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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil | 5:00 PM
 Sunday | 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM,
 11:00 AM

Starting June 14th, 11:00 AM
Mass will be at 5:00 PM

Tuesday | 7:00 AM
 Wednesday | 6:00 PM
 Thursday | 12:05 PM
 Friday | 7:00 AM

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Starting June 1st
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 PM
 or immediately after each mass

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 25TH - 31ST

**Mon., May 25th -
The Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00 AM - +Glenda Wilhelm;
+Loyola Sudbeck (Anniv.)

**Tues., May 26th -
Saint Philip Neri**
7:00 AM - L/D Families of Mark &
Rosie Fangeman; +Billy 'O'
Osterhaus

**Wed., May 27th -
Saint Augustine of Canterbury**
10:00 AM - Life Care- Fr. Joel
6:00 PM - L/D Families of Audrey
Mueeting; +Rita Robke

**Thurs., May 28th -
Weekday**
12:05 PM - +Melvin W.
Haverkamp; +Alex Pretti & +Renee
Good

**Fri., May 29th -
Saint Paul VI**
7:00 AM - L/D Families of Joseph
& Aurelia Heinen

**Sat., May 30th -
Weekday**
8:00 AM - NO MASS
5:00 PM (Vigil) - L/D Families of
Norman & Darlene Rethman

**Sun., May 31st -
The Most Holy Trinity**
7:00 AM - For our Parish
9:00 AM - +Andrew Kohake
11:00 AM - +Duane Tanking

Priest Retreat is from June 1st to 4th. If you had a mass intention scheduled on these dates, please call the parish office to reschedule, as there will be NO WEEKDAY MASS (Tuesday - Thursday). Sorry for any inconvenience!

WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 26TH - 30TH

(26th) **Tues 7 AM:** Camden Nordhus / Alec Nordhus
(27th) **Wed 6 PM:** Lily Niehues / Mariam Nordhus
(28th) **Thurs 12 PM:** Jaci Olberding / Gwyn Grier
(29th) **Fri 7 AM:** Dominic Osterhaus / Rowan Williams
(30th) **Sat (8 AM):** NO MASS

WEEKDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MAY 30TH | 5 PM
Servers: Landon & Grace FitzGerald / Rykeir
Feldkamp / Cecylia Holthaus
Lector: Luke Schmelzle
Commentator: Doug Schmelzle
Communion: Luke Runnebaum / Leon
Feldkamp / Tom Kramer / Bruce Deters
Cantor/Organist: Kale Rottinghaus

MAY 31ST | 7 AM
Servers: Logan Honeyman / Josie
Steinlage
Lector: Meg Honeyman
Commentator: Nikki Honeyman
Communion: Logan Haug / Dorothy
Hammes / Joel Haug /

MAY 31ST | 9 AM
Servers: Morgan & Cooper Haverkamp /
Kolton Kidd / Camden Nordhus
Lector: Bryce Haverkamp
Commentator: Jim Runnebaum
Communion: Greg Kohake / Galen Niehues
/ Bruce Deters / Jim Uphaus
Cantor/Organist: KofC / Terry Norhdus
ROSARY 5 pm: Marjean Moore
9 pm: John Kohake

MAY 31ST | 11 AM
Servers: Rowan Williams / Henly
Kramer / Kenly Kramer / Sam Tangeman
Lector: Wrigly Williams
Commentator: Melissa Tangeman
Communion: Nia Holthaus / Caleb
Strathman / Addison Tangeman / Adam
Niehues
Cantor/Organist: Greg & Anna Kohake /
Deb Rethman

PARISH OFFICE

- Parish Office will be **closed** Monday, May 25th & Tuesday, May 26th
- Starting June 1st, Parish Office Hours are 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM.
- Starting June 1st, Mass at Axtel will now begin at 8:00 AM instead of 8:30
- We are back to 4 servers & 4 Eucharistic Ministers per mass.
- The summer mass schedule is posted in the church narthex.
- **The Sunday 11 am Mass will move to 5 pm starting June 14** to provide an evening option for the region, as there are no closer options than Topeka or Manhattan. If attendance is lower than 11 am by the end of summer, we will return to the original time. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and appreciate your understanding as we try this change. Thank you! - Fr. Joel

**05/17/26
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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**

What's the Deal with Veils in Church?

