

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Parish

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Baptisms: By appointment

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

Weddings: Six months advance notice

Mass Schedule:

Weekday Mass: Monday No Mass/Communion Service Only 7:00AM

Tuesday: 6:00PM, **Wednesday & Friday:** 8:00AM, **Thursday:** 7:00AM

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

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

December 2nd, 2018



Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's liturgical year. It is the time of the

year when we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Welcome Baby Jesus with the following:

An Advent Prayer of Anticipation

God, our Loving Father, we are looking forward to the gift of your newborn Son, Jesus. Look upon us, your children, as our excitement grows. May the Infant Jesus transform us into people like him: imaginative, forgiving, compassionate, and obedient to the Father. Bless our celebrations with family and friends: pour your grace on those who are alone. Show us how to walk in the Light of the Lord and share that light with others. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Infant King. Amen



In Memoriam - The Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated for Robert "Quentin" Engelken on Wed, November 28. Let us remember

Quentin and his loved ones in our prayers.

A Graveside Service for Elizabeth "Betty" Boeding was held Sat, December 1 at Sts Peter & Paul Cemetery.



Will your loved one's names be on the Memory Tree? To include them, please enclose a list of their names and a free will offering in a separate envelope marked Memory Tree and place in the offering. Money raised will benefit SPPS needs.



Do you have a Poinsettia ordered for your loved one? Contact Seneca Florist at 336-6186 by December 12th. Thank you.

First Sunday of Advent



We welcome Archbishop Joseph Naumann to our Parish for a Pastoral Visit today, Sat, December 1st. Archbishop will celebrate the

4:00 PM Mass, preach, and will then bless our

new stained glass windows. All are welcome to greet the Archbishop and share your thoughts. He will meet with the leadership of the Parish after Mass.



Flowers- The bouquet on the Main Altar is for the living and the deceased members of the John & Anna Marie Kuckelman Family.



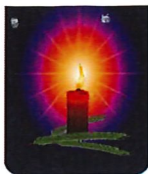
The Last Session of the Evangelization of the Divine Mercy Seminar will be held at the Youth Center this Tuesday evening, Dec. 4th at 6:30 PM. The titles of Session Eight are the Spiritual and the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Thank you to all who have come and been blessed by this Series. Watch the Bulletin for future Seminars.



SPPS Advent Projects: Sts. Peter & Paul School is sponsoring a collection of donations during Advent for families in need in our community. Parishioners may help by

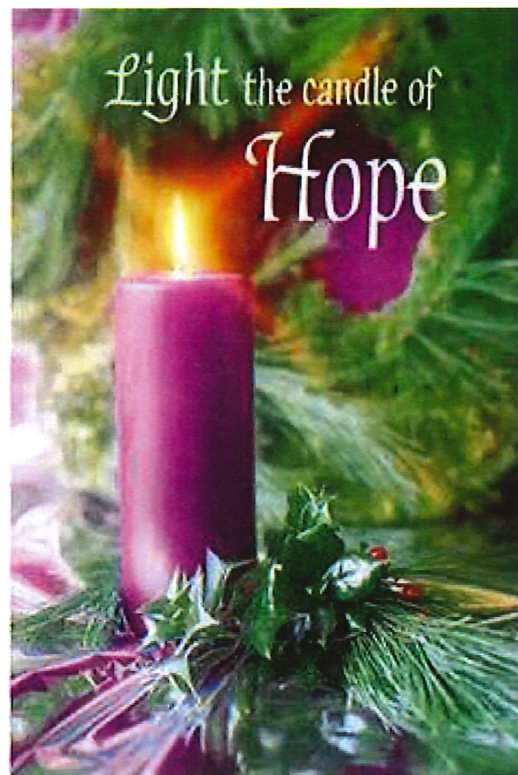
purchasing any of these needed items: new bath towels, kitchen towels, dish cloths, blankets, and monetary donations to purchase grocery cards. In addition to these items, SPPS has adopted two families with specific needs. These needs can be found listed on a board in the Narthex. Please choose one and turn all donations into the Parish Office by December 14th. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 336-2727.



