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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 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent



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Gaudete Sunday

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice."

Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope. As John the Baptist found joy amidst suffering due to the Good News that the Christ had appeared, we too pause from our Advent penance to rejoice in a salvation that has drawn near and whose first fruits we can taste. Rejoice!



In Memoriam - The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Cleta M. Haverkamp on Friday, December 11, 2020 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Please remember Cleta and her family in your prayers.



Reconciliation

On Wednesday, December 9th, the CCD students made their First Reconciliation at Sts. Peter and Paul Church by Father Arul Carasala. Pray for these 2nd grade students as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion.

Our evangelization team will be having a special Advent service on Wednesday, December 16th at 7 p.m. in the church. It will include adoration, song, prayer, Rosary and a time of reflection ending with Benediction. All parishioners are invited to join online to participate with the evangelization team.

Reconciliation Schedule for Advent 2020

"Prepare for the Coming of the Lord"

All regional priests will be available.

Sun, December 13 at 3:00 PM in Marysville

Sun, December 20 at 3:00 PM at Sts. Peter & Paul

Christmas Mass Times

All masses will be held in the Sts. Peter & Paul Church.

Thursday, Dec. 24

2:00 PM

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

8:00 PM

Friday, Dec. 25

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

2:00 PM **

Solemnity of Mary & New Years Mass Times

Thursday, Dec. 31

4:00 PM

Friday, Jan. 1

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

**A 2 PM mass on Christmas Day will be offered for anyone who cannot wear a mask due to health concerns. At all other masses, masks are required, no exceptions. We are making this provision available for you and your families to celebrate Christmas with Jesus in the church.

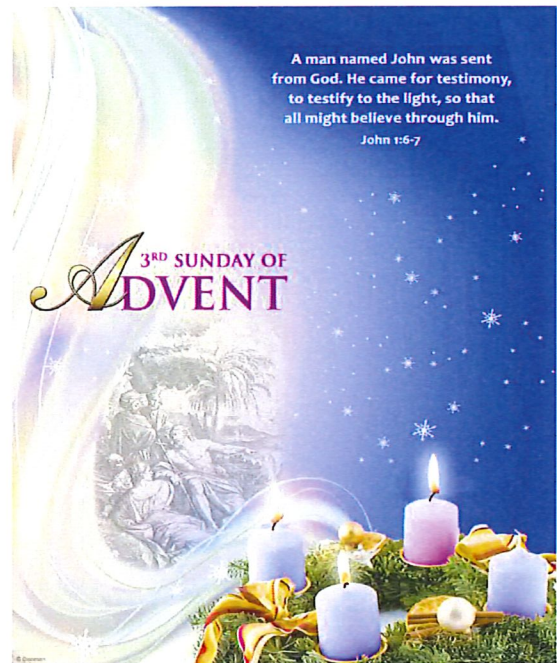


Sts. Peter & Paul School would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support of this year's Advent Project. This community's generosity is inspirational!

Masses for December 14th to December 20th

Third Sunday of Advent

<u>Monday</u>	<u>December 14</u> 7:30 AM	<u>Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor</u> Communion Service
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>December 15</u> 6:00 PM	<u>Advent Weekday</u> Alice Ann Riling Irene Hoskins
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>December 16</u> 8:00 AM	<u>Advent Weekday</u> Sandy Wichman
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>December 17</u> 7:30 AM	<u>Advent Weekday</u> Dorothy Lorson Melvin W. Haverkamp
<u>Friday</u>	<u>December 18</u> 8:00 AM	<u>Advent Weekday</u> Jacob Kremer
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 19</u> 7:30 AM 4:00 PM	<u>Advent Weekday</u> Poor Souls in Purgatory Dorothy Roeder (Anniv.) Ralph Schiffbauer
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 20</u> 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u> For Our Parish Galen Lackey (Anniv.) Steve Wilhelm



NO SERVERS USED AT THIS TIME

Assistants at the Eucharist for Saturday and Sunday, December 19 & December 20

	<u>LECTOR/ *COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>	<u>ORGANIST</u>
4:00 PM	Jonah Deters *Brenda Deters	Carrie Young Donna Miller	Cyril Steinlage	Terry Nordhus
7:00 AM	Hillary Stallbaumer *Steve Bennett	Kim Bontrager Kirby Schmelzle		
9:00 AM	Cole Hermes *Joan Henry	Rick Henry Susan Stallbaumer	Allison Hermes	Emily Altenhofen
11:00 AM	James Lueger *Galen Niehues	Cara Baker Lynda Cross		
Rosary Leaders:	4:00 Dennis Henry	9:00 John Kohake		



Please see today's insert in the bulletin for the Distinguished Graduate Nomination Form. This is your chance to make someone shine! The nominee will be announced during Catholic Schools Week. Please return the form to the School office by Jan 6, 2021 or e-mail Todd Leonard at tleonard@spps.school.com

Thank you to the COOP and the Knights of Columbus for purchasing new tires for Father Arul. Thanks!

