

# Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Parish & School

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## January 11, 2026

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### Parish Office Hours

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Monday-Friday

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Closed for Lunch 12:00 PM-1PM

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### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

### DAILY MASS

Tuesday 7:00 A.M.

Wednesday & Friday (School Mass) 8:00 A.M.

Thursday 12:05 P.M.

Saturday 8:00 A.M.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 PM-3:45 P.M.

or immediately after each mass

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** West side of the grade school, far north door. Code to enter is 66538. Contact Betty Sudbeck to fill an hour. 785-336-4022

**OCIA:** Contact Joan and Rick Henry for more information about joining our church or to deepen your knowledge, 785-799-4151

**ENGAGED COUPLES PREPARATION CLASS:** Contact Diana Holthaus at 402-890-2475

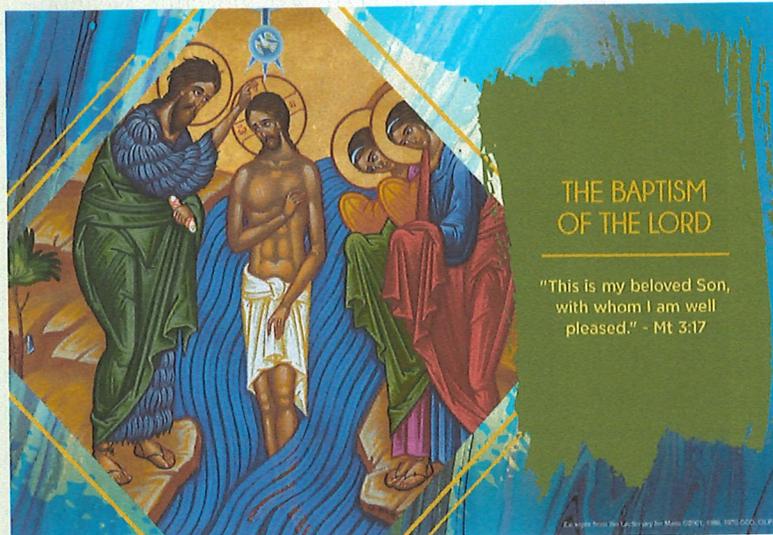
**COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Provide communion to the Hospital and hold communion services at the area care homes. Ed & Sharon Lueger 785-336-1716

**MISSION CENTER:** Located at 508 North Street. Contact Rita Robke if you are interested in being a volunteer. 785-336-6034

**EVANGELIZATION MINISTRY:** Meets monthly for prayer and discussion of parish events. Contact Susan Stallbaumer 785-336-1124 or Joan Henry 785-799-4151

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Building located on First Street. Contact Grand Knight Duane Anderson 785-369-8472

**GRANDPARENTS CLUB:** Help children learn prayers, read to classes, help with Catholic Schools week, greet classes once a month, and other items as needed. Contact Carol Sack 785-336-1994



**QUILTING COMMITTEE:** We welcome new quilters to join our group. Quilting is done every Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in the Youth Center. Contact Julie Strathman, 785-294-8360 or Cathy Enneking, 785-336-1899.

**DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY:** Praying the chaplet with those at the end of life. Contact Marian Rottinghaus at 785-336-3595.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** Contact Roger Becker 785-364-6393

**DIVINE MERCY CENCACLE:** Meets on Tuesday afternoons in the Narthex at 2:00 PM. Chaplet recited at 3:00 PM. Contact Shirley Schurman 785-336-1419

**CHURCH CANTOR/ORGANIST COORDINATOR:** Contact Terry Nordhus 785-336-3589

**CHILDREN'S & HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR:** Mary Beth Kohake 785-294-1256

**ADULT CHOIR:** Craig Altenhofen 785-375-5151

**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP:** Wednesdays at 6:00 AM at the KofC Hall; Contact Rick Henry 785-799-5466.