Ever since Old Testament times, the people of God have used veils as markers for a holy person, place, or object. To be "holy" means to be "set apart," not necessarily being perfect and never making mistakes, which is how we can often misunderstand the idea of "holiness."

The Holy of Holies, the innermost part of the grand Jewish temple, was covered with a veil to show God's Presence in their midst. Moses veiled his face after speaking to God face-to-face on the mountain because God's Presence radiated so strongly from his countenance.

The veil of the temple was torn at the moment of Jesus' death (at the same time that the "veil" of Jesus' flesh was pierced by a lance), signifying that we have access to God's Presence in a new and radical way by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Church continues to use veils to this day *not to hide beautiful things but to point to a deeper mystery that lies beneath them*. The holiest and most important thing to be marked by a veil is the tabernacle. In the introduction to the ritual book "Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside of Mass" which was just issued in 2024, the Church reaffirms this truth:

11. The presence of the Most Holy Eucharist in the tabernacle is indicated by a veil or in some other suitable way determined by the competent authority. Near the tabernacle, in which the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved, a special lamp should shine continuously to indicate the presence of Christ and to honor it.

Two other instances where you may see veils in church are on the chalice and on some women's heads. The chalice is the place where Jesus makes His Body and Blood present, so it is a "holy" object that the church has veiled for hundreds of years. In a beautiful way, the veil is removed from the chalice during the offertory to symbolize that the mystery of God's Presence is about to be "unveiled" before our eyes as the bread becomes His Flesh!

For women that choose to wear a veil, this too is a sign that they are a sacred dwelling place of God. This veil is not a sign of oppression but rather of the tremendous beauty and dignity that a woman has as the pinnacle of God's creation (she was created last, after all!). I have heard women share many reasons for why they choose to wear a veil:
-it helps them focus on God before and within them
-it is a sign of humbling themselves before God's Presence and the Sacred Mysteries at Mass
-it is their "sacred space" to be with God

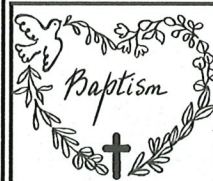
I want to emphasize that no one is expected to wear a veil nor am I asking anyone to. My hope is that we wouldn't make judgments of someone's intention to wear or not wear one at Mass. Let's not presume that those who wear veils think that they are better than others; to the contrary, they very much know that they are weak and sinful like everyone else. They may actually find it difficult to wear one when others aren't for fear of being judged as "judgemental" of others!

The purpose of this article is simply to explain why the Church uses this beautiful symbol of veils because we will have a veil on the tabernacle and on my chalice for the reasons listed above! This is not a political statement or a judgment of churches or priests that don't use these practices. I have found, personally, and in the feedback from many of the faithful over the last 7 years how this little sign has been conducive for them to enter more deeply into the celebration of the Mass, and that is what I want for all of us!

Rejoice in hope,
Fr. Joel



Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 25th, at 9:00 AM at our Parish Cemetery in honor of our deceased veterans and our family members. Please bring lawn chairs. In case of rain, Mass will be held in the church at 9:30 AM.



Welcome to the Christian Community:

Zoey Ann Hammes, daughter of Ethan & Lauren (Adelhardt) Hammes, who was baptized Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Zoey's godparents are Cody Seiler & Brooke Strathman. May God's continued blessings be on Zoey, her parents, and godparents.

Wanted: Couples Interested in Enriching their Marriages: Teams of Our Lady is a group of 5-7 couples that meet monthly to share their month's news, a potluck meal, prayer, and study a topic that has family/marriage/spiritual focus. The couples form a unit that is supportive and caring, where ideas are exchanged and thoughts are challenged. In addition to the meetings there are opportunities for a yearly retreat and family prayer. As part of an international movement recognized by the Pope, we strive to live the vocation of marriage. There are couples of all ages in Teams, with and without children. If you are interested in more information, please call Marlyn and Ivan Dressman, 785-713-1889.

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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Registration

Kelly Youth Rally! Please fill out the form and drop off at the Parish Office **before May 26th!** Forms are located at the parish office or in the Narthex

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