

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 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.

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Daily Readings and Intentions
 May 11th - 17th

Mon., May 11th - Easter Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass at Axtell

Tues., May 12th - Saints Nereus & Achilleus

7:00 AM - +Marda Gudenkauf; L/D Families Joe & Aurelia Heinen

Wed., May 13th - Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 AM - +Llsa Kolezer; Special Intention

Thurs., May 14th - Saint Matthias / Ascension of the Lord

12:05 PM - +Dora Cross; L/D Families of Vincent & Eleanor Kohake

Fri., May 15th - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM - +Rose Mueting; L/D Families of Lawrence & Bernadine Wessel

6:00 PM - 8th Grade Graduates and their Families

Sat., May 16th - Easter Weekday

8:00 AM - +Cyril Schmitz

5:00 PM (Vigil) -L/D Members of the SPPSClass of 1963

Sun., May 17th - The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 AM - For our Parish

9:00 AM - +Virginia Sanders

11:00 AM - +Felicia Boeckman

Sat., May 16th - 8 AM - Nate Schmelzle

Wed. & Fri., May 13 & 15 - SPPS Students

Saturday, May 16th - 5 PM

Servers: Sophia Leonard / Cecylia Holthaus / Levi Kramer

Lector: Todd Leonard

Commentator: Bob Nieheus

Communion: Graham Leonard / Isabella Holthaus / Mary Sack

Cantor/Organist: Cyril Steinlage / Terry Nordhus

Sunday, May 17th - 7 AM

Servers: Wylee Bergman / Logan Honeyman

Lector: Makenzie Steinlage

Commentator: Steve Bennett

Communion: Logan Haug / Dorothy Hammes / Tom Kramer

Sunday, May 17th - 9 AM

Servers:

Lector: HS CCD CLASS WILL

Commentator: COVER THIS MASS

Communion:

Cantor/Organist: High School Choir / Owen Zinke

Sunday, May 17th - 11 AM

Servers: Milo, Ivy & Roch Heinen

Lector: Kinsey Monier

Commentator: James Lueger

Communion: Lori & Conner Lueger / Sharon Haverkamp

Cantor/Organist: Allsion Hermesch / Emily Altenhofen

Rosary Leaders: 5:00 PM: Bob Niehues

9:00 AM: Jim Strathman

In Memoriam – Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for **Rita Robke (Wempe)** on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Let us remember Rita and her family in our prayers.

Just a note: Summer Mass Hours will take effect on Wednesday, May 20th. Here is what the summer mass schedule will look like,

Tuesday 7 AM | Wednesday 6 PM | Thursday 12:05 PM | Friday 7 AM | Saturday 8 AM

If you have a scheduled mass and the time doesn't work for you, please call the office and we can reschedule.



Sts. Peter & Paul, Sacred Heart, and St. Mary's are excited to bring you **Totus Tuus, June 21–26!** The cost is \$25 per child or \$50 per family, and each family is asked to bring 2 dozen cookies.

1st–6th grade (2026–2027) will meet June 22–26 from 9:00 AM–3:00 PM at Sts. Peter & Paul School in Seneca.

7th–12th grade will meet June 21–25 from 6:30 PM–8:45 PM at Sacred Heart in Baileyville.

Space is limited—scan the QR code to sign up! Waitlist available once full.

We are currently refreshing the narthex basement (located beneath the greeting area in the church). We are looking for a leather sectional in good condition to enhance the functionality of this space. If you have one available, please get in touch with the parish office at 785-336-2128 to arrange a time for us to take a look.



Sign up for the 29th Annual **Kelly Youth Rally** has begun. Please fill out the form and drop off at the Parish Office **before May 26th!** Scan QR code for the printable form or there are form in the Narthex!



Online Registration

We invite all families to join us for our **Second Annual 5K Memorial Run/Walk** in loving remembrance of Father Arul on Saturday, August 15th, 2026, at 8:00 AM. The race will begin in front of Saints Peter & Paul Church in Seneca, KS. Please see the insert for more information.

