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**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30-4:30p.m. or by appointment

**Weddings:** Six months advance notice

**Baptisms:** By appointment


## November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013



Traditionally the month of November is a time when we remember in prayer all who have died. Throughout the month a Book of Remembrance will be placed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary altar, which will have names inscribed of all who have been buried from our parish from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Parishioners are also invited to add names of deceased loved ones to this list.

### Advent Penance Schedule

12/08 @ 3:00 PM	Corning
12/08 @ 7:00 PM	Wetmore
12/08 @ 7:00 PM	Onaga
12/15 @ 3:00 PM	Frankfort
12/15 @ 3:00 PM	Baileyville
12/15 @ 3:00 PM	Kelly
12/15 @ 7:00 PM	Sabetha
12/15 @ 7:00 PM	Axtell
*12/22 @ 3:00 PM*	**Seneca**
12/22 @ 7:00 PM	Marysville
12/22 @ 7:00 PM	St. Benedict
Have mercy on us!	Forgive our sins O Lord!

 The Seneca Volunteer Fire Department sold tickets for the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual Firemen's Ball, at all the Masses this weekend. The Ball will be held Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at the K of C hall, from 9 PM - 12 Midnight. "Many Thanks" for the generous support given from the community, it is greatly appreciated!

The SPSS PTO 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Wonderland Arts & Crafts Fair is this Sunday, from 8 AM - 3 PM, at the Community Building. The lunch stand will be sponsored by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.



The SPSS Soup Supper this Sunday, serving chili, vegetable beef, & chicken noodle soups, hot dogs, sandwiches, & desserts. Serving begins at 4:30 PM, in the parish hall. Free will offering. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## Feast of Christ the King

"Happy Birthday" to Jean Tangeman, who celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send Jean birthday wishes her address is 1600 Community Drive, Seneca, KS, 66538.

The flower arrangement in front of the main altar this weekend is dedicated in loving memory of Dorothy O'Brien, from her family; flowers on the Blessed Virgin Mary altar are dedicated in loving memory of Bob Haverkamp, from Janice & family.

Gregorian Mass & Novena Mass Parishioners are enquiring about offering Novena masses and Gregorian masses for the dead after the homily on November 10<sup>th</sup>. A set of Novena mass is \$100 and a set of Gregorian mass is \$300. These masses will be offered either in a monastery or missions but not here in the parish. Please pay in the parish office with the names and we will forwarded it to the desired locations.

FYI - Reminder of several changes for the Mass Times for this week: Monday, Communion Service, 7 AM; Tuesday, School Mass at 8 AM; Wednesday, Mass at 7 AM; Thanksgiving Day, Mass at 9 AM; Friday, Communion Service at 7 AM.

FYI - Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the bulletin for the weekend of December 1<sup>st</sup> will be printed early. Please have all bulletin announcements to the parish office by 10 AM on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

FYI - The 2014 Religious Calendars, provided by the Lauer/Love Funeral Home, are available at all the entrances to the church. All are welcome to take them!

FYI - The 2014 Lector Workbooks are in the Narthax of the Church. All Lectors/Commentators are asked to please pick up their copy as soon as possible as the next scripture readings begin the weekend of December 1<sup>st</sup>.

SPSS classes will dismiss at 12:35 PM on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday. NO classes November 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. Have a great holiday!

FYI - NO Adult Choir practice Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. The choir will sing Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9 AM Mass.



There will be NO CCD classes on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The CCD K - 12<sup>th</sup> grades will be collecting donations for the Nemaha County Christmas Store again this year. Requested donations include new clothing and shoes (Children's through adult), new toys and gift items for ages 0-18 years, non-perishable food items and toiletry items. Please bring your donations to class Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners wanting to donate may bring items to the parish office. *Thank you for your generosity!*

The K-8<sup>th</sup> grade CCD classes will be presenting their Christmas program, "A Living Nativity", in the church, Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. *Everyone is invited!* Refreshments following in the parish hall.

Needed - Volunteers are needed to take communion to the nursing homes and homebound. Please call John & Diane Mulryan at 336-3320 if you can help.



Please keep this couple in your prayers to be married in December: Tyler Tangeman & Krystal Rottinghaus, (12-21).

