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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 11th, 2016



Our week begins with Gaudete Sunday.

Guadete means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of today's Entrance

Antiphon. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul. "The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, as are the vestments used at the Eucharist. The readings & Gospels prepare us for Jesus' coming. Prepare our hearts, O Lord!



The Memory Tree still needs your family

names. Sponsored by the SPPS PTO, this is a meaningful way to remember your loved ones who are unable to be with you during the Holidays. 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.



Preparations for Los Posadas are all in

place. It will begin Friday night, Dec. 16 at 6:30 in SPP Church. Please see today's

Bulletin insert for a detailed explanation of this event. It is a beautiful and fun way to prepare for the coming of the Christ-child and to ask yourself, "Am I ready for Him to enter my home/my heart?" Everyone is welcome to join in the festival and the treats!



"The Sounds of Christmas" Concert will

be held on Sunday December 18 at 1:00 PM in our Church. This concert displays the

amazing talents of our Church musicians in individual performances, adult choir, children's choir, high school choirs and the K of C choir. Show your appreciation for their hard work each Sunday by coming to their concert.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 11th (today)

3:00 PM - Baileyville & Marysville

7:00 PM - Axtell & Frankfort

Sunday, December 18th

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

ONE MORE DAY to fill the baskets for the needy.

This is the SPPS Advent Project and we are still needing new bath towels, kitchen towels, dish cloths, pillows, blankets, and monetary donations to purchase grocery cards for needy families. Gifts still needed from the small tree: Pampers size 3 & 5 & 3T-4T pull-ups. Please turn all items into the Parish Office by December 12th.

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 of our teachers and school. Have a Merry Christmas!!



Masses for Dec 12 to Dec 18th

3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday	Dec 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	Dec 13 - St Lucy 11:00 AM – LifeCare – Fr Ed Oen 6:00 PM – L/D K of C Members
Wednesday	Dec 14 – St John of the Cross 8:00 AM – Daniel Holthaus 10:00 AM – Crestview – Ferdie Niehues
Thursday	Dec 15 – 3rd Thursday of Advent 7:00 AM – David Deters
Friday	Dec 16 – 3rd Friday of Advent 8:00 AM – Norbert Gress
Saturday	Dec 17 – 3rd Saturday of Advent 7:30 AM – Galen Lackey (Anniv) 4:00 PM – Steve Wilhelm
Sunday	Dec 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent 7:00 AM - For our Parish 9:00 AM – Ralph Schiffbauer 11:00 AM - Melvin H Haverkamp (Anniv)



Weekday Servers **Tues 6 PM, Thurs 7 AM, Sat 7:30 AM -** Samantha Nordhus & Hailey Wurtz
 Wed 8 AM, Fri 8 AM – SPPS Students

Servers - Saturday, Dec 17 & Sunday Dec 18th

4 PM	7 AM	9 AM	11 AM
Peter Ganstrom	Keaton Rottinghaus	Matthew Hammes	Landen Baker
Caitlyn Schmitz	Cooper Kramer	Joshua Hammes	Julie Rottinghaus
Allison Schmelzle	Zach Kramer	Ashley M Hammes	Heather Suther
Cassidy Rethman	Colby Schmelzle	Isabella Hammes	Leo Holthaus

Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday, Dec 17 & Sunday Dec 18th

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Billy Mitchell *Megan Olberding	Paul Boeding Kirby Schmelzle	Marilyn Boeding Jean Wassenberg	Nordhus Girls	Terry Nordhus
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Sydney Schmelzle *Steve Bennett	Jim Runnebaum Myra Runnebaum	Jana Kramer Jordan Peterson	Stacy Rethman	Jan Rottinghaus
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Tami Haverkamp *Galen Niehues	Shelly Schmelzle Susan Stallbaumer	Hanna Hammes Maggie Hammes	Adult Choir	Owen Zinke
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Shannon Holthaus *Michelle Fangman	Cara Baker Alec Suther	Rhonda Sperfslage Mark Sperfslage	Kale Rottinghaus	

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



The 20th Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Vigil for Compassionate Friends will be held this Sunday Dec 11th. 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! The Seneca Chapter of Compassionate Friends is planning their own Candle Lighting that evening, Dec 11 at the Cornerstone CoffeeHaus, 431 Main St. Anyone who lost a child is welcome to join in that evening. If planning to attend, or more info, please call 336-3691.



The Adult Choir will continue to have practices each Tuesday evening at 7 PM in Church until Christmas. Everyone welcome!



Poinsettia Notice: Anyone wishing to donate a plant to the Church for Christmas in memory of a loved one, call the Seneca Florist at 336-6186 before Dec. 15.

