

# *Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Parish & School*

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Parish Office Hours  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Closed for lunch 12-1 PM

May 11, 2025

## MASS TIMES

Saturday  
5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday  
7:00 AM; 9:00 AM;  
11:00 AM

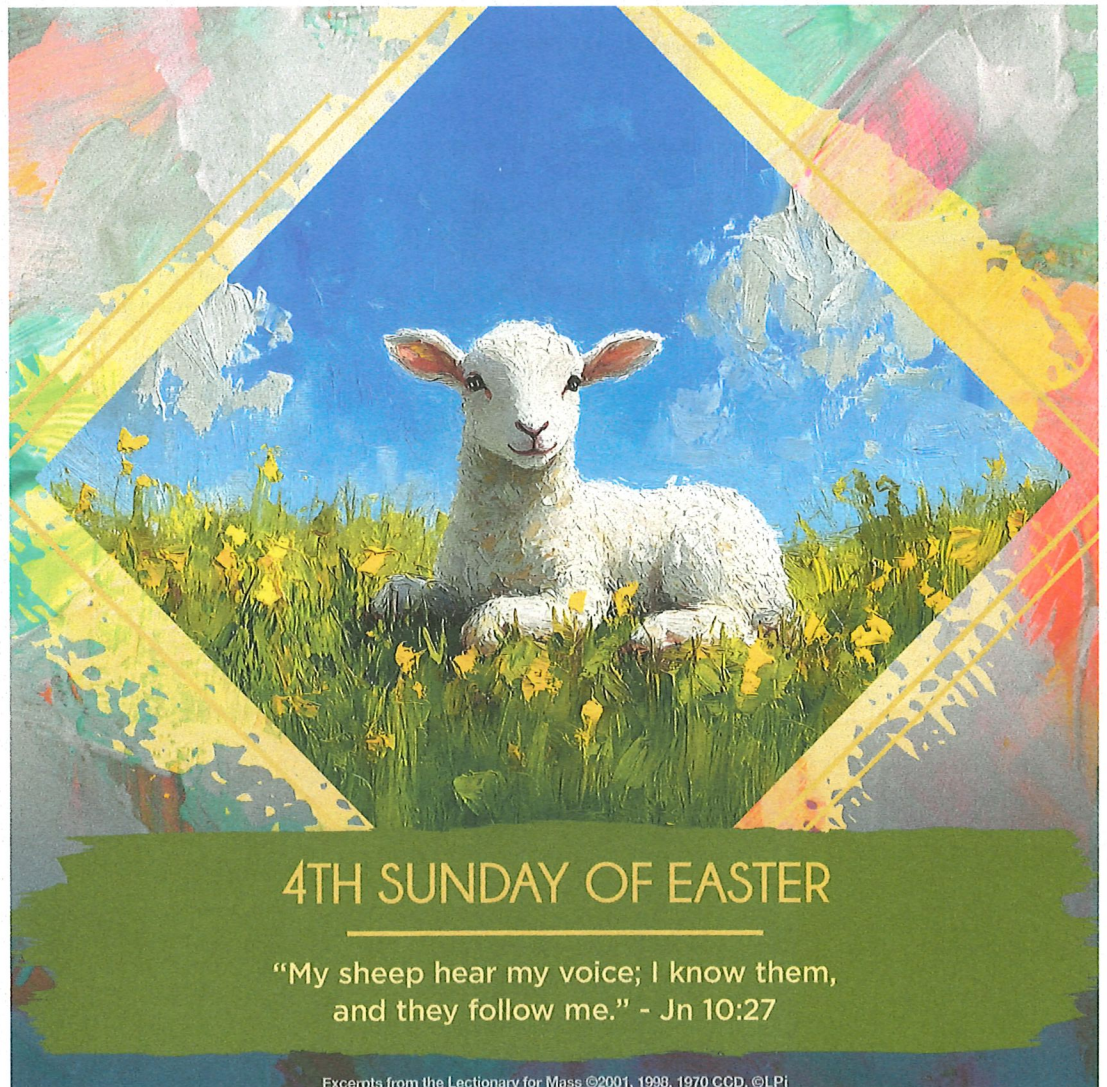
## DAILY MASS

Monday  
7:30 AM  
Tuesday  
6:00 PM  
Wednesday & Friday  
8:00 AM  
Thursday  
12:05 PM  
Saturday  
7:30 AM

## Reconciliation

Saturday  
3:30-4:30 PM  
or by appointment

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them,  
and they follow me." - Jn 10:27

