

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 30, 2026



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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



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"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."
- Mt 16:26-27

DAILY READINGS AND INTENTIONS AUGUST 31ST - SEPTEMBER 6TH

Mon, August 31st - Weekday

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

Tues., September 1st - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

- **7:00 AM** - +Billy'O Osterhaus

Wed., September 2nd - Weekday

- **8:00 AM** - For the Living & Deceased Members of Alvin & Armella Schmits; +Rose Muetting
- **7:00 PM** - CCD Mass

Thurs., September 3rd - Saint Gregory the Great

- **12:05 PM** - +Melvin W. Haverkamp

Fri., September 4th - Weekday

- **8:00 AM** - Spiritual Society

Sat., September 5th - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

- **8:00 AM** - For the Living & Deceased Members of August & Paula Robke; For the Living & Deceased Members of Audrey Muetting
- **5:00 PM (Vigil)** - For the Living & Deceased Members of John & Anna Marie Kuckelman

Sun., September 6th - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **7:00 AM** - For our Parish
- **9:00 AM** - For the Living & Deceased Members of Clarence & Marceil Dressman
- **4:00 PM** - +Richard Gress



Here is the QR Code to the schedule of topics (still in progress & subject to change):



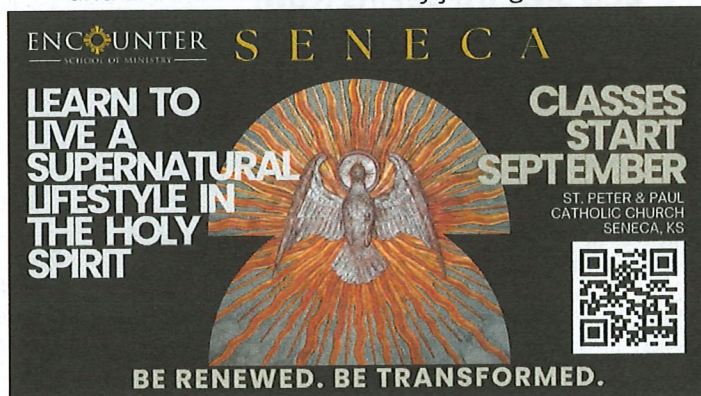
OCIA, Adult Formation Begins Wednesday, Sept 9!

Looking to go deeper in your faith?

All parishioners are invited to join those thinking about joining the Catholic Church on Wednesdays starting on September 9 from 7-8 pm in the Parish Hall/school cafeteria. Parents of CCD students are also encouraged to join us as we pray and discuss why the Church teaches what She does.

No registration required, and you are welcome to come and go to sessions from now until the end of the school year because each lesson can be a fruitful stand-alone!

Reach out to Katie Nordhus at 785-294-2145 if you are not Catholic and are interested in officially joining the OCIA.



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/>

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 5TH 5 PM

Servers: Landon & Grace FitzGerald / Eli Schultejans / Cecylia Holthaus

Lector: Logan Uphaus

Commentator: Jeanie Kramer

Communion: Jim & Kelli Uphaus / Isabella Holthaus

Cantor/Organist: Terry Nordhus / Owen Zinke

Rosary: Gina Ronnebaum

SEPTEMBER 6TH - 7 AM

Servers: Josie Steinlage / Mason Enneking / Miles Kuckelman /

Lector: Makenzie Steinlage

Commentator: Steve Bennett

Communion: Joel Hammes / Logan Haug / Tom Kramer / Leon Feldkamp

SEPTEMBER 6TH - 9 AM

Servers: Will Stallbaumer / Cooper Haverkamp / Kaylin Kohake / Kamryn Carlson

Lector: Emma Nieheus

Commentator: Mollie Haverkamp

Communion: Rachel Haverkamp / Sharon Haverkamp / Kadance Henry / Kevin Kohake

Cantor/Organist: Adult Choir / Francine Haverkamp

Rosary: Jim Strathman

SEPTEMBER 6TH - 4 PM

Servers: Sam Tangeman / Simon & Jenna Strathman / Blaise Stallbaumer

Lector: Addison Tangeman

Commentator: Melissa Tangeman

Communion: Mike Stallbaumer / Lori Lueger / Landon & Tammy Bragdon

Cantor/Organist: Volunteers

Labor Day Picnic -

September 6, 2026:

St. Ann's Altar Society Annual Labor Day Picnic is next Sunday, September 6, 2026.

