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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

March 6, 2016

Lent 2016 - Be merciful, as your Father is merciful



Today is Laetare or Rose Sunday of the 4th week of Lent. This day of rose colored vestments signifies we are half way through Lent and that we can rejoice for one day.

(Laetare means rejoice). Flowers may be placed on the altars for this day. Our Collect prayer asks that "with prompt devotion and eager faith we may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come".

Flowers: The bouquet on the Main Altar is in loving memory of Marvin Brinker on the anniversary of his death from his family.

The "Second Scrutiny" will be today at 9:00 Mass for our Elect, Anna, Tom and John. The key to the second scrutiny is turning from darkness to light as in the healing of the man born blind in today's Gospel. As St. Paul tells us, "Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with futile works of darkness". Check last week's Scrutinies insert for more information.

In Memoriam - The rite of Christian burial will be celebrated on Monday, March 7th at 11:00 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church for Evelyn Waters. Let us remember her and her loved ones in our prayers.

Welcome to the Christian Community: Allie Mae Niehues, daughter of Alan and Beth Niehues was baptized today, Sunday, March 6th after the 11:00 Mass. Godparents are Arlan Niehues and Lori Niehues. We pray for God's blessings on her and her family.

4th 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.

McTeacher Night is this Tuesday evening, March 8th from 4 PM to 8 PM. Come to eat at McDonalds and let your teachers take your orders and serve you. The best service will be from 7-8 when Fr. Arul will be working! A portion of the receipts will go to SPPS.



Anyone wishing to donate a lily or mum for Easter, please call Seneca Florist at 336-6186 before March 15.

Don't forget Catholic Heart Work Camp's mandatory meeting for campers and parents THIS Sun, March 6th at 1 PM in the SPPS Parish Hall. Bring your insurance papers, front & back. Come if you have not signed up yet - there is still room for more to go.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will resume to Thursday evening at 7:00 PM this week. Please also remember to attend the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:00 PM. Check the enclosed Bulletin insert for all the area Lenten Penance Services and for the complete schedule of Holy Week and Easter Services.



Masses for Mar 7th to Mar 13th 4th Sunday of Lent



Monday	Mar 7 – Sts Perpetua & Felicity 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	Mar 8 – St John of God 11:00 AM – Life Care – Fr Ed Oen 6:00 PM – Sandy Wichman
Wednesday	Mar 9 – St Frances of Rome 8:00 AM – L/D Leander & Connie Engelken Family
Thursday	Mar 10 – 4th Thursday of Lent 7:00 AM – L/D Seneca & St Benedict Mutual Fire Ins Co. Members
Friday	Mar 11 – 4th Friday of Lent 8:00 AM – Int of Dustin, Kyleigh, McKayla & Brooklyn Deters 11:15 AM – Country Place - L/D Sylvester & Vivina Strathman Family
Saturday	Mar 12 – 4th Saturday of Lent 7:30 AM – L/D Elmer & Aurelia Heiman Family 4:00 PM – Ralph Schiffbauer (Anniv)
Sunday	Mar 13 – 5th Sunday of Lent 7:00 AM – Bonnie Ronnebaum 9:00 AM – For our Parish 11:00 AM – Elaine Ronnebaum

Weekday Servers **Tues 6 PM, Thurs 7 AM, Sat 7:30 AM –** **Garrett Bennett & Peter Ganstrom**
 Wed 8 AM & Fri 8 AM – SPSS Students

<u>Sat 4:00 PM</u>	<u>Sun 7:00 AM</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Carter Lutz	Corley Becker	Sophomore	Michelle Olberding
Marley Lutz	Myiah Schmelzle	Class	John Strathman
Jillian Stueve	Trenton Schmelzle		Chris Dalinghaus
Miles Stueve	Braden Bramhall		Hunter Steinlage

Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday, March 12 & Sunday, March 13

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Julie Strathman *Gina Ronnebaum	Lori Carlson Paul Boeding	Mary Sack Marilyn Boeding	Alan Lierz	Terry Nordhus
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Dean Becker *Doug Schmelzle	Marilyn Nolte Leo Meyer	Adam Niehues Leon Feldkamp		
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Sophomore Class	Michael Love Dylan Schraad	Claire Deters Cory Nolte	Childrens Choir	Owen Zinke
<u>11:00 AM</u>	James Lueger *Richard Gress	Jerry Rottinghaus Paula Rottinghaus	Lynda Cross Sharon Haverkamp	Stacy Rethman	Emily Altenhofen

ROSARY LEADERS: 4:00 PM Alan Lierz 9:00 AM Joe Kohake

Please Note: Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13. Confession times change to 3:30 - 4:30 on Saturday, March 19th and the Saturday Night Vigil Mass changes to 5:00 PM on Saturday, March 19th.

