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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: Tues. 6:00 PM, Wed. & Fri.: 8:00 AM, Thurs. 7:00 AM

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

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

February 21, 2016

Lent 2016- Be merciful, as your Father is merciful.



Welcome back, Fr. Arul!! We hope you had a blessed time with your family and loved ones in your home country.

We are happy to see you back and safely home.



We say "Thank You" To Fr. Ron for taking Fr. Arul's place while he was gone. We always enjoy your time in our parish and

thank you for daily Mass and all other celebrations.

We continue to extend our Lenten message to others:

The parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15: 11-32 is a perfect example of Mercy. Pope Francis says that the father of the prodigal son was so quick to see his son returning from afar for a reason: he went out every day to watch for him. "This is our heavenly Father", says Pope Francis. "The God that waits for us. Always."

The Sacrament of Reconciliation highlights our Mission of Mercy. Confessions will be heard every Wednesday during Lent from 6-7 PM, and on Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30 PM.

An easy way to observe Lent is at our fingertips. The quiosks (bookshelves) in the Narthex and west entrance of Church are filled with books, pamphlets, CDs, & DVDs for Lenten reading, listening and viewing. Some Lenten items are "Why go back to Confession?", "I Thirst. The Crucifixion Story" by Titiana (CD), "How to Observe Lent as a Catholic", "Lent and the Saints", "The Catechism on The Church and the Forgiveness of Sins".

2nd Sunday of Lent

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

SPPS is taking pre-registrations for the following 2016-2017 Preschool classes:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4-5 year old AM & PM sessions

Tuesday/Thursday 3-4 year old AM & PM sessions.

For more information or to register, please call the school office at 336-2727.

Scholarships are available.

Sts Peter & Paul is committed to making Catholic Education available and affordable to all families.

Lenten Devotions:

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Every Thursday evening at 7 PM.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday afternoon at 2 PM.

Lenten Bulletin Insert: Lenten Reflection each week.

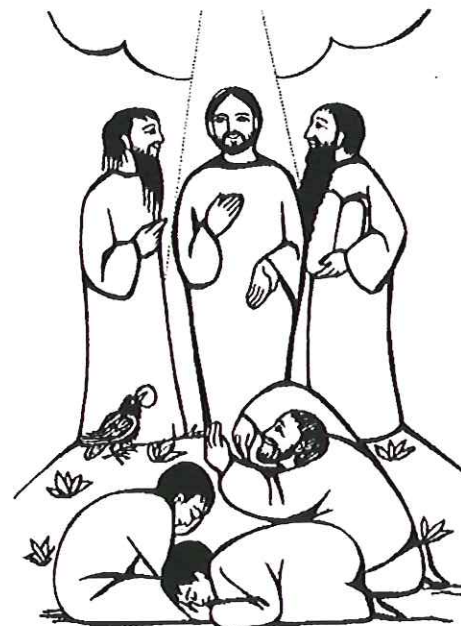
Catholic Media Arch KCK: *The Archdiocese* has made available a special Lenten Program which includes Daily Prayer and Reflection by the Apostles of the Interior Life. These prayers and reflections are exclusive to our Archdiocese and can be a helpful companion on your Lenten journey. Download "Catholic Media ArchKCK" from the iTunes, Google Play or Windows Phone stores.

Today we celebrate the Rite Of Election for our new Catechumens and Candidates: Anna Kohake, Thomas Scott, and John McGehee. We will have the Rite of Sending and blessing at 9:00 Mass in our Parish. They and their sponsors will then travel to St. Matthew's Church in Topeka today where they will be presented to the Church and to Archbishop Naumann and be formally accepted as Candidates into the Catholic Faith. Pray for these Candidates as they make this journey of Faith.



Masses for Feb 22 to Feb 28th 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday	Feb 22 – The Chair of St Peter the Apostle 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	Feb 23 - St Polycarp 11:00 AM – Life Care – Ron Steinlage 6:00 PM – David Deters
Wednesday	Feb 24 – 2nd Wednesday of Lent 8:00 AM – Kevin Feldkamp (Anniv) 9:30 AM – Crestview – Aurelia Heinen
Thursday	Feb 25 – 2nd Thursday of Lent 7:00 AM – Joseph Niehues Jr
Friday	Feb 26 – 2nd Friday of Lent 8:00 AM – L/D Mark & Rosalia Fangman Family
Saturday	Feb 27 – 2nd Saturday of Lent 7:30 AM – John Engelken 4:00 PM – L/D Cyril & Frances Stallbaumer Family
Sunday	Feb 28 – 3rd Sunday of Lent 7:00 AM - For our Parish 9:00 AM – Regis Tanking (Anniv) 11:00 AM – L/D Bill & Helen Hermes Family