Masses for December 3rd to December 9th

First Sunday of Advent

Monday	December 3 – Saint Francis Xavier 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	December 4 – Saint John Damascene 6:00 PM – Irene Hoskins
Wednesday	December 5 – Advent Weekday 8:00 AM – Joyce Meyer (Anniv) 10:00 AM – Crestview Mass –James Macke (Fr. Regie)
Thursday	December 6 – Saint Nicholas 7:00 AM – L/D Members Knights of Columbus
Friday	December 7 – Saint Ambrose 8:00 AM – Members of the Spiritual Society 6:00 PM – Vigil for Holy Day Larry Nordhus
Saturday	December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation 7:30 AM – Holy Day Mass - L/D Ed & Elaine Frehe Family 4:00 PM – Vigil of Sunday L/D Ed & Mary Boeding Family
Sunday	December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent 7:00 AM – L/D Harold & Joann Mitchell 9:00 AM – Eldon Fleury (Anniv) 11:00 AM – For Our Parish



Weekday Servers: Dec. 4, Dec. 6, Dec. 8 (Tues 6 PM, Thurs 7 AM, Sat 7:30 AM) Derek Wurtz & Isabelle Hammes
Dec. 5 & Dec. 7 (Wed 8 AM, Fri 8 AM) SPPS students

Friday, December 7 – 6:00 PM Holy Day Mass

<u>Servers</u>		<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion/Cup</u>	<u>Cantor/Organist</u>
Kate Bartkoski	Chase Holthaus	Megan Olberding	Keith Haverkamp	
Lucas Holthaus	Kate Niehues	*Nikki Honeyman	Patty Haverkamp	Terry Nordhus

Servers – Saturday & Sunday, December 8 & December 9

<u>4PM</u>	<u>7AM</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Jonah Deters	Charlie Bontrager	Cole Hermes	Lacie Young
Kevin Uphaus	Timothy Hemman	Zach Kramer	Julie Rottinghaus
Ryan Uphaus	Clarissa Hemman	Andrew Henry	Maryssa Stallbaumer
Aden Feldkamp	Brooklyn Uphaus	Garrett Schmelzle	Hillary Stallbaumer

Assistants at the Eucharist for Saturday & Sunday, December 8 & December 9

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
4:00 PM	Jean Wassenberg *Jeanie Kramer	Bruce Deters Damian Enneking	Brenda Deters Julie Strathman	Alan Lierz	Terry Nordhus
7:00 AM	John Strathman *Braden Bramhall	Jim Runnebaum Leon Feldkamp	Myra Runnebaum Kim Bontrager		
9:00 AM	Michelle Olberding *Emma Elder	Ainsley Nordhus Sydney Schmelzle	Trenton Schmitz Corley Becker	High School Choir	Owen Zinke
11:00 AM	James Lueger *Shannon Holthaus	Carrie Young Sharon Haverkamp	Rhonda Sperfslage Aimee Rottinghaus	Greg & Anna Kohake	Emily Altenhofen
Rosary Leaders:	4:00 PM: Dennis Henry		9:00 AM: Joe Kohake		



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, is Saturday, December 8th. Vigil Mass is Friday evening, December 7th at 6:00 PM and the Holy Day Mass is on Saturday morning at 7:30 AM. The 4 PM Mass on Saturday is observed as the Sunday Vigil Mass.




The SPPS PTO is hosting the 6th Annual Christmas Wish List for the Teachers.

This year the teachers are all needing technology updates for both students and teachers. Please note the Bulletin insert listing items, and the request for monetary donations towards these requests. Beth Niehues is the point of contact. You may contact her at 785-294-1480 or strathmanb@yahoo.com.



The NCTC is sponsoring a "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, December 8th, from 7:30 AM to 11:00 PM. Kids, come enjoy a good meal and a visit with Santa. Everyone welcome.

Thank You -The families of Millie Oenbring and Quentin Engelken would like to thank the ushers, servers, the Altar Society Circles who donated food, and the Funeral Committee who organized and served the funeral meals for their loved ones.

 The High School Choir will have practice on Wed. Dec 5th at 8 PM. We will sing at the 9:00 AM Mass on December 9th.

Adult Choir will continue meeting each Tuesday at 7 PM until notified. New members are always welcome.

Reconciliation Schedule for Advent 2018

<u>December 2</u>	<u>December 9</u>	<u>December 16</u>
3:00 pm Axtell	3:00 pm Frankfort	3:00 pm Seneca
3:00 pm Corning	3:00 pm Baileyville	7:00 pm Sabetha
7:00 pm Kelly	5:00 pm Marysville	7:00 pm St. Bene
7:00pm Wetmore		

The Schedules for Christmas and New Year's Masses are inserted in today's Bulletin. Post this in your home for ready reference for the Holy Days to come.



