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

Weddings: Six months advance notice

Baptisms: By appointment

December 8th, 2013

Advent Penance Schedule

12/08 @ 3:00 PM	Corning
12/08 @ 7:00 PM	Wetmore
12/08 @ 7:00 PM	Onaga
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
<i>*12/22 @ 3:00 PM*</i>	<i>**Seneca**</i>
12/22 @ 7:00 PM	Marysville
12/22 @ 7:00 PM	St. Benedict
<i>Have mercy on us! Forgive our sins O Lord!</i>	

The SPPS PTO is proud to host the 1st Annual Teacher Christmas Wish List Event! If anyone would like to participate there is an insert in this week's bulletin providing further details about the event and the wish list. The wish list contains the current needs/wants in each teacher's classroom as well as needs school-wide. We hope the event provides a fun & beneficial way for school families & the parish community to say "Thank You!" for all that the teachers do throughout the year. Thank you for your consideration in donating to this wonderful project!

The collection for Religious Retirement is this weekend. Their sacrifices over many decades now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and elder care. Your gift to the Religious Retirement Fund provides vital funding for prescription medications, nursing care, and more. *Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*

The HS Choir & Members of the Jr. CCD Class will be singing & participating at the 9 AM Mass this Sunday.

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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

A Breakfast Buffet will be held this Sunday, from 9 AM - 1 PM, at the Summerfield Community Center. Serving biscuits & gravy, bacon, sausage, pancakes, cheesy potatoes, scrambled eggs, pastries, coffee and juice. Free will offering. All proceeds will go toward the new café project in Summerfield.



The K-8th grade CCD classes will be presenting their Christmas program, "A Living Nativity", in the church, this Sunday evening at 7 PM. *Everyone is invited!* Refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the program.



The 17th Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Vigil for the Compassionate Friends will be held this Sunday. Everyone is invited to light a candle in their home from 7-8 PM, in memory of all children who have died, but are not forgotten. Please remember those families that have experienced such a devastating loss that evening in your prayers and honor their children by lighting a candle in their memory. The Seneca Chapter of Compassionate Friends is also planning their own candle lighting that evening and welcomes anyone that has suffered the loss of a child to join them. For more info. about the event, (for location if you plan to attend), or the Seneca Chapter, please contact Gloria Knight, 336-3691.

The 2013 Axtell Ecumenical Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, December 8th, at the Axtell Methodist Church, beginning at 7:30 PM. This year's cantata will be "The Wonderous Story", directed by Stan Murphy.



The 24th annual National Night of Prayer will take place in the Adoration Chapel from 9 PM, Sunday, December 8th, to 1 AM, Monday, December 9th. One important feature of the Night of Prayer is the Hour of Unity at 11 PM. Please join us as we pray to our Lord for our country and enkindle in us a new love and respect for God's greatest gift - Life!

FYI - There will be Mass on Monday, December 9th, at 7 AM, in the church. A Communion Service will be held on Tuesday, December 10th, at 7 AM, in church also.



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is on Sunday, December 8th. The feast day will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th. This is not a holy day of obligation.

Make-Up Basketball Game - Monday, December 9th, at SPPS with Frankfort, beginning at 4 PM.



Adult Choir practice Tuesday, December 10th, at 7 PM, in the church.

Knights of Columbus monthly meeting Tuesday, December 10th, at 8 PM, at the K of C hall.

NO bus service for SPPS students on Wednesday, December 11th. The Bern bus will run.



The SPPS Christmas Program is Wednesday, December 11th, at 7 PM, in the new gym. A dress rehearsal will be held that afternoon at 1 PM. Everyone is welcome!

FYI - NO CCD classes until Wednesday, January 8th. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

SPPS Basketball here with Doniphan West, Thursday, December 12th, beginning at 4 PM

The Mission Center monthly meeting will be Friday, December 13th at 10 AM, in the educational mtg. room.

The SPPS Council is busy preparing for their annual Pancake Breakfast to be held Sunday, December 29th. Local merchants are being contacted for donations for the raffle drawing which helps to increase monetary support to the students of SPPS. To donate an item, please contact the school office, 336-2727, before Friday, December 13th, so it can be listed in the chance books. Thank you for your support to SPPS!

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 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 12-1-13: Weekly Budget \$15,000

12-1-13 (Electronic Fund Transfer)	Envelopes	\$ 7,505.00
	EFT's	\$ 10,102.00
	Plate	\$ 502.61
School (Electronic Fund Transfer)		\$ 2,777.00
		\$ 380.00
Thanksgiving		\$ 816.50
Christmas		\$ 75.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 60.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$ 55.00
Flowers		\$ 25.00
Church Renovation		\$ 405.33
Total	<i>Thank you!</i>	\$ 21,886.94

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" - Many Thanks to all who donated so generously to the Philippine Hurricane Relief, with your help a total of \$8,431.87 was collected. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Sts. Peter & Paul cantors, choirs, & organists will perform a free Christmas Concert Sunday, December 15th, 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-alongs of some of the traditional Christmas songs. Please join us & take some time to enjoy the many beautiful sounds of Christmas!

If you would like to donate a poinsettia to the church in memory of a loved one during the Christmas season please order from the Seneca Florist, 336-6186, by Monday, December 16th.

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.

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.

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.

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.