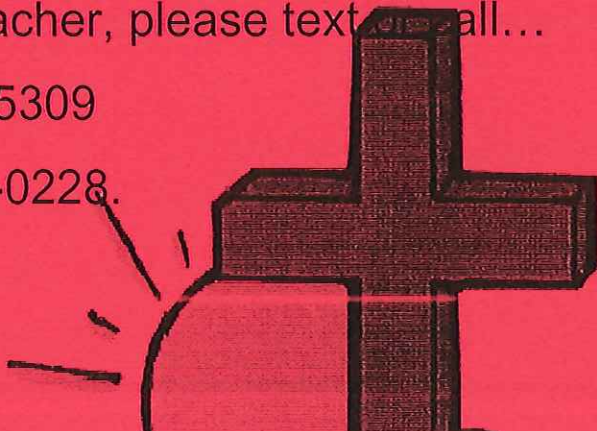
Children's CHURCH

Due to large numbers, beginning January 7th, Children's Church will only be for ages 3 through 1st grade. If your child cannot attend on their own, they need to wait until they are able to. Please do not send older siblings with younger ones unless they fit the age range. This will ensure that the children are engaged and learning during this time. We appreciate your cooperation as we continue our successful Children's Church Program.

Also, we may consider adding a helper at each mass. If there are any adult and/or high school volunteers that are willing to assist a lead teacher, please text or call...

Nikki Honeyman at 785-548-5309

Michelle Thomas at 785-336-0228.



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Support your Parish

Dear Parishioners,

We have two great opportunities to support our parish with the year end giving that will also give your family tax advantages. Sts. Peter and Paul Parish office or the Archdiocese will be able to assist you for easy and smooth transition of funds as donation to the parish or your preferred cause.

Year-End Gifts and Stock Gifts

Gifts mailed or delivered by December 31, will be acknowledged for tax purposes in the 2017 tax year. Using appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds to make year-end charitable gifts has tax advantages to those who itemize deductions. Simple instructions for making a stock gift to the parish or other charities within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas are available at www.archkck.org/stock. Contact the Stewardship and Development Office, at 913-647-0325 or email stewdev@archkck.org for help with your gift.

Donor Advised Funds

If you are facing a large tax bill for 2017 because of the sale of appreciated assets like stock, real estate, or a business you may be interested in the benefits of a Donor Advised Fund through the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas. More information is available at www.cfnek.org/daf or call 913-647-3062.

"Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it."
Genesis 2:15

I assure you my prayers to your family and friends. God Bless you!

Fr. Arul Carasala

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