**MOTHERS AND CHILDREN:** Meets on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month in the old church basement. Contact Marissa Huerter 913-426-2801

**FOSTER CARE MINISTRY:** Contact Julie Strathman 785-294-8360

**ROSARY AT THE CEMETERY:** April thru October at 6 PM. See bulletin for dates.

**CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP:** Contact Bryce Haverkamp at 785-477-3036

**DINNER FOR EIGHT:** Four couples meet 4 times within 6 months for supper and sharing. Every six months, the couples are mixed up and start again. Contact Julie Lierz 785-336-1149



**Mon, January 12th - First Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 AM** - Mass at Axtell

**Tues., January 13th - Saint Hilary**

**7:00 AM** - +Helen Tomlingson (Lang); Special Intention

**Wed., January 14th - Weekday**

**8:00 AM** - L/D family of Justin & Frances Rottinghaus; L/D Family of Roger & Norma Jean Kramp

**Thurs., January 15th - Weekday**

**12:00 PM** - +Duane Tanking; L/D Family of Vincent & Eleanor Kohake; +Clayton Becker

**Fri., January 16th - Weekday**

**12:05 PM** - +Marda Gudenkauf; L/D Family of Melvin & Nancy Ronnebaum

**Sat., January 17th - Saint Anthony**

**8:00 AM** - +Robert Holthaus

**4:00 PM (Vigil)** - +Gary Haug

**Sun., January 18th - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00 AM** - For our Parish

**9:00 AM** - +Daniel Frehe (Anniv.)

**11:00 AM** - +Richard Gress

**Liturgical Ministers**

Sat., January 17th 8 AM - Kenly Kramer

Wed. & Fri. January 14th & 16th - SPPS Students

**Saturday, January 17th - 4 PM**

**Servers:** Hadlee Burdick / Blake Ridenour / Noah Kramer

**Lector:** Logan Uphaus

**Commentator:** Jeanie Kramer

**Communion:** Mary Sack / Jim & Kelli Uphaus

**Cantor/Organist:** Cyril Steinlage / Terry Nordhus

**Sunday, January 18th - 7 AM**

**Servers:** Makenzie Steinlage / Marcus Harris / Miles Kuckelman

**Lector:** Mackenzie Howard

**Commentator:** Steve Bennett

**Communion:** Duan, Kris & Sarah Anderson

**Sunday, January 18th - 9 AM**

**Servers:** Rowan Williams / Will Stallbaumer / Jaci Olberding

**Lector:** Megan Olberding

**Commentator:** Brenda Deters

**Communion:** Kadance Henry / Adam Niehues / Kristy Wilhelm

**Cantor/Organist:** Katie Nordhus / Francine Haverkamp

**Sunday, January 18th - 11 AM**

**Servers:** Blaise Stallbaumer / Simon & Jenna Strathman

**Lector:** Levi Thomas

**Commentator:** Melissa Tangeman

**Communion:** Mike Stallbaumer / Lynda Cross / Addison Tangeman

**Cantor/Organist:** Eileen Love / Owen Zinke

**School News**

- Thursday, January 15th - Basketball @ Centralia
- Saturday, January 17th - Basketball Boys @ Sabetha
- Monday, January 19th - No School!
- January 25th - 31st - Catholic Schools Week!

**Father Joel's Newsletter**

**Why Does Baptism Matter?**

Most all of us are familiar with the sacrament of baptism and its importance, but perhaps relatively few can explain why we should care about this key-stone sacrament.

Here are a few (but not all!) of the highlight reasons:

1. We receive our most fundamental identity as beloved sons and daughters and are adopted into God's family
2. We become members of Jesus' Body, the Church
3. It removes "Original Sin," the absence of God's life/love in our souls, by filling in that "hole"
4. The power of the Holy Spirit is poured into our souls, giving us the supernatural capacity to live the Christian life
5. For those old enough to commit personal sin, it removes all guilt and punishment due to sin
6. Because it initiates us into God's supernatural life, it opens the door to receive all of the other sacraments
7. In summation, we die and rise with Jesus in baptism and receive all that He died to give us!

In addition to our sacramental baptism, we always have the ability to receive a further outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our souls which is sometimes called "Baptism in the Holy Spirit." This experience of God's love builds upon and reactivates the gift of the Holy Spirit we receive by baptism and confirmation.

On January 1, we had a prayer night for such an "outpouring of the Spirit," and it was so fruitful for the many people that came that we will do another "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" night next Sunday, January 18th at 7pm (the day before the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday), praise and worship starting at 6:30pm. It will likely last multiple hours, so you are welcome to come and go for as much as you would like.