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Plate: \$1,943.00
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 School: \$1,535.00
 Other stays: \$330.00
 EFT/Church: \$11,137.00
 EFT/School: \$2,442.93

 Faith, Hope & Charity: \$100.00
 Total: \$78,970.00

Open Hours of Adoration!

There are some open hours for Adoration. Please call Betty Sudbeck if you're able to take any of these hours. 785-336-4022

Wednesday: 2-3 AM
Saturday: 2-3 AM; 3-4 AM; 2-3 PM

HAPPY Mother's Day

This weekend we honor the mothers who gave us life and the many other mother figures who have poured into us since the day we were born.

Obviously, everyone's experience of their mom was unique, some better than others. This day can also bring up sadness and pain in our hearts as we remember the physical absence of our earthly mothers, some of the hurts that we still carry in our relationship with them, or the struggle of infertility or losing a child in the womb.

Regardless of whether we had an amazing earthly mother or not, none of us have or are a perfect mom on this side of heaven. Thanks be to God, Jesus has given us His Mother to be our Mother as well. He said those powerful words on the cross to His beloved disciple (who represents all of us): "Behold, your mother"!

A few years ago, I was inspired to write this litany thanking God for the graces that we have received from our earthly mothers and asking Mary to help "fill in the gaps" that we may have felt in our relationship with them. (This litany will also be printed on a prayer card that you can pick up from the church)

May no woman or mother read this prayer as a self-shaming exercise but rather an act of hope that we are not failures (even though we believe that lie sometimes) and that God turns to good even our worst mistakes!

Rejoice in hope,

Fr. Joel

On Friday, May 15th at 6:00 PM, we will gather to celebrate a milestone in your journey — the graduation of the Saints Peter & Paul 8th Grade Class of 2026. This is more than just the end of middle school; it is the beginning of a new chapter filled with opportunities, challenges, and God's guiding hand.

As you step forward into high school and beyond, remember this: your future is not just about what you will achieve, but about whom you will become in Christ. The world will offer many paths, but the most fulfilling road is the one where you walk closely with Jesus. When life feels uncertain, lean on His promises. When you face challenges, trust His strength. And when you experience joy, give Him thanks.

2026 GRADUATES

Josie Altenhofen	Henry Hermesch
Ella Bartkoski	Kolton Kidd
Jonah Bergman	Kenly Kramer
Olivia Bergman	Lily Niehues
Conrad Cain	Alec Nordhus
Mason Dalinghaus	Paul Rottinghaus
Bentin Deters	Violet Ruegge
Rykeir Feldkamp	Nathan Schmelzle
Morgan Haverkamp	Emma Weeldreyer
Milo Heinen	



Litany of Motherhood

Thank you, Jesus, for the ways my mom made me feel accepted, wanted, and known;

for any of the ways that she didn't, Mary show Yourself a Mother to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for the times my mom gave me consolation and strength in sickness, tears, and pain;

for any times that she didn't, Mary show Yourself a Mother to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for the ways my mom pointed me to You;

for any ways that she failed to, Mary show Yourself a Mother to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for the ways my mom taught me virtue and self-sacrificial love;

for any ways that she failed to, Mary show Yourself a Mother to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for the times my mom was an attentive, compassionate listener, without trying to fix my problems;

for any times that she wasn't, Mary show Yourself a Mother to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for the ways my mom was a safe place for me in the midst of the storms of life;

for any ways that she wasn't, Mary show Yourself a Mother to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for the times my mom gave me guidance in times of confusion and uncertainty;

for any times that she failed to, Mary show Yourself a Mother to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for the ways my mom modeled gentleness, kindness, patience, and mercy;

for any ways that she failed to, Mary show Yourself a Mother to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for the ways my mom saw and drew out my potential, helping me to grow into maturity by God's grace,

for any ways that she failed to, Mary show Yourself a Mother to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for all the ways she put my needs before her own;

for any ways that she failed to, Mary show Yourself a Mother to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for the times she prayed for me to You when I wasn't praying for myself;

for any times that she failed to, Mary show Yourself a Mother to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for the ways my mom taught me how to trust in You and surrender everything to You;

for any ways that she failed to, Mary show Yourself a Mother to me!