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# Fourth Sunday of Easter



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 11TH, 2025

## Mass Intentions – May 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

<b>Monday,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>May 12<sup>th</sup> – Saints Nereus &amp; Achilleus</b> Rosary
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:00 PM	<b>May 13<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Fatima</b> Living & Deceased Family of Joe & Aurelia Heinen
<b>Wednesday,</b> 8:00 AM	<b>May 14<sup>th</sup> – Saint Matthias</b> † Father Arul Carasala
<b>Thursday,</b> 12:05 PM	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup> – Saint Isidore</b> † Paul Henry Gary Hermesch
<b>Friday,</b> 8:00 AM	<b>May 16<sup>th</sup> – Easter Weekday</b> † Mark Feldkamp † Lisa Stallbaumer Living & Deceased Family of Justin & Francis Rottinghaus
<b>Saturday,</b> 7:30 AM 5:00 PM	<b>May 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Weekday</b> For the Poor Souls in Purgatory Living & Deceased Family of Julius & Bertha Tangeman
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>May 18<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> For our Parish † Melvin W. Haverkamp † Gerard Steinlage

## OPEN HOURS OF ADORATION....

<b>Mon</b>		<b>Sat</b>	12-1 AM 1-2 AM 2-3 AM	3-4 AM
<b>Tues</b>	12-1 AM	<b>Sun</b>	1-2 AM 2-3 AM	3-4 AM 6-7 AM
<b>Wed</b>	2-3 AM	If you can take an hour either permanently or temporarily... Please Call Betty 336-4022		
<b>Thurs</b>	1-2 AM 2-3 AM			
<b>Fri</b>	4-5 AM 1-2 PM			

## Stewardship Summary

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

Fiscal Year 7-1-24 to 6-30-25	Week of 5/4/25/2025	Year to Date Totals
Plate	\$ 6,235.00	\$ 95,892.02
Envelope	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 256,138.64
EFT/Church	\$ -	\$ 227,362.00
School	\$ 640.00	\$ 64,143.00
EFT/School	\$ -	\$ 63,351.73
Other that stays in our parish	\$ 20.00	\$ 16,972.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,232.00</b>	<b>\$ 722,859.39</b>
Weekly Budget \$21,000.00	Income over/under \$ -12,768.00	Week #45 Over/under \$ -213,768.00
Faith, Hope, & Charity	\$ 20.00	\$ 115,390.35

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

### *Weekday Servers:*

**May 13, 17 (Tue 6 PM, Sat 7:30 AM)**  
Isabella Holthaus / Kendal Bergman

**May 14, 16 (Wed 8 AM, Fri 8 AM)**  
SPPS Students

### **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**

Servers..... Nathan & Matthew Schmelzle  
..... Emma & Cally Weeldreyer  
Lector..... Luke Schmelzle  
Commentator..... Bob Niehues  
Communion..... Kirby & Sarah Schmelzle  
..... Jim & Kelli Uphaus  
Cantor/Organist..... Eileen Love / Janet Kramer

### **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM**

Servers..... Emma & Sam Tangeman  
..... Kolton Kidd / Josie Steinlage  
Lector..... Joel Hammes  
Commentator..... Joe Mitchel  
Communion..... Doug Schmelzle / Marilyn Nolte  
..... Randy & Sheryl Heinen  
Cantor/Organist.....

### **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM**

Servers ..... Grayson Frehe / Miriam Nordhus  
..... Cecylia Holthaus / Ian Haverkamp  
Lector..... Maryssa Stallbaumer  
Commentator..... Kaden Peterson  
Communion..... Lucas Holthaus / Colby Frehe  
..... Sam Nordhus / Derek Wurtz  
Cantor/Organist..... Children's Choir / Owen Zinke

### **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM**

Servers..... Mason Dalinghaus / Paul Rottinghaus  
..... Hadlee Burdick / Kamryn Carlson  
Lector..... Charlotte Rottinghaus  
Commentator..... Ashley Carlson  
Communion..... Amiee & Charlie Rottinghaus  
..... Sharon Haverkamp / Lynda Cross  
Cantor/Organist. Allison Hermesch / Emily Altenhofen

Rosary Leaders: 5:00 PM ..... Bob Niehues  
9:00 AM ..... Joe Kohake

## The Best Gift You Can Give Your Mom for Mother's Day

Probably the most common suffering I hear about most from mothers and grandmothers is that their children have fallen away from their Catholic faith, possibly even from Christianity altogether.

As parents who practice their faith, it is easy to feel like we have failed in our primary mission if our kids and/or their kids don't have a living relationship with Jesus and His Church. We naturally blame ourselves for any lack of faith in them.

To put it in perspective, even if we were perfect parents, our children could still fall away. Just look at the example of Jesus: despite His perfect love for His followers, everyone but John, His Mother, and a few women abandoned Him out of fear during His Passion and Death.

*That being said, the best gift we can give our mothers and grandmothers, whether living or deceased, is to recommit our lives to Jesus, His Church, and the practice of the faith.*

What joy our mothers would have to know that we are keeping Jesus at the center of our lives, preparing ourselves to spend eternity with Him heaven, rather than the horrible alternative!

This is also the best way to fulfill the fourth commandment of honoring our mother and father: upholding the faith they passed on to us, however imperfectly that may have been.

So where do we begin to make such a recommitment of ourselves to Jesus?

