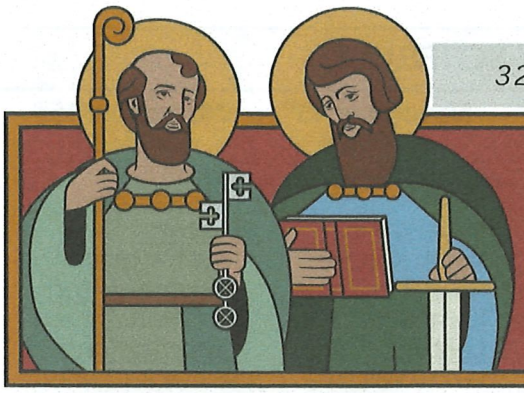

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Mass Schedule

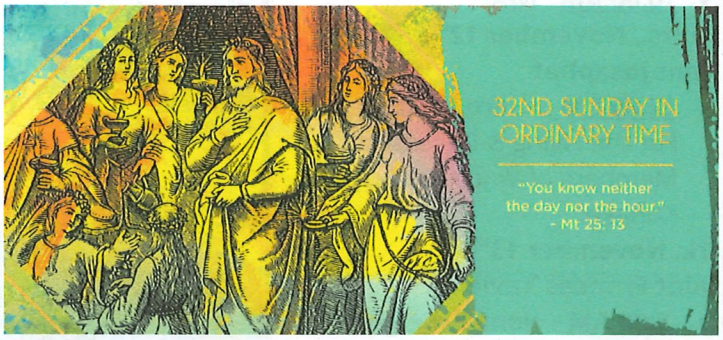
Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm
Sunday | 7:00, 9:00, 5:00pm
Monday (Axtell) | 8:30am
Tuesday | 7:00am
Wednesday | 8:00am
Thursday | 12:05pm
Friday | 8:00am
Saturday | 8:00am

Parish Office Hours

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

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00–3:45pm
or immediately after each mass



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Contact for open hours.
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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 Jim Uphaus | 785-294-8544

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 Thrift Store
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.
Breanne Cross | 816-383-1410

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 NOVEMBER 9TH - 15TH

Mon., November 9th - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- **8:30 AM** - Mass at Axtell with Fr. Jim

Tues., November 10th - Saint Leo the Great
- **7:00 AM** - +Loyola Sudbeck; +Glenda Wilhelm

Wed., November 11th - Saint Martin of Tours
- **8:00 AM** - +Roger Kramp
- **10:00 AM** - N/A

Thurs., November 12th - Saint Josaphat
- **12:05 PM** - +Alice Ann Rilinger; For the Living & Deceased Members of Vincent & Eleanor Kohake

Fri., November 13th - Saint Frances Xavier
- **8:00 AM** - +John E. Bergman

Sat., November 14th - Weekday
- **8:00 AM** - L/D Members of Regis Koch
- **4:00 PM (Vigil)** - L/D Members of Norman & Darlene Rethman

Sun., November 15th - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **7:00 AM** - L/D Members of Joe & Rose Gudenkauf
- **9:00 AM** - +Charles Gress
- **5:00 PM** - For our Parish

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

- Nov. 9th
  - 7th/8th OTL Vocal at SPPS - 6:00 pm Concert
- Nov. 11th
  - Veterans Day
- Nov. 12th
  - BB - SPPS @ Frankfort
- Nov. 13th
  - First Reconciliation
- Nov. 16th
  - BB - SPPS @ Centralia

CCD NEWSLETTER

- Wednesday, November 11th
  - 2nd Grade - First Reconciliation
  - K-1;3-12 regular Class
- Crosswalk Monitor
  - Jill & Cole Haverkamp

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 14th 4:00 PM	November 15th 7:00 AM	November 15th 9:00 AM	November 15th 5:00 PM
Servers: Hadlee Burdiek, Cecylia Holthaus, Noah Kramer, Levi Kramer	**Servers:** Will Stallbaumer, Josie Steinlage	**Servers:** Cooper Haverkamp, Kaylin Kohake, Rowan Williams, Kamryn Carlson	**Servers:** Heinen Crew
Lector: Tami Haverkamp	**Lector:** Amanda Enneking	**Lector:** Wrigly Williams	**Lector:** Levi Thomas
Commentator: Bob Niehues	**Commentator:** Dean Becker	**Commentator:** Kristi Haverkamp	**Commentator:** John Rottinghaus
Communion: Baxter Haverkamp, Bella Haverkamp, Damian Enneking, Isabella Holthaus	**Communion:** Logan Haug, Dorothy Hammes, Randy & Sheryl Heinen	**Communion:** Bryce Haverkamp, Jackson H., Danica Wurtz, Riley Osterhaus	**Communion:** Aimee & Charlotte Rottinghaus, Luke Ganstrom
Cantor/Organist: Greg & Anna K., Terry Nordhus		**Cantor/Organist:** Craig Altenhofen, Emily Altenhofen	**Cantor/Organist:** Allison Hermesch, Francine Haverkamp
Rosary: Marjean Moore		**Rosary:** Alan Lierz	

Saturday, November 14th - 8:00 AM - Camden Nordhus

OPEN HOUR OF ADORATION

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

Saturday: 1-2 AM

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

11/01/2026 | $8,705.00

Plate: $1,554.00 | ***Envelope***: $5,021.00 | ***School***: $1,400.00 | ***Other stays***: $730.00 | ***EFT/Church***: $ ***EFT/School***: $

Faith, Hope & Charity: $
Total: $52,846.17
Help us offset the $80,000 church repair project!

