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Baptisms: By appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30p.m. 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: 5:00 PM

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

March 20th, 2016



We are now in the Blessed Holy Week of our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Let us give this week to Prayer, Fasting and Penance.

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

Thu Mar 24 - Holy Thursday Evening Mass at 7:00 PM.

Washing of the feet and Eucharistic Procession during Mass. Adoration in Church after Mass until midnight.

Fri Mar 25 - Good Friday (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion Service is at 3:00 PM.

Living Stations are at 7:00 PM.

Sat Mar 26 - Holy Saturday Virgil Mass is at 8:00 PM.

Sun Mar 27 - Easter Sunday Masses are at 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM. (all Masses are in Church)



Pony Express 4-H Pancake Feed will be today, Sunday, March 20th from 7 AM to 12:30 PM at the SPPS Parish Hall. Free will offering. Everyone is welcome to come.

In Memoriam - The Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, March 18th, 2016 at 10:00 Mass for Mary A. Niehues. Let us remember her and her loved ones in our prayers.

Thank You - The family of Mary A. Niehues would like to thank the Altar Society Circles who donated food and the Funeral Committee ladies who organized and served the funeral meal for their loved ones.

In Memoriam - The Rite of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, March 21 at 11:00 for Vernus E. Haverkamp. Rosaries are at 2 and 7 PM on Sunday. Let us remember him and his loved ones in our prayers.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lent is an ideal time to make a good confession.

If you have recently gone, for instance at "24 Hours of Adoration", it is good and wholesome to go again. The last confession times before Easter are Wednesday evening, March 23 from 6-7 PM and the special Lenten Penance Services remaining:

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Sun, March 20 at 3:00 PM	Sts Peter and Paul/Seneca
Sun, March 20 at 7:00 PM	Sacred Heart/Sabetha
Sun, March 20 at 7:00 PM	St Marys/St Benedict



The Living Stations of the Cross will again be presented by our Sophomore CCD Class to observe the Sacred Good Friday Passion. A dress rehearsal will take place Wed March 23 at 2 PM in SPP Church. A final presentation will be on Good Friday, March 25th at 7 PM in Church. Come experience this unique presentation by our youth.

PTO Bake Sale will be Holy Saturday morning, March 26th at the Seneca Variety store starting at 8:00 AM and extending until all is gone. Get your Easter dinner homemade rolls and pies here! Lots of Easter goodies! Support SPPS.



Please keep in your prayers, Anna Kohake, John McGehee and Tom Scott who will be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, March 26th. May God continue to bless their journey of faith.



*Rejoice
in the Lord
this
Palm
Sunday*

*This is the day the
LORD has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.
Psalms 118:24*

Wed 8 AM – SPPS Students

Holy Saturday 8 PM

Cory Nolte
Colten Hammes
Derek Uphaus
Bryce Uphaus

11AM

Gavin Duryea
Taegan Duryea
Lacie Young
Zach Kramer

Organist

Owen Zinke

Owen Zinke

Terry Nordhus

Janet Kramer

Deb Rethman

Childrens & High School Choir
Owen Zin

Kale Rottinghaus

9:30 AM Jim Henry



Children and High School Choir Practice will be on Monday, March 21, at 6:30 PM in Church. They will sing at the 9:30 Mass on Easter Sunday.

Adult Choir Practice will be Tuesday evening, March 22 at 6:45 PM.

The Archdiocese of KCKS cordially invites you to watch the Holy Chrism Mass via Live Stream, Tuesday, March 22 beginning at 10:45. Joined by all the priests, deacons and seminarians, the Archbishop will bless all the oils used through the year in all the parishes. GO TO: www.livestream.com/archkck.

Good Friday Collection at the 3:00 PM Passion of the Lord Service will be for the Holy Land. This Collection stands as a witness to peace for God's people in the Holy Land and to protect the Holy Shrines.

The Easter Sunday Collection will be used to support the Priesthood in our Archdiocese. This includes the education of our 30 seminarians, retreats and education for our priests, and care for our retired priests.

Sts. Peter & Paul School and Parish Office will be closed Good Friday, Mar 25th and Easter Mon, Mar 28th

Next Paper and Magazine Drive is Saturday, April 2nd from 8:30 to 10:30 at the SPPC parking lot.



Divine Mercy Sunday is Sunday, April 3rd.

