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

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

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

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

December 9th, 2018

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent.

As we light the 2nd Candle on our family Advent wreath, our sense of expectation for Baby Jesus increases. Then we realize we are not really prepared for

Jesus' first coming in a few weeks, much less his 2nd coming at the end of time. Let us re-focus our hearts and minds on the long-awaited Savior and prepare for Christmas by carrying His light in our hearts.

The Memory Tree is awaiting your family's

names. Sponsored by the SPPS PTO, this is a meaningful way to remember your loved ones who

have gone, and to include them in your family Christmas. We will remember them in our Prayers of the Faithful at Masses. To include your loved ones, please enclose a list of their names and a free will offering in a separate envelope marked Memory Tree and place in the collection. Money raised will benefit SPPS needs.

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

This year the teachers are all needing

technology updates for both students and teachers. A Bulletin insert listing items and monetary requests was in last week's Bulletin or you may find it on the Church website listed at www.saintspeterandpaul-seneca.com.

You may place these in the Collection marked "Wish List" or bring to the School. This event runs to December 31st. Beth Niehues is the point of contact. You may contact her at 785-294-1480 or

strathmanb@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Second Sunday of Advent

SPPS Advent Projects: Sts. Peter & Paul School is sponsoring a collection of donations during Advent for families in need in our community. We will prepare numerous baskets to deliver to them before Christmas. You

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 baskets, SPPS has adopted two families with specific needs. These needs can be found listed on ornaments on a small tree in the west side of the Narthex. Please choose one, purchase the article and turn all donations into the Parish Office by Dec 14th. Help make your heart a little lighter and their Christmas a little brighter!

Do you have a Poinsettia ordered for your loved one? This is your last chance! Contact Seneca Florist at 336-6186 by December 12th.

Don't forget the sick, the home-bound and the lonely for the Christmas Holidays. To make sure they receive Communion and prayers, call John & Diane Mulryan at 336-3320.

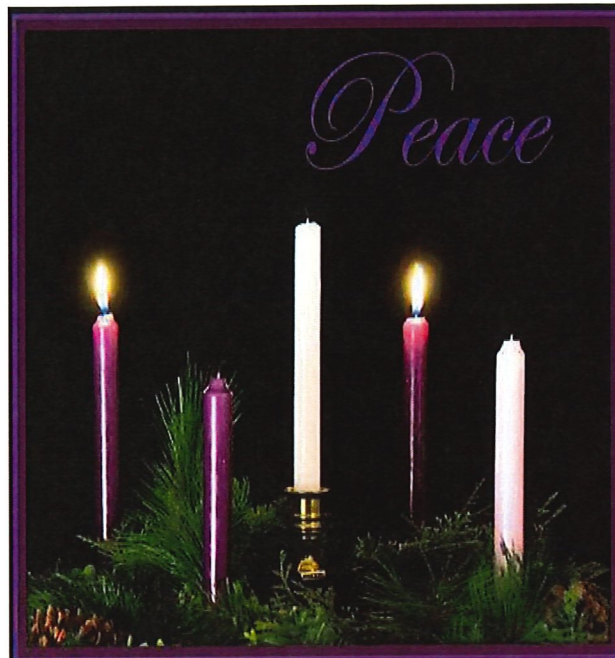
Reconciliation Schedule for Advent 2018
"Prepare for the Coming of the Lord"

<u>December 9</u>	<u>December 16</u>
3:00 pm Frankfort	3:00 pm Seneca
3:00 pm Baileyville	7:00 pm Sabetha
5:00 pm Marysville	7:00 pm St. Benedict



Masses for December 10th to December 16th Second Sunday of Advent

Monday	December 10 – Advent Weekday 7:00 AM – Communion Service
Tuesday	December 11 – Saint Damasus I, Pope 11:00 AM – Life Care Mass (Fr. Regie) 6:00 PM – Viola Sanders (Anniv)
Wednesday	December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:00 AM – Dustin, Kyleigh, Mikayla, Brooklyn Deters
Thursday	December 13 – Saint Lucy 7:00 AM – Bob Claas
Friday	December 14 – Saint John of the Cross 8:00 AM – Anne Leonard 11:00 AM – Country Place Sr. Living (Fr. Regie)
Saturday	December 15 – Advent Weekday 7:30 AM – L/D Justin & Francis Rottinghaus Family 4:00 PM – Dorothy Roeder (Anniv)
Sunday	December 16 – Third Sunday of Advent 7:00 AM – Angela DeVillier (Anniv) 9:00 AM – For Our Parish 11:00 AM – L/D Steve & Rosie Wilhelm Family