Don't let Jesus alone during the advent of His birth - a wonderful time to thank Him for all His special gifts to you and the gift of His birth! Open hours are: Sundays 1-2

AM, 3-4 AM, 3-4 PM, Tuesdays 1-2 AM, Wednesdays 4-5 AM, Thursdays 1-2 PM, Fridays 1-2 AM, Saturdays 3-4 AM, 4-5 AM. Call/text Betty Sudbeck at 336-4022.

Beginning next month, our parish will host a Foster Parenting Class on Saturday mornings. Saturday, Dec 8th at the 4 PM Mass, Seth Montgomery of KVC Foster Care, will speak after Mass to explain this project. More information will be in following Bulletins.

Stewardship Summary

Projected Yearly Budget \$1,518,735.16 (parish & school)

<u>Fiscal Year</u> 7-1-18 to 6-30-19	<u>Week of</u> 11/25/18	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>Totals</u>
<u>Envelope</u>	\$ 4,107.00	\$ 131,186.00
<u>Plate</u>	\$ 955.00	\$ 29,754.03
<u>EFT Church</u>	\$ 9,648.00	\$ 83,085.00
<u>School</u>	\$ 520.00	\$ 91,053.22
<u>EFT/School</u>	\$ 2,486.75	\$ 21,069.13
<u>Other</u>	\$ 947.00	\$ 9,902.50
<u>Total</u>	\$ 18,663.75	\$ 366,049.88
<u>Weekly Budget</u> \$21,000.00	<u>Income over/under</u> \$ -2,336.25	<u>Week #22 over/under</u> \$ -94,801.35



The Faith, Hope and Charity Appeal for the week ending 11/25/18 had an additional donation of \$5,000.00. We are now showing a current total of \$236,442.29. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and school.



Windows Report for the week ending 11/25/18 had a donation of \$10,00.00, showing a current balance of \$551,019.00, toward our goal of \$600,000.00. Thank you for your continued giving.

LEAVEN - As of 11/25/18, we have collected \$4,837.00 towards the total of \$12,621.00 that our parish is required to pay. Your payment of \$21 is appreciated. There is an envelope in your pack. Make checks payable to Sts Peter & Paul with Leaven in the Memo area.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sat Dec 1 - Archbishop Pastoral Visit - 4 PM Mass
Sat Dec 8 - Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conc.
Sat Dec 8 - Breakfast with Santa 7:30 to 11:00

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Thu Dec 6 - BB Wetmore @ HOME 4:00
Wed Dec 12 - Christmas Program 7:00 pm

UPCOMING CCD EVENTS

Wed Dec 5 - Regular Class. Monitors are Kelly & Carissa Williams and Mike & Amy Sudbeck

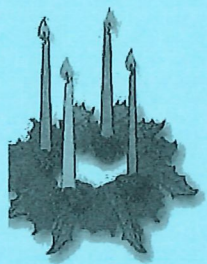


Upcoming Event: Join us for an Alaskan Cruise in August 2019 to raise funds for Sts. Peter & Paul School. For more information contact Marilyn Boeding at Boeding Travel 785-336-6383 or 785-799-7296. Brochures are in the Narthex.

Area Events:

**Baileyville Knights Soup Night, Sunday Dec. 2nd from 4:30 to 7:30 at the Church Basement. Soups and desserts. Free will donation.

**Camp Kateri Tekakwitha has the Summer 2019 Schedule ready. See the full schedule on the west Bulletin Board or talk to Shannon for more info.



Advent & Christmas Schedule

REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00 pm: Axtell & Corning

Sunday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm: Kelly & Wetmore

Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 pm: Frankfort & Baileyville

