

## January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

*I wish to thank those who made our Advent and the celebration of the Birth of our Lord so special and spiritually uplifting. Also, along with the parish staff, I want to thank all who remembered us. Perhaps you sent a card, some special food, cookies, candy, or fruit. Thank you! Perhaps you sent money or gift certificates and again, I thank you for your generosity. I never cease to be amazed by all your kindness. May God Bless you abundantly in 2012!*

*Fr. Arul*

Special Thanks to all the volunteers who helped decorate the Church for Christmas, the Adult, K of C, High School and Children's Choirs, organists, cantors, sacristans, commentators, lectors, servers, ushers and all who contributed in any way to make our Christmas liturgies a true and beautiful celebration of the Birth of our Lord.

Contribution statements for 2011 will be mailed to any family who requests one. If you'd like to receive your statement, please call the parish office, 336-2128.

Please keep in your prayers the following couple who will be married during the month of February: Shawn Kramer & Jenna Niehues (2-18).

There will be a Virtus Training Session at St. Peter & Paul, Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM - 1 PM, in the educational meeting room, located in the Jr. High Building. This class is mandated by the Archdiocese for anyone that works with children and will be taught by registered

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facilitator, Dennis Schafers. Please contact the parish office, 336-2128, to sign up for the class.

In Memoriam - The Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated for Erma Osterhaus, Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

The Freshman CCD Class and HS Choir will participate and sing at the 9 AM Mass this Sunday.

FYI - If you donated a poinsettia in memory of a loved one to decorate the church for Christmas and would like to take it home, please pick it up following the 11 AM Mass this Sunday.

St. Ann's Altar Society meeting this Sunday, at 1 PM, in the parish hall. Welcome to 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, Treas.; and Brenda Niehues, Asst. Treas.. "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 this Sunday, at the NVHS gym. Boys 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.

Quilting will resume on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Quilting is done Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week, at 1 PM, in the quilting room. *New quilters welcome!* For information please call Theresa Winkler, 336-2373.

The Adult Choir will not have practice Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Their next practice will be Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM, in church.

Knights of Columbus monthly meeting Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8 PM, at the K of C Hall clubroom.

The SPPS Science Olympiad team will attend the Regionals, in Salina, on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

CCD classes on Wednesday, January 11<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: Ron & Rene' Feldkamp and Terry & Angie Stueve. *Parents, please inform your child's teacher if they are unable to attend.*

The SPPS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend the Topeka Symphony on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Contributions for 12-25-11: Weekly Budget \$15,000

12-25-2011 (Electronic Fund Transfer)	Envelopes EFT's	\$ 8,927.62 \$ 00.00
	Plate	\$ 1,390.35
School (Electronic Fund Transfer)	EFT's	\$ 2,138.00 \$ 00.00
First Offering		\$ 11.00
Flowers		\$ 52.00
Christmas		\$ 2,088.00
Total		\$ 14,607.31

Contributions for 1-1-12: Weekly Budget \$15,000

1-1-2012 (Electronic Fund Transfer)	Envelopes EFT's	\$ 8,339.00 \$ 8,197.00
	Plate	\$ 515.10
School (Electronic Fund Transfer)	EFT's	\$ 2,075.00 \$ 345.00
Church Renovation	EFT's	\$ 142.00
First Offering		\$ 2,051.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$ 1,321.00
Christmas		\$ 120.00
Total		\$ 23,105.10



*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 all who came to, worked at, or donated to, the School Council Breakfast last Sunday. Please

see the insert in this week's bulletin for a list of sponsors & raffle winners. *Your support is greatly appreciated!*

Thank you to the Altar Society Circles who donated food for the funeral luncheon for the family of Erma Osterhaus. Special thanks to the funeral committee ladies for organizing and serving the meal.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Axtell Cancer Support Group will hold a Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, from 7 AM - 1 PM, at the Axtell American Legion Building. Serving biscuits & gravy and scrambled eggs. Free Will Offering. Proceeds will be given to Relay for Life.

Sacred Heart Church, Baileyville, CYO Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, in the church hall. Serving 7:30 AM til 12:30 PM. Free Will Offering.

The K of C Soup Day will be held 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 towards the renovation of the church.

St. Gregory's Catholic School, Marysville, and Hank & Shirley Wassenberg, present A Night of Entertainment - Saturday, January, 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7 PM, at the school. Come enjoy the comedy of Brad Meehan, a two-time Emmy nominated comedian, along with a tasting of beer, wine and liquor, both foreign and domestic, and malt beverages. Tickets are \$35 which includes the entertainment, food & drinks. For tickets or for reservations, please call Melissa Borgerding, 785-562-2044, or Barb Hawkins (St. Gregory School) 785-562-2831. This is a fundraiser for St. Gregory's School.

St. Ann's Altar Society annual Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Anyone wishing to donate food (butter, eggs, etc.), raffle items, or a cash donation, please call Donna Elder, 336-2523, & leave message.

Please join Fr. Mike Koller on a 13-day journey to Ireland that includes a side trip to Northern Ireland. Some of the highlights of the trip include Dublin, Kilkenny, Watford Crystal, Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Cliffs of Moher, Limerick, Galway, along with many more areas. The group departs Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, and returns Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please call Sts. Peter & Paul Office, 785-336-2128, for a brochure, or Fr. Mike, 913-888-2770, for more info. An informational meeting will be held Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 3 PM, in Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall, for anyone interested.

