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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Closed for Lunch 12:00 PM-1PM

Saints Peter & Paul School Office

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

DAILY MASS

Tuesday: 7:00 AM

Wed. & Fri. (School Mass): 8:00 AM

Thursday: 12:05 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

RECONCILIATION Saturday 3:00 P.M-3:45 P.M.
or immediately after each mass



Father Joel's Sunday Homilies

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Bulletin Information: Deadline for submitting is Fridays at 4:00 PM.

ADORATION CHAPEL: Contact Betty Sudbeck for open hours. 785-336-4022

OCIA: Contact Katie Nordhus 785-294-2145 for more information

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 Jeanie Kramer 785-336-1800 or Clete Kramer 785-336-1962 if you are interested in being a volunteer.

EVANGELIZATION MINISTRY: Meets monthly for prayer and discussion of parish events. Contact Susan Stallbaumer 785-336-1124

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: 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 CENACLE: 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: Kristy Wilhelm 785-294-8153

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

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



Mass Intentions & Daily Readings
January 19th - 25th

Mon., January 19th - Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass at Axtell

Tues., January 20th - Saint Fabian & Saint Sebastian

7:00 AM - +Richard Vondenkamp; +Linda Huerter

Wed., January 21st - Saint Agnes

8:00 AM - +Laverne Henry; +Norbert Heinen

10:00 AM - Crest View - Father Joel

Thurs., January 22nd - Weekday

12:00 PM - L/D Families of Clarence & Marciel Dressman;
+John Bergman

Fri., January 23rd - Saint Vincent & Marianne Cope

8:00 AM - +Bob Haverkamp (Anniv.); +Elmer Lierz

Sat., January 24th - Saint Francis de Sales

8:00 AM - +Duane Tanking; +Bernice Nordhus

4:00 PM (Vigil) - L/D Families of Linus & Marilyn Ronnebaum

Sun., January 25th - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM - L/D Families of Leroy & Joyce Enneking

9:00 AM - L/D of the Clem & Heinen Families

11:00 AM - For Our Parish

Liturgical Ministers

Sat., January 24th 8 AM - Sophia Leonard
Wed. & Fri. January 21st & 23rd - SPPS Students

Saturday, January 24th - 4 PM

Servers: Nate & Mathew Schmelzle / Cecylia Holthaus

Lector: Luke Schmelzle

Commentator: Kirby Schmelzle

Communion: Sarah Schmelzle / Todd & Graham Leonard

Cantor/Organist: Kale Rottinghaus

Sunday, January 25th - 7 AM

Servers: Logan Honeyman / Josie Altenhofen

Lector: Meg Honeyman

Commentator: Nikki Honeyman

Communion: Jim & Myra Runnebaum / Marilyn Nolte

Sunday, January 25th - 9 AM

Servers:

Lector:

Commentator: SPPS Students and Staff

Communion:

Cantor/Organist: Allison Hermesch / Owen Zinke

Sunday, January 25th - 11 AM

Servers: Milo, Ivy & Roch Heinen

Lector: Kinsey Monier

Commentator: Shannon Holthaus

Communion: Lyndon & Tammy Bragdon / Nia Holthaus

Cantor/Organist: Stacey Rethman / Jan Rottinghaus

School News

- Monday, January 19th - No School!
- Tuesday, January 22nd - BB Girls Only @ Pawnee City
- Monday, January 26th - Basketball @ SPPS vs Onaga
- Thursday, January 29th - Basketball OTL @ Frankfort

Father Joel's Newsletter

You Become What You Behold

We naturally know that what we look at, what we listen to, and who we spend time with forms our thoughts. Our thoughts, in turn, form our actions, and finally, our actions form who we become and shape our eternal destiny!

Unfortunately we spend A LOT of time looking at screens (on average, 7+ hours on screens outside of work and 2+ hours daily just on social media) with content, news, and shows that steal our peace, warp our morals, and distract us away from God's voice in our life. The algorithms that determine what you see on your screen and that are built into Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, TikTok and every other form of social media are extremely good at anticipating what you want to "behold." This makes a lot of money for big tech business because they are able to sell and refine advertisements that will match our interests and viewing history.

