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Baptisms: By appointment

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 PM or by appointment

Weddings: Six months advance notice

Mass Schedule:

Weekday Mass: Tues. 6:00 PM, Wed. & Fri.: 8:00 AM, Thurs. 7:00 AM

Saturday: 7:30 AM; Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

February 14, 2016



Happy Valentines Day!! Special congratulations to all Married Couples as we celebrate World

Marriage Day today, February 14th. We

celebrate the gift and blessing of marriage and affirm and support married couples and those preparing for marriage in our parish. Be sure to note the Bulletin insert to realize how much your marriage matters.

We are proud to announce the following couples who are planning Marriage in Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church: James Stallbaumer & Kelsey Smading (4-30), Taylor Jesse and Taylor Kuckelman (5-28), Jarrod Smith & Amy Stallbaumer (6-4), Derek Love & Melissa Nordhus (6-11), Stephen Hulsing & Kayla Stallbaumer (6-25), Mitchell McPherson & Kyla Heinen (7-9), Justin Black & Abbie Schmelzle (7-16), Jason Swart & Katelyn Deters (7-23), Moses Ulmer & Lindsay Peterson (7-30), Matthew Bruna & Rachel Feldkamp (8-6), John McGehee & Brynne Haverkamp (9-17), Shane Luebbe & Megan Kopp (9-24), Kirk Resseguie & Erica Rottinghaus (10-1). Please keep these couples in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

As we begin Lent this week, we continue our Parish theme of *Mercy*, remembering Our Lord's words, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful". Along with Mercy comes forgiveness. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the Church's gift to us to complete this mission of Mercy. Confessions will be heard every Wednesday during Lent from 6-7 PM, and on Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. "God waits for us. Always."

-From the writings of Pope Francis.

1st Sunday of Lent

Have you been checking DynamicCatholic.com/Lent for the BEST LENT EVER?? This email program, based on Matthew Kelly's bestseller, *Rediscover Jesus*, walks parishioners through a 40 day spiritual journey for a life-changing Lent. The Ash Wednesday program stated the program Mission: to re-energize the Catholic Church in America by developing world-class resources that inspire people to rediscover Catholicism when 70% of Catholics do not go to Church on Sunday. Watch the startling video for insight to this problem.

Lenten Devotions:

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Every Thursday evening at 7 PM.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday afternoon at 2 PM.

Lenten Bulletin Insert: A weekly Lenten Reflection for the "Year of Mercy".

Lenten Regulations simplified:

Abstain from Meat on all Fridays in Lent - All Catholics who have reached the age of reason and older.

Fast & Abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday: All Catholics age 18 to 59 are obliged to abstain from meat and fast by eating one normal meal and two lesser meals, with no eating between meals on these two days.

Personal Fasting: It is recommended that all Catholics find opportunities during Lent to compliment their fasts with prayer, frequent attendance at daily Mass, the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation, and positive works of charity and mercy.

Just a note: Have you turned in your Call to Share envelope, your Altar Society dues (\$5), and your Leaven subscription dues (\$21)? Thank you, if you have.



Masses for Feb 15 to Feb 21th

1st Sunday of Lent



Monday	Feb 15 – 1st Monday of Lent 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	Feb 16 - 1st Tuesday of Lent 6:00 PM – L/D Ray & Rita Wende Family & George & Cotton Haug
Wednesday	Feb 17 – 1st Wednesday of Lent 8:00 AM – Arlene Lackey Prine 9:30 AM – Crestview – Aurelia Heinen
Thursday	Feb 18 – 1st Thursday of Lent 7:00 AM – Aurelia Heinen
Friday	Feb 19 – 1st Friday of Lent 8:00 AM – Rita (Mrs George) Holthaus (Anniv)
Saturday	Feb 20 – 1st Saturday of Lent 7:30 AM – Gilbert Osterhaus (Anniv) 4:00 PM – L/D Leander & Connie Engelken Family
Sunday	Feb 21 – 2nd Sunday of Lent 7:00 AM – Elmer Brinker (Anniv) 9:00 AM – L/D Gerald & Evelyn Burdick Family 11:00 AM – For our Parish

