



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2026

STS. PETER & PAUL

CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

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Mass Schedule

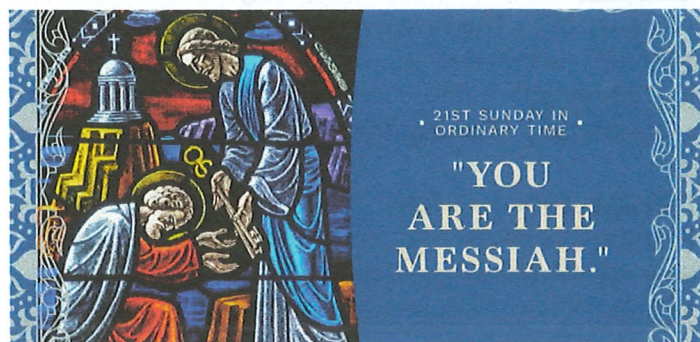
Saturday Vigil | 5:00pm
Sunday | 7:00, 9:00, 5:00pm
Monday (Axtell) | 8:30am
Tuesday | 7:00am
Wednesday | 8:00am
Thursday | 12:05pm
Friday | 8:00am
Saturday | 8:00am

Parish Office Hours

Monday– Friday
8:00am–4:00pm
(closed 12:00–1:00)

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00–4:45pm
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.

PARISH

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DAILY READINGS AND INTENTIONS AUGUST 24TH - 30TH

Mon, August 24th - Saint Bartholomew

- **8:00 AM** - Mass at Axtell

Tues., August 25th - Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz

- **7:00 AM** - +Rollie Winterscheidt

Wed., August 26th - Weekday

- **8:00 AM** - For Kambrie Hynek on the anniversary of her Baptism; +Glenda Wilhelm

Thurs., August 27th - Saint Monica

- **12:05 PM** - For the Living & Deceased Members of Linus & Marilyn Ronnebaum

Fri., August 28th - Saint Augustine

- **8:00 AM** - +Regis Becker; +Greg Fangman

Sat., August 29th - The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

- **8:00 AM** - +Kevin Becker
- **5:00 PM (Vigil)** - +Linus Olberding

Sun., August 30th - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **7:00 AM** - For our Parish
- **9:00 AM** - +Cindy Kramer; John & Mary Rottinghaus on their 60th Wedding Anniversary!
- **5:00 PM** - For the Living & Deceased Members of Don & Mary Ann Sperfslage

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 29TH - 5PM

Servers: Noah Kramer / Sophia Leonard / Matilda & Elsie Hermes

Lector: Jean Wassenberg

Commentator: Gina Ronnebaum

Communion: Todd & Graham Leonard / Abigail Palmeri / Mary Sack

Cantor/Organist: Eileen Love / Deb Rethman

AUGUST 30TH - 7AM

Servers: Emil Voracek / Wylee Bergman / Camden Nordhus

Lector: Meg Honeyman

Commentator: Nikki Honeyman

Communion: Marilyn Nolte / Dorothy Hammes / Sheryl & Randy Heinen

AUGUST 30TH - 9AM

Servers:

Lector: Rottinghaus Family

Commentator:

Communion:

Cantor/Organist: Knights of Columbus / Terry Nordhus

AUGUST 30TH - 5PM

Servers: Gwyn Grier / Ian Haverkamp / Henley Holthaus / Graham Lueger

Lector: Sullivan Haverkamp

Commentator: Shannon Holthaus

Communion: Lynda Cross / Ryker Dalinghaus / Nia Holthaus

Cantor/Organist: Volunteers

ROSARY: 5(Sat) pm: Bob Niehues 9 am: John Kohake

Celebrating 45 Years of Marriage

We joyfully congratulate Clete & Jeanie Kramer as they celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary! A special blessing was offered during the 5:00 PM Saturday Mass on August 22, 2026.

High School CCD August 26th

Adoration & Confession at 7:00 pm, please plan to attend and meet in the church. This is open to all HS students in the area.

Kick Off CCD Mass for ALL students,

September 2nd at 7:00 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend and enjoy ice cream after mass.

Childrens Choir

We will be starting back up! Children in 3rd to 8th grade may join. Our first practices will be on Wednesdays, September 2 & September 9, at 6:00 in the church. We will sing at the 9:00 Mass on September 13. If you have any questions, please call/text Mary Beth Kohake at 294-1256.

Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery Workday

Saturday, August 29, beginning at 9:00 am. We will be backfilling graves, reseeding grass, and doing gravestone maintenance. Please bring your favorite shovel and/or rake. Lunch and drinks will be provided. For questions, call Mike Steinlage @ 785-799-5777

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Is seeking parent and grandparent volunteers to be helpers in the atrium. This would require volunteering in the atrium 1-2 hours a week during the school year. Duties would be assisting the children and catechist with simple tasks and showing up with a smile. If interested, please get in touch with Angie Hammes at 785-294-0442.

CCD Sign Up Begins Now!

Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex, and you can also find a link on the church website. We've included an option for parents to get involved as well. To ensure a fantastic year, we need assistance with games, activities, service projects, and more. Go to the link below to get started. <https://tinyurl.com/sppccd>

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 August to March, allowing groups to meet 3-4 times during this time. Please sign up by August 24th by calling or texting Julie Lierz @ 336-1149, or you may email her at jlierz@stspeterandpaulschool.com. If you prefer, you may simply write your name and contact information on the sheet in the Narthex. 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 dinner 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!

Join us for a Rosary at the cemetery

on Sept. 2nd at 6 pm! If you have any questions or want to stay in the loop with reminders and updates, text Joe Kohake at 785-548-5209 with your name to get added to the group chat.

My Most Important "Keys" for the Spiritual Life

Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven" in this Sunday's Gospel from Matthew 16. In light of this, I thought that I would share this on-going list that I am working on of some the most important "keys" to the spiritual life that I have learned in the last 17 years since I started praying every day.

I frequently return to these principles because they help me stay grounded spiritually in the midst of the challenges of life, and I hope that some of them are helpful to you too!

Rejoice in hope,
Fr. Joel

1. My life isn't about me. It's about You.

- If I am suffering while sincerely trying to do Your Will, I can be at peace because You promised that the self-sacrifice of the cross always comes with following You

2. My life is about Your love and loving You/others in return. To love is shown especially through giving of my time and attention.

- I cannot give our attention, and therefore, love and be in a hurry at the same time; therefore, the first step to living in love and the fullness of life necessarily first entails slowing down
- I cannot actively receive Your love if I don't, out of trust, surrender my sins, unforgiveness, & anxieties to You

3. When it comes to prayer (and outside official "prayer times"), Jesus, You are already here, loving me, regardless of whether I feel You or not

- Also, just because I feel Your Presence, doesn't mean it is "better" prayer than when I don't

4. Even if I am doing everything "right," both spiritually and naturally, I will have days when I feel distant, and it seems like it is my fault

- Jesus, I choose to persevere in prayer and doing what I know to be right despite my confusion and without giving in to discouragement!

5. You are always speaking and inviting me to go in a certain direction, but it takes time to hear Your voice clearly and distinguish it from my own unpurified desires

- Praise & worship and the rosary help me to "tune into" Your Voice
- Your Spirit speaks through
- Your Word and the Church
- Authorities and others in my life
- My body: warmth, tingling, peace, tears, laughter, etc
- My thoughts, desires, imagination, feelings, intuition, dreams
- Circumstances, timing

6. When I don't feel You near, it is not the time to make an important decision (Ignatius' Rule 5 of discernment) nor to automatically blame myself for my feelings of desolation

7. You bring greater good out of my mistakes and failures than my natural strengths, especially when I offer them back to You.

8. When it comes to loving others and helping them in their need, the best and most powerful means is to pray with them right then and there from the heart, with the intention of helping them to know Your Love.

Labor Day Picnic – September 6, 2026:

The **work list for the picnic is available on our church website: www.saintspeterandpaul-seneca.com. Please check your scheduled time. If the time is not convenient for you, please exchange with someone else

**Please collect your Cool Whip containers & ice cream buckets for leftovers – they can be left at the back of church with the grab bags. **

****Home delivered meals** may be ordered in advance. To reserve your meals, please call the Parish Office at 336-2128 or Bonnie Ridenour at 785-294-1828. If you leave a message, please include your name, phone number, address, and number of meals. Make sure all reservations are made by Saturday, September 5th by 4:00 pm.

Encounter School of Ministry:

Schedule: 2 hours of pre-recorded teachings weekly, followed by Sundays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, starting September 13, with praise, small group discussions, and prayer. Trial: Try the first three weeks for free. Contact: Kris Anderson at 507-430-1900 or Sheri Wessel at 785-285-2736 for questions. Check the website for more info and to register at <https://encounterschool.org/seneca/>

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Liturgical Ministry Updating

With the Sunday 5 PM Mass staying as is, if you had the 11:00 AM Mass as your first choice to serve and this time doesn't work for you, please get in touch with the parish office to adjust your preferred Mass.

