

*Celebrating  
the Christmas  
Season at  
Home*

DECEMBER 25, 2016 –  
JANUARY 8, 2017



# Christmas

## BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS

### HOUSEHOLD TABLE PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

We glory in your light,  
O Christ.  
May this meal strengthen us  
to be light for others.

Come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

With the angels we sing of  
your birth.  
May the food of this table  
nourish us  
to proclaim the good news.

Come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

In your lowly manger we see  
God's love.  
May this be a time of grace,  
so others will see your love  
in us.

Come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.

We adore you, O Christ,  
Word-made-flesh.  
Bless this meal, bless our lives  
during these joyful  
Christmas days. Amen.

### EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

*Materials: A piece of chalk and a small container of holy water. Gather with family, friends, and neighbors at the front door.*

Leader: In the (+) name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray: *Christus mansionem benedicat.* May Christ bless this house!  
ALL: Amen.

We sign this doorway with four crosses and the numerals of the new year.  
[20 + C + M + B + 17]

Leader (or other Reader):

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

We look forward to the new heavens and the new earth God has promised, a dwelling place of righteousness.  
The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Each room of the house is sprinkled with holy water.*

*Living room:*

You are present where two or three are gathered.  
Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

*Kitchen:*

Give us this day our daily bread.  
Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

*Dining room:*

May we be seated at the heavenly banquet.  
Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

*Bedrooms:*

Protect us, stay with us through the night.  
Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

*Bathroom:*

You cleanse us always from sin.  
Bless this room, O Lord. ALL: Amen!

*All return to the front door to pray together.*

Leader: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
Our Father . . .

*The leader sprinkles all present with holy water and concludes:*

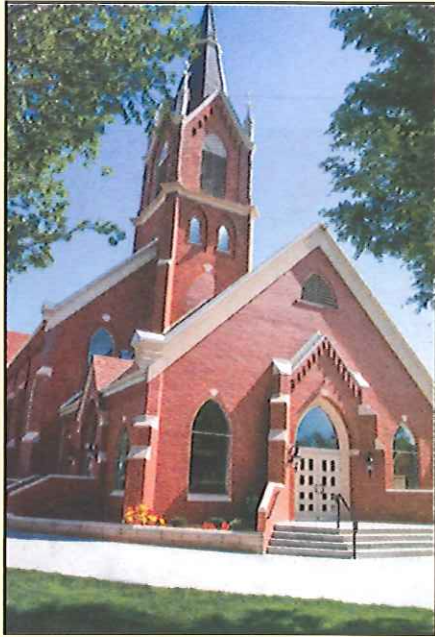
Bless this household through all days to come, Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.  
ALL: Amen!

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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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017



The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> to Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. During this time, all Bulletin notices and news articles may be mailed to 411 Pioneer, Seneca, or sent by email to [sppsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sppsecretary@gmail.com). We wish all a "Merry Christmas" and the best New Year ever.

Sts Peter and Paul School and Office will be closed for Christmas vacation from Thur Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> to Tues Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### In Memoriam - The Rite of Christian Burial

was celebrated on Monday, December 12, at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church for Eldon H. Fleury. Let us remember Eldon and his loved ones in our prayers.

Thank you - The family of Eldon Fleury would like to thank the Altar Society Circles who donated food and the Funeral Committee ladies who organized and served the funeral meal for Eldon's loved ones.



### Welcome to the Christian Community:

Charlie Walter Robke, son of Ryan and Kelli Robke was baptized at 10:00 AM on Christmas Eve Day at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church by Fr. Arul Carasala. Godparents are Daniel and Brenda Seger. May God's continued blessings be on Charlie, his parents and godparents.

## The Nativity of the Lord and Solemnity of Mary

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 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 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day

7:00 AM - Fr. Bob & Cantor

9:00 AM - Fr. Arul & Cantor

### 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

Father Arul will be leaving on Christmas Day for a well-deserved visit with his family in India. May the Blessings of Christmas and the New Year go with him.

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Ron Livojevich and a sincere "thank you" for taking Fr Arul's place in his absence.