Compassionate Friends Candle Lighting

24th Annual Candle Lighting Vigil for the Compassionate Friends will be Sun, Dec. 13 @ 7 PM. Everyone is invited to light a candle from 7-8PM in memory of all children who have died, but are not forgotten.

Please Note Today's Insert of Christmas to New Years Mass Ministers Schedule. If you cannot be there, please find your own substitute. Thanks!



The Memory Tree will be sponsored by the PTO this Christmas. To include your loved ones, enclose a list of names and a free will donation in an envelope marked Memory Tree and place in the offering. With questions, call Carrie at 294-0611.



The SPPS PTO is hosting its 8th annual Teacher Christmas Wish List Event. The wish list is posted on the church website at www.saintspeterandpaul-seneca.com. The event runs from December 6th - December 31st. Contact Julie Bergman via email at julie.bergman1989@gmail.com or at 785-548-7881. Thank you for your continued support of our teachers and school. Merry Christmas!



Rejoice Advent Meditations with the Holy Family will continue today, December 13th @ 4 PM. To receive a Zoom link, send your email to Joan Henry jehenry_65@yahoo.com or text 785.799.4151.

Faith, Hope & Charity: Our weekly donation report shows a total of \$51,100.00 which makes our total \$87,135.00 collected towards our deficit for the current year. Thank you for your support!



Seneca Community Blood Drive will be held at the Seneca Community Building on Friday, Dec. 18 from 8 AM to 2 PM. Please call 336-3360 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter SENECACOMM to schedule an appointment.

Planned Giving Brief: End of the Year Tax Planning
Congress enacted two tax provisions to encourage charitable donations before the end of 2020. These include:

1. Increase in tax deduction for cash gifts: For donors that itemize their tax return, before the new legislation, the annual income limit was capped at 60% for cash gifts. The new legislation allows for charitable donations up to 100% of a donor's annual income.
2. New deduction: If you do not itemize when filing your tax return, to reduce your tax liability, you will be allowed to take a special tax deduction of up to \$300 for charitable donations.

Stewardship Summary

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

Fiscal Year 7-1-20 to 6-30-21	Week of 12/06/20	Year to Date Totals
Envelope	\$ 7,355.00	\$ 127,466.14
Plate	\$ 1,191.00	\$ 30,689.08
EFT Church	\$	\$ 85,875.00
School	\$ 2,605.00	\$ 109,999.34
EFT/School	\$	\$ 25,387.05
Other	\$ 653.00	\$ 8,866.00
Total	\$ 11,804.00	\$ 388,282.61
Weekly Budget \$21,000.00	Income over/under \$ -9,196.00	Week #23 over/under \$ -105,464.39



Open Hours for Adoration: Don't leave Christ alone this Christmas season! To take an hour, please contact Betty Sudbeck at 336-4022.

Monday	2:00-3:00 PM
Thursday	1:00-2:00 AM
Friday	10:00-11:00 AM
Saturday	3:00-4:00 AM 4:00-5:00 AM
Sunday	1:00-2:00 AM 3:00-4:00 AM

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sun, Dec. 13	Rejoice Advent @ 4 PM via Zoom
Sun, Dec. 13	Reconciliation in Marysville @ 3 PM
Wed, Dec. 16	Evangelization Service online @ 7 PM
Sun, Dec. 20	SPPC Reconciliation @ 3 PM


UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Mon, Dec. 14	BB - SPPS @ Frankfort @ 6 PM
Fri, Dec. 18- Mon, Jan. 4	Christmas Break-Early dismissal on Fri, Dec. 18. Classes resume Jan. 4

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CHRISTMAS MASS MINISTER SCHEDULES



Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve

2 PM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Carter Lutz	Rick Henry	Knights of Columbus
*Bob Niehues	Joan Henry	Terry Nordhus

4 PM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Ellie Mady	Jim Runnebaum	
*Jeanie Kramer	Myra Runnebaum	

6 PM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Todd Leonard	Paul Boeding	High School Choir
*Gina Ronnebaum	Marilyn Boeding	Owen Zinke