Sunday, December 9th at 5:00 pm: Marysville

Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 pm: Seneca

Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 pm: St Benedict & Sabetha

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas masses

Monday, December 24th at 4:00 PM in Church

Monday, December 24th at 4:15 PM in SPPS new gym

Monday, December 24th at 6:00 PM in Church

Monday, December 24th at 8:00 PM in Church

Tuesday, December 25th at 8:00 AM in Church

Tuesday, December 25th at 10:00 AM in Church

Solemnity, Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God & New Year

Monday, December 31st at 4:00 PM

Tuesday, January 1st at 8:00 AM

Tuesday, January 1st at 10:00 AM



2018 SPPS TEACHER CHRISTMAS WISH LIST EVENT

The SPPS PTO is proud to host the 6th annual Teacher Christmas Wish List event. This year our teachers have indicated that they are all needing technology updates from computers and iPads to charging stations for the both students and teachers. This project provides a way for families & the parish community to express their gratitude and support for our school. The event will run for the next 4 weeks from December 3rd – 31st. If you would like to participate in this event here are some guidelines to follow:

- We have established an event coordinator for your convenience. Beth Niehues will be your point of contact. Her contact information is as follows:
Cell Phone: 785-294-1480 Email: strathmanb@yahoo.com
Please contact Beth if you have any of the following needs:
 - ✓ Any questions regarding the event
 - ✓ You would like to purchase a specific item off of the wish list. She will be able to tell you if the item has already been purchased & can direct you to other options available.
- Non-specific Monetary Donation – you do not have a specific item you would like to purchase but instead simply want to make a donation towards the event. These donations will be compiled and then split amongst items most needed.
 - ✓ School families – please mark the envelope as “Teacher Wish List” and turn it into the school office.
 - ✓ Parish Community – please mark the envelope as “Teacher Wish List” and put it in the collection basket or drop it off to Marian Rottinghaus at the parish office.
- Please make checks payable to “SPPS PTO”. If you make a cash donation and would like a receipt or would like a donation statement sent to you for tax purposes please contact Beth Niehues and she would be happy to send this to you.

We are so blessed to have such wonderful teachers educating our children. They truly love and care about their students and often sacrifice time away from their own families for the betterment of our students, school & community. We hope you find this event a fun and beneficial way to say “Thank You!” for all that they do through the year. Thank you for your continued support of our school and have a blessed & Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

SPPS PTO

Betty Ruegge, President

Katie Nordhus, Vice President

Tami Haverkamp, Secretary

Tiffany Haug, Treasurer

Kindergarten

2 ESGI Software Subscriptions – \$200.00 each or \$400/all

Angie Hammes – Catechesis of the Good Shepard

23 Holy Bibles - \$22 each or \$506/all

Todd Leonard – School Wide Needs

30 iPad Air 32GB - \$373/each or \$11,190/all

- (10-packs) with 3-Year AppleCare - \$3,730

30 iPad Air Protective Cases - \$34.95 each or \$1,048.50/all

5 Bretford PureCharge Stations for 20 iPads - \$1,195.99 each or \$5,979.95/all

30 MacBook Air Computers - \$ 1,012/each or \$30,360/all

- MacBook Air (5-packs) with AppleCare - \$5,060

Please contact Beth Niehues at 785-294-1480 or by email at strathmanb@yahoo.com if you would like to donate items to the school. You may also see/print this list from the church website at: www.saintspeterandpaul-seneca.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THE *Wonder* OF
CHRISTMAS





Spiritual Society Mass Intentions for First Friday

December 7th , 2018

Sts. Peter & Paul Spiritual Society



Adams, Jason
Allen, Vaden
Baalmann, Tom
Becker, Raymond & Rosalia
Becker, Regis F.
Bennett, Eugene
Bennett, Robert "Bob" & Lou
Bentsen, Jack & Leona
Berkley, Dr. Norman
Block, Francis & Marcella
Boden, Nick & Agnes
Boeckman, Lawrence
Boeding, Al
Boeding, Ed & Mary
Boeding, Norbert & RoseZella
Brinker, Elmer & Luella
Broxterman, Albert & Bernadine
Buessing, Elmer
Buessing, Joe & Margaret
Buessing, Vince & Tillie
Carasala, Balaswamy
Carlson, Megan
Claas, Robert L.
Cohorst, Bernard & Cecilia
Crevier, Kenneth
Cronin, Linda (Olberding)
Cross, Raymond & Thelma
Curti, Edward Sr.
Dalinghaus, Ben
Dalinghaus, Jeff
Dalsing, Mary
Deters, Ferdinand & Rose
Deters, Sally **
DeVillier, Angela
Ehrsam, Chuck **
Ehrsam, Willis "Willie" **
Eisenbarth, Daniel "Izzy"
Engelken, Aloy "Wishy"
Engelken, John R
Engelken, Leander
Feldkamp, Annette
Feldkamp, Ben & Katherine
Feldkamp, Kevin
Feldkamp, Leander & Esther
Feldkamp, Lloyd
Fleury, Eldon
Glissman, Julie
Gress, Charlie
Grollmes, Leona