Weekday Servers Tues 6 PM, Thurs 7 AM, Sat 7:30 AM - Charlie Bontrager & Amelia Olberding
 Wed 8 AM & Fri 8 AM – SPPS Students

<u>Sat 4:00 PM</u>	<u>Sun 7:00 AM</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Cassidy Rethman	Jessica Deters	Ainsley Nordhus	John Strathman
Andrew Henry	Wyatt Rusche	Trisha Peterson	Jaidyn Koehler
McKynsey Henry	Parker Wilhelm	Gavin Gudenkauf	Kinsey Scott
Jacob Hundley	Roland Voracek	Rachel Gudenkauf	Miles Stueve

Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday, Feb 20 & Sunday, Feb 21

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Katie Wassenberg *Bob Niehues	Mary Sack Donna Miller	Kyle Rethman Marilyn Ronnebaum	Barb Vitt	Deb Rethman
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Taylor Rusche *Joan Henry	Leo Meyer Rick Henry	Bryant Stallbaumer Collin Feldkamp		
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Ashley Carlson *Galen Niehues	Lori Burdick Todd Leonard	Josh Haverkamp Micah Meyer	K of C Choir	Terry Nordhus
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Leah Shinn *Richard Gress	Keith Haverkamp Patty Haverkamp	Margie Shinn Cory Nolte	Eileen Love	Emily Altenhofen

ROSARY LEADERS:

4:00 PM Bob Niehues

9:00 AM Alan Lierz



The Fifth Grade Class is once again having their Pancake Breakfast.

Where: SPPS Cafeteria. When: Friday, March 4th from 7:30 on. Why: To raise

money for the Nemaha County Food Bank. Free Will Donation. Come and support their cause.



Give the gift of Life. Seneca Community

Red Cross Blood Drive is on Friday, February 26 from 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM. For appointment, call 336-3360 or go to www.redcrossblood.org /SENECACOMM

Catholic Heart Work Camp -Denver, CO - A mandatory

meeting for campers and parents is scheduled for Sunday, March 6th at 1 PM at the SPPS Parish Hall. Campers will be filling out paperwork and will be getting started with the April 3rd Pork Chop Dinner fundraiser. Another payment will be due at this time. Please bring a front and back copy of your health insurance card. There is still room for students 8th grade thru college to go. Call 294-0927 if you have questions.

CONTRIBUTIONS for week of 2/8/16 to 2/14/16
Weekly Budget is \$15,000.

Church	Plate	\$ 1,677.00
	Envelope	\$ 6,586.00
School		\$ 2,058.33
Leaven		\$ 42.00
Ash Wed		\$ 986.00
TOTAL	Thank You!!	\$ 11,349.33



The Adoration Chapel needs a new adorer for Mon 11-12 PM when needed. In your Mercy, give an hour to Jesus. If you would like to be a substitute, please call Sue at 336-2297.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Thu Feb 25 - Chaplet of Divine Mercy 7:00 pm
Fri Feb 26 - Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm
Sun Mar 13 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sun Mar 27 - Easter
Sun Apr 3 - CHWC Pork Chop Dinner

SCHOOL NEWS: (see sppschool.com)

Mon Feb 22 - O.T.L. Scholars Bowl @ SPPS
Tue Feb 23 - PTO Meeting
Fri Feb 26 - Stations of the Cross 2pm (every Fri)
Fri Mar 4 - 8th Grade orientation 7:30-9:30am @ NVHS
Mon Mar 7 - OTL Band Concert @ Wetmore 6 pm
Tue Mar 8 - McTeacher Night 4:00 - 8:00 pm

CCD NEWS:

Wed. Feb. 24th Regular CCD classes, Grade School 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall; HS 7:00 classrooms pm.
Monitors: Matt & Julie Lueger and Darin & Amy Schmitz



Adult Choir Practice will continue every Tuesday at 6:45 PM in Church until Easter.

Are you learning how radical Jesus is? How would you answer His question, "And who do you say that I am?" Do you really believe His "God Claim"? Do you know He is a God of second chances and that He fits in with all your "stuff" and loved ones. Tune in for more on DynamicCatholic.com/Lent for the BEST LENT EVER.



