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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 7, 2016

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful".

Luke 6:36. Mercy is the theme of the 2016 Lenten Season for Sts Peter & Paul Parishioners, and for our Jubilee Year of Mercy as well. Jesus prefaced this verse in the Bible with the words, "...love your enemies and do good to them". Luke 6:35. With all this in mind, our ongoing focus for Lent will be forgiveness and the grace of Confession. (Notes from Fr. Arul via Whatsapp Chat)



Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday on Feb 10th. Masses will be at 8 AM and 6 PM that day.

Lenten Devotions: Continue your journey through Lent by taking part in the following Lenten devotions:

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Every Thursday evening at 7 PM, beginning on Feb 11th, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung in our Church. A way to pray together for Mercy.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday afternoon at 2 PM, beginning on Feb 19th, there will be Stations of the Cross for the school children and everyone who is able to attend. Revisit the path to Calvary with Jesus.

Lenten Bulletin Insert: Each weekend there will be an insert in the Bulletin titled, "The Gospel of Mercy: a Lenten Reflection for the Year of Mercy". It will have not only reflections, but a prayer, symbols, a Catechism Connection and a Family Space, all for Lent.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be our Parish focus this Lent. Confessions will be heard every Wed. during Lent from 6-7 PM, beginning Feb 17 (also 2:30 - 3:30 PM on Saturdays). "Make your appointment with Jesus, His way of embracing us".

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, February 7th, is Boy Scout Sunday.

Troop #71 will be honored at today's 9:00 AM Mass and Boy Scouts and their leaders will take part in the Ministry for the Mass. We salute our local Boy Scout Troop and their leaders.



Troop #71 Boy Scouts annual pancake

breakfast is today, Sunday, February 7, in the Parish Hall serving from 7 AM to 1 PM.

Free will offering. Please support our local troop.

Don't give up chocolate for Lent! Instead, sign up for DynamicCatholic.com/Lent for the BEST LENT EVER! This email program, based on Matthew Kelly's bestseller, *Rediscover Jesus*, walks parishioners through a 40 day spiritual journey for a life-changing Lent. This is an opportunity to examine your life, give your struggles to God, and invite Him to help you become the best-version-of-yourself. Matthew Kelly collaborated with our Archdiocese in distributing 60,000 copies of *Rediscover Jesus* to parishes, and now wants you to encounter Jesus in a deeply personal way through this program. Call Tom Chik at the the Archdiocesan KCKS Resource Center at 913-721-1097 for more information.

Lenten Regulations: All Catholics who have reached the age of reason (First Communion) are required to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent, if health allows. **Fasting** (eating 1 larger meal, 2 smaller meals, no eating between meals) is for everyone between the ages of 21 and 59, and is required only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church also asks that all Catholics do some sort of personal fasting. All this is for the building of God's kingdom in unity with all Catholics of the world, and especially in unity with Jesus.



Masses for Feb 8 to Feb 14th

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Monday	Feb 8 – St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	Feb 9 – 5th Tuesday in Ordinary Time 11:00 AM – Lifecare – Fr Ed Oen 6:00 PM – L/D Harold & Joann Mitchell Family & Elmer & Joann Lierz (64 th Wedd Anniv)
Wednesday	Feb 10 – Ash Wednesday 8:00 AM – Bonnie & Bob Ronnebaum 6:00 PM – Vera Knudson
Thursday	Feb 11 – Thursday after Ash Wednesday 7:00 AM – Stephen Engelken & L/D Lawrence & Helen Heinen Family
Friday	Feb 12 – Friday after Ash Wednesday 8:00 AM – Int of Dustin, Kyleigh, McKayla & Brooklyn Deters 11:15 AM – Country Place – Maurice Haug
Saturday	Feb 13 – Saturday after Ash Wednesday 7:30 AM – Marcena Stallbaumer 4:00 PM – L/D Leo & Dolly Olberding Family
Sunday	Feb 14 – 1st Sunday of Lent 7:00 AM – Elaine Ronnebaum 9:00 AM – For our Parish 11:00 AM – Steve Wilhelm (Anniv)