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FATHER ARUL 5K MEMORIAL RUN/WALK

Join us for our second annual 5K Memorial Run/Walk in loving remembrance of Father Arul. All proceeds will support the SPP Youth Religious Formation program. Let's honor his beautiful legacy together while making a meaningful impact on our youth's spiritual path.



**SATURDAY
AUGUST 15, 2026**

5K race starts at 8am
1 mile starts at 9am

In front of Saints Peter & Paul
Catholic Church Seneca, KS

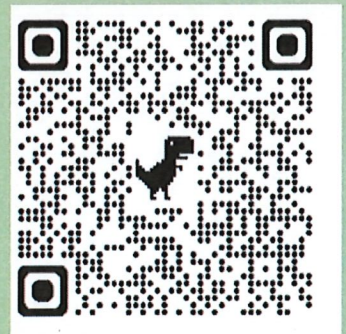
REGISTER TODAY!

Entry Fee: \$25.00 before June 1st, 2026

Price increases to \$30 entry fee after June 1st, 2026.

Both Entries Include A Race T-Shirt.

Register by July 20, 2026 to guarantee a shirt.



Father Arul Memorial 5K and Fun Run Sponsorship Form

Honoring the memory of Father Arul – Community, Faith, Fellowship, and Service

“And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.” – Hebrews 12:1

This 5K and Fun Run honors the memory of Father Arul and brings our community together in faith, fellowship, and service. Proceeds from the event will be dedicated to the youth formation program.

Event Date:

August 15, 2026

Location:

Saints Peter and Paul Church, Seneca KS

Contact: Melissa Tangeman (785-294-0005), Cabrini Osterhaus (785-294-1025), Michaela Hermesch (785-764-0422), Molly Strathman (785-312-0463), Lauren Hammes (620-243-2386)

Sponsor

Business / Individual Name:

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone:

Sponsorship Levels (please check one)

Gold Sponsor – \$500

- Recognition on race shirts
- Verbal recognition at the event

Silver Sponsor – \$250

- Name listed on race shirts

Bronze Sponsor – \$100

- Name listed in event thank-you list/event banner

Other Donation or In-Kind Donation (item and estimated value) _____

*Please have submitted by July 20th. * Make checks payable to SPP church for “race sponsor”

**Please drop forms off at SPP parish office drop box or reach out to event contact

***Payment Information: (Circle) Check or Cash

Father Arul Memorial 5K and Fun Run Registration

Price: \$25 before June 1, Price increases to \$30 after June 1

*** Register by July 20th for guaranteed event shirt***

Athlete Information

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Gender M/F _____

Age _____

DOB _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Phone # _____

Relationship to athlete _____

Event Selection, T-shirt Size, and Method of Payment

Which event do you want to register for? (circle) 5K or 1 mile fun run

T-shirt size: (circle) Youth -2T, 3T, 4T, 5T, XXS – XS – S – M – L – XL

Adult XXS – XS – S – M – L – XL – 2XL – 3XL

Method of payment (Circle) CASH--- or --- CHECK Check# _____

***Make your check out to SPP Church. Please indicate on your check this is for "race registration" ***

Release of Liability

I agree to hold Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church and School, event organizers, or volunteers harmless as to any claim for damages for any accident or injury of any kind resulting from my participation in this race. I also give medical personnel permission to treat my injuries if I am unable to make the decision for myself.

I understand that there are NO REFUNDS. Regardless of injury or weather related, which would cause the race to be canceled or postponed.

Signature of Athlete (Signature of Parent or Guardian if age under 18)

Thank you for your willingness to participate in this special event honoring Father Arul and his legacy. We look forward to seeing you on race day

Scan the QR code for online registration