****Cake Walk** items may be brought to the northwest classroom in the junior high building.

****Country Store and Bingo** items may be brought to the hallway of the junior high building and put on the marked tables.

****Pies** may be brought to the main doors of the Parish Hall before 2 pm where there will be student helpers to assist you in getting your pies carried in.

****Dinner** will be served in our air-conditioned and handicapped accessible parish hall beginning at 4:30 pm. Adult meal prices are \$17.00, and children's prices are \$10.00 (ages 4-10).

****We will sell dinner tickets** at the front of the Parish Hall. We don't anticipate any waiting after the dinner tickets are sold. You will be directed to the dining hall.

****Bingo, Concession Stand, and Games** begin at 5 pm. Auction begins at 8:30 pm.

****Leftovers** will be for sale in the parish hall at 8:45, not before.

****Teen dance** from 8:30 to 11:30 pm.

****Home-delivered meals** may be ordered in advance. To reserve your meals, please call 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

Congratulations to

John and Mary Rottinghaus,

who are celebrating 60 years of marriage! They were wed on August 13, 1966. A special blessing was offered at the 9:00 mass on August 30. The Flowers on the Main Altar are in honor of their 60 years of commitment!

Kick Off CCD Mass for ALL students,

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

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>

Childrens Choir

Will be starting back up! Children in 3rd to 8th grade may join. Our first practices will be on Wednesdays, **September 2 at 5:45** & September 9 at 6:00 in the church. We will sing on September 13 at 9:00 Mass. Any questions, please call/text Mary Beth Kohake at 294-1256.

Grandparents Day Mass

Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul School
Friday, September 4th, 2026
8:00 AM

Mass followed by donuts, coffee and visit classrooms

Grief support

Has moved to the new location in the old mission room. Enter through the west door. We have a meeting today, Sunday, at 5:00. All are welcome to attend. Handicapped accessible!"

Join us for a Rosary at the cemetery

on Sept. 2nd at 6 pm!

Looking for a getaway?!

Join us in raising money for the Sts. Peter & Paul School with one of these options to visit Alaska! Seven-day cruise June 28 - July 5, 2027, or Cruise and Land Tour June 25 - July 5th, 2027! Contact Marilyn Boeding at 785-336-6383.

Weekly Collections

08/16-26 \$15,518.67

Plate: \$1,357.00

Envelope: \$4,097.50

School: \$405.00

Other stays: \$420.00

EFT/Church: \$5,975.00

EFT/School: \$3,264.17

Faith, Hope & Charity:
\$1,700.00

Total: \$2,100.00

Help us offset the \$80,000 church repair project!

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

Hard Topics: Contraception and Sterilization

I believe God has laid on my heart a difficult message, and after hearing the readings for this Sunday (Jeremiah impelled to deliver hard messages to God's people, Paul talking about offering God our bodies as a living sacrifice, and Jesus asking us to deny ourselves and take up our cross), I believe I must deliver it.

First, an apology: I'm sorry that you aren't hearing this from me face-to-face. Ideally you would hear me talk about this topic rather than write about it. Because it is sensitive, especially with children present at church, I believe that this is the best way for me to share about sexual ethics.

Second, a confession: I, like most priests, have fear about talking about these (and any) sensitive issues because we can be misunderstood or elicit strong, negative reactions from others, especially in this case when the majority of Catholics statistically disagree with the Church's teaching.

Third, an explanation: why am I doing this? Aside from the most important reason that I believe God is asking me to, there are at least three:

1. I have a responsibility as a priest and your pastor to inform you what the Church teaches (and why) so that you can make good moral decisions for yourselves and your families.

2. I firmly believe that we all can reach the high standard that He is calling us to by His grace.

3. After walking with people in their heartache later in life or after important decisions that they go on to regret, I want to spare as many people as possible from that pain. *I have yet to meet someone at the end of life who regrets having all of the children God gave them!*

All Church teaching on sexuality actually has its origin in the Trinity itself. The Father loves the Son so Fully, Fruitfully, Freely, and Faithfully, and the Son loves the Father so perfectly in return (shown by His love on the cross), that their love actually is a third Person, the Holy Spirit. Likewise, the love between husband and wife ought to be so full, fruitful, free, and faithful that it has the possibility to generate a new life that is an embodiment of their love for each other. (Obviously, this doesn't mean that a child must be the result of every sexual union in order for it to be morally good, as in the case of natural sterility in one or both spouses or female periods of infertility.)