Our Parish is hosting a Divine Mercy Event for the Region that afternoon. The schedule is as follows:

Opening Prayers at 3:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Solemn Procession to the Church following Prayers.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung in the Church.

Benediction and Closing will follow.

A Reception will then be held in the Parish Hall.

*During all this time, there will area priests hearing Confessions. You may receive a Plenary Indulgence if you:

- 1) Attend these events.
- 2) Go to confession within 20 days of the event.
- 3) Go to Holy Communion that day or the days after.
- 4) Pray for the intentions of our Supreme Pontiff.

Plan to attend this Event to honor the Year of Mercy.

Attention! Couples Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2016. The Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held Sunday, June 5th, 2016 at 2:00 pm at the Church of the Nativity/Leawood. To receive your invitation from Archbishop Naumann, please call the SPPC Parish Office 336-2128 and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding.

Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch -Sun, April 17th
Adventures in Camp games, activities, prayer, Holy Mass, for only \$8 per person. www.archkck.org/ranch.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS for week of 3/7/16 to 3/13/16:

Weekly Budget is \$15,000.

Church	Plate	\$	1,559.75
	Envelope	\$	6,207.00
School		\$	150.00
Flower Offer.		\$	35.00
Leaven.		\$	49.00
TOTAL	Thank You!!	\$	8000.75

Catholic Heart Work Camp Pork Chop Dinner will be Sunday, April 3 from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. A 12 oz pork chop meal is \$14.00. Hot dog meal is \$3.00. Proceeds go to help our youth with transportation to CHWC. Advance tickets may be purchased at Heinen True Value and tickets may be purchased at the door. For take-out and local delivery, call 294-1389.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Sat Mar 26 - PTO Bake Sale at Variety Store 8:00 AM

Sat Apr 2 - Paper Drive 8:30 to 10:30 SPPC Parking Lot

Sun Apr 3 - Divine Mercy Event 3:00 PM Parish Hall

Sun Apr 3 - CHWC Pork Chop Dinner

Sun Apr 24 - First Communion Sunday

SCHOOL NEWS: (see spps.school.com)

Wed Mar 23 - Living Stations of the Cross rehearsal

Thu Mar 24 - Confessions for SPPS students (9 AM on)

Fri Mar 25 - Good Friday - No School

Fri Mar 25 - Living Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Mon Mar 28 - Easter Monday - No School

Tue Mar 29 - Track @ Doniphan Co. 3:00 PM

CCD NEWS: Wednesday, March 23rd - NO CLASSES.

Please attend EASTER WEEK Services.

AREA EVENTS:

****"Bridge The Gap",** a youth organized group at St. Gregory's in Marysville, is hosting a FREE movie at Astro movie theater for all ages. *The Letters*, a movie about Mother Theresa, will show Wed. March 30 at 5 pm and 7 pm. Join us for a great movie and fellowship.

****Families Take Note..."Merciful Like the Father" - 17th Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference** at Wichita, KS, Aug. 5-7. Outstanding speakers, live concert. Go to www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787.

Palm Sunday

THE GOSPEL OF MERCY

Lenten Reflection for the Year of Mercy

The Passion of the Lord

Luke 19:28-40; Luke 22:14-23:56

On Palm Sunday, we have two distinct Gospels, each with its own unique feeling. The first Gospel and today's procession prepare us to hear the proclamation of the Passion and to celebrate Holy Week.

Within our Christian liturgies, we have many instances of processions. Today's procession with palms isn't only about Jesus; it isn't just a reenactment of something that happened a long time

ago. In this procession, we engage our whole selves, even physically moving from one place to another, to symbolize our own journey — our Lenten journey, our lifelong journey. The Paschal Mystery — Jesus' life, suffering and death, and resurrection — is also lived by each of us, not only at the end of our lives but also in our daily struggles and pain, the everyday dyings and risings.



Paul Haring/CNS, Karen Callaway

"We waved our palms.... We too welcomed Jesus; we too expressed the joy of accompanying him, at knowing him to be close, present in us and among us as a friend, a brother, and also as a king: that is, a shining beacon for our lives."