Fr Ron has announced the following scheduling changes extending from Mon December 26 to Fri February 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 26 to Jan 1st

### The Nativity of the Lord

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec 26 – St Stephen</b> 7:00 AM – No Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 27 - St John</b> 6:00 PM – Communion Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b> 8:00 AM – Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec 29 – 5<sup>th</sup> day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b> 6:00 PM – Rita C Holthaus & Josephine Stallbaumer (Anniv)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec 30 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> 8:00 AM – L/D Al & Erma Robke Family & Giles Kohake (Anniv)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 31 – 7<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b> 7:30 AM – Jackie Olberding (Anniv) & Int of Robert & Leona Olberding (63 <sup>rd</sup> Wed Ann.) 4:00 PM – Erma Osterhaus (Anniv)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 1– Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b> 7:00 AM - For our Parish 9:00 AM – Lawrence Boeckman (Anniv) 11:00 AM – Joseph Niehues Jr (Anniv)



**Weekday Servers**      Thurs 6 PM, Fri 8 AM, Sat 7:30 AM -    Garrett Bennett & Peter Ganstrom

#### Servers - Saturday, Dec 31 & Sunday, Jan 1st

<b>4 PM</b>	<b>7AM</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>11 AM</b>
Laura Hammes	Charlie Bontrager	Anna Bartkoski	Jillian Stueve
Damon Koch	Sarah Hemman	Wade Leonard	Miles Stueve
Elliott Crabtree	Timothy Hemman	Wyatt Rusche	Mariana Hammes
Hilary Stallbaumer	Colby Schmelzle	Amelia Olberding	Cole Hermes

#### Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday, Dec 31 & Sunday, Jan 1st

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<b><u>4:00 PM</u></b>	Kristin Hammes *Gina Ronnebaum	Damian Enneking Mary Sack	Sara Kuckelman Julie Strathman	Adult Choir	Terry Nordhus
<b><u>7:00 AM</u></b>	Riley Bontrager *Dean Becker	Jim Runnebaum Leo Meyer	Myra Runnebaum Kim Bontrager	Stacy Rethman	Jan Rottinghaus
<b><u>9:00 AM</u></b>	Ainsley Nordhus *Todd Leonard	Sharon Haverkamp John Kohake	Abby Leonard Shania Schraad	Alan Lierz	Emily Altenhofen
<b><u>11:00 AM</u></b>	Ty Hermes	Lynda Cross	Colten Hammes	Alison Hermes	
	*Richard Gress	Aimee Rottinghaus	Cory Nolte		Deb Rethman

**ROSARY LEADERS:**    4:00 PM    Bob Niehues                      9:00 AM    Jim Henry



# Masses for Jan 2nd to Jan 8th

## Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



<b>Monday</b>	Jan 2 – Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen 7:00 AM – Communion Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jan 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus 6:00 PM – Communion Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jan 4 – St Elizabeth Ann Seton 8:00 AM – Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b>	Jan 5 – St John Neumann 6:00 PM – Bonnie Niehues Turner & John J Niehues
<b>Friday</b>	Jan 6 – St Andre Bessette 8:00 AM – Spiritual Society Members
<b>Saturday</b>	Jan 7 – St Raymond of Penyafort 7:30 AM – Sylvester Strathman & Olivia Engstrom 4:00 PM – Raymond Deters
<b>Sunday</b>	Jan 8 – The Epiphany of the Lord 7:00 AM - For our Parish 9:00 AM – Keith Strathman (Anniv) 11:00 AM – L/D Alvin & Armella Schmits Family

**Weekday Servers**    Thurs 6 PM, Sat 7:30 AM -    Leo Holthaus & Julie Rottinghaus  
                                       Fri 8 AM – SPPS Students

### Servers - Saturday, Jan 7 & Sunday Jan 8th

4 PM	7 AM	9AM	11 AM
Caitlyn Schmitz	Braden Bramhall	High School	Jaidyn Koehler
Allison Schmelzle	Ben Feldkamp	CCD	Landon Baker
Cassidy Rethman	Jacob Hundley		Lacie Young
Heather Suther	Keaton Rottinghaus		Taegan Duryea

### Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday, Jan 7 & Sunday Jan 8th

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Billy Mitchell *Jeanie Kramer	Kirby Schmelzle Bob Niehues	Jean Wassenberg Gina Ronnebaum	Katie Nordhus	Terry Nordhus
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Sydney Schmelzle *Steve Bennett	Leon Feldkamp Marilyn Nolte	Collin Feldkamp Camron Feldkamp		
<u>9:00 AM</u>		High School CCD		Childrens Choir	Owen Zinke
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Jim Lueger *Michelle Fangman	Amy Duryea Aaron Duryea	Carrie Young Cara Baker	Greg & Anna Kohake	Janet Kramer

**ROSARY LEADERS:**    4:00 PM    Eunice Winkler                      9:00 AM    Dennis Henry



## *A Blessing for Families*



*God of great mercy, you who sent your Son Jesus into a human family like ours – not a palace, or a military institution, or a temple, but a home – help us as we create a fragile peace, a place to nurture the young with tenderness, the elderly with love and care and a place to live in reverence for your name. Bless all who do this difficult work of parenting. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*





We are including all the ministry for New Year's Weekend to January 7-8 in today's Bulletin. Due to the Christmas/New Years holidays, the next Bulletin you will receive will be on the weekend of January 7-8.


