



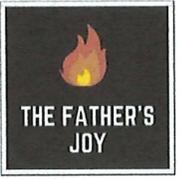
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2026

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| Mass Schedule Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00am Tuesday 7:00am Wednesday (School) 8:00am Thursday 12:05pm Friday (School) 8:00am Saturday 8:00am | Parish Office Hours Monday – Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 4:00pm Reconciliation Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45pm or immediately after each mass |
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Adoration Chapel
Contact for open hours.
Bety Sudbeck | 785-336-4022

OCIA
Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Katie for more information.
Katie Nordhus | 785-294-2145

Engaged Couples Preparation Class
Diana Holthaus | 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

Church Cantor/Organist Coordinator
Terry Nordhus | 785-336-3589

Children's & High School Choir
Join anytime!
Mary Beth Kohake | 785-294-1256

Adult Choir
New members always welcome!
Kristy Wilhelm | 785-294-8153

Men's Prayer Group
Wednesdays at 6am at the KofC Hall.
Rick Henry | 785-799-5466.

Evangelization Ministry
Meets monthly for prayer and discussion of parish events.
Susan Stallbaumer | 785-336-1124

Youth Ministry/Catechesis (CCD)
Kris Anderson | 507-430-1900

Knights of Columbus
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.
Carol Sack | 785-336-1994

Quilting Committee
We welcome new quilters to join every Monday & Tuesday afternoons from 1-4pm in the Youth Center.
Julie Strathman | 785-294-8360
Cathy Enneking | 785-336-1899

Divine Mercy Ministry
Praying the chaplet with those at the end of life.
Marian Rottinghaus | 785-336-3595

Divine Mercy Cenacle
Meets on Tuesday afternoons in the Narthex at 2pm. Chaplet recited at 3pm.
Shirley Schurman | 785-336-1419

Mission Center
Join our volunteer team!
Jeanie Kramer | 785-336-1800
Clete Kramer | 785-336-1962

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.
Julie Lierz | 785-336-1149

Grief Support Group
Roger Becker | 785-364-6393

Mothers & Children Play Group
Meets on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month in the old church basement.
Marissa Huerter | 913-426-2801

Foster Care Ministry
Julie Strathman | 785-294-8360

Catholic Heart Work Camp
Bryce Haverkamp | 785-477-3036

 **Prayer Chain Facebook Group**
Call or text your urgent prayer needs to Dana Schmelzle at 785-548-5230.

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Daily Readings and Intentions
March 16th - 22nd

Mon, March 16th - Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass at Axtell

Tues., March 17th - Saint Patrick

7:00 AM - +Mary Koelzer; For the Medjugorie pilgrims in our area

Wed., March 18th - Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 AM - L/D Family of Glen & Eleanor Rusche; Special Intention

Thurs., March 19th - Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 PM - +Marda Gudenkauf; +Clayton Becker

Fri., March 20th - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - +Mark Feldkamp; +Richard Gress; L/D of the Altenhofen Family

Sat., March 21st - Lenten Weekday

8:00 AM - For Medjugorie pilgrims from our area
5:00 PM (Vigil) - +Cindy Kramer (Anniv.)

Sun., March 22nd - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 AM - +Loyola Sudbeck
9:00 AM - Vincent & Eleanor Kohake
11:00 AM - For our Parish

Sat., March 21 - 8 AM - Rykeir Feldkamp

Wed. & Fri. March 18 & 20 - SPPS Students

Saturday, March 21st - 5 PM

Servers: Hadlee Burdick / Blake Ridenour / Sophia Leonard

Lector: Todd Leonard

Commentator: Gary Niehues

Communion: Braxter Haverkamp / Graham Leonard / Brenda Niehues

Cantor/Organist: Kale Rottinghaus

Sunday, March 22nd - 7 AM

Servers: Mason Enneking / Logan Honeyman / Miles Kuckelman

Lector: Meg Honeyman

Commentator: Steve Bennett

Communion: Logan Haug / Marilyn Nolte / Dorothy Hammes

Sunday, March 22nd - 9 AM

Servers: Wylee Bergman / Conrad Cain / Kolton Kidd

Lector: Logan Deters

Commentator: Kristi Haverkamp

Communion: Julia & Kendal Bergman / Kim Bontrager

Cantor/Organist: KofC Choir / Terry Nordhus

Sunday, March 22nd - 11 AM

Servers: Milo, Ivy & Roch Heinen

Lector: Kinsey Monier

Commentator: James Lueger

Communion: Lynda Cross / Ryker Dalinghaus / Adam Niehues

Cantor/Organist: Katie Nordhus / Emily Altenhofen

Rosary Leaders: 4:00 PM: Alan Lierz 9:00 AM: Joan Henry

Pray for us!

As many of you know, I will be leaving for Medjugorje with 50 parishioners (including 14 of our youth) this Sunday, March 15th!

This is a blessed place in Bosnia (just to the east of Italy and Croatia) where Our Lady has made Her presence powerfully felt over the last 40+ years. Regardless of whether you believe Mary has appeared there or continues to appear to the visionaries, there is no doubt that it is an environment of great faith that has changed the hearts of tens of thousands of people over the decades.