Thank you. 785-336-2128
sppsecretary@gmail.com

Open Hours of Adoration!

Please call Betty Sudbeck if you're able to take an hour.
785-336-4022.

Monday: 2-3 AM

Tuesday: 1-2 AM; 2-3 AM

Friday: 11AM-2 Noon

Sunday: 2-3 AM; 11 AM-12 noon

Weekly Collections

08/16-26 \$15,518.67

Plate: \$1,357.00

Envelope: \$4,097.50

School: \$405.00

Other stays: \$420.00

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- S** - Sharing God's Story
- P** - Prayer
- P** - Purpose
- S** - Sacrifice

August 21, 2026

Sts. Peter and Paul Parishioners,

As we begin another school year at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School, we are filled with gratitude for the continued support and prayers of our parish family. Our school is blessed to be a place where students are growing not only academically, but also in their faith and virtues. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to partnering with our parents, parishioners, teachers, and students as we continue our mission of growing deeper in our faith and passing it on to others, especially the next generation.

This year we have a total enrollment of 232 students.

2026-27 Enrollment -

3 to 4 Year Old Preschool - 20	2nd Grade - 17	6th Grade - 18
4 to 5 Year Old Preschool - 17	3rd Grade - 17	7th Grade - 19
Kindergarten - 26	4th Grade - 24	8th Grade - 33
1st Grade - 21	5th Grade - 20	

We are so blessed to have many students from surrounding parishes here at Sts. Peter and Paul School, and we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with their families in providing a strong Catholic education and helping their children grow in faith and virtue.

Students by Parish -

Sts. Peter and Paul Church - 123	Sacred Heart Church - Baileyville - 36
St. Mary's Church - St. Benedict - 45	Sacred Heart Church - Sabetha - 2
St. James Church - Wetmore - 1	Mother Teresa of Calcutta - 1
St. Columbkille Church - Blaine - 1	Unspecified - 10
St. Bede's Catholic Church - Kelly - 10	

Our dedicated staff has a total of 225 years of service to Catholic Education. Our curriculum is aligned with the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas and their mission. "In partnership with parents, the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas provide students with exceptional, Christ-centered education rooted in traditional values, forming students who are joyfully Catholic, diligently achieving, and intentionally self-giving."

Please keep our students, teachers, staff, and families in your prayers throughout the school year. May God bless our school community and guide us as we begin this new year together!

Peace and Blessings,

Michelle Haverkamp
Mrs. Michelle Haverkamp
Sts. Peter and Paul School Principal

2026-2027 Sts. Peter & Paul Staff

Pastor	Father Joel Haug
Parish Administrative Assistant	Tabatha Garcia
Principal	Michelle Haverkamp
School Administrative Assistant	Amber Sudbeck
Assistant Principal/ AD/ 7th-8th Math	Ashley Carlson
Resource Teacher	Allison Hermes
Preschool	Hannah Sanders
Kindergarten	Christina Lierz
Kindergarten	Karly Dalrymple
1st Grade	Kaley Rethman
2nd Grade	Gina Ronnebaum
3rd Grade	Julie Lierz
MTSS, K-4 Science	Amanda Uphaus
4th Grade	Jenna Kramer
4th Grade	Trina Kohake
5th Grade	Anna Kohake
6th Religion, 5th-8th Science	Brooke Stallbaumer
7th Religion, 6th Math, 6th-8th SS	Nicole Hazen
8th Religion, 6th-8th ELA	Jennie Rusche
Pre-K- 8th PE	Shannon Atwood
PreK-8th Music & Art	Jennifer Schmelzle
K-8th Library (Part-time)	Katie Dalinghaus
Counselor (Part-time)	Sarah Akin
Technology Coordinator (Part-time)	Todd Leonard
Organist for School Masses	Terry Nordhus, Nicole Hazen
Custodians	Dan Haverkamp and Betty Haug (Part-time)
Instructional Support (Part-time)	Alicia Bergman
Classroom Aides (Part-time)	Joan Lierz, Mary Winkler, Sarita Madrid
Head Cook	Monica Hammes
School Cooks (Part-time)	D'Ann Hermes, Deb Holthaus, Donna Holthaus, Gerri Kohake, June Stallbaumer