Please Note: Mass times and dates of Intentions may have changed due to the elimination of Tuesday & Wednesday Masses in January. Please check Bulletin Mass schedules for correct times and changes.

*Thank you to everyone* who donated flowers and poinsettias for the altars for Christmas. Thank you also to all who decorated the Church so beautifully. Our Infant Jesus must be very pleased!

The Adult Choir will have no practice on December 27 or January 3.

 Children's choir practice will be on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Childrens Choir will sing on Sunday, January 8 at 9:00 Mass. Childrens Choir is for grades 3-8. New members are welcome.

 The SPPS PTO Christmas Wish List Event for the teachers will extend to the New Years holiday weekend. If you would like to donate monetarily or from the list (on SPP Church website), please place your donation in the Sunday collection, with memo labeled Teachers Wish List. Thank you for your continued support! Merry Christmas!!

 The Knights of Columbus Soup Luncheon will be held Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come enjoy a variety of hot soups, sandwiches, and desserts.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will also be held on Sunday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the SPPS Gym. All boys and girls ages 9-14 are eligible to participate.

School Council Breakfast will be held Sun January 15 from 6:00 to 1:30.

The Altar Society Breakfast will be held Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

Church	Plate	\$	870.09
	Envelope	\$	6,507.00
School		\$	355.00
Sol of Mary		\$	10.00
Flowers		\$	170.00
Christmas		\$	10.00
Leaven		\$	18.00
TOTAL	Thank You!!	\$	7,940.09

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sun Jan 8 - K of C Soup Luncheon 10-2  
Sun Jan 8 - K of C Free Throw Contest 1:00 PM  
Sun Jan 15 - School Council Breakfast 6:00 - 1:30  
Sun Jan 29 - Altar Society Breakfast  
Sun Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - Boy Scout Breakfast  
Sat Feb 18<sup>th</sup> - Trivia Night

## SPPS SCHOOL NEWS:

Tue Jan 3 - Classes resume 8:00 AM  
Tue Jan 3 - No bus service today

## CCD NEWS:

Wed Jan 4 - Classes Resume 6:45 PM . Monitors are Doug & Monae Schmelzle and Terry & Angie Stueve.

By now you should have received your Christmas gift from Fr Arul, the book, Resisting Happiness, along with Fr's Christmas letter. Several packages came back to the office without a name. 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.

Evening with an Attorney - You are invited to an estate planning seminar on Tues January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Nick Puckett from Brown & Vogel will be on hand to talk about protecting your assets, business succession plans and pitfalls people make when planning their estates. Snacks & drinks start at 6:30. Contact Kirby Schmelzle with questions: 785-213-5787.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of KCKS is the Special Collection for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. There were two inserts in last week's Bulletin for Catholic Charities showing the work they have done in our own area. Help them by placing your check in the Sunday Collection marked "Catholic Charities" in the memo.



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 28<sup>th</sup> & 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](mailto:kdschmitz@bbwi.net).





# Mass Intentions for First Friday, January 6, 2017

## Sts. Peter & Paul Spiritual Society



Adams, Jason  
Allen, Vaden  
Bennett, Bob & Lou  
Bennett, Eugene  
Bentsen, Jack & Leona  
Berkley, Dr. Norman  
Block, Francis & Marcella  
Boden, Nick  
Boeckman, Lawrence  
Boeding, Norbert  
& RoseZella  
Brinker, Elmer & Luella  
Broderick, Gerald & Rita \*\*  
Broxterman, Gilbert  
Buessing, Elmer  
Buessing, Joe & Margaret  
Buessing, Vince & Tillie  
Burdiek, Gerald & Evelyn  
Callaghan, Everett  
Carasala, Balaswamy  
Carlson, Megan \*\*  
Cohorst, Bernard & Cecilia  
Cronin, Linda (Olberding)  
Cross, Raymond & Thelma  
Dalinghaus, Ben  
Dalsing, Mary  
Deters, David  
Deters, Ferdinand & Rose  
Deters, Francis S.  
Deters, Sally  
Ehrsam, Charles \*\*  
Ehrsam, Willis "Willie" \*\*  
Eisenbarth, Daniel "Izzy" \*\*  
Engelken, Aloy "Wishy"  
Engelken, John R  
Engelken, Leander  
Feldkamp, Annette  
Feldkamp, Ben & Katherine  
Feldkamp, Kevin  
Feldkamp, Leander & Esther  
Feldkamp, Lloyd  
Glissman, Julie  
Gress, Charlie  
Gress, Norbert & Maleta  
Grollmes, Leona  
Grollmes, Louis  
Gudenkauf, Arlene  
Gudenkauf, Tony & Celesta  
Gudenkauf, Ray & Florence \*\*  
Harland, Francis & Rosemary