The following couples are planning Marriage in Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church: James Stallbaumer & Kelsey Smading (4-30), Taylor Jesse and Taylor Kuckelman (5-28), Jarrod Smith & Amy Stallbaumer (6-4), Derek Love & Melissa Nordhus (6-11), Stephen Hulsing & Kayla Stallbaumer (6-25), Mitchell McPherson & Kyla Heinen (7-9), Justin Black & Abbie Schmelzle (7-16), Jason Swart & Katelyn Deters (7-23), Moses Ulmer & Lindsay Peterson (7-30), Matthew Bruna & Rachel Feldkamp (8-6), John McGehee & Brynne Haverkamp (9-17), Shane Luebbe & Megan Kopp (9-24), Kirk Resseguie & Erica Rottinghaus (10-1). Please keep these couples in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

AREA EVENTS:

**Rediscover Catholicism, a book by Matthew Kelly, is being presented as a book study at St. Bede's Parish House, Kelly, every Sunday at 8:45 AM and at 7:00 PM. This extends to Sunday, March 13th. Come to one or all.

**Sacred Heart Parish, Sabetha, invites everyone to a Lenten event on each Sunday evening 5:45 PM. Includes sharing a delicious dinner, praise & worship, dynamic teaching & group sharing. No reg fee. Call Gina at 284-0888, email gina@nekansascatholics.org

**St. Bede's Parish, Kelly, will be holding its annual pancake breakfast today, Feb 21st from 7 AM to 12:30 PM at the Church basement. Free will donation.

**Beginning Experience Weekend, serving the Widowed, Separated, and Divorced who are suffering loss, on Feb 26-28 at Precious Blood, Liberty MO. Contact Kim 813-739-4733 or Teresa 816-529-9002.

**Axtell Community Fish Fry on Fri Feb 26th from 5 PM - 8 PM at the Axtell American Legion. Silent Auction with proceeds towards Axtell projects.

**The 2016 Baileyville Benefit is scheduled for February 27th & 28th at Nemaha Central High School. The auction will start at 6:00 pm on Sunday. Please contact Kenny Schmitz at 336-6252 or Dan Broxterman at 334-3913 for questions or donations.

***"Soul on Fire" J-High Youth Rally, at Prairie Star, Feb 28, 9-4. Talk to Shannon Holthaus for details and to register at 294-1328.

**St Patrick's Parish, Corning Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 6 from 7 AM to 1 PM.

***"Merciful Like the Father" - 17th Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference at Wichita, KS, Aug. 5-7. Outstanding speakers, live concert. Call 316-618-9787 or go to www.catholicfamilyconcert.org.

Second Sunday of Lent

THE GOSPEL OF MERCY

Lenten Reflection for the Year of Mercy

The Call to Transformation

Luke 9:28b-36

The three synoptic Gospels each tell the story of Jesus' transfiguration. This miracle is unique among the others in the Gospels in that the miracle happens to Jesus himself. Luke tells us that Jesus goes up the mountain to pray, and it is during prayer that he is transfigured.

The Transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the Gospel narrative of the life of Jesus, the others being Baptism, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and

Ascension. In 2002, Pope Saint John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, which includes the Transfiguration.

This Gospel story is also about the disciples and ourselves. This passage, as well as the first reading, describes encounters with God. These encounters happen to people who are confused, afraid, and in the dark. Yet experiencing God's presence with us can change us. Prayer readies us and calls us to change. There is an old saying, "If you don't want to change, then don't pray."



"We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. This we do in prayer. But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to 'descend the mountain' and return to the plain where we meet many brothers weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty, both material and spiritual."

