

# December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011



The **Feast of St. Nicholas** is Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. St. Nicholas is regarded to be the special patron of children, and Santa Claus is derived from his name. St. Nick will **greet** the children following the 9 AM Mass this weekend at the south entrance of church.

## Advent Penance Schedule:

12/04 @ 5:00 PM	Corning
12/04 @ 7:00 PM	Wetmore
12/11 @ 3:00 PM	Baileyville
12/11 @ 7:00 PM	Marysville
12/11 @ 7:00 PM	Kelly
12/11 @ 7:00 PM	St. Benedict
<b>12/18 @ 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Seneca</b>
12/18 @ 7:00 PM	Sabetha
<i>Have mercy on us!</i>	<i>Forgive our sins O Lord!</i>

Baileyville K of C **Soup Luncheon**, this Sunday, serving chili, chicken noodle, and vegetable beef soups from 10:30 AM to 2 PM. Raffle items. Free will donation.

St. Dominic Church, Holton, **Christmas House** this Sunday. Roast beef meal served from 11 AM - 1:30 PM.

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Horton Christmas "**Festival of Lights**" will be this Sunday, from 5:30 to 8 PM. Please listen to KNZA for cancellation due to bad weather.

The Mass times for the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of Mary** are Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM, and Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8 AM & 6 PM

The 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades **Winter Band Concert** is Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:45 PM, in the NVHS gym.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

The **Adult Choir** will practice Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM in church.

The **HS Choir** will sing Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at the 5:30 PM Mass. They will have practice following Mass that evening at 8 PM, in church.

**CCD classes** Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. K-8<sup>th</sup> students will meet at 6:45 PM in the parish hall. HS students meet at 7 PM. Monitors this week: Brad & Philisha Stallbaumber and Shawn & Tammy Nocks. *Parents, please inform your child's teacher if they are unable to attend class.*

The CCD K-12<sup>th</sup> grades will be collecting donations for the **Nemaha County Christmas Store** again this year. The Nemaha County Christmas Bureau is requesting the following donations: New clothing and shoes (children through adults), new toys and gift items for ages 0-18 yrs., non perishable food items, and toiletry items. Please bring your donation to class on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The K of C **Card Party** will be Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM, at the K of C Hall.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual **National Night of Prayer** will take place in the adoration chapel from 9 PM, Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, to 1 AM, Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. An important feature of the Night of Prayer is the Hour of Unity, at 11 PM. Please join us as we pray to our Lord for our country and enkindle in us a new love and respect for God's greatest gift - - Life!

The Mission Center's regular **monthly meeting** is on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM, in the Educational Meeting Room.

The SPPS Council is preparing for their annual **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to donate an item please contact the school office at 336-2727. We want to print chance books so we would appreciate hearing from you by December 10<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you for your support to SPPS!*

**Contributions for 11-27-11: Weekly Budget \$15,000**

11-27-2011	Envelopes	\$7,545.00
	Plate	\$ 645.20
School		\$ 895.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 30.00
Thanksgiving		\$ 797.00
Total		\$9,912.20

*The Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Program has begun!* Individuals enrolled in the program will receive a letter confirming their enrollment and start date. This is a **free service** for our parishioners. If you'd like to enroll in or have questions regarding this program please call the parish office or call 336-2128.

The yearly payment of \$18 for the **Leaven** is due: Total amount due - \$10,224.00 Collected to date - \$ 4,862.00 (Still Needed) - \$ 5,362.00. 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.*

**Thank you** to the Altar Society Circles who donated food for the funeral luncheon of Florence Deters. Special thanks to the funeral committee for organizing and serving the meal.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Worldwide **Candle Lighting Vigil** for the Compassionate Friends will be on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

SPPS is committed to making Catholic Education available and affordable to all families. To increase our scholarship fund, an upcoming bulletin will contain "**Sponsor a Child**" Scholarship Fund envelope. *Your support of Sts. Peter & Paul and Catholic Education is greatly appreciated!*

The 2011 Axtell **Ecumenical Christmas Cantata** will be Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM, at St. Michael's.

The **SPPS Christmas Program** is Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM, in the New Gym. The dress rehearsal will be held at 1:00 pm. All are welcome.

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

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 16<sup>th</sup>.

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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

