

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 2026



# STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

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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



### The Father's Joy Podcast

To listen to the recording of Father Joel's Sunday homilies, you can find them on Spotify and Apple Podcast by searching "The Father's Joy"



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### Adoration Chapel

Contact for open hours.  
Betty 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.

### PARISH

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Daily Readings and Intentions  
March 23 - 29

**Mon, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo**

8:30 AM - Mass at Axtell

**Tues., March 24<sup>th</sup> - Saint Oscar Romero**

7:00 AM - L/D Family of Maurice Gudenkauf / L/D Family of Clarence & Marceil Dressman

**Wed., March 25<sup>th</sup> - The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:00 AM - +Marda Gudenkauf; Intentions of the SPPS third-grade class

**Thurs., March 26<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Weekday**

12:05 PM - +Marilyn Becker; L/D of Vincent & Eleanor Kohake

**Fri., March 27<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM - +Danny Schmelzle; Special Intention

**Sat., March 28<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM - +Norbert Heinen; L/D Family of Gerald & Janice Heinen

5:00 PM (Vigil) - +Joe Gudenkauf

**Sun., March 29<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

7:00 AM - +Linda Huerter

9:00 AM - +Bernice Nordhus

11:00 AM - For our Parish

**Sat., March 28 - 8 AM** - Nate Schmelzle

**Wed. & Fri. March 25 & 27** - SPPS Students

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - 5 PM**

Servers: Landon & Grace FitzGerald / Cecylia Holthaus

Lector: Tami Haverkamp

Commentator: Julie Strathman

Communion: Mary Sack / Marilyn Boeding / Isabella Holthaus

Cantor/Organist: High School Choir / Owen Zinke

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 7 AM**

Servers: Maddie Altenhofen / Emil Voracek

Lector: Dean Becker

Commentator: Joe Mitchell

Communion: Duane, Kris & Sarah Anderson

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM**

Servers: Mariam Nordhus / Matilda & Elise Hermes

Lector: Nate Deters

Commentator: Brenda Niehues

Communion: Dana Deters / Bruce Niehues / Shelly Schmelzle

Cantor/Organist: Cyril Steinlage / Terry Nordhus

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 11 AM**

Servers: Gwyn Grier / Ian Haverkamp / Paul Rottinghaus

Lector: Sullivan Haverkamp

Commentator: John Rottinghaus

Communion: Aimee & Charlie Rottinghaus / Addison Tangeman

Cantor/Organist: Kale Rottinghaus

Rosary Leaders: 5:00 PM: Julie Strathman 9:00 AM: Jim Strathman

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

**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

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

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**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!

**Running with the Reves** April 17<sup>th</sup> / 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!!

**Rosary at the cemetery on April 1st.** Every other Wednesday to pray for our deceased loved ones. If you have any questions or would like to receive reminders or cancellation texts, please text Joe Kohake your name to be added to the group chat. 785-548-5209

**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.



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

The SPPS PTO Fellowship committee hosted its second annual Jr High card party March 12th! Thank you to all who attended! Your participation makes this event the memorable experience that it is.

**Childrens Choir:** Will sing on Easter Sunday, 4/5 at 9:00 AM Mass. They will practice on Monday, 3/30 at 6:00 in the church

## What about my loved ones who have fallen away from faith?

With the Gospel of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead this weekend, I imagine many of us can think of loved ones (or ourselves) who are struggling in their relationship with God the Father and seem to be in a kind of "tomb" where it may seem very dark and hopeless. In light of this, I thought I would share this handout I created a few years ago because this probably the most common heartache I hear from people in the pews.

Here are a few reminders and suggestions to keep in mind as you go into family get-togethers over Easter and other celebrations in the weeks ahead to maintain your peace and bless these loved ones in your life.

### 1. TRUST

God is in control and cares about your loved ones even more than you do, AND He has the power to move their hearts more than you do. It is not your job to be their savior: they already have a Savior, and His name is Jesus!

### 2. SURRENDER

When I realize I am helpless to "fix" or change my loved one, I am invited to surrender them over and over again, as often as anxiety creeps back into my soul:

**Jesus, I surrender (their name) to You. You take care of them. Jesus, I trust in You!**

### 3. GO DEEPER WITH JESUS

The absolute best thing we can do for our loved ones is to be more radically transformed by the Holy Spirit. When we draw closer to Jesus, we bring everyone connected to us closer to Him as well, whether we perceive it or not.

#### How to go deeper with Him

1. Spending a minimum of 30 minutes of silence with Him first thing every morning: reading scripture, journaling, etc.
2. Going to Mass during the week as frequently as possible, in addition to Sundays
3. Going to Confession at least monthly
4. Regular meetings with a small group and/or a prayerful individual who is guiding and inspiring you to go deeper
5. Giving of your time and attention to serve others, i.e., the local church, community, and/or the sick and suffering

### 4. LOVE THEIR SOCKS OFF!

Finally, it is important to remember that no one is drawn back to faith when they feel only criticized or rejected by a "faithful person."

We draw people to Jesus by showing our affection, especially when we are tempted to withhold it, not because they deserve it, but because that is how the Father loves us. Remember the overwhelming mercy and generosity of the prodigal son's father...

**Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, You are my Mother and theirs. I entrust them to Your care, knowing that You love them even more than I do, and You will guide them back to Your Son.**

Rejoice in hope,  
Fr. Joel

## ANNUAL SPPS PTO *Spring Flower* SALE

Forms are located in the Narthex, School & Parish Office!  
Please submit Pre-orders with payment by April 29.

**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](mailto: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!



*No greater  
homily  
has ever  
been given.*

### THE 7 LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

An hour of reflection in Word and Song at beautiful, historic St. Marys Catholic Church in St. Benedict, KS. Music provided by the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Choir from Seneca, KS. Refreshments to follow in the Church Hall.

7:00 PM  
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

*A beautiful beginning to Holy Week.*

### Collection Report

03/15/26 \$19,414.52

Plate: \$1,772.00

Envelope: \$7,135.00

School: \$1,330.00

Other stays: \$55.00

EFT/Church: \$5,925.00

EFT/School: \$3,197.52

Faith, Hope & Charity:

\$1,000

Total: \$52,820.00



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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.

Parish Goal: \$60,000.00

Parish Progress Report as of 3/6/26

Collected: \$52,379.00

Participation: 24%



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