CONTRIBUTIONS for week of 11/14/16 to 11/20/16:
Weekly Budget is \$15,000.00

Church	Plate	\$	1,014.00
	Envelope	\$	7,577.00
School		\$	3,785.00
Thanksgiving		\$	25.00
Leaven		\$	21.00
Sol of Mary		\$	5.00
Flowers		\$	65.00
Christmas		\$	160.00
Immac Concep		\$	145.00
TOTAL	Thank You!!	\$	12,797.00

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Fri Dec 16 - Los Posadas begins in Church
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 14 - Christmas Program 7:00 PM
Thu Dec 15 - BB with Onaga at Home 4:00 PM
Wed Dec 21 - End of 1st Semester - 12:35 Dismissal
Dec 22-Jan 2 - Christmas break
Tue Jan 3 - Classes resume

CCD NEWS:

Wed Dec 14- Christmas Parties K-8 & Caroling for HS
Wed Jan 4 - Classes Resume

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.



Communion to the Sick and Home Bound:
Please call John & Diane Mulryan at 336-3320.

If you ordered an Evangelize T-Shirt, they are available in the Parish office. Please pick yours up.

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.

AREA EVENTS:

**Ecumenical Cantata at Axtell Methodist Church tonight, December 11 at 7:30 pm. The Choir will be performing "A Candlelight Christmas" directed by Stan Murphy, accompanied by Lisa Broxterman. A Living Nativity scene will be on the Church's lawn 5:30 to 7:30.

**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.

ARCHDIOCESE NOTES:

**iCare Mass, Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, Sat. Dec 17th, 6 pm, Mass with a Living Nativity. Social with Santa & refreshments. Adapted liturgies for persons of all ages with development disabilities. www.icarenek.org.

**Quo Vadis Retreat, Dec 17-19 for single men age 18-35 who would like to attend dynamic talks, a seminarian panel for questions and answers, Mass and lunch, reflections with Archbishop Naumann, recreational time. Email vocation@archkck.org.

**New Archdiocese Special Needs Ministry to serve people with disabilities, their families and caregivers is being led by Tom Racunas of Arch KCKS. Call or email Tom at 913-647-3054 or tracunas@archkck.org for any special needs support.

**God's Little Green Acre - a way of helping our Seminarians with living expenses, textbooks, etc.. Call 913-647-0303. Mail donation to ArchKCK Vocation Office, 12615 Parallel, KC, KS 66109.

**Resolve, Renew, Rejoice Womens Retreat at Christ the King, Topeka, KS, Jan 14. To learn more, visit Hallie at HallieLord.com.

**SOS (Support our Seminarians) Benefit Dinner supports all seminarians in Arch KCKS and KC-St. Joe Diocese Friday, January 27th. For reservations, call Martha Hodes 913-207-9893 or mmmhs0512@gmail.com.



Join us for “Las Posadas”

Traditionally, **Las Posadas**, (“The Inns”) is a religious festival celebrated in Mexico between December 16 and 24.

Las posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in

search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus. When they were unable to find lodging in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary were forced to seek shelter in a stable, where the Christ child was born.

Las Posadas is celebrated in cities and towns across Mexico. Each evening during the festival, a small child dressed as an angel leads a procession through the streets of the town. The procession carries lit candles and images of Mary and Joseph riding a donkey. Adults, including musicians, follow the procession, which visits selected homes and asks for lodging for Joseph and Mary. Traditionally, the procession is always refused lodging, though the hosts often provide refreshments. At each stop, passages of scripture are read and Christmas carols are sung.

This will be our second year of “Las Posadas” at Sts. Peter and Paul. **All parishioners and students are invited to attend.** Bring your own candle (or flashlights) and children may dress in biblical costumes (shepherds, angels, Mary, Joseph, etc.). You can attend as few or as many nights as you would like.

Las Posadas will begin the first night on December 16th at 6:30 in the church with songs and reciting the Rosary. We will then process to the first house while singing and carrying candles. We will be denied entry into the first “Inn” but will eventually be welcomed in and offered snacks and simple treats for the kids. All other nights will follow just as the first night. Las Posadas will continue from December 16th – 23rd. ALL are welcome to attend. It is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus.

Friday Dec 16th (6:30)

Start at the church and go to Father Arul's House

Saturday Dec 17th (6:30)

Start at Father Arul's and go to Patty Herrera's (3rd and Amador)

Sunday Dec 18th (6:30)

Start at Patty Herrera's and go to Aimee Rottinghaus' (505 Amador)

Monday Dec 19th (6:30)

Start at Aimee Rottinghaus' and go to Tami Haverkamp's (908 Amador).

Tuesday Dec 20th (6:30)

Start at Tami Haverkamp's and go to Emily Altenhofen's (903 Amador).

Wednesday Dec 21st (6:30)

Start at Emily Altenhofen's and go to Sue Haug's (213 North 5th).