Weekday Servers: Dec. 11, Dec. 13, Dec. 15 (Tues 6 PM, Thurs 7 AM, Sat 7:30 AM) Cooper Kramer and Carter Kramer
Dec. 12 & Dec. 14 (Wed 8 AM, Fri 8 AM) SPPS students

Servers – Saturday & Sunday, December 15 & December 16

<u>4PM</u>	<u>7AM</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Chase Holthaus	Laura Hammes	Colby Frehe	Kaitlyn Bennett
Luke Schmelzle	Reese Gerety	Tanner Schmelzle	Kaden Peterson
Sarah Schmelzle	Regan Gerety	Sam Nordhus	Trista Peterson
Jillian Stueve	Marisol Rivera	Trent Thomas	Ava McKinley

Assistants at the Eucharist for Saturday & Sunday, December 15 & December 16

	<u>Lector/*Commentator</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Cup</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Organist</u>
<u>4:00 PM</u>	Allison Schmelzle *Gina Ronnebaum	Kriby Schmelzle Greg Elder	Donna Miller Emma Elder	Eileen Love	Janet Kramer
<u>7:00 AM</u>	Corley Becker *Steve Bennett	Dorothy Hammes Angela Sudbeck	Kristin Hammes Austin Gerety	Stacy Rethman	Jan Rottinghaus
<u>9:00 AM</u>	Garrett Schmelzle *Joe Kohake	John Kohake Mary Beth Kohake	Riley Bontrager Ashley Hammes	Adult Choir	Owen Zinke
<u>11:00 AM</u>	Cassidy Rethman *Michelle Fangman	Margie Shinn Lori Lueger	Michelle Olberding Hunter Steinlage	Katie Nordhus Emily Altenhofen	
<u>Rosary Leaders:</u>	4:00 PM: Bob Niehues		9:00 AM: John Kohake		



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, Thursdays 1-2 PM, Fridays 1-2 AM, Saturdays 3-4 AM, 4-5 AM.

Call/text Betty Sudbeck at 336-4022. *Father God, Lord Jesus, please bless each adorer with Your choicest blessings and Your Divine Mercy especially during this Holy Season of waiting.*

What is Advent all about?? Be sure to note the beautiful picture of our Blessed Lady on the Bulletin Board, west entrance, as we wait in silence and hope.



The 22nd Annual Worldwide Candle Lighting Vigil for the Compassionate Friends will be held today, on Sunday, December 9th. 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!

The Seneca Support Group is planning their own Candle Lighting that evening at the Cornerstone Coffee Haus, 431 Main St beginning at 6 PM. Anyone who has lost a child is welcome to join them that evening. If planning to attend or for more info about the event, please call 785-336-3691.

The Distinguished Graduate Nomination Form is inserted in today's Bulletin in preparation for Catholic Schools Week January 27-February 2. Nominate someone you know and appreciate.

The Catholic Faith Explained is a set of classes, much like the RCIA classes, but presented for the Parish instead. These classes will be led by Joan Henry, our RCIA instructor. Please see insert for more information.

Stewardship Summary

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

Fiscal Year 7-1-18 to 6-30-19	Week of 12/2/18	Year to Date Totals
Envelope	\$ 8,155.25	\$ 139,341.25
Plate	\$ 1,008.25	\$ 30,762.28
EFT Church	\$	\$ 83,085.00
School	\$ 4,030.00	\$ 95,083.22
EFT/School	\$	\$ 21,069.13
Other	\$ 531.00	\$ 10,433.50
Total	\$ 13,724.50	\$ 379,774.38
Weekly Budget \$21,000.00	Income over/under \$ -7,275.50	Week #23 over/under \$ 102,076.85



The Faith, Hope and Charity Appeal for the week ending 12/2/18 had additional donations of \$3,383.35. We are now showing a current total of \$239,825.64.