Here are my "Big Three":

1. Make a good confession, especially if it has been more than a year since your last one
2. Make Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation a non-negotiable in your schedule, even during the summer, on vacation, and at tournaments!
3. Spend a minimum of 15-30 minutes with Jesus to start every day: praying with the Bible, the rosary, journaling, or whatever helps you receive God's love for you!

If you do these things, you will bless everyone else around you, have greater peace and joy in your life, and give your mom the best possible Mother's Day gift!

Rejoice in hope,

Fr. Joel

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Kelly Youth Rally:** Sat, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The Rally is for students that will be in grades 7th thru 12th for the 2025-2026 school year. All forms and registration money are due to the Parish Office no later than May 23<sup>rd</sup>. **\*\*Make checks payable to SPP Parish\*\***



The Knights of Columbus is moving the Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser from May to October. October is designated as Respect Life Month by the Catholic Church in the United States. Please keep saving your loose change till October.

Support Group for the bereaved will be starting a new season based from the book "Seasons of Hope". It will start up again in June. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call one of the following... Janet Hermes 294-0779; Julie Strathman 294-8360 & Roger Becker 364-6393



For Communion to the Sick and Homebound, please call Ed & Sharon Lueger at 336-1716

### Upcoming School Events

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Awards Assembly 1:00 PM  
May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Last Days for Preschool  
May 16<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 6:00 PM  
May 18<sup>th</sup> – Baccalaureate 9:00 AM Mass for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates  
May 20<sup>th</sup> – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! Dismiss @ 11:30... FUN DAY

A Gracious Thank You- to all who helped make our First Communion Mass so meaningful: for the beautiful music by Terry Nordhus, and the Knights of Columbus choir whose talent and hard work filled the service; for Father Joel, Father Art, Mr. Leonard, the sacristans, ushers, servers, the Honor Guard, for all Mass Ministers; and for all who gave in any way to make our First Communion Mass extra special.

We are so blessed!

~The First Communicants, Kris Anderson, Shannon Holthaus, Carrie Young, & Gina Ronnebaum

Grateful & Blessed: The First Communicants would like to thank the following for the gifts received at Jesus Day: for the crucifixes donated from the Knights of Columbus; for the candles, holy cards, & The Stories of the Blessed Sacrament Book ...gifts from the parish. We are truly blessed by your kindness.

Thank you: The First Communicants would like to thank the PTO & Mrs. Ashley Carlson for the special gift in memory of Father Arul. The bracelet with photo of Father Arul is a very special gift that we will keep forever. We are truly grateful and blessed!



In Memoriam – Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Laverne Lierz Henry on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Let us remember Laverne and her family in our prayers.

Thank you for your generous donations to Father Arul's memorial. Fr. Joel will be forming a committee to plan a memorial project as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience with us as we seek to honor Father Arul and his legacy at Sts. Peter & Paul to the best of our ability, and please know that we have your donations designated for this future project.



The SPPS PTO is ordering rosaries in memory of Fr. Arul. The Rosary will have a picture of Fr. Arul and will be available with white or black beads. There are forms at the back of church or a google form can be found on the school website. Orders need to be turned in by May 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Amber @ 785-336-2727



All are invited to attend a "Freedom in Christ" video series beginning on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 a.m. at the youth center at SPPS parish in Seneca. This eight-week series will teach the "Unbound" method of prayer ministry, which is a safe, loving and effective model, using five simple keys to experience freedom from fear, anxiety, hopelessness and shame. To register or for more information, please call or text Cindy Hemman at 785-336-3630 or Carol Caffrey at 785-556-2075. There is a \$20 registration fee for the cost of the workbook. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Announcement from the Archdiocese

With deep sorrow for the suffering of victims and survivors of abuse, I share the sad news that Father John "Fidelis" Forrester, OSB, and Father Donald Redmond, OSB, have both recently been the subject of substantiated allegations of abuse. As a result, Fr. Forrester has been added to the Archdiocesan list of clerics who have been the subject of substantiated allegations of sexual abuse of minors. Fr. Redmond was previously published on this list, but additionally, Fr. Redmond has substantiated allegations of abuse against an adult.

For more information, please refer to: Allegation Announcements - Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas ([archkck.org](http://archkck.org)). Fr. Forrester served in ministry at Sts. Peter and Paul from 1957-1961, and Fr. Redmond served in ministry here from 1961-1964. Fr. Forrester passed away in 2002. Fr. Redmond was removed from public ministry in 2002 and died in 2019.

This news may cause a range of emotions. Please be assured of the commitment by the Archdiocese and St. Benedict's Abbey to all who have been harmed by an agent of the Church to atone for the harm and to accompany survivors using restorative processes as they work toward healing and peace. The Archdiocese Substantiated Clergy Offenders listing has been updated and can be found here: Substantiated Clergy Offenders - Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas ([archkck.org](http://archkck.org)). If you or someone you know was harmed by Fr. Forrester or Fr. Redmond, please contact the Archdiocese's confidential report line at 913-276-8703 or online at [www.archkck.org/reportabuse](http://www.archkck.org/reportabuse). You are important to us; we are here to listen and support you.



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