Haug, Omer & Lucille  
Haug, Ronald "George"  
Haug, Urban  
Haverkamp, Bob  
Haverkamp, George & Evelyn  
Haverkamp, Lillis  
Haverkamp, Melvin H.  
Heiman, Norbert & Theresa  
Heiman, Regis  
Heinen, Albert & Rita \*\*  
Heinen, John & Anna  
Heinen, Joseph & Aurelia \*\*  
Heinen, Lawrence  
Heinen, Raymond & Aurelia  
Heintzelman, Charles  
Heintzelman, Jim & Pat  
Heintzelman, John & Frances  
Hermesch, Ben  
Hermesch, Fred  
Hermesch, Galen  
Hermesch, Jerry  
Hermesch, Raymond  
Hermesch, William & Helen  
Holthaus, Adolph & Esther  
Holthaus, Beryl Ann  
Holthaus, Carl & Rosemary  
Holthaus, Clifford  
Holthaus, Daniel  
Holthaus, Ed & Agnes  
Holthaus, Geraldine  
Holthaus, Henry & Vera  
Holthaus, Rita (Mrs. George)  
Hood, Carol  
Hulsing, Donna Zoe  
Hulsing, Tony & Florence  
Huninghake, Barb  
Huninghake, Ray  
Huninghake, Richard F.  
Hunninghake, Lester  
Hutfles, Clarence  
Jeanneret, Wilbur \*\*  
Koch, Joseph & Carmelita  
Koehler, James  
Koelzer, Allie & Irene  
Koelzer, Eileen  
Koelzer, Elmer  
Koelzer, Jean  
Koelzer, Melvin \*\*  
Kohake, Albert

Kohake, Andrew  
Kohake, Dan & Mary  
Kohake, Grace M.  
Kohake, Joe & Margaret  
Kohake, Vincent & Eleanor  
Kokenge, Francis  
Kokenge, John & Annie  
Kokenge, John W.  
Kokenge, Shirley  
Korte, Ray & Theresa  
Korte, Ty  
Kramer, Daniel L.  
Kramer, Donald F.  
Kramer, Eugene H.  
Kuckelman, Thomas G.  
Kuckelman, William Bill \*\*  
Lackey, David  
Lackey, Galen  
Lackey, Hubert  
Lang, Paul  
Lauer, Chris  
Lauer, Cyril & Geneva  
Lauer, Dave  
Lehmkuhl, Kenny & Tiny  
Lierz, Matt & Mary  
Love, Gary  
Love, Joe & Edna "Eddy"  
Luckeroth, Amber  
Luckeroth, Don  
Luckeroth, Donna  
Luckeroth, Jim  
Luckeroth, Josiah "Joe"  
Lueb, Jan  
Luebbe, Rosemary  
Lueger, Alvin & Leona  
Lueger, Stephen  
Macke, Henry  
McGinty, Jim  
McGinty, Trish  
Miller, Dale  
Mission Center - Deceased  
Workers  
Mohlman, Joseph & Charlene  
Mueting, John & Clara  
Mueting, Leo & Marie  
Niehues, Loretta  
Niehues, Robert Sr. & Mary  
Niekamp, Cecilia  
Nolte, Jason





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### Sts. Peter & Paul Spiritual Society



Nordhus, Jane  
Nordhus, Sylvester "Pat"  
Nordhus, Tim  
Olberding, Jackie \*\*  
Olberding, Lawrence & Martha  
Olberding, Raymond F.  
Olberding, Ryan  
Olberding, Victor  
Osterhaus, Bobbi (Leon)  
Osterhaus, Leonard  
Osterhaus, Paul & Erma  
Osterhaus, Steven  
Petersen, Dorothy \*\*  
Pultz, Paul  
Quinlan, Wilfred \*\*  
Reinecke, Clarence "Mike"  
Rennenger, Jake & Minnie  
Renyer, Joe & Cecelia  
Rethman, Norman  
Robke, Erma  
Roeder, Dorothy  
Roeder, Melvin & Angela  
Ronnebaum, Albert & Ann  
Ronnebaum, Eleanor  
Ronnebaum, Joe & Emma  
Ronnebaum, Melvin "Butch"  
Ronnebaum, Werner & Lorena  
Rottinghaus, Frank & Emma  
Rottinghaus, Frank & Marie  
Rottinghaus, John I & Ethel  
Runnebaum, Henry & Alma  
Runnebaum, Vernice  
Sack, John & Edna  
Schiffbauer, Ralph  
Schmelzle, Eugene "Gene"  
Schmelzle, Geri  
Schmelzle, Gilbert  
Schmelzle, Mary  
Schmidt, Jim  
Schmidt, Lawrence & Adrianna  
Schmidt, Thomas  
Schmits, Alvin "Butch"  
Schmitz, Elaine \*\*  
Schulte, Jerry & Rita  
Schurman, Ethel  
Schurman, John & Rose  
Schurman, Lawrence & Nora  
Scragg, Barrett  
Sedlacek, Bernadine