The movie, "Risen" will be at the Seneca Theater this Friday, March 4th until Friday March 18th. You are encouraged to attend this movie.

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.

Donations to the following Missions have been forwarded to them recently:

Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$730.00
Religious Retirement	\$1,106.00
The Church in Latin America	\$355.00
Churches in Eastern Europe	\$232.00

Thank you for your support of these Missions.

CONTRIBUTIONS for week of 2/22/16 to 2/28/16
Weekly Budget is \$15,000.

Church	Plate	\$	1,461.50
	Envelope	\$	6,160.00
School		\$	550.00
1 st Offering		\$	20.00
TOTAL	Thank You!!	\$	8,191.50



Become a member of the Knights of Columbus.

The K of C will be sponsoring a Major Degree Works at the K of C Hall in Seneca on Sunday, March 13th. The First Degree ceremony will start at 11:00 AM followed by the 2nd & 3rd Degree at 1:00 PM. Take this opportunity, as a Catholic man, to experience and express the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity through this religious order of the Church. For more information, call Jim Reitz at 294-2654.



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.

PTO Bake Sale will be on Holy Saturday morning, March 26th at the 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 your SPPS School.

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Tue Mar 8 - McTeacher Night for everyone, 4-8 PM
Fri Mar 11- Mission Center Meeting 10:00 AM
Sun Mar 13 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sat Mar 19 - Confession times change to 3:30-4:30
Sat Mar 19 - Saturday Vigil Mass changes to 5:00 PM
Sun Mar 20 - Palm Sunday
Thu Mar 24 - Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 PM
Fri Mar 25 - Good Friday Passion Service 3:00 PM
Sat Mar 26 - PTO Bake Sale at Variety Store
Sat Mar 26 - Holy Saturday Vigil Mass 8:00 PM
Sun Mar 27 - Easter Sunday 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 11:00AM
Sun Apr 3 - CHWC Pork Chop Dinner
Sun Apr 24 - First Communion Sunday

SCHOOL NEWS: (see spps.school.com)

Mon Mar 7 - OTL Band Concert @ Wetmore 6 pm
Tue Mar 8 - McTeacher Night 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Fri Mar 11 - Spring Pictures, End of 3rd Quarter
Fri. Mar 11 - Stations of the Cross - 2:00 PM
Mon Mar 14 to Fri Mar 18 - SPRING BREAK
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

CCD NEWS: March 9th - Regular CCD classes, Grade School meet in Dining Hall at 6:45; HS meet in classrooms at 7:00 PM. Monitors: Jeff & Melinda Jones and Fred & Linda Halverson

AREA EVENTS:

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

****St. Michael's Church in Axtell** is holding their annual St. Patrick's Soup Supper on Sunday, March 13th from 5-8 PM. Prices: Adults \$6.00, 6-12 \$3.00, Preschool \$1.00. Auction is at 8 PM.

****Axtell Knights of Columbus** All You Can Eat Boiled Shrimp and Smoked Pork Chop Dinner, Sat. March 19th from 5:00-8:30 PM. Adult meal \$15.00 in advance, \$17.00 at door, Children \$7.00 and \$8.00. For tickets, contact Kurt Sack at 785-294-0440 or Tony Smith at 785-713-1311 or Henry's Retail Liquor.



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~ II Corinthians 9:10

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

THE GOSPEL OF MERCY

Lenten Reflection for the Year of Mercy

The Parable of the Forgiving Father

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

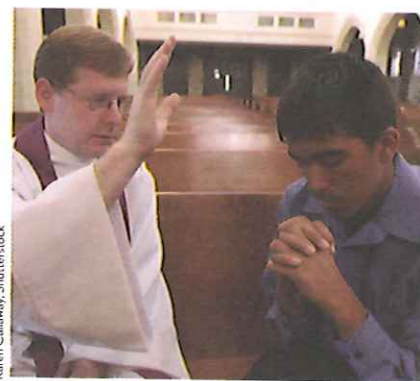
Last week's Gospel message was repent or perish; this week's is repent and feast. Today's passage is probably one of the most familiar Scripture passages to us.

Often with this parable, we concentrate on the prodigal son or the jealous older son. Yet, the really breathtaking story is the parent who waits patiently and persistently at the gate, watching down the path for the one who is gone (probably for a year or more), who runs to greet that lost one when he returns (an appalling action at that time, for a person of authority would never run).