Grollmes, Louis
Gudenkauf, A.H. & Celesta
Gudenkauf, Arlene **
Gudenkauf, Kathy
Gudenkauf, Ray & Florence
Hammes, Dan
Hammes, Gene
Hammes, Sara
Harland, Francis & Rosemary
Haug, Ernest
Haug, Joseph C.
Haug, Lambert & Marjorie
Haug, Larry E.
Haug, Omer & Lucille
Haug, Ronald "George"
Haug, Urban
Haverkamp, Bob
Haverkamp, George & Evelyn
Haverkamp, Lillis
Haverkamp, Melvin H.
Haverkamp, Vincent & Dorothy
Heideman, John **
Heiman, Elmer
Heiman, Lynn
Heiman, Norbert & Theresa
Heiman, Regis & Evelyn
Heinen, Albert & Rita
Heinen, John & Anna
Heinen, Lawrence
Heinen, Raymond & Aurelia
Heintzelman, Charles
Heintzelman, Jim & Pat
Heintzelman, John & Frances
Hermesch, Ben
Hermesch, Fred
Hermesch, Galen
Hermesch, Jerry
Hermesch, Raymond **
Hermesch, William & Helen
Holthaus, Carl & Rosemary
Holthaus, Clifford
Holthaus, Daniel
Holthaus, Ed & Agnes **
Holthaus, Eric
Holthaus, Henry & Vera
Holthaus, Kurt T.
Holthaus, Rita (Mrs. George)
Hood, Carol (Haverkamp)
Huerter, William "Bill"

Hulsing, Donna Zoe
Hulsing, Tony & Florence
Huninghake, Barb
Huninghake, Ray
Hunninghake, Lester & Wilma
Jeanneret, Wilbur
Kaster, Ann
Koch, Firmin & Cynthia
Koch, Joseph & Carmelita
Koehler, James & Sally
Koelzer, Allie & Irene
Koelzer, Eileen
Koelzer, Elmer
Koelzer, Gilbert **
Koelzer, Jean
Koelzer, Melvin & Gladys
Koelzer, Tom & Virginia
Kohake, Albert
Kohake, Andrew
Kohake, Dan & Mary
Kohake, Grace M.
Kohake, Joe & Margaret
Kohake, Vincent & Eleanor
Kokenge, John W
Kokenge, Max & Shirley
Kokenge, Randy **
Kokenge, Robert & Gladys
Kongs, John Robert
Korte, Ray & Theresa
Korte, Ty
Kramer, Daniel L
Kramer, Donald F.
Kramer, Eugene H. & Annie
Kramer, Paul E.
Kroemer, Jackie
Krogman, Charlie & Verla
Kuckelman, Frank & Josephine
Kuckelman, Thomas G.
Kuckelman, William "Bill"
Lackey, David
Lackey, Galen
Lackey, Hubert
Lang, Paul
Lauer, Chris
Lauer, Cyril & Geneva
Lauer, Dave
Lehmkuhl, Kenny & Tiny
Lierz, Elmer
Lierz, Matt & Mary



Spiritual Society Mass Intentions for First Friday



December 7th , 2018

Sts. Peter & Paul Spiritual Society

Linville, Theresa
Love, Gary
Love, Joe & Edna "Eddy"
Luckerth, Amber
Luckerth, Don
Luckerth, Donna
Luckerth, Jim
Luckerth, Josiah "Joe"
Lueb, Jan **
Luebbe, Norman & Rosemary
Lueger, Alvin & Leona
Lueger, Stephen
Macke, Henry & Mary
Macke, James
Malone, Phillip J
Mathewson, Mildred
McGinty, Jim
McGinty, Trish
Meyer, Teresa
Miller, Dale & Norbertine
Mission Center-Deceased
Workers
Mohlman, Joseph & Charlene
Mueting, John & Clara
Mueting, Leo & Marie
Niehues, Joseph Jr.
Niehues, Robert Sr & Mary
Niekamp, Cecilia
Nolte, Jason
Nordhus, Jane
Nordhus, Sylvester "Pat"
Nordhus, Tim
Olberding, Eileen **
Olberding, Jackie
Olberding, Lawrence & Martha
Olberding, Raymond F.
Olberding, Ryan
Olberding, Victor
Osterhaus, Bobby (Mrs. Leon)
Osterhaus, Leonard
Osterhaus, Steven
Pultz, Paul
Quinlan, Wilfred **
Reinecke, Clarence "Mike"
Rennenger, Jake & Minnie
Renyer, Joe & Cecelia
Rethman, Norman
Rice, Alice
Rilinger, Paul **