Request for Boilers - I want to thank all the generous donors for your support towards installing new boilers. I am overwhelmed with your generosity. We have completed the installation. If you still have not donated, Please donate \$500 per family to cover the cost of new boilers. *Your donations are greatly appreciated! Fr. Arul.*



Is the Lord calling you to one hour of prayer weekly? Adorers needed for Thursday, 12 - 1 PM & 2 - 3 PM; Friday, 4 - 5 PM & Sunday, 1 - 2 PM. Anyone is always welcome to become an Adorer of our Blessed Sacrament. Please call Sue, 336-2297.

#### Contributions for 11-17-13: Weekly Budget \$15,000

11-17-13 (Electronic Fund Transfer)	Envelopes	\$ 6,779.00
	EFT's	\$ 2,773.00
	Plate	\$ 463.00
School (Electronic Fund Transfer)		\$ 4,099.01
		\$ 700.00
All Saints		\$ 5.00
Thanksgiving		\$ 30.00
Christmas		\$ 70.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 50.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$ 50.00
Total	Thank you!	\$ 15,019.01

Electronic Fund Transfer: Please participate in EFT and save money for the parish. To participate please contact the parish office, 336-2128.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The annual K of C Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 7 AM - 12:30 PM, in the parish hall. Proceeds from the free will offering will be given to help the seminarians.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Horton Christmas "Festival of Lights" will be on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30 - 8 PM. Ten city blocks lined with 1400 glowing luminaries outlining the route will be transformed into 20 living scenes of the life of Christ. There is no charge for this event, but a free will donation may be given to benefit an emergency fund to help those in need. Shuttle service available at local churches or Tri-County Manor. Please listen to KNZA for cancellation due to bad weather.

St. Columbkille's Catholic Church, Blaine, Annual Christmas Fiesta, Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, in the new parish hall, from 8 AM - 1:30 PM. Homemade candies & cookies will be sold by the pound, & approx. 20 craft vendors will be

selling their items. Cinnamon rolls, soups, sandwiches, pie, & drinks will be available at the concession stand. For more info. please call 785-396-4328.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Vigil for the Compassionate Friends will be held Sunday, December 8<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. The Seneca Chapter of Compassionate Friends is also planning their own candle lighting that evening. For more info. about the event, or the Seneca Chapter, please contact Gloria Knight, 336-3691.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The feast day will be celebrated on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. This is not a holy day of obligation.

The 2013 Axtell Ecumenical Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Axtell Methodist Church, beginning at 7:30 PM. This year's cantata will be "The Wonderous Story", directed by Stan Murphy.

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, 336-6186, by Monday, 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 school to purchase necessary items. Please call Gloria, 336-3691 (H), or 336-2128 (W), by Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, to include a loved one.

The schedule for Christmas & New Year's Masses are as follows: Mass times on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> are at 4, 6, & 10 PM; masses on Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> are at 7 & 9 AM. Mass on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, is at 4 PM, & on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7 & 9 AM.

We have published Christmas schedules in the bulletin. It is a reminder that Christmas will be here before we realize. I want to remind you about the last chances unless the law changes about making charitable donations to IRA Rollover. The provision was originally scheduled to expire December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, but fiscal cliff legislation included a two-year retroactive extension and will now expire at the end of this year, on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. As a result please consider donating to our Church (we can finish singles windows project/repay the loan), Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School and Missions. Any individual 70.5 and older can donate up to \$100,000 or husband and wife can donate up to \$200,000 to charitable causes. The parish will work with the families to utilize the funds as per the discretion of the donor. The requirement is to make the check directly payable to the church or any charitable organization. Please contact Fr. Arul for any clarification, 785-336-2128/2208 or gcarasala@hotmail.com. Please pray with your family during this time that the Lord will guide you to make right decisions in your life. Check the insert from last weeks bulletin for more details.

St. Ann's Altar Society will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to donate food, (butter, eggs, etc.), raffle items, or make a cash donation, please call Jan Rottinghaus, 336-3993, or Margie Shinn, 336-3325.

\*Update for Catholic Heart Workcamp 2014\* - There has been a change in direction for next year's camp. Due to the high cost of travel, it has been decided to go to St. Louis instead. The camp is the same week, July 23<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, & the cost is considerably less. Please contact Mike Stallbaumer, 294-0927, or John Kohake, 294-1255, for more details.

*"Have a Happy & Safe Thanksgiving"*