


# December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

(Nativity of the Lord)

*On behalf of our entire staff, I welcome you and extend to your families our prayers for a healthy and Holy Christmas Season. We warmly welcome all who have come to celebrate the glorious feast of Christmas! We welcome those of you who have traveled far, and not so far, to celebrate Christmas with your family or friends. We welcome parishioners who have moved away, but join us today as old friends and guests. It is wonderful to see you here. May this year's celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ bring you all hope and joy. God Bless!*

Fr. Arul



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 was attached to last week's bulletin for your convenience. *Your continued generosity and support of Sts. Peter & Paul and Catholic Education is greatly appreciated!*



Welcome to the Christian Community Korbin Robert Schmelzle, son of Roger & Shelly Schmelzle. Godparents are Jeremy Nordhus and Betty Peterson. Korbin will be baptized following the 5 PM Mass on New Year's Eve.

The Children's and HS Choirs will sing at the 5 PM Mass this weekend.

# January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

(Solemnity of Mary)

The Sts. Peter & Paul School Council Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled and fried eggs, coffee and juice from 7 AM to 1 PM, in the parish hall. Come and enjoy!



The Adult Choir will not practice on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. They will sing at the 10 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. \*All Choir members are asked to arrive by 9:30 PM.\* They will also sing at 5 PM Mass on New Year's Eve.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December, 26<sup>th</sup>, due to Christmas.

The Parish office will be open half days, 9 AM until 12 noon, December 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. *Warmest wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!*



The Seneca Community Blood Drive will be Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8 AM til 2 PM, at the Community Building. For an appointment please call 336-3360, or go online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

Sacred Heart Church, Baileyville, Catholic Heart Workcamp (CHWC) Pork Chop/Chicken Breast Dinner Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$14 at door. Hot dog meal \$3.50 in advance, \$4 at door, contact Jane Rottinghaus, 336-

6621. Serving from 5 - 9 PM in the church hall.  
 Proceeds to be used for trip to St. Louis this summer.

FYI- On December 31st, the special tax-code provision that allows donors to make a tax-free gift 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 more information.

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.

SPPS classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012!  
*Best Wishes for the New Year!*

CCD classes will resume on Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup>. K-8<sup>th</sup> students will meet at 6:45 PM, in the parish hall. HS students will meet at 7 PM. Monitors this week: Don & Linda Feldkamp and Sherry Sparling. *Parents, please inform your child's teacher if they are unable to attend.*

SPPS Basketball at Frankfort on Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6 PM.

Contributions for 12-18-11: Weekly Budget \$15,000

12-18-2011 (Electronic Fund Transfer)	Envelopes EFT's	\$ 7,196.00 \$ 953.00
	Plate	\$ 431.00
School (Electronic Fund Transfer)	EFT's	\$ 950.00 \$ 65.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$ 15.00
Flowers		\$ 181.00
Christmas		\$ 27.00
Total		\$ 9,828.00

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 - \$ 5,421.00 (Still Needed) - \$ 4,803.00. 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.*

Each Christmas the donations from the crib are given to Birthright in Topeka. The items needed most this holiday include: Newborn or 0-3 mths., sleepers, receiving blankets, premie clothing, lotion, powder, diapers, bottles, bibs, baby towels and wash cloths. *Your donations are greatly appreciated!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The St. Ann's Altar Society meeting is Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1 PM, in the parish hall. Welcome to the new officers who will be installed at this meeting: Donna Elder, President; Jan Rottinghaus, Vice-President; Mary Crabtree, Secretary; DeAnn Koch, Asst. Secretary; Denise Nolte, Treasurer; and Brenda Niehues, Asst. Treasurer. "Special Thanks" for all the hard work and dedication of the outgoing officers: Janel Kramer, Jeanie Kramer and Cindy Kramer.

The Seneca K of C will sponsor a Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at the NVHS gym. Boys will begin at 1:30 PM and girls at 2:30 PM. The contest is for ages 10-14. The public is invited free of charge.

The K of C Soup Day will be held on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 AM until 6 PM, at the K of C Hall in Seneca. The Free Will Offering proceeds will go to support seminarians and religious vocations and also to the renovation of the church.

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

*Fr. Arul*