The forgiving father is lavish in

offering, what many would see as undeserved, forgiveness. In reality, at that time any law-abiding Jewish father would have pronounced his son *dead* when he left the faith and would not allow his return to the household in any capacity. ("Feeding the pigs" was a colloquialism of the time that meant no longer observing Jewish ways or laws — in today's language, "left the Church.")

In some ways, it's a wonder that people didn't reject Jesus at this point; he was preaching a love and forgiveness that was the opposite of the laws and attitudes of the time.

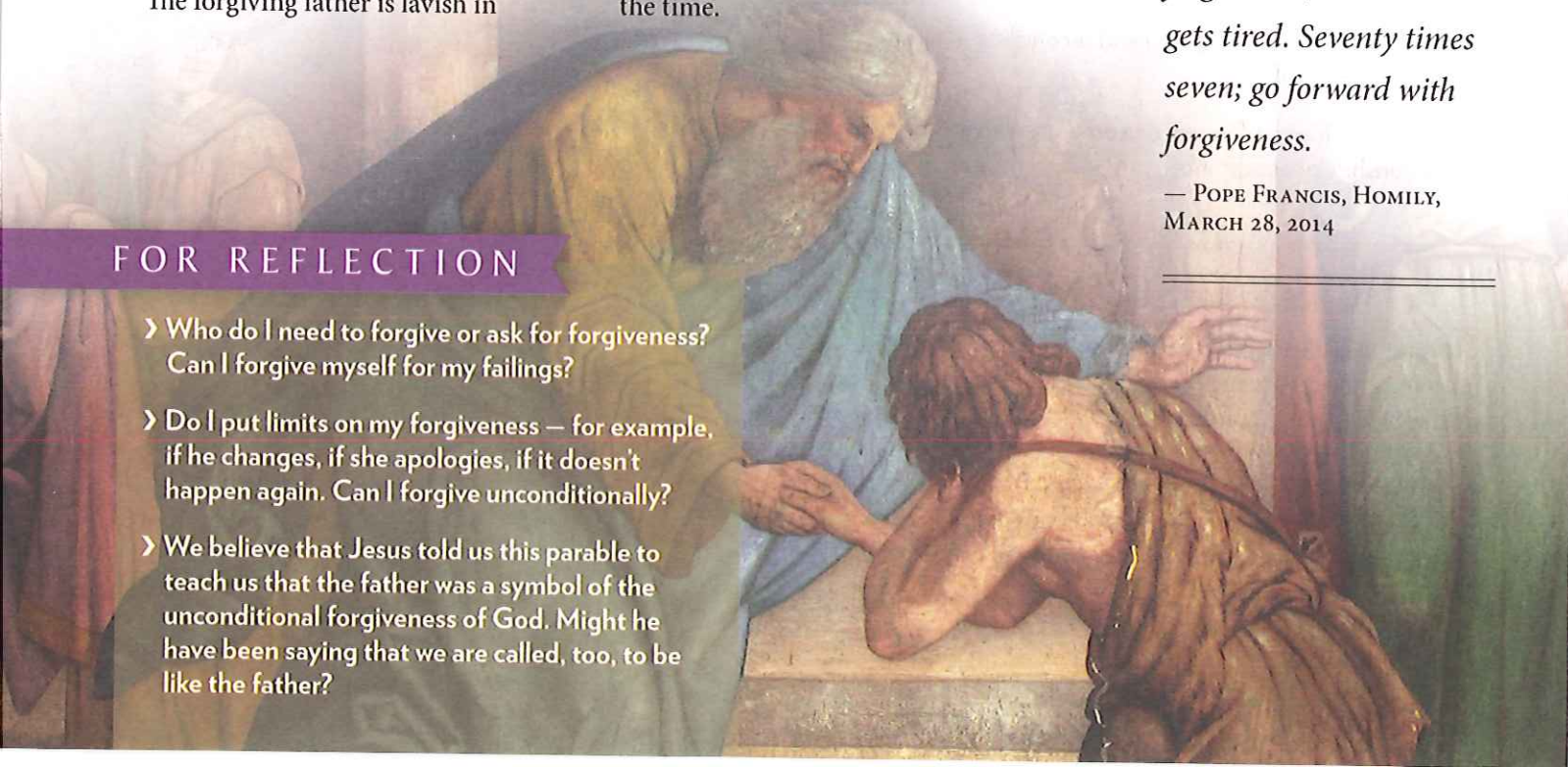


"God waits and also God forgives. He is the God of mercy: he does not tire of forgiving us. It is we who are tired of asking for forgiveness, but he never gets tired. Seventy times seven; go forward with forgiveness."