The purpose of marriage is 1) the good of the spouses (ultimately, to help each other get to heaven!) and 2) the procreation and education of children (Catholic Catechism of the Catholic Church 1601). Contraception and sterilization intentionally undermine both purposes by putting an artificial barrier between the fertility of the spouses so that it is no longer a "full" gift of self to the other. As Pope Saint Paul VI predicted in *Humane Vitae* in 1968, this could also lead spouses to use each other for their own desires rather than respecting and loving the other for their own sake.

In light of this, the Church teaches that married couples are called to remain open to the gift of life and using contraception to prevent pregnancy is contrary to God's design and is not morally permissible.

However, for serious financial, emotional, or physical reasons, the Church allows for a couple to abstain from sexual relations during the woman's naturally fertile period to avoid pregnancy. Unlike using contraception, the couple is not inserting an artificial barrier to fertility and is still open to having a child, should God allow that to happen even in "infertile" periods. This is called "Natural Family Planning" or NFP, which is distinct from the "Rhythm Method" that was taught in the first half of the 20th century and was not very effective. Thankfully, there is an abundance of resources and apps to help teach couples about NFP as this becomes more known and is even being adopted by women outside of Christianity who don't want to put such potentially harmful chemicals into their body.

I have heard many Catholic doctors lament that contraception is the default prescription given to women because it masks, rather than treats, underlying problems. The NFP charting can be taken to NaPro Technology doctors to determine underlying causes of problems so that the woman can receive the medical or surgical help that they really need. (The Saint Paul VI Institute in Omaha are national experts in this field, and you can learn more at saintpaulvi.com)

What am I not saying by sharing this Church teaching?

1. I am not saying that you should be ashamed if you have used contraception or sterilization in the past or have been up until this point.
2. I am not saying that you have bad intentions or are actively trying to do something bad or immoral. We always should assume the best intentions; parents are doing the best they can with what they have and know!
3. I am not saying small families or couples with no children should be judged for not having more. We don't know the reasons behind every family's situation, and we shouldn't presume to know!

Ok, but what does all this mean, practically? What is the Church inviting us to do about it?

1. *Men or women who have been surgically sterilized are not morally required to have those procedures reversed.* I have been moved, however, by many testimonies of those who have had more children after a reversal that they now can't imagine not having!
2. Those who have had these procedures or who have used some form of contraception should go to confession to have this burden lifted off of their consciences.
3. If, after knowing that this is a grave sin to use contraception, a couple uses it anyway, they should still fulfill their obligation to go to Mass but abstain from receiving communion until they have confessed it with the intention of not using it any more.
4. If one spouse is adamant in using contraception while the other has made it clear that they don't want to, that reduces the moral culpability for the non-consenting partner, especially as they fulfill the "marital debt" or the right to relations with your spouse. It would still be advisable to abstain until both spouses are in agreement to not use contraception.
5. If the idea of NFP is new to you, please look more into it! Jess Buessing is our NFP certified teacher for our area (jbuessing.fertilitycare@gmail.com) and Susie Lueger N.P. (susielueger@gmail.com) has much medical experience in this area if you have questions or need clarification.
6. **Most importantly, bring all of this to Jesus in your prayer, individually and with your spouse. We have to make our decisions, big and small, looking at Him rather than ourselves and our limitations...He is bigger than us and our weaknesses!**

Despite how it seems, what I AM saying with all of this is that you are loved. God is with you in the heartache and difficulties of marriage and the Christian life in general. Though imperfectly, I am with you too, praying for you and your spouse, in person if you would like me to. God and His Church are not against you; God, His Church, and I are for you and want what is best for you and your families!

In Jesus' peace,
Fr. Joel

**For perhaps a better explanation of the Church's teaching on contraception (and IVF), check out Fr. Mike Schmitz's video on the topic at this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0MWQKCoLd4> or scan this QR code*