8 PM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Megan Olberding	Marian Rottinghaus	Katie Nordhus
*Shannon Holthaus	Ray Rottinghaus	Owen Zinke

Friday, December 25th Christmas Day

8 AM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Garrett Schmelzle	Amy Duryea	Eileen Love
*Michelle Fangman	Aaron Duryea	Janet Kramer

10 AM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Jessica Meyer	Sharon Haverkamp	Allison Schmelzle
*Joe Mitchell	Julie Strathman	Deb Rethman

2 PM** This mass is for people who cannot wear a mask due to health concerns

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
		Stacy Rethman
		Jan Rottinghaus



Saturday, December 26 & Sunday, December 27

Saturday, December 26

4 PM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Wade Leonard	Lori Carlson	
*Joe Kohake	Damian Enneking	

Sunday, December 27

7 AM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Nathan Deters	Randy Heinen	
*Steve Bennett	Sheryl Heinen	

9 AM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Samantha Nordhus	Shayla Hammes	Children's Choir
*Ashley Carlson	Peter Ganstrom	Owen Zinke

11 AM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Ryan Uphaus	Luke Runnebaum	
*Aimee Rottinghaus	Lilly Runnebaum	

New Years Eve & New Years Day



Thursday, December 31

4 PM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Connor Deters	Lacey Frehe	
*Tami Haverkamp	Mary Sack	

Friday, January 1

8 AM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Gary Niehues	Julia Bergman	
*Doug Schmelzle	Greg Elder	

10 AM

Lector/Commentator	Communion	Cantor/Organist
Luke Schmelzle	John Kohake	
*Allison Schmelzle	Adam Niehues	



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DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE NOMINATION FORM

As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration January 31 - February 6, 2021, Sts. Peter and Paul School would like to honor an **elementary or high school graduate**.

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.

If you would like to nominate someone, please return a completed nomination form to the Sts. Peter and Paul School office by January 6, 2021.

Sts. Peter and Paul School – Attn. Todd Leonard
409 Elk Street
Seneca, KS 66538

Email – tleonard@spps.school.com

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 (Please use an additional page if needed):

Your name and phone number: _____



The Office of Stewardship and Development invites you to make a planned gift to your parish. Explore ways to give at CatholicPlannedGiving.com

Planning & Giving Helps

In times of uncertainty

Maximize your Financial Resources with these Ideas for End of the Year Tax Planning and Give a Gift to Benefit Your Parish before December 31, 2020

CARES Act

Congress enacted two charitable tax provisions to encourage charitable gifts in 2020.

These include:

- A new deduction for charitable donors who do not itemize when filing their tax returns. If you do not itemize but make a gift to charity, you can reduce your tax liability up to \$300.
- An increase in the deduction limit up to 100% of a donor's annual income for cash gifts (previously the deduction was capped at 60% of annual income). If you make a gift today, you will be able to deduct more this year.

Words from our Archbishop

"Our hope is not in any earthly leader, but is anchored in the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. This is a hope no election result can provide or deny us."

(The Leaven, Nov. 13, 2020)

Charitable Gift Annuity

A Charitable Gift Annuity can address the ups and downs of the stock market.

Think about exchanging your low-performing stock, CDs or cash for guaranteed, lifetime fixed payments. The older you are, the greater your annual annuity income.

If you make a gift of an appreciated asset, you will not have to pay capital gains when you fund the annuity.

You may also benefit from a tax deduction this year and a portion of your payments could be tax-free.

Donor Advised Fund - DAF

We invite you to establish a Donor Advised Fund with the Archdiocese's foundation, the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas. Then choose your parish to receive a grant from your fund. Obtain a charitable income tax deduction in the year of your gift.

If you have long-term appreciated assets, such as stocks or bonds, you have an opportunity to further maximize your deduction through a DAF. By donating these types of assets directly to charity, you generally won't have to pay capital gains and you can take an income tax deduction in the amount of the full fair-market value. Check with your advisor.

IRA Rollover - RMD

For the year 2020, there will be no mandatory distributions from retirement accounts (whatever the age of the owner), thus allowing those accounts to recover. The minimum age for making a tax-free transfer from an IRA to a charity remains at 70½, and the annual limit remains at \$100,000. However, since cash gifts are deductible in 2020 to the extent of adjusted gross income, a person could withdraw and then contribute a larger amount-with the deduction offsetting the taxable withdrawal.