Weekday Servers **Tues 6 PM, Thurs 7 AM, Sat 7:30 AM – Nathan & Connor Deters**
 Wed 8 AM & Fri 8 AM – SPPS Students

<u>Sat 4:00 PM</u>	<u>Sun 7:00 AM</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Bryce Uphaus	Jessica Deters	Samantha Nordhus	Hillary Stallbaumer
Chris Schmitz	Mariana Hammes	Ashley M Hammes	Michelle Olberding
Caitlin Schmits	Braden Bramhall	Garrett Bemmett	Cole Ganstrom
Taylor Hammes	Ben Feldkamp	Peter Ganstrom	Landen Baker

Assistants at The Eucharist for Saturday, Feb 20 & Sunday, Feb 21

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Caleb Niehues *Claire Deters	Paul Boeding Marilyn Boeding	Dylan Schraad Blake Uphaus	Greg & Anna Kohake	Janet Kramer
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Dean Becker *Doug Schmelzle	Dorothy Hammes Leon Feldkamp	Adam Niehues Quincy Haverkamp	Stacy Rethman	Jan Rottinghaus
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Lydia Meyer *Joe Kohake	Shelly Schmelzle Jim Strathman	Susan Stallbaumer Hannah Stallbaumer	Adult Choir	Owen Zinke
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Ty Hermesch *Gabriella Sudbeck	Sharon Haverkamp Mary Rottinghaus	Cara Baker Lynda Cross	Allison Hermesch	Terry Nordhus

ROSARY LEADERS: 4:00 PM Eunice Winkler 9:00 AM Joe Kohake

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

SPPS is taking pre-registrations for the following
2016-2017 Preschool classes:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4-5 year old AM & PM sessions
Tuesday/Thursday 3-4 year old AM & PM sessions.

For more information or to register, please call
the school office at 336-2727.

Scholarships are available.

*Sts Peter & Paul is committed to making Catholic
Education available and affordable to all families.*

Catholic Heart Work Camp -Denver, CO - A mandatory
meeting for campers and parents is scheduled for
Sunday, March 6th at 1 PM at the SPPS Parish Hall.
Campers will be filling out paperwork and will be getting
started with the Pork Chop Dinner fundraiser. Another
payment will be due at this time. Please bring a front
and back copy of your health insurance card. There is
still room for students 8th grade thru college to go.
Call 294-0927 if you have questions.

CHWC Note -The smoked pork chop dinner will be
Apr. 3rd at K of C Hall.

Rally for Religious Freedom: On Wed. February 17th,
from noon to 1 PM, the Catholic Bishops of Kansas and
others will be hosting a Rally inside the Kansas State
Capitol Building 2nd Floor Rotunda area under the dome
to demonstrate to lawmakers that support for religious
freedom is strong. Noted speakers will be present !
FREE PARKING at Judicial Center, Lot 4 at the corner
of Topeka Blvd & 12th St. which is in walking distance of
the Capitol. For more information please visit
www.ksatholic.org. Arrive early because all participants
must pass through security at 8th Ave & Van Buren
Visitor's Entrance. Stand up for your faith!

CONTRIBUTIONS for week of 2/1/16 to 2/7/16
Weekly Budget is \$15,000.

Church	Plate	\$	1,622.00
	Envelope	\$	6,535.00
	EFT/ACH	\$	6,765.00
School		\$	3,990.00
	EFT/ACH	\$	1,203.00
Leaven		\$	211.00
Ash Wed		\$	62.00
St Joseph dues		\$	3.00
TOTAL	Thank You!!	\$	20,391.00



The Adoration Chapel needs new adorers for:
Mon 11-12 PM and In your Mercy, give an
hour to Jesus. Call Sue at 336-2297. Notice:
three hours have been taken (thank you!).