— POPE FRANCIS, MARCH 16, 2014

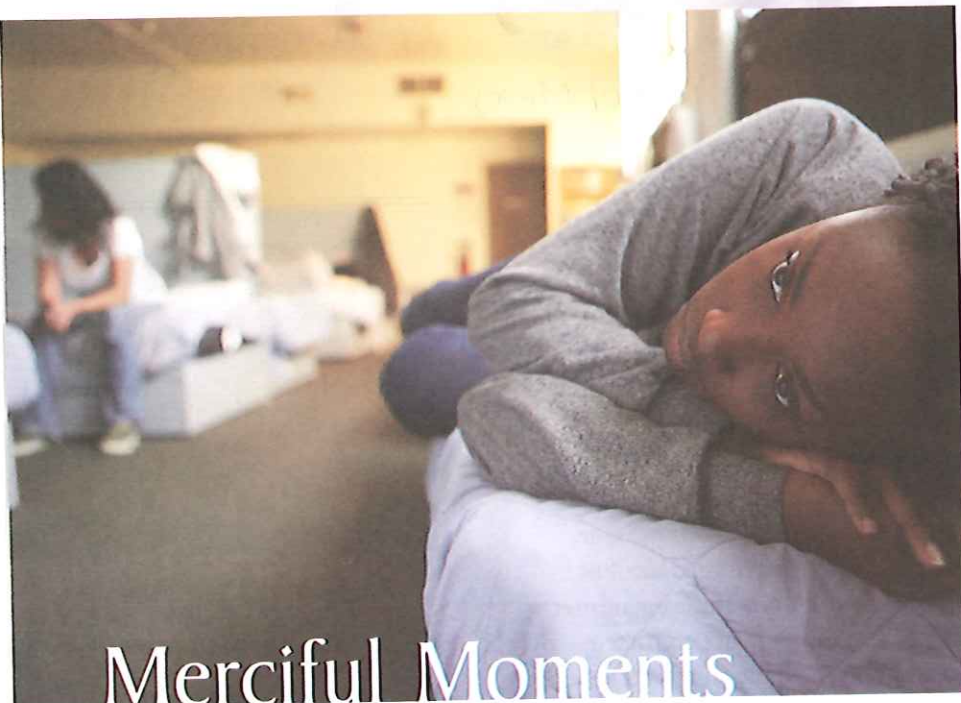
FOR REFLECTION

- › Lent is our mountaintop that we go to in prayer to be transformed. What needs to be transformed in me this Lent? What in my life needs to be touched by the brightness of transfiguration?
- › Do I miss God in my life because I'm too busy, I doubt, I'm afraid, or I don't understand God's simplicity and closeness?
- › When has one of my mountaintop experiences given me the strength to continue to be a person of mercy and compassion?

symbols of the season

The Cloud

The cloud that overshadows the mountain of the Transfiguration is an important image of God's presence; it is also found in today's first reading and throughout the Old Testament. As you watch the clouds and their many forms this week, think about the myriad ways God is always with you.



Merciful Moments

- › Do you know someone who is experiencing pain right now? *What could you do this week to give that person a transfiguring, hopeful experience?*
- › As a follower of Jesus, is there some topic that you need to learn more about? *Might it be care for creation, immigration, the reality of today's homeless, etc.?*
- › The apostles probably retained a picture in their mind of this transfiguring event for the rest of their lives. *Select a few photos from experiences in your life. Relive the memories; recall God's blessings that came to you during those events and gatherings.*

Catechism CONNECTION

"The prayer of faith consists not only in saying 'Lord, Lord,' but in disposing the heart to do the will of the Father. Jesus calls his disciples to bring into their prayer this concern for cooperating with the divine plan."

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2611

Lenten Prayer

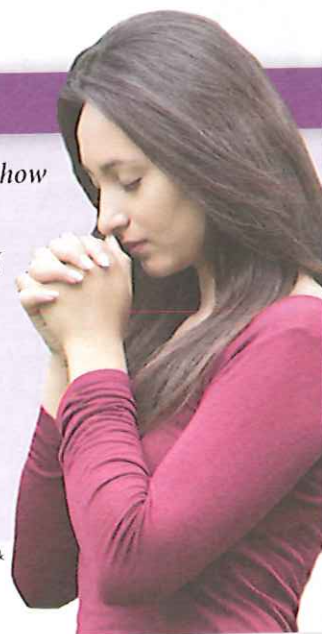
Light from Light, true God from true God, you show us your face in the beauty of creation and the human spirit. You were transfigured, reminding the apostles of who you are. You call us to be transfigured into your image. May all those I encounter this week find you in me. May I hear your voice in their needs and hopes. Nudge me — gently but firmly — to respond with your compassion and mercy.



Lenten
Prayer
Tree

Faithful Family

Use a tree branch that you have potted or placed on a table (perhaps in your desert space). Each day as you gather for family prayer, invite members to tell of a time they felt God's presence that day and, as they are talking, tie a yellow ribbon (or yarn) to one of the branches. If there is time, you might share something each person did to change/transform their world and tie a purple ribbon to the tree. Watch the tree continue to blossom.



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