Thursday Dec 22nd (6:30)

Start at Sue Haug's and go to Molly Strathman's (501 Pioneer)

Friday Dec 23rd (6:30)

Start at Molly Strathman's and go to the Parish Hall (SPPS cafeteria) for The Big Party.

If you would like to bring something for the "Great Day- THE BIG PARTY", please do so. It could be candies, cookies, cheesecake, hot chocolate, or any other snacks you would like. GRACIAS! Thank you so much!

**Saints Peter and Paul
2016 PTO Benefit Calendar
November Winners**

November 1, 2016	Sherry Ronnebaum	Axtell, KS
November 2, 2016	Gary Ruegge	Pawnee City, NE
November 3, 2016	Don Lueger	Seneca, KS
November 4, 2016	Michelle Kohake	Centralia, KS
November 5, 2016	Michael Zinke	Lenexa, KS
November 6, 2016	Sam Nordhus	Seneca, KS
November 7, 2016	Brooke Strathman	Baileyville, KS
November 8, 2016	Emily Olberding	Seneca, KS
November 9, 2016	Marlene Sinnott	Topeka KS
November 10, 2016	Colby Frehe	Seneca, KS
November 11, 2016	George Holthaus	Seneca, KS
November 12, 2016	Alan Julie Lierz	Seneca, KS
November 13, 2016	Bob Kohake	Baileyville, KS
November 14, 2016	Leo Theresa Meyer	Seneca, KS
November 15, 2016	Stacie Buessing	Axtell, KS
November 16, 2016	Dave Marilyn Carlson	Seneca, KS
November 17, 2016	Derrick Stacie Rodveldt	Horton, KS
November 18, 2016	Joshua Hammes	Seneca, KS
November 19, 2016	Margie Ryan	Jackson, Wy
November 20, 2016	Jim Jane Strathman	Seneca, KS
November 21, 2016	Mike Becker	Topeka, KS
November 22, 2016	Lisa Renner	Valley Center, KS
November 23, 2016	Easton Ty Weber	Topeka, KS
November 24, 2016	Vince Schmitz	St Benedict, KS
November 25, 2016	Dean Diane Becker	Seneca, KS
November 26, 2016	Jane Heinen	Seneca, KS
November 27, 2016	Betty Sudbeck	Seneca, KS
November 28, 2016	HSaron A Norwood	Kansas City, MO
November 29, 2016	Lois Boehmer	Bern, KS
November 30, 2016	Pat Luckeroth	Seneca, KS

Hundred Winner----- Eleanor Heideman-----Seneca, Kansas

\$500 Winner-----Diane (Mealy) Barber-----Overland Park, KS

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December Winners**

December 1, 2016	David Ronnebaum	Axtell, KS
December 2, 2016	Geraldine Beres	Gainesville, VA
December 3, 2016	Alex Riddell	Cameron, MO
December 4, 2016	Lynette Stuke	Seneca, KS
December 5, 2016	Dave Strathman	Axtell, KS
December 6, 2016	Kacie Steinlage	Seneca, KS
December 7, 2016	Jaci Ryan Riddell	Cameron, MO
December 8, 2016	Teresa Boeding	Seneca, KS
December 9, 2016	James V Huerter	Omaha, NE
December 10, 2016	Hannah Scott	St Benedict, KS
December 11, 2016	Roger Nancy Henry	Topeka, KS
December 12, 2016	Hadlee Burdick	Seneca, KS
December 13, 2016	Alda R Kelly	Dumfries, VA
December 14, 2016	Drew Steinlage	Seneca, KS
December 15, 2016	Lester Deters	Seneca, KS
December 16, 2016	Shirley Block	Leawood, KS
December 17, 2016	Alice Meyer	Baileyville, KS
December 18, 2016	Mrs Joan C Sack	Kansas City , MO
December 19, 2016	Matthew Hammes	Seneca, KS
December 20, 2016	Andy Molly Strathman	Seneca, KS
December 21, 2016	Lena McKinley	Seneca, KS
December 22, 2016	Jane Heinen	Seneca, KS
December 23, 2016	Mary Elaine Haug	Hiawatha, KS
December 24, 2016	Paul R Boeding	Seneca, KS
December 25, 2016	Eileen Kokenge	Seneca, KS
December 26, 2016	Sharon Haverkamp	Seneca KS
December 27, 2016	Angie Hammes	Seneca, KS
December 28, 2016	Jim Gudenkauf	Marysville, KS
December 29, 2016	Claire Buessing	Axtell, KS
December 30, 2016	Ann E Bahr	Wichita, KS
December 31, 2016	David Jan Rottinghaus	Seneca, KS

Hundred Winner-----Diane Barber-----Overland Park, Kansas

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