— POPE FRANCIS' PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 24, 2013

FOR REFLECTION

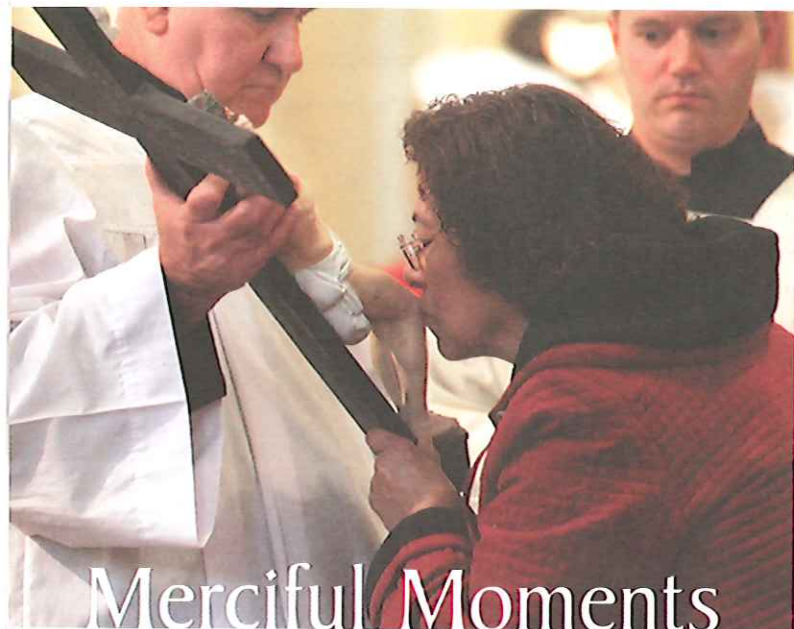
- The procession with palms symbolizes our Lenten journey. Has your Lenten journey brought you closer to God?
- Our procession with palms also symbolizes our willingness to go with Jesus to Jerusalem to suffer, die, and rise. What is your reaction to suffering and death in our world today?
- What does the celebration of Jesus' passion and death (and resurrection) mean to you in this Year of Mercy?

symbols of the season

Palms

In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. They were often depicted on coins and important buildings. Solomon had palm branches carved into the walls and doors of the Temple (see 1 Kgs 6:29). Regarded as sacred from early Semitic times, they were carried by the Jews as a sign of triumphant rejoicing. In the Book of Revelation (7:9), people from every nation raise palm branches to honor Jesus.

The leftover palms from Palm Sunday are saved in many churches to be burned the following year to make ashes used in Ash Wednesday services. The blessed palms are sacramentals (sacred signs which remind us of God's presence).



Karen Callaway

Merciful Moments

- › The entire family of God, indeed all creation, continually lives the Paschal Mystery (suffering, death, and resurrection). *Is there some place in the world that is currently experiencing deep suffering and grief? Is there something you could do to help?*
- › Take a walk around your neighborhood. As you walk, think about the people who share your space on this journey or procession of life. *Is there someone who needs your compassionate mercy, your gentle care, your thoughtful attention?*
- › Plan to celebrate the key events of our faith with your parish community during the Triduum services.

Catechism CONNECTION

"Christ will raise us up 'on the last day'; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. For, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already now on earth a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ."

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1002

Faithful Family

Wave Those Palms

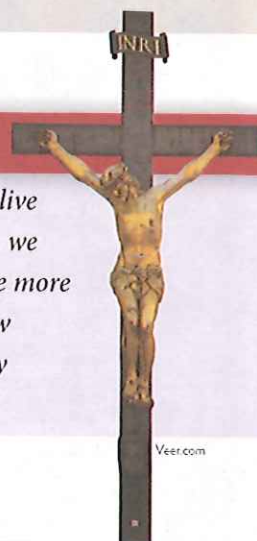


Placing palms in a vase or jar in the center of your table keeps them central in your home. You may also want to adopt customs from other countries: In Italy people offer palms as a token of reconciliation and peace to those with whom they have quarreled or lived on unfriendly terms. In the Slavic countries, farmers place blessed palms in their fields and buildings, asking God's blessing on the year's harvest and all their possessions.

- › As we approach Easter, commit yourself anew to using the Sign of the Cross: bless one another, making the Sign of the Cross on each other's foreheads; pray before meals in restaurants, making the Sign of the Cross; and place a cross in your home.

Lenten Prayer

Jesus, our brother, you taught us how to live and how to die. Sharing in your passion, we also share in your resurrection. Make me more aware of how I walk your journey, of how compassionately you walk with me in my faith journey.





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