Weekday Servers Tues 6 PM, Wed 6 PM, Thurs 7 AM, Sat 7:30 AM – Will & Anna Bartkoski
 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>
Carter Lutz	Myiah Schmelzle	Freshman Mass	Jackson Holthaus
Marley Lutz	Trenton Schmelzle	High School	Leo Holthaus
Shayla Hammes	Roland Voracek	CCD	Taegan Duryea
Damon Koch	Tyler Gerety		Gavin Duryea

Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday, Feb 13 & Sunday, Feb 14

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Tami Haverkamp *Gina Ronnebaum	Lori Carlson Gary Niehues	Jean Wassenberg Brenda Niehues	Cyril Steinlage	Terry Nordhus
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Jim Lueger *Steve Bennett	Doug Schmelzle Leo Meyer	Marilyn Nolte Jana Kramer		
<u>9:00 AM</u>		Freshman Mass – High School CCD		High School Choir	Owen Zinke
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Shannon Holthaus *Michelle Fangman	Jerry Rottinghaus Paula Rottinghaus	Rhonda Sperfslage Aaron Duryea	Alan Lierz	Emily Altenhofen
<u>Ash Wednesday 6 PM</u>		High School CCD		High School Choir	Owen Zinke

ROSARY LEADERS: 4:00 PM Bob Niehues 9:00 AM Dennis Henry

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.

Ash Wednesday Collection, as designated by our Archdiocese, is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, in a region still suffering the effects of Soviet rule. There is an envelope in your pack.

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 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.

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

Rally for Religious Freedom: On Wed. February 17th, from noon to 1 PM, the Catholic Bishops of Kansas and others concerned about the future of religious freedom will be hosting this rally inside the Kansas State Capitol Building under the dome. A large turnout is needed to demonstrate to Kansas lawmakers that support for religious freedom in Kansas is strong. For more information please visit www.ksatholic.org. Make plans now on your calendar to attend this worthwhile rally.

CONTRIBUTIONS for week of 1/25/16 to 1/31/16
Weekly Budget is \$15,000.

Church	Plate	\$	1,074.00
	Envelope	\$	5,838.00
School		\$	1,340.00
First Offering		\$	15.00
Ash Wed		\$	25.00
TOTAL	Thank You!!	\$	8,292.00



The Adoration Chapel needs new adorers for: Mon 11-12 PM, Wed 3-4 AM and Sat 11-12 PM In your Mercy, give an hour to Jesus. Call Sue at 336-2297. Notice: two hours have been taken (thank you!) and two more hours have been added.



Adult Choir Practice will continue every Tuesday at 7:00 PM in Church until Easter.

The High School Choir will sing on Ash Wednesday, Feb 10th at 6:00 PM (please note correction) and on Sunday, Feb 14th, at the 9:00 AM Mass.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Sun Feb 7 - Boy Scout Breakfast SPPS 7:00-1:00

Wed Feb 10 - Ash Wednesday Masses 8 AM & 6 PM

Wed Feb 17 - Religious Freedom Rally @ KS Capitol 1PM

Sat Feb 20 - NFP Meeting, Church Basement 9:00 AM

Sat Feb 20 - Trivia Night, K of C Hall, 7 PM

SCHOOL NEWS:

Mon Feb 8 - Scholars Bowl, also 2/11, 2/18 & 2/22

Tues Feb 9 - Talent Show 1:00 PM

Mon Feb 15 - NO SCHOOL - Staff development

CCD NEWS:

Wed. Feb. 10th - NO CLASSES - ASH WEDNESDAY.
Please attend Mass at 6:00 PM with your family.

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.

****St. Mary's St. Benedict Soup-R-Bowl Lunch today, Feb 7th**, serving 11 AM - 2 PM. Free will offering.

****St Ann's Hiawatha Soup Day, Tues Feb 9th**. Lunch 11AM to 1:30 PM, Supper 5 PM to 6:30 PM. Raffle. Take out order number 742-3010. Free will offering.