— POPE FRANCIS, HOMILY,
MARCH 28, 2014

FOR REFLECTION

- › Who do I need to forgive or ask for forgiveness? Can I forgive myself for my failings?
- › Do I put limits on my forgiveness — for example, if he changes, if she apologizes, if it doesn't happen again. Can I forgive unconditionally?
- › We believe that Jesus told us this parable to teach us that the father was a symbol of the unconditional forgiveness of God. Might he have been saying that we are called, too, to be like the father?



symbols of the season

Water

We tend to think of water as an Easter symbol, which it definitely is. At the same time, one of the main focuses of Lent is baptism — for the catechumens (unbaptized people who will be initiated into the Catholic Church) and for ourselves as we, during Lent, renew the many ways we are living our baptismal promises. The water of baptism symbolizes forgiveness and cleansing of our past failings and sins; it is a promise of and the realization of new life.

Lenten Prayer

God of lavish forgiveness, you never abandon me but constantly love, forgive, and cherish me. Open me and strengthen me, so that I will always share that same love and forgiveness with those in my life.

Faithful Family

The spiritual works of mercy call us to be like the forgiving father, especially in “forgiving all injuries.” Talk about how you, as a family, live these merciful works. Decide together on some additional, concrete things you might do. Watch, too, for examples of the spiritual works of mercy in this week’s news.



The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- › Admonish the sinner
- › Instruct the ignorant
- › Counsel the doubtful
- › Comfort the sorrowful
- › Bear wrongs patiently
- › Forgive all injuries
- › Pray for the living and the dead

Merciful Moments

› Experience the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Confessing our sins with honesty and humility helps transform our hearts to more closely follow Christ’s call to compassion, mercy, and sacrificial love.*

› Take one step toward forgiving and reconciling a hurting relationship this week.

› Lavish God’s love and mercy on someone who is hungry for food, companionship, or acceptance.

Catechism CONNECTION

“It is impossible to keep the Lord’s commandment by imitating the divine model from outside; there has to be a vital participation, coming from the depths of the heart, in the holiness and the mercy and the love of our God. Only the Spirit by whom we live can make ‘ours’ the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Then the unity of forgiveness becomes possible and we find ourselves ‘forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave’ us.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2842

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, March 6th

Corning 3:00 PM

Kelly 7:00 PM

Wetmore 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 13th

Marysville 3:00 PM

Baileyville 3:00 PM

Frankfort 7:00 PM

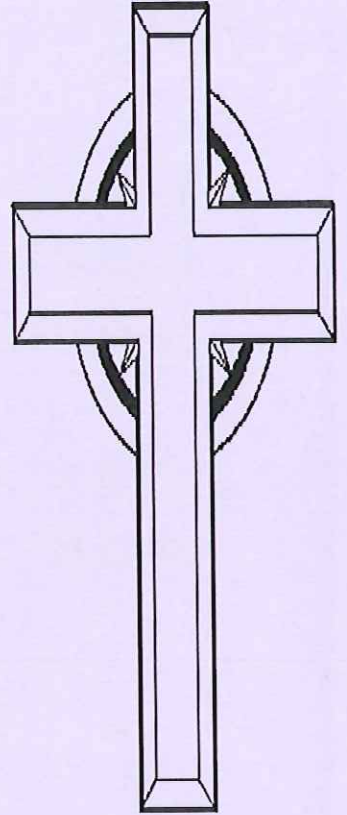
Axtell 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 20th

Seneca 3:00 PM

Sabetha 7:00 PM

St. Benedict 7:00 PM





Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Seneca, Ks

Holy Week & Easter Services

2016



March 19th & 20th Palm Sunday (Regular Weekend Schedule)

March 21th - Monday – 7:00 AM Communion Service

March 22st - Tuesday – 11:00 AM Chrism Mass at Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

6:00 PM Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Church

March 23rd - Wednesday –8:00 AM Mass

March 24th - Holy Thursday 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

Washing of the feet and Eucharistic Procession are during Mass.

Adoration will continue in Church after Mass until midnight.

March 25th - Good Friday - Day of Fast & Abstinence

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

Living Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

March 26th - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM

Candidate & Catechumens reception of the Sacraments

March 27th - Easter Sunday – Mass 6:30 AM

Mass 8:00 AM

Mass 9:30 AM

Mass 11:00 AM



*The Blessings of the Risen Savior be upon you
and your family!*