If you want to receive a spiritual boost that propels you deeper in your relationship with Jesus in prayer, this will bless you tremendously! Either way, please pray that our parish and everyone who participates will be renewed in His love through this evening of praise and prayer!

Rejoice in hope,

Fr. Joel



**St. Ann's Altar Society Pancake Breakfast**

St. Ann's Altar Society will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 25 in the parish hall. Serving time will be 7:00 am to 12:30 pm. If you wish to donate food or make a cash donation please call Stacey Steinlage, 785-294-0461. The work list was attached to last week's bulletin.

Reminder of Altar Society Dues: There should be a blue envelope in your packet for this. When placing the Altar Society offering in the collections, please write a separate check or have the cash separate form all other envelopes. Thank you!!!

**Fire Department Pancake Breakfast! February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Parish Hall**

The Seneca FD will be hosting their annual pancake breakfast to support their continued efforts to restore their 1922 Stutz Fire Engine.

**Area Events**

**The Baileyville Knight of Columbus** are having their annual pancake breakfast at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30am to 12:00pm. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, and eggs.

**The Corning Fire Department & EMS' Annual Benefit Breakfast!**

Sunday, January 25th, 2026 at the Corning Community Center. Serving from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All you can eat - Free Will Donation. Menu includes Pancakes, French Toast, Biscuits & Gravy, Fresh Fried Eggs and Fresh Ground Sausage Patties. Drive through is available - pick up at the kitchen door in the alley. Feel free to call ahead @ (785)868-2755 and we will have it ready for you. Hope to see you all there!!!

**Men Under Construction** in the Flint Hills will be held on February 21, 2026 at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Wamego. Join Catholic men from across the region for a full day of faith, fellowship, and practical talks that strengthen your walk with Christ. Breakfast and lunch are included. Register at (or scan QR code) <https://flinthills.menunderconstruction.org>



The Flowers on the Main Altar are in Loving Memory of Cletus Nolte

**Seneca Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest!** Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM SPPS Gym. Boys & Girls Ages 9-14. Registration in the cafeteria from 12:30 - 1:00. Winners move on to the District Competition in Sabetha in February

**Open Hours of Adoration!**

If you can take an hour either permanently or temporarily... Please Call Betty 336-4022



Saturday: 4-5 PM; 5-6 PM

**Communion for the Sick and Homebound: Please call.**

Ed & Sharon Lueger at 785-336-1716

**Memory Tree:** We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all those who helped make the Memory Tree beautiful this year. We collected \$2,512.00 for the school! Much appreciation goes to the Mary Jane Holthaus Family for donating the tree, Joe Kohake and his family for their help setting up the tree, and Kaley Rethman for writing the names on the hearts.

-SPPS PTO Memory Tree Committee

**The End of the Year Tax Statements** will be mailed out to all parishioners at the end of this week. If you do not receive yours or have questions please call the parish office 336-2128. Thank you!

**Collection Report 1/04/26 including New Years \$13,030.00**

Plate: \$2,467.00  
Envelope: \$7,733.00  
School: \$1,825.00  
Other stays in our Parish: \$1,005.00  
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Faith, Hope & Charity:

I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to and helped with the pancake breakfast last weekend. Your generous donations will go a long way towards funding our pilgrimage trip. We are very grateful to live in such a supportive community  
~Jordyn Haverkamp



We are delighted to invite our **Parish Families** to join us for our second annual "Rooted In Christ" family worship day on Sunday, February 22nd, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The day will begin with a mass at 11:00 AM at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Seneca. Following the mass, we will proceed to the SPP Parish Hall for an inspiring afternoon dedicated to the Holy Spirit, igniting our hearts, homes and parish through reflection, music, and fun! Activities to keep children engaged will also be available.

A potluck lunch will be served. We kindly ask that families bring a side dish, as the main course will be provided. We are excited to welcome back Christian musician Jeremy Rodriguez, who will share his beautiful music and reflections with us. You don't want to miss this event! All families are welcome, and there is no fee to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Stallbaumer at 785-336-1124 or Cabrini Osterhaus at 785-294-1025.

**Second Annual Youth Rooted in Christ**

(for 8<sup>th</sup> through High School) Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00 - 10:30 PM. Please join us for an impactful and joyful experience of God's love for the youth! Detailed flyer to come soon!

Questions please contact  
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