Robke, Al & Erma
Roeder, Dorothy
Ronnebaum, Albert & Ann
Ronnebaum, Joe & Emma
Ronnebaum, Kenneth & Dorothy
Ronnebaum, Leonard
Ronnebaum, Louis & Marie
Ronnebaum, Melvin "Butch"
Ronnebaum Ruth
Ronnebaum, Werner & Lorena
Rottinghaus, Francis
Rottinghaus, Frank & Emma
Rottinghaus, Frank & Marie
Rottinghaus, John H.
Rottinghaus, John I. & Ethel A **
Rottinghaus, Justin
Runnebaum, Henry & Alma
Runnebaum, Vernice
Sack, Elmer
Sack, John & Edna
Sanders, Viola
Schiffbauer, Ralph
Schmelzle, Eugene "Gene"
Schmelzle, Geri
Schmelzle, Gilbert & Helen
Schmelzle, Mary
Schmidt, Jim
Schmidt, Lawrence & Adrianna
Schmidt, Thomas
Schmits, Alvin "Butch"
Schmitz, Elaine
Schraad, Dorothy E.
Schulte, Jerry & Rita
Schurman, Ethel
Schurman, John & Rose
Schurman, Lawrence & Nora
Scragg, Barrett
Sedlacek, Alvin & Delores
Sedlacek, Bernadine
Shinn, Ernest & Mary Jean
Siess, Jeremy
Skoch, Sylvester
Sperfslage, Don
Stallbaumer, Cyril & Frances
Stallbaumer, Daniel J.
Stallbaumer, Gilbert & Teresa
Stallbaumer, Hubert
Stallbaumer, Marcena
Stallbaumer, Norbert & Marie

Stallbaumer, Robert D.
Steinlage, Nancy
Strathman, Dale
Strathman, Keith
Strathman, Sylvester
Studer, Ralph & Margaret
Suther, Elmer
Tangeman, Julius & Bertha
Teeter, Charles
Tomlinson, Helen (Lang)
Weber, Elizabeth
Weber, Patrick & Marilee
Wempe, Art & Katherine
Wempe, Christopher
Wempe, Paul Richard **
Wende, Ray & Rita
Wessel, Albert & Lucille
Wessel, Frank
Wichman, Charles & Grace
Wichman, Henry & Anna
Wichman, Joe & Emma
Wichman, Sandy **
Wiers, Vern
Wilhelm, Steve
Winkler, Linus & Lucille

JUST A NOTE:

***Those members due to be renewed THIS coming month of December 2018, are signified by ** behind their name. Please renew at the Parish Office, or place the payment in the Sunday Collection, or send payment to SPP Parish Office at 411 Pioneer, Seneca, KS 66538.*

The cost of renewal is \$50.00 per person for 12 Masses per year.

Spiritual Society Benefits:

Spiritual Society Members have 12 Masses said for them each year, one on every First Friday of each month. The Rosary is also said for all members before daily Mass from Monday through Saturday each week (24 rosaries each month).

Retirement Fund for Religious

"The best thing I did in ministry was to teach children the Gospel through plays," says Sister Clare Vandecoevering, 88. "Oh, they were just delighted!" A member of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, she spent more than 50 years in the classroom, sharing her love of Jesus and bringing the Catholic faith to life.

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Perhaps there was a Sister Clare in your life. Perhaps a special woman or man religious shared with you love, faith, and a belief in all that you could become. Maybe you knew more than one. Today those sisters, brothers, and religious order priests may be elderly, and their religious communities may struggle to meet retirement needs.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports necessities—such as medications and nursing care—and helps ensure the next generation of Sister Clares can continue in ministry. Please give generously.

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Meet them at retiredreligious.org/2018photos.

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To donate by mail: Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious. Please do not mail cash.

Amount: ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$ _____

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