

December 11th, 2011

SPPS is committed to making Catholic Education available and affordable to all families. At this Christmas season there is a great opportunity to increase our scholarship fund. A "Sponsor a Child" Scholarship Fund envelope has been attached to this week's bulletin for your convenience. *Your continued generosity and support of Sts. Peter & Paul and Catholic Education is greatly appreciated!*



The 15th Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Vigil for the Compassionate Friends is this Sunday. Everyone is invited to light a candle in their home from 7-8 PM, in memory of all children who have died, but are not forgotten. Please remember those families that have experienced such a devastating loss that evening in your prayers and honor their children by lighting a candle in their memory. For more info. about the event or the Seneca Chapter, please contact Gloria Knight, 336-3691.

The 2011 Axtell Ecumenical Christmas Cantata is this Sunday, at 7:30 PM, at St. Michael's Church, Axtell.

The Children's Choir will sing at the 9 AM Mass this Sunday.

3rd Sunday of Advent

SPPS Basketball, Monday, December 12th, at Bern, beginning at 6 PM.

The Adult Choir will practice Tuesday, December 13th, at 7:30 PM in church.

The K of C monthly meeting is Tuesday, December 13th, at 8 PM, at the K of C Hall.

CCD classes Wednesday, December 14th.

K- 8th students will meet at 6:45 PM in the parish hall. HS students meet at 7 PM. *Parents, please inform your child's teacher if they are unable to attend class.*

The K-8th grade CCD classes will be presenting a "Living Nativity" program in the church on Wednesday, December 14th at 7 PM. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served in the church basement following the program.

The SPPS Christmas Program is Wednesday December 14th, at 7 PM, in the New Gym.

The dress rehearsal will be held at 1 PM that afternoon. *Everyone welcome attend!*

SPPS Basketball Thursday, December 15th, with Centralia, beginning at 4 PM.

If you would like to donate a poinsettia to the church in memory of a loved one during the Christmas season please order from the Seneca Florist by Friday, December 16th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FYI - This will be the last month for those with December enrollments in the Spiritual Society, (of 1 year), to be listed. To renew the enrollment of a loved one, living or deceased, for 2012, or for more info., please stop by the parish office.

Contributions for 12-4-11: Weekly Budget \$15,000

12-4-2011 (Electronic Fund Transfer)	Envelopes	\$ 12,471.43
	EFT's	\$ 6,437.00
	Plate	\$ 343.25
School (Electronic Fund Transfer)	EFT's	\$ 2,472.00
		\$ 80.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 165.00
Thanksgiving		\$ 20.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$ 86.00
Flowers		\$ 45.00
Christmas		\$ 135.00
Total		\$ 21,911.43

The Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Program has begun! Anyone that enrolls in the program will receive a letter confirming their enrollment and start date. This is a free service for our parishioners. New enrollments are still being taken so if you would like to enroll, or have questions about this program please call the parish office, 336-2128.

The yearly payment of \$18 for the Leaven is due: Total amount due - \$10,224.00 Collected to date - \$ 4,877.00 (Still Needed) - \$ 5,347.00. If you have not paid for your subscription please do so as soon as possible. The parish must cover the expense for those that do not pay.

Spiritual Direction : Fr. Arul is available for spiritual direction. Please make an appointment for anyone needing spiritual direction.

Is the Lord calling you to one hour of prayer weekly? Adorers needed for Monday, 3-4 AM. Please call Sue, 336-2297, to take an hour.

"Many Thanks" to everyone who donated to the Nemaha County Christmas Store. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Share an evening of Faith with Friends at the Epic Youth Night on Sunday, December 18th, from 5 - 8 PM, at the St. Gregory's Church, Marysville. All area youth, 7th through 12th grades, are invited to hang out with friends and meet other youth who share their faith. The evening starts with a meal at 5 PM, entertainment will follow, including Performance Art by Mike Debus and The Mikey Needleman Band, and will include worship with Adoration. For more info. or to register please call Susan Stallbaumer, 336-2685. The deadline to register is Wednesday, December 14th.

The SPPS PTO will again sponsor the Memory Tree in our church this Christmas season. This provides a way to remember a loved one, living or deceased, that's unable to be with you during the holidays. The cost is \$2 per name, with the money to be given to the SPPS to purchase needed items. Please call Gloria, 336-3691 (H), or 336-2128, (W), by Wednesday, December 21st, to include a loved one.

FYI - On December 31st, the special tax-code provision that allows donors to make a tax-free gift from their IRA account to not-for-profit organizations will expire. This special tax break allows donors to make a direct distribution from their IRA account to a qualified charity - tax free. You must be 70½ years of age or older and you may give up to \$100,000 (married couples can give \$200,000). Sts. Peter & Paul Church and School will qualify for your tax breaks. Please contact Fr. Arul, 336-2128, for details.

Year End Contributions: Sts. Peter and Paul Parish is in the initial preparations for a possible renovation of the Church. We are exploring different possibilities to repair and decorate the church. There will be a presentation to the parishioners as the plans come to a final stage. Please consider making your year-end contributions for the church renovation project.

The SPPS Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, January 1st, from 7 Am to 1 PM, in the parish hall.

I am taking a trip to India Dec. 28th - Jan. 25th to visit family, Bishop, and the mission. There will be other priests helping the parish during my absence.

Fr. Arul