I would just ask you to pray for me and our group, that we would be transformed by encountering the love of Jesus' Heart (the Holy Spirit) through the Immaculate Heart of His Mother Mary. Mary is the secret "turbo" to the parish's spiritual health and our individual relationship with Jesus. Pray that we can bring the fire of His love back with us to be infused into our parish and families!

On a few practical notes,

1. I will be gone and basically out of contact between Sunday, March 15 to Friday, March 27.

Please be patient as I will inevitably be behind in getting back to me upon my return and going right into Holy Week!

2. Fr. Regie will be covering my daily Masses while I am away, and he will be your go-to for any sacramental emergency.

3. Archbishop Emeritus Naumann has graciously agreed to cover my weekend Masses on March 21/22. Please show up for these Masses and show him your support and appreciation for all he has done for our diocese!

Thank you for your support, and I'm excited to share the fruits of this trip with all of you when I return!

Rejoice in hope,

Fr. Joel



**Welcome to the
Christian Community:**

Carter Kristopher Beal, son of Alexander & Kaitlin (Nolte) Beal, who was baptized Friday, March 13th, 2026, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Carter's godparents are Timothy & Erin Nolte. May God's continued blessings be on Carter, his parents, and godparents.

Spring Break is this week!

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday (19th) & Friday (20th).

Annual Church Cleaning! The St. Ann's Altar Society will be doing spring cleaning of the Church on Saturday, March 28th at 9:00 AM. Any volunteers who would like to donate time to the parish by helping would be most appreciated!

There is an **adult formation course** this summer for anyone interested in becoming a catechist of young children in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The formation course is Level 1, part 1 and is being offered in Eudora, KS by Marilee Quinn and Jeanne Wichman. The dates are: June 29,30 July 1,2, and 27,28,29,30. This is a rare opportunity to be trained in a Montessori school setting by two formation leaders with decades of experience in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. For more information, please contact Angie Hammes at 785-294-0442.

**THIS IS THE HOUR
(Sts. Peter & Paul)**

April 22nd 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

A one-night parish mission offering hope, clarity, and renewed purpose. Hear two inspiring Catholic speakers: Dr. Marcus Peter on the urgency of the Gospel, and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers on living and sharing your faith with boldness. This evening is for anyone seeking strength, direction, and a deeper sense of identity. Free and open to all. Be encouraged and renewed.

Running with the Reves April 17th / Hayden High School 401 Southwest Gage Blvd. Topeka / 7 PM Tipoff / Fr. Joel & Trey will be playing in this game! They would love to see some familiar faces there if you can make it!!

Station of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be led by Father, Trey or Alan Lierz at 5:30 PM.

OCIA: Keep our Candidates in your prayers as they continue to prepare for Holy Week. They will come into full communion with the Catholic Church at Holy Saturday Mass. Candidates are, Stephanie Haug, Drew Desomier, Brennen Burks & Amy Klepper

Easter Flowers: This year, to make life easier at the flower shop, we have limited the number of flowers available for purchase. There will be a first-come, first-served limit of 15 Easter lilies. If you want to order one, they will be \$25.00 each. You can call Seneca Florist at 785-336-2128. However, if you wish to purchase plants from somewhere else, you would be responsible for getting them and bringing them to church yourself. Thank you for your understanding!

Dinner for Eight: We are gearing up to begin another round of Dinner for Eight, and we would love both singles and couples to join us for this round! Those who have been a part of it have had great experiences with this program and I'm sure any of them would be willing to answer questions. The next round will run from the end of March to August, allowing groups to meet 3-4 times during this time. Please sign up by March 23rd by writing your name and contact information on the sheet in the Narthex or call/text Julie Lierz @ 336-1149 or email her at jlierz@stspeterandpaulschool.com. For those of you who have been involved in the past and would like to continue, please add your name to the list as well. A list of groups will be sent out via email. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners better and to have a fun night out!

Collection Report

03/08/26 \$12,008.00

Plate: \$3,036.00
Envelope: \$7,500.00
School: \$1,040.00
Other stays in our Parish: \$432.00
EFT/Church: \$
EFT/School: \$

Faith, Hope & Charity: \$
Total: \$51,820.00



- Spring Break! March 16th - 20th
- Monday, March 23rd - First day of Track Practice!
- Tuesday, March 24th - Preschool Open House!! 4:00 - 6:30
- Tuesday, March 24th - State Assessments 5th ELA, 8th ACRE test (religion)
- Wednesday, March 25th - State Assessment - 3rd & 4th ELA
- Wednesday, March 25th - 5th Grade Field Trip
- Friday, March 27th - No Adoration or Stations of the Cross (School)

St. Michael's / Axtell Ks / Annual Soup Luncheon / March 22nd, 11 -1:30 Homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, bread and pie / Games, bake sale, bingo & children games Auction @ 2:00

Baileyville KofC fish fry / Friday, March 20 / 5-8 pm / Free will offering / Sacred Heart Church Hall



Teen Lenten Retreat!

