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Baptisms: By appointment

February 2nd, 2014

"Now that our celebration of National Catholic Schools Week has ended, Fr. Arul, Mr. Leonard, and all of the SPPS staff and students wish to thank the families, parishioners and friends who helped make our week so special. We appreciate the time you spent learning about the community of faith, knowledge, and service, that Sts. Peter & Paul School provides for our students and our parish."

FYI - For anyone that would like candles blessed, Fr. Ron will bless them at 9 AM Mass this Sunday. A table will be provided for you to place them on at the front of church. Also this Sunday, Fr. Ron will have a blessing of the throats, from the altar, for all those attending Sunday masses to celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise. There will be individual throat blessings on Friday, February 7th, at the 8 AM school mass.

Congratulations to Tom Mueting, the SPPS 2014 Distinguished Graduate, who was honored at the 9 AM Mass last weekend.

The Seneca Boy Scouts Troop #71 annual Pancake Breakfast is this Sunday, (Boy Scout Sunday), in the parish hall, serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee & juice, from 7 AM - 12:30 PM. Free will offering. The Scouts will be celebrating their 104th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Centralia Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast is this Sunday, from 7 AM - 1 PM, at the Centralia Community Center. Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, orange juice and coffee. Free will offering. Proceeds going to fire fighting equipment and fire station improvements.

St. Mary's Church, St. Benedict annual <u>Soup</u> Day is this Sunday, in their parish hall from 11 AM to 2 PM, serving chili, vegetable beef, & chicken noodle soup, relishes & pie. Free will offering.

Presentation of the Lord

The response of our parishioners to this year's Archbishop's Call to Share helps fund over 40 ministries of the Archdiocese, serving parishes and individuals all over NE Kansas. Please give prayerful consideration to how you can respond as Jesus' disciple by filling out your pledge card and returning it to the collection next weekend.

Adult Choir practice Tuesday, February 4th, at 7 PM in the church.

OTL Basketball Tournament, at Onaga, continues Monday, February 3rd and finishes up on Thursday, February 6th.

-Religious Wednesday, February 5th, K-8th students meet at 6:45 PM in the parish Education hall. HS meet at 7 PM. Monitors this week:

Fred & Linda Halvorsen and Eugene & Rhonda Sperfslage. Parents, please inform your child's teacher if unable to attend.

Camp Kateri/Tekakwitha registration continues February 5th, (for 7th & 8th gr.) and February 12th, (for 5th & 6th gr.). This camp offers both recreational and spiritual experiences including: horseback riding, hiking, canoeing, Catholic prayer experiences, Bible studies, Mass and many more activities. Campers that attend are always excited to return again! Scholarships available through both the church and Archdiocese. Don't let the cost keep your child away from this great experience. The deadline to sign up for scholarships with the Archdiocese is Sunday, January 20th. For registration forms, or more info., please call Susan, 336-2685.

HS Choir will practice on Wednesday, February 5th, at 8 PM in church. They will sing at the 9 Youth AM Mass on Sunday, February 9th.

<u>Contribution statements</u> for 2013 will be mailed to any family who requests one. If you'd like to receive your statement, please call the parish office at 336-2128.

NEEDED - Volunteers are still needed for taking communion to the homebound & nursing homes. If you would like to volunteer please call John & Diane Mulryan, 336-3320.

<u>Is the Lord calling you to one hour of prayer</u> <u>weekly?</u> 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, if willing to help.

Contributions for 1-26-14: Weekly Budget \$15,000

1-26-14	Envelopes	\$ 5,855.00
(Electronic Fund Transfer)	EFT's	\$ 0.00
	Plate	\$ 465.14
School		\$ 1,335.00
(Electronic Fund Transfer)		\$ 700.00
First Offering		\$ 7.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$ 5.00
Total	Thank you!	\$ 7,667.14

Electronic Fund Transfer: Please participate in EFT and save money for the parish. To participate please contact the parish office, 336-2128.