Adult Choir Practice will continue every Tuesday
at 6:45 PM in Church until Easter. *Please note
revised time!*

Troop #71 Boy Scouts would like to thank everyone for
supporting their local troop by attending their annual
pancake breakfast. Your support is greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

Wed Feb 17 - Religious Freedom Rally @ KS Capitol noon
Sat Feb 20 - NFP Meeting, Church Basement 9:00 AM
Sat Feb 20 - Trivia Night, K of C Hall, 7 PM

SCHOOL NEWS:

Mon Feb 15 - NO SCHOOL - Staff development
Thu Feb 18 Scholars Bowl
Mon Feb 22 - O.T.L. @ SPPS

CCD NEWS:

Wed. Feb. 17th Regular CCD classes, Grade School
6:45 in the Parish Hall; HS 7:00 classrooms.
Monitors: Dustin & Stacy Monier and Maranda
Novotny/Janice Grauer



Give the gift of Life. Seneca Community Red
Cross Blood Drive is on Friday, February 26 from
7:30AM to 1:30 PM. For appointment, call 336-3360 or
go to www.redcrossblood.org and search for sponsor
code SENEACOMM.

AREA EVENTS:

**Rediscover Catholicism, a book by Matthew Kelly,
is being presented as a book study at St. Bede's Parish
House, Kelly, every Sunday at 8:45 AM and at 7:00 PM.
This extends to Sunday, March 13th. Come to one or all.

**Sacred Heart Parish, Sabetha, invites everyone to a
Lenten event on Sunday evenings beginning Sun. Feb 14
at 5:45 PM. Includes sharing a delicious dinner, praise &
worship, dynamic teaching & group sharing. No reg fee.
Call Gina at 284-0888, email gina@nekansascatholics.org

**St. Bede's Parish, Kelly, will be holding its annual
pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb 21st from 7 AM to
12:30 PM at the Church basement. Free will donation.

**Beginning Experience Weekend, serving the Widowed,
Separated, and Divorced who are suffering loss, on Feb
26-28 at Precious Blood, Liberty MO. Contact Kim 813-
739-4733 or Teresa 816-529-9002.

**Axtell Community Fish Fry on Fri Feb 26th from
5 PM - 8 PM at the Axtell American Legion.
Silent Auction with proceeds towards Axtell projects.

**The 2016 Baileyville Benefit is scheduled for
February 27th & 28th at Nemaha Central High School
with the auction to start 6:00 pm on Sunday. Please
contact Kenny Schmitz at 336-6252 or Dan Broxterman
at 334-3913 for questions or donations.

***"Soul on Fire" J-High Youth Rally, at Prairie Star,
Feb 28, 9-4. Register with Shannon Holthaus, SPPS
DRE, at 294-1328.

**St Patrick's Parish, Corning Pancake Breakfast on
Sunday, March 6 from 7 AM to 1 PM.

FOR  YOUR
MARRIAGE

Marriage

**IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE
ESPECIALLY FOR THE KIDS (AND THE WHOLE COMMUNITY)**

MARRIAGE IS A GIFT FROM GOD TO MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND SOCIETY.

In marriage, a husband and wife form an exclusive and lifelong bond, forge a shared financial future, promise to take care of each other "in sickness and in health," and provide a stable and loving home for any children they are blessed with. Marriage is the foundation of the family, which is the primary place where we all learn to love and be loved, to live in community with others, and to care for the most vulnerable (e.g. children, the elderly, the sick). This flyer provides some concrete examples from the social sciences of a truth long taught by the Catholic Church: marriage matters to men, women, children, and society.

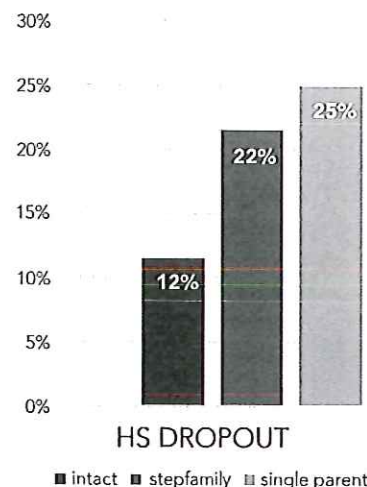
MARRIAGE MATTERS FOR CHILDREN

Children raised by married parents tend to enjoy more stability, more financial resources, more consistent discipline, and more attention than their peers in other families. Because of this, they are more likely to flourish in life, and to avoid detours that can unsettle their futures, compared with children raised in other family situations. Princeton sociologist Sara McLanahan put it this way: "Children who grow up in a household with only one biological parent are worse off, on average, than children who grow up in a household with both of their biological parents... regardless of whether the resident parent remarries." This does not mean children who are raised in single-parent or step-families necessarily do badly; no situation is hopeless, God can heal all wounds, and the Church family is there to help.