March 22 at the Sacred Heart Church Hall in Baileyville. 8:30 - Mass / 9:30 - Breakfast & Welcome / 1:00 - Conclusion. The highlight of the event is the guest speaker, Sister Serena Deters. We'd love to see you there and bring a friend! Scan the QR code to sign up or visit this link <https://tinyurl.com/38ajwssv>



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CALL TO SHARE

Call to Share: Please prayerfully consider saying "Yes" to supporting the Archdiocese of KCK! Please fill out your pledge card, donate online, or place a Call to Share envelope in the Sunday Collection.

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Parish Progress Report as of 3/6/26
Collected: \$52,379.00
Participation: 24%

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LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE



Sunday, March 15th, 2026

3:00 PM - St. Annunciation / Frankfort

3:00 PM - St. James / Wetmore

6:00 PM - Sacred Heart / Baileyville

6:00 PM - St. Patrick / Corning

Sunday, March 22nd, 2026

2:00 PM - Sacred Heart / Sabetha

3:00 PM - St. Mary / St. Benedict

3:00 PM - St. Bede / Kelly

5:00 PM - St. Gregory / Marysville

Sunday, March 29th, 2026

4:00 PM - Sts. Peter & Paul / Seneca

Will have 8 priests present

Holy Week

Thursday, April 2nd

7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Mass intention is for the Spiritual Society)

ALL NIGHT ADORATION PRAYER VIGIL IN THE CHURCH UNTIL 8 AM.

Friday, April 3rd

9 AM Community Healing Rosary

12 PM Stations of the Cross & Rosary

3 PM Good Friday Service with Archbishop Naumann

7 PM Living Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 4th

8 PM Easter Vigil (NO morning mass)

Sunday, April 5th

Mass at 7 AM, 9 AM & 11 AM



Why go to confession?

1. Jesus set it up that way and gave the power to priests (see John 20: 22-23)
2. We experience peace and the burden being lifted by saying our sins out loud and hearing the words of absolution
3. We grow in humility by confessing to another person
4. It breaks or at least weakens the power of satan and temptation over us
5. We receive special grace to grow in and overcome areas of weakness that we confess
6. Sin doesn't just hurt us but the whole body of Christ, so it makes sense to confess to a priest who represents both Jesus and the Church
7. Some of the anxiety, anger, or sadness we experience is from not taking responsibility for our actions and saying, "I'm sorry"

Helpful tips for confession

How often?

Monthly is a solid standard for frequency of confession. That may need to be more frequent if the struggle against serious sin continues

Ask the Holy Spirit

Sometimes it is helpful to use a "guide to confession" or make an on-going list of sins to bring to your next confession. It is always a good idea to ask the Holy Spirit in the 5-10 min of preparation for confession: "Holy Spirit, where do I need to receive Jesus' mercy?"

Giving context

As you begin your confession, it is helpful for the priest, especially when the priest doesn't know you, if you give your general state in life. Examples: married with or without kids, single, divorced, widowed, etc.

Also, giving some personal history (but not every detail about your life) that may have an influence on the sins you bring may be helpful, for example, "I'm in recovery; I struggled with pornography for many years in the past; I struggle with anxiety and depression or OCD or scrupulosity; I'm in an intense season at work or home..."

Brief and specific

Name specific sins, but try to avoid giving too much detail, justification, or story around the sin. Also, avoid generalities that don't indicate the nature of the sin. For example: "Bad thoughts..." Are those angry/vengeful thoughts or lustful thoughts or something else?

Use the past tense!

As much as possible, I find it helpful to use the past tense (rather than the present tense) in confessing sins because we want to leave those sins in the past and not resign ourselves to thinking it will always be this way. For example: instead of "I use profanity," say "I have used profanity many times."

Sins from the past

As you grow closer to Jesus and have greater awareness of your past, bring to confession any more serious sin that you may have omitted or not specifically named

Note: if you have already explicitly confessed a sin and it still "haunts" you, it may be a sign that you need to forgive yourself as Jesus already has... "Jesus, thank you for forgiving me; I choose now to forgive myself. Jesus, I trust in Your mercy!"

Sins of omission

Sometimes we forget it is not only the things that we do wrong that we need to confess, but also the good things that we should have done that we have failed to do. Failing to go to Sunday Mass, pray daily, or be generous with others are some examples.

Sins of thought

Some thoughts may not be from us; they can be influenced by the evil one or they can come from God. The devil can't read our thoughts, but he can implant them. Not every thought is a sin, only the ones we choose to hold on to. If an ugly thought comes to mind, and we resist it and don't indulge it, then we haven't sinned.

Note: It is best to focus on Jesus and Mary and other holy images rather than telling ourselves, "I will not think about..." which only makes us think about those intrusive thoughts more.

Don't forget to forgive yourself!

After we have confessed a sin, we are truly forgiven, but sometimes we still have yet to forgive ourselves. By first forgiving us, Jesus gives us the power to make the choice to forgive ourselves. If you continually have a sin from the past that comes to haunt your thoughts and conscience, it is very helpful to say out loud: "Jesus, thank you for forgiving me. I choose now to forgive myself for (name the sin from the past). Thank you for your mercy. Jesus, I trust in You!"