The St. Ann's Altar Society wishes to <u>thank</u> all who attended their annual Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. <u>Thanks</u> also to those who donated items and to all who worked at the breakfast. With your help and support the breakfast was a great success!

<u>Special Thanks</u> to the volunteers who helped erect and dismantle the scaffolding in the church to remove the speakers and install lights. Your help was greatly appreciated!

A Special "<u>Thank You"</u> to Sts. Peter & Paul School for selecting me as the distinguished graduate for 2014. It was a great honor for me!

Tom Mueting

UPCOMING EVENTS

A <u>Breakfast Buffet</u> will be held Sunday, February 9th, from 9 AM - 1 PM, at the Summerfield Community Center, serving biscuits & gravy, bacon, sausage, pancakes, cheesy potatoes, scrambled eggs, homemade pastries, coffee and juice. Free will offering. All proceeds will go toward the new café project in Summerfield. Raffle tickets will be sold for up to \$27,000 worth in prizes, including a 2014 Polaris Ranger! Everyone welcome!

Knights of Columbus $\underline{monthly\ meeting}$ Tuesday, February 11th, at 8 PM, at the K of C Hall.

NV Booster Club <u>Soup Supper</u>, Friday, February 14th, serving chili & vegetable beef soups, relishes, dessert, & drinks, from 4:30 - 7 PM, in the NVHS Commons Area. Adults, \$6, children (6th gr. & under) \$4.

The 2014 <u>Baileyville Benefit</u> is for Madelyn McCarthy, 15 mth. old daughter of Joe & Megan (Feldkamp) McCarthy; Calin Strahm, 4 yr. old son of Kevin & Trudy (Terpening) Strahm and Molly Motto, 4 mth. old daughter of Rob & Marsha (Bloom) Motto. The benefit is scheduled for February 22nd & 23rd at the Baileyville High School with the auction to start at 6 PM on Sunday. If you'd like to donate your time, e-mail Diane, <u>kdschmitz@bbwi.net</u>. Donations of food (i.e. pies, cinnamon rolls, cookies, etc.) can be brought to the concession stand Saturday morning to sell throughout the tournament. Donations for the chance stand, auction or wheel are also very much welcome and appreciated. If you have any questions or items for donations, please contact Kenny Schmitz, 336-6252, or Danny Broxterman, 334-3913.

The SPPS PTO Adult Trivia Night will be held Saturday, February 22nd, from 7 - 11 PM, at the K of C Hall. Come enjoy a night of fun while testing your team's knowledge of trivia over a variety of categories, such as: Geography, History, Religion, Famous Persons, etc.... Each team consists of 8 people and the cost is \$200 per team to participate. The funds raised will be used to purchase a new math textbook series for grades K-8th, that align with the new Kansas State standards. To request a team registration packet please contact Jill Hammes, (785-294-1360), or Katie Nordhus (785-294-2145). Hope to see you there!!

"Suit Up" Put on the Whole Armor of God - Jr. High Rally 2014 - 7th & 8th graders are invited to Prairie Star Ranch, Sunday, February 23rd, from 10 AM - 4 PM. Join together with hundreds of kids from the region. The event will feature Popple, (Dan & Kyle). Get ready for a day of craziness & fun, mass, inspiring talks and music. Parent drivers & chaperones are needed. Please call Susan, 336-2685, to register before February 13th. Registration fee \$20.

Saint Blaise

Feast Day - February 3

Patron of Throat Ailments



O glorious Saint Blaise, who by thy martyrdom has left to the Church a precious witness to the faith, obtain for us the grace to preserve within ourselves this divine gift, and to defend, without human respect, both by word and example, the truth of that same faith, which is so wickedly attacked and slandered in these our times. Thou who didst miraculously cure a little child when it was at the point of death by reason of an affliction of the throat, grant us thy powerful protection in like misfortunes; and, above all, obtain for us the grace of Christian mortification together with a faithful observance of the precepts of the Church, which may keep us from offending Almighty God. Amen.