But the social science is clear: children who are raised by their own married mother and father are more likely to thrive. What follows are a few real life examples.

Graduating from High School

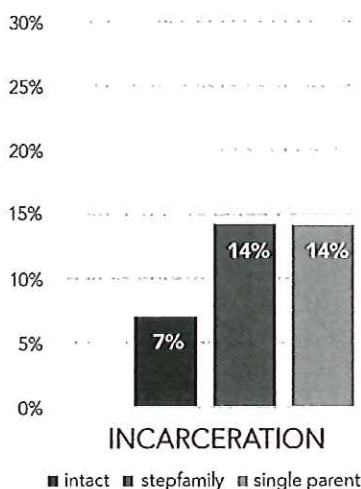
This figure shows that children from an intact family with married parents are about half as likely to drop out of high school, compared to children from single-parent and step-families. When children from an intact family enter into adulthood they are also more likely to work full-time and succeed in the workplace.



Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth. Note: figure adjusted for maternal education, race, ethnicity, and mother's age at birth.

Boys: Avoiding Jail

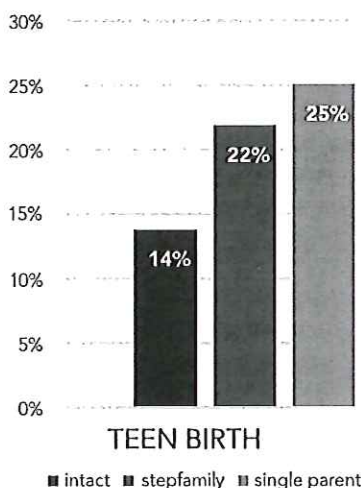
Boys who are raised by both their father and mother are significantly less likely to end up in jail or prison by the time they reach 30, as this figure details. As data indicates, boys who have the benefit of the presence, attention, and oversight of both their parents, and especially their father, are less likely to run afoul of the law.



Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth. Note: figure adjusted for maternal education, race, ethnicity, and mother's age at birth.

Girls: Teen Pregnancy

Girls who are raised by both their father and mother are significantly less likely to end up pregnant as a teenager. They are also less likely to be sexually active as teens when they enjoy the stability, attention, affection, and monitoring associated with growing up in an intact family. Here too, a father's presence is particularly important.



Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth. Note: figure adjusted for maternal education, race, ethnicity, and mother's age at birth.

MARRIAGE MATTERS FOR SPOUSES AND THE COMMUNITY

It's not just children who benefit from marriage; spouses benefit too. Women and men who get and stay married tend to be healthier, happier, and better off financially, compared to their peers who never marry, divorce, or divorce and remarry. Men, for instance, live about nine years longer if they get and stay married. Women are more financially stable in retirement if they are married, as a recent report from the U.S. Department of Labor noted. And communities with a greater share of married parents tend to be safer and more likely to promote economic opportunity for disadvantaged children in their midst.

HOPE FOR THE HURTING

Marriage can be difficult at times.* Spouses can face periods of disappointment or disillusionment, as well as times of added stress caused by illness, job loss, or a loved one's death. But husbands and wives facing trials should not despair. Most couples who experience a spell of unhappiness but remain married see their marriages improve. One study found that "Two out of three unhappily married adults who avoided divorce or separation ended up happily married five years later." If you are struggling in your marriage, seek help from a priest or deacon, marriage-friendly counselor, or wise friend. There are also good resources for couples looking for help (for example, see www.foryourmarriage.org). Above all, pray! Ask God for the graces you need to live a happy, holy marriage, knowing that it will benefit you, your community, and especially your children.

*Spouses facing domestic violence should seek immediate help, for instance by calling the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 and by removing themselves and any children from danger (e.g., temporary or permanent separation if necessary).

For resources to strengthen your marriage and family, please visit the For Your Marriage website: www.foryourmarriage.org

More information on social science and marriage and family issues can be found at the Institute for Family Studies website: <http://ifstudies.org>

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