****Lenten Fish Fry, Corning K of C, Fri. Feb 12** from 5-7 PM at Corning Community Building. Free Will offer.

****All men in our parish are encouraged** to participate in Men Under Construction, held on Saturday, Feb 13, 6:30 AM to 3:30 PM, at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W 127th, OP, KS 66213. Register at www.ksmuc.org.

****Sacred Heart Parish, Sabetha**, invites everyone to a Lenten event on Sunday evenings beginning Sun. Feb 14 at 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 on Sunday, 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. Feb 26-28 at Precious Blood, Liberty MO. Contact Kim 813-739-4733 or Teresa 816-529-9002.

****The 2016 Baileyville Benefit** is scheduled for February 27th & 28th at Nemaha Central High School with the auction to start 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. Register with Shannon, at 294-1328.

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FEATURED SPEAKERS

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YOUTH PROGRAM!**

Sat, Feb. 13 9:00-11:30 am St. Bede's, 7344 Drought St, Kelly
Sat, Feb. 13 2:00-4:00 pm St. Joseph, 221 N. Sycamore St, Nortonville
Sun, Feb. 14 12:00 - 2:30 pm St. Patrick's, 309 S. 6th St, Osage City
Sun, Feb. 14 5:00 - 7:30 pm Immaculate Conception, 602 S. Elm, Louisburg

No RSVP required- all adult
parishioners welcome; all
sessions include appreciation
meal. (Nortonville meal is take
home!)

"BLITZ FOR MARRIAGE"

Which one is for you?



World Marriage Day Mass- Thursday, February 11th at Holy Trinity Parish in Lenexa; Mass 6:30 p.m. celebrated by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann with Bishop James V. Johnston as homilist. Reception and presentation by international Catholic speaker and author, Jon Leonetti, follows Mass. Families welcome.

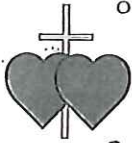
This year the first Sunday of Lent falls on Valentine's Day. While prayer, fasting and almsgiving don't seem particularly romantic, there is actually a significant tie-in. In today's Gospel, Jesus is tempted by Satan to put temporal things such as money and power before his relationship with the Father. Isn't that what gets in the way of us feeling "in love" in our marriages? Long hours at work crowd out time together. Stress about bills makes us snap at each other. A desire to be right drives a wedge between us. We don't mean it, but sometimes these things get in the way of the fundamental truth that we are a man and woman in love.

If this is our situation, what if we decided to rethink Lent this year? What if we skipped giving up chocolate and instead tried to do something we know would make our spouse feel more loved? Here are some ideas:

- Skip lunch out at work and buy flowers with the money.
- Fast from criticism.
- Suggest a date night (out or in) that includes your spouse's favorite activity.
- Make an effort to correct a habit that irritates your spouse.
- Be home by six for dinner.
- Set a specific time to pray for or with your spouse.



For marriage enrichment opportunities, check out www.archkck.org/family. Let us take advantage of the graces of Lent to help improve our most significant relationship!



Day of Enrichment for Married and Engaged Couples

Saturday, February 27, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Savior Pastoral Center

Is it possible to raise moral kids in today's world? Yes! Come and explore the practical tools you can use to increase the chances that your children will own your faith and moral values.

For Better ...Forever! Come hear about "GIFT," the four factors that can help any married couple experience a truly joyful, passionate, grace-filled relationship

Cost: \$25.00 per individual or \$35.00 per couple. To register: www.archkck.org/popcak2016



Recharge Marriage Enrichment: Have you been looking for marriage enrichment but don't have a whole weekend? Recharge is a four hour opportunity to reconnect with your spouse that will give you the basics to rekindle the love and passion in your marriage! Recharge is a practical application of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Our next Recharge will be March 6 at Christ the King Parish in Topeka (5973 SW 25th St) from 1:30-5:45pm. Child care is available! There is a parish Mass at 6pm. For more details or to register, go to www.archkck.org/recharge. For questions, contact Brad DuPont at bdupont@archkck.org or 913.647.0301.



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