The most valuable thing that we have is our attention, and companies are spending billions of dollars to steal it away from the things that matter most: our relationships with God and those around us.

As John the Baptist urges us to "Behold the Lamb of God" in this weekend's Gospel, it's a challenge for us to intentionally turn our attention away from our screens (and probably work) so that we can behold the things that bring us back to God and, ultimately, back to peace and joy.

Here are a few of the best things that we can behold so that we can become the men and women, the saints God created us to be:

1. Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass and adoration
2. Jesus' Word in Scripture & other spiritual books
3. The eyes of our loved ones

Starting today, let's double down on these essentials, and when it comes to the question of how much time we should give each one, check your screen time on your phone, tablet, or computer, and see *if you can't starting making our face-to-face time larger than our face-to-screen time!*

Rejoice in hope,

Fr. Joel



Update from the Mission Center

As of the first of the year, Jeanie and Clete Kramer have assumed leadership of the Mission Center following the many years of service of Rita Robke. We thank Rita for the countless ways she poured her heart and soul into this ministry!

The Mission is always in need of new volunteers, especially Saturday afternoons that have more foot traffic.

Please reach out to Jeanie at 785-336-1800 or Clete at 785-336-1962 if you are available to help with this important ministry to our community!

Adoration Chapel!

Dear parish family, with hearts full of gratitude, we joyfully share the wonderful news — **every hour of our Adoration Chapel is now filled!**

Thank you to each of you who answered the Lord's call, whether by committing to a regular hour, serving as a substitute, or praying for this ministry's success. Your "yes" ensures that Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is never alone, and that our parish remains a place of constant prayer and grace.

May God bless you abundantly for your faithfulness and love. You are a living witness to the beauty of our Catholic faith and the power of a united parish family

Area Events

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. Feel free to call ahead @ (785)868-2755 and we will have it ready for you.

St. Mary's Altar Society (St. Benedict) will host their Annual Soup Luncheon on Sunday, February 8th. Serving will be from 10:30am to 1:00pm in the church hall. Chili, chicken noodle, and vegetable beef soup will be available along with dessert and relishes for dine in or carry out. Free will offering

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

<https://flinthills.menunderconstruction.org>

The Flowers on the Main Altar are in Loving Memory of Daniel Frehe

Seneca Knights of Columbus Free Throw

Contest! Sunday, January 18th 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

Second Annual Youth Rooted in Christ

(for 8th through High School) Saturday, February 21st 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

Bryce Haverkamp 785-477-3036

b_haverkamp72@gmail.com

Cabrini Osterhaus 785-294-1025

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The End of the Year Tax Statements were

mailed out to all parishioners. If you do not receive yours or have questions, please call the parish office 336-2128.

Thank you!

ROOTED IN CHRIST

FAMILY WORSHIP DAY

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.

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated from January 25th through January 31st.

We will be honoring our 2026 Distinguished Graduate, Christina Lierz at the 9:00 AM Mass and at the St. Ann's Altar Society Pancake Breakfast on January 25th. There will be an activities form inserted into next weeks bulletin.

St. Ann's Altar Society Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 25, in the parish hall.

Serving time will be from 7:00 am – 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 the Jan. 4th bulletin and can also be found on the website.

Fire Department Pancake Breakfast! February 1st 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.

Make plans to attend IGNITE for Life & the Kansas March for Life – Jan. 28th in Topeka!

Don't miss the opportunity to attend the IGNITE for Life Rally and Kansas Mass & March for Life on January 28th, 2026 in Topeka! IGNITE for LIFE is an inspirational, pro-life rally for the protection of unborn children and women facing challenging pregnancies.

The morning consists of live music, inspirational speakers, a ministry fair, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass with the Bishops and priests of Kansas. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally.

All events are free.

Collection Report 1/11/26

\$15,436.00

Plate: \$1,526.00

Envelope: \$3,790.00

School: \$360.00

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