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Becker Carolyn
Becker, Marilyn
Becker, Raymond & Rosalia
Becker, Regis F.
Bennett, Eugene & Patricia **
Bentsen, Elaine
Bentsen, Jerry
Bentsen, Jack & Leona
Bergman, Ed & Rose **
Bergman, John E.
Block, Francis & Marcella
Boden, Nick & Agnes
Boeckman, Lawrence
Boeding, Al & Lola
Boeding, Ed & Mary
Boeding, Paul R.
Boeding, Norbert & Rose Zella **
Boeding, Skall
Bontrager, Herbie & Millie**
Brinker, Bob
Brinker, Elmer & Luella
Broxterman, Albert & Bernadine
Broxterman, Aloysius & Mildred
Buessing, Elmer **
Buessing, Joe & Margaret **
Buessing, Vince & Tillie
Buchanan, Ron & Cheryl
Burdick, Walt & Rita
Carasala, Father Arul
Carasala, Balaswamy & Dhanam
Carlson, Marilyn & Dave
Carlson, Megan
Claas, Jamie
Claas, Robert L.
Cochran, Michael H.
Cohorst, Bernard & Cecilia
Curti, Edward Sr. & Luella
Curtis, Erik
Curtis, Ray & Karen
Dalinghaus, Ben & Mary Faith
Dalinghaus, Lillis & Roberta
Dalsing, Kenneth & Mary **
Deters, Ferdinand & Rose
Deters, Galen
Deters, Lester & Sally
Deters, Virgil
DeVillier, Jane Davida **
DeVillier, Russell & Angela **
Dressman, Clarence & Marceil
Dowd, Walter & Kathleen
Eisenbarth, Daniel "Izzy"
Engelken, Aloy "Wishy"
Engelken, Arlene
Engelken, David
Engelken, John R.

Engelken, Quentin
Enneking, Leroy & Joyce
Fangman, Greg **
Fangman, Mark & Rosie **
Feldkamp, Annette
Feldkamp, Ben & Katherine
Feldkamp, Elaine
Feldkamp, Ernie
Feldkamp, Kevin **
Feldkamp, Leander & Esther
Feldkamp, Lloyd & Rose Marie **
Feldkamp, Mark
Fleury, Eldon **
Freche, Edward
Glissman, Julie **
Gress, Charles
Gress, Richard
Grollmes, Louis
Grollmes, Leona
Gudenkauf, A.H. & Celesta
Gudenkauf, James
Gudenkauf, Joe
Gudenkauf, Kathy
Gudenkauf, Marda
Gudenkauf, Maurice & Lena
Gudenkauf, Vincent
Hammes, Alvin
Hammes, Dan **
Hammes, Leo
Hammes, Sara **
Harland, Francis & Rosemary
Harpenau, Joseph **
Harpenau, Robert **
Haug, Cotton & Charlotte **
Haug, Dominic **
Haug, Ernest & Rita
Haug, Gary
Haug, Joseph C.
Haug, Maggie
Haug, Urban & Darlene
Haverkamp, Bob
Haverkamp, Cletus & Marcina
Haverkamp, George & Evelyn
Haverkamp, Lillis & Arlene
Haverkamp, Marceil
Haverkamp, Melvin W.
Haverkamp, Vincent & Dorothy **
Heideman, Ben
Heideman, Bob & Eleanor
Heideman, Gary
Heideman, Gerald
Heideman, John & Vivian
Heideman, Tony
Heiman, Barney & Anna **
Heiman, Carol Leo
Heiman, Elmer & Aurelia
Heiman, Norbert & Theresa
Heiman, Roy
Heinen, Albert & Rita **
Heinen, George