Siess, Jeremy  
Skoch, Sylvester  
Sperfslage, Don  
Stallbaumer, Cyril & Frances  
Stallbaumer, Gene & Aurelia  
Stallbaumer, Gilbert & Teresa \*\*  
Stallbaumer, Hubert  
Stallbaumer, Marcena  
Stallbaumer, Norbert & Marie  
Strathman, Keith  
Strathman, Sylvester  
Studer, Ralph & Margaret  
Suther, Elmer \*\*  
Tangeman, Julius & Bertha  
Taylor, Kenneth "Butch"  
Teeter, Charles  
Tomlinson, Helen (Lang)  
Turner, Bonita Niehues  
Weber, Elizabeth  
Wempe, Christopher  
Wempe, Paul Richard  
Wende, Ray & Rita  
Wessel, Frank  
White, Mary Jo  
Wichman, Charles & Grace  
Wichman, Henry & Anna  
Wiers, Vern  
Wilhelm, Steve  
Winkler, Don & Lucille \*\*  
Winkler, Linus & Lucille \*\*

#### Just a Note:

*\*\*Those members due to be renewed THIS coming month (January) are signified by \*\* behind their name. Please renew at the Parish Office, or place the payment in the Sunday Collection, or send payment to SPP Parish Office at 411 Pioneer, Seneca, KS 66538.*

*The cost of renewal is \$50.00 per person for the 12 Masses per year.*

#### Spiritual Society Benefits:

*Spiritual Society Members have 12 Masses said for them each year, one on every First Friday of each month. The Rosary is also said for all Members before daily Mass from Monday through Saturday each week (24 rosaries each month).*

*We apologize if anyone has been inadvertently missed. If so, please call the parish office. (336-2128)*



# Gifts THAT KEEP ON GIVING

We've just wrapped up a season focused on the accumulation of presents under a tree. Chances are, you found at least one person on your list impossible to shop for—they already have everything! As you contemplate gift giving in the coming year, consider rethinking the whole proposition. What if giving gifts could be an expression of our love for Christ present in others? Here are a few ideas:

**Donate to microfinancing organizations in honor of a loved one.** Organizations such as Kiva and Opportunity International allow people to fund a portion of a loan for a person or nonprofit in the developing world—or even for people in need within the United States. These loans are used by the recipients to help create an income-sustaining business. When the loans are repaid, the funds can be returned to the investor or reinvested in another loan.

**Purchase “fair trade.”** In many cases, the low prices we enjoy for goods are achieved at the expense of living wage and safe working conditions for workers in factories overseas. Businesses that offer fair trade goods are guaranteeing that the items, whether food, clothing, or skin care or household items, were made while offering the workers just compensation. Often, they facilitate better living, working, and social conditions for the artisans. Some local stores carry fair trade items, or look online at sites such as Fair Trade USA or [Servv.org](http://Servv.org).

**Homemade “acts of service” coupon books.** This is an especially good idea for children, who have limited funds but unlimited love, but it's a great way for adults in a household to refocus on the primary relationship in the family, too. Coupons can be for help around the house, a hug, a promise to stop fighting with a sibling, and so on. Adults can include

items as simple as an electronics-free evening of chatting on the deck. If you need inspiration, Pinterest offers many ideas both for physical format and for content, but this doesn't need to be complicated or fancy. The thought—and the follow-through—is what counts.

**Donate to a charity in the name of a loved one.**

**Give the gift of child care for a date night or weekend away for friends or family members.**

**Wrap up a sheaf of blank paper for an elderly family member.** This serves as a promise to write one letter every week or month for the coming year.





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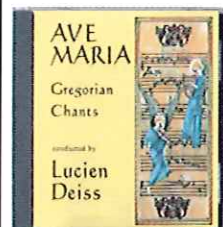
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