Thank you for your support of our parish and school.

Belated Thank-Yous:

The SPPS PTO Winter Craft & Vendor Show Committee would like to thank all who came, the 36 Vendors who set-up and the 8th grade class for the food stand. Your continued support is over-whelming.

The SPPS PTO Soup Supper Committee would like to thank Parents, Students, School Faculty and Donors for your contributions to the Soup Supper. Your generous support is appreciated.

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



Help Save Lives - Give Blood. Seneca Community Blood Drive is on Friday, December 14th, from 8 AM to 2 PM. Please call 336-3360 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: SENECACOMM to schedule your appointment.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sat Dec 8 - Breakfast with Santa 7:30 to 11:00

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Wed Dec 12 - Christmas Program 7:00 pm

Thu Dec 13 - BB @ Axtell 6:00 pm

Fri Dec 21 - Early Dismissal

Dec 22 - Jan 2 - Christmas Break

UPCOMING CCD EVENTS

Wed Dec 19 - Christmas Program: "The Living Nativity" in Church performed by Grades K-5 at 7 PM. CCD

Monitors: Scott & Rosie Sloop and Brian & Kristin Gudenkauf



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 on the Narthex table.

LEAVEN - As of 12/2/18, we have collected \$4,900.00 towards the total of \$12,621.00 that our parish is required to pay. Your payment of \$21 is appreciated. Make checks payable to Sts Peter & Paul Church with Leaven noted in the Memo area.

Area Events:

** New Year's Eve Supper Tickets for Sale or available at the door. Catholic Heart Work Camp teens from St. Mary's and Sacred Heart will be holding a Fundraiser, December 31 from 5:00 to 8:30 PM at the Sacred Heart Church Hall, Baileyville. Tickets are \$15 for Pork Chop or Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner. Hot dog meal is \$5.00. For tickets contact Bryan Schmitz at



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DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE NOMINATION FORM

As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration January 27 - February 2, 2019, Sts. Peter and Paul School would like to honor an **elementary or high school graduate**. If you would like to nominate someone, please return a completed nomination form to the Sts. Peter and Paul School office by December 21, 2018.

The requirements are: He/she must be a Sts. Peter and Paul graduate.
(Grade School or High School Graduate)
He/she must have graduated at least 15 years ago.
He/she must have made a significant contribution
to the Catholic Church and their community.

Name and address of the person you would like to nominate:

Year graduated: _____

Please list at least 3 achievements of the person that reflects the characteristics of Catholic school education.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Additional Comments:

Your name and phone number: _____

WE GROW IN FAITH

THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

As the New Year begins I invite you to this journey of learning more of God and the riches of our Catholic faith. Many of us grew up Catholic or maybe we have just become Catholic, but there is always something new to learn about God.

We may have a firm foundation in our faith but Jesus invites us to go deeper with Him. He invites us to commune with him and grow a deeper relationship and friendship so that we can live richer spiritual lives by his Holy Spirit. When we do this, it changes us, our marriages, our families, communities and church family.

I will be using the Book/DVD's titled OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST. These are the materials written by the Augustine Institute. This combination of Book/DVD's make it very easy to learn and comprehend. These are the materials utilized and approved by the Archdiocese for instructing individuals converting to Catholicism or better known as the RCIA process.

Many of the Catholics that are sponsors for those seeking and joining the Catholic Church, often tell me how much they themselves have learned in areas of their faith that they never really understood before in their own Catholic upbringing. They have shared with me how much this learning has changed the way they pray, attend mass and live the Christian life.

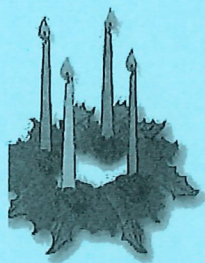
I invite you to journey with me as we go deeper and learn more about Jesus and the Church he founded on the Rock of Peter and the Apostles. Joan Henry

Classes will begin Sunday February 3rd 2019 at 6:00pm@ Sts Peter and Paul's Catholic Church.

Contact Joan Henry, call or text 785-799-4151 for more information, to reserve your seat and so books can be ordered in time for class.

Book fee \$20.

LK 11:9 “ And so I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you: Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you.” Jesus is calling you.... Will you say YES?



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



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