Heinen, John & Anna
Heinen, Lawrence & Helen
Heinen, Raymond & Aurelia
Heinen, Norbert
Henry, Bob & Mary Ann
Henry, Frenchy & Dorothy
Henry, Karen **
Henry, Laverne
Henry, Paul
Henry, Steve
Hermesch, Ben & Mildred
Hermesch, Fred & Rosalyn
Hermesch, Galen
Hermesch, Gene
Hermesch, Jerry
Hermesch, William & Helen
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Holthaus, George & Rita
Holthaus, Gerald
Holthaus, Kurt T.
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Holthaus, Robert E.
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Hulsing, Benny
Hulsing, Frank
Hulsing, Tony & Florence
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Huninghake, Ray **
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Jeanneret, Wilbur & Norma
Koch, Joe & Carmelita
Koelzer, Allie & Irene
Koelzer, Eileen
Koelzer, Elmer
Koelzer, Jean **
Koelzer, Mary
Koelzer, Melvin & Gladys
Kohake, Albert & Dottie
Kohake, Andrew
Kohake, Dan & Mary
Kohake, Leonard & Grace M. **
Kohake, Joe & Margaret **
Kohake, Tom
Kohake, Vincent & Eleanor
Kokenge, John W.
Kokenge, Max & Shirley
Kokenge, Randy
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Lackey, Emily Jean
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Lackey, Hubert **
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Lauer, Chris **
Lauer, Cyril & Geneva **
Lauer, Dave **
Lehmkuhl, Kenny & Tiny
Leonard, Anne
Leonard, Harry
Leonhart, Larry
Lierz, Elmer & JoAnn **
Lohman, Richard "Tex"
Love, Gary
Love, Joe & Edna "Eddy" **
Luckeroth, Donald & Pat
Luckeroth, Keith
Lueger, Alvin & Leona **
Lueger, Stephen **
Macke, Henry & Mary
Macke, James
Mathewson, Gerald & Mildred
McCellan, McKenzie
McGinty, Jim & Helen **
Miller, Dale & Norbertine
Mission Center-Dec'd Workers
Mohlman, Joseph & Charlene
Mueting, Audrey
Mueting, John & Clara
Mueting, Lawrence & Mary
Mueting, Leo & Marie
Niehues, Albert & Dolores
Niehues, Clara
Niehues, Joseph Jr. **
Niehues, Robert Sr & Mary
Nolte, Cletus
Nolte, Jason **
Nordhus, Jane **
Nordhus, John Sr. & Bernice
Nordhus, Steve
Nordhus, Sylvester "Pat" & Rose Ann
Nordhus, Tim
Olberding, Albert Jr. & Elizabeth "Betty" **
Olberding, Jackie
Olberding, Lawrence & Martha **
Olberding, Linus
Olberding, Norma Jean
Osterhaus, Billy'O
Osterhaus, Paul & Erma
Phillips, Father Walter **
Phillips, Joseph & Clara **
Pultz, Paul
Reinecke, Lou & Millie
Rennenger, Jake & Minnie
Rennenger, Wilfred
Renyer, Joe & Cecilia
Rethman, Norman
Rice, James & Alice
Ricker, Newt & Eileen
Riehle, Kellie

Riehle, Michaelleen
Robke, Al & Erma
Robke, Rita
Roeder, Alfred & Darlene
Roeder, John & Dorothy
Roeder, Judy
Roeder, Melvin & Angela
Ronnebaum, Albert & Ann
Ronnebaum, Joe & Emma
Ronnebaum, Leonard
Ronnebaum, Linus
Ronnebaum, Melvin "Butch"
Ronnebaum, Steve
Ronnebaum, Werner & Lorena
Rottinghaus, Cletus **
Rottinghaus, Frank & Emma **
Rottinghaus, Frank & Marie
Rottinghaus, Jerry
Rottinghaus, John H.
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Sack, John & Edna **
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Schmelzle, Danny
Schmelzle, Eugene "Gene"
Schmelzle, Geri
Schmelzle, Gilbert & Helen
Schmelzle, Lawson
Schmelzle, Mary
Schmelzle, Robert
Schmidt, Jim
Schmidt, Lawrence & Adrianna
Schmidt, Thomas
Schmits, Alvin & Armella
Schmits, Larry
Schmitz, Elaine
Schmitz, Paul & Mary Ann
Schraad, Francis
Schulte, Jerry & Rita
Schurman, Donald
Schurman, Ethel
Schurman, John & Rose
Schurman, Lawrence & Nora
Scragg, Barrett
Sedlacek, Alvin & Delores
Sedlacek, Louis & Bernadine **
Shinn, Ernest & Mary Jean
Sperfslage, Don
Sperfslage, Jordan
Stallbaumer, Cyril & Frances
Stallbaumer, Gilbert & Teresa
Stallbaumer, Kirby
Stallbaumer, Leon
Stallbaumer, Lisa **
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Wessel, Frank **
Wessel, Lawrence & Bernadine
White, Marvin **
Wichman, Charles & Grace
Wichman, Henry & Anna
Wichman, Kenny & Sandy
Wiers, Vern
Wilhelm, Glenda
Wilhelm, Irven & Bernice
Wilhelm, Lester & Virginia
Wilhelm, Steve
Winkler, Albert & Ellen **
Winkler, Leroy **
Winkler, Marvin & Theresa
Winterscheidt, Ali Rose **
Young, Richard **

Spiritual Society Benefits:

Members have 12 Masses said for them, one every First Friday. The Rosary is also said for all members before daily Mass, Monday through Saturday each week (24 Rosaries a month).

Just a Note:

** Renewal is due by September 2026. Please renew at the Parish Office, place payment in the Sunday Collection with proper notation in the memo, or send payment to the SPP Parish Office @ 411 Pioneer St, Seneca, KS 66538. The renewal cost is \$50.00 per person for 12 Masses per year. If you wish to cancel or add a loved one, please call the Parish Office at 785-336-2128.