GIVING & SERVING FAITH IN ACTION

- **Foster Care Ministry** will have a **second collection at Mass on Nov. 14th & 15th** to provide support for the Christmas season. Proceeds go directly to families in our area who share their homes and love with children in need. We will also be preparing and delivering frozen meals in December. If you would like to volunteer to make a frozen meal. Please scan the QR code or contact Julie Strathman. 785-294-8360. Thank you for your generosity
- **SPPS Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive!** We accept donations of canned goods and non-perishable food items. You may leave your donation in the church narthex, drop it off at the school office, or send it to school with any SPPS student. The event runs from November 1st to 24th, and our goal this year is 2,026 items. Thank you for your generosity in helping people in need in our community!
- **Advent Project**! With the holiday season approaching, our school and parish are joining together for our annual Advent Project to help make Christmas a little brighter for families in our community. If you know of an individual or family who could use help with Christmas gifts or is in need of household items, please contact Tabatha at the parish office. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus this Advent season, let's work together to share His love, spread joy, and serve those in need.

In Memoriam Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for *Alli Wiers* on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Let us remember Alli and her family in our prayers.

HAPPENING TODAY

Youth Pilgrimage to Rome and Italy Spring Break 2028 for area youth: Informational meeting at Sts Peter and Paul cafeteria at 10:15 on Sunday, November 8th.

ADORATION SHINDIG

You are invited to the Nemaha-Marshall Adoration and Shindig on November 8th, 2026! Find Jesus and a joyful Catholic community, and let's celebrate the goodness of a fall Sunday evening together at the St. Mary, St. Benedict Grotto. Admission is free, and every age is welcome! Adoration under the stars begins at 5, followed by music, dancing, s'mores, and games! Weather plans are in place; check the website or text us for updates! 785-221-2644 or www.psrcatholic.org

A few of those weird things that Catholics do

During the month of November and as the year comes closer to its end, the Catholic Church focuses its attention on those who have gone before us. Last Sunday, on November 1st, we celebrated "All Saints Day," where we remember all of those men and women who were especially close to God during their earthly life and are now with Him perfectly in Heaven.

November 2nd was a bit more strange because we commemorated "All Souls Day," a day that we prayed for those souls who have died but are not yet in perfect union with God in heaven. This is a foreign concept for many, and some may ask, "Why would or how could I pray for someone that is no longer living?"

As I often share at funerals, the bonds of love are stronger than death, and we intuitively believe that we are still connected to our beloved dead. We trust that, though we can't feel their physical presence, they are still very much with us, and likewise, we have the power to touch them with our love.

I also share that hopefully none of us says to our loved ones on our death bed, "Don't pray for me after I go because I'm pretty much perfect already, so I'm confident I have a straight shot to heaven!" If we have lived a life apart from God, even in subtle ways, and our friendship with Him has yet to be fully realized, that process of "purification" still needs to happen between this life and being perfectly united with Him in Heaven. Though sometimes controversial and misunderstood, this is where Catholics derive the concept of "purgatory" from, as a state of refining that prepares us to behold God face to face.

Though he doesn't use the word "purgatory" explicitly, St. Paul alludes to this process in 1 Corinthians 3:13-15:
"Each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire" (RSV-CE).

All of this is to say that we believe our prayers have the power to expedite this process for the deceased! We are encouraged in a special way during this month to pray for the souls of our loved ones and, maybe even more so, for those that don't have anyone else to pray for them so that they can receive their reward from the Lord. Visiting a cemetery is a helpful reminder of our duty to pray for the dead, as well as being a sober reminder that our days are numbered, so we ought to be seeking "the Lord while He may be found"! (Isaiah 55:6).

Admittedly, we as Catholics do all kinds of weird things, and this focus on visiting cemeteries, praying for the dead, and celebrating the saints during the month of November are a few of them. I don't know when my earthly pilgrimage will end, but please go ahead and pray for me now and when I'm gone too because I need all the help I can get!

Rejoice in hope,

Fr. Joel

Scan Me

Table requests are now open for the **5th Annual Night to Reignite Gala** supporting Sts. Peter & Paul School. Please scan the code to complete your request! Call Julie with any questions 785-548-7881. Thank you for all of your support!- Night to Reignite Committee

The childrens' choir will sing on Sunday, November 22, at 9:00 Mass.
We will practice on Wednesday November 18 at 6:00.

Welcome to the Christian Community!

Melany Anne Penka,
daughter of Blake & Ashley (Hammes) Penka, who was baptized Sunday, November 8, 2026, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Melany's godparents are Matthew Hammes & Lauren Griffitts. May God's continued blessings be on Melany, her parents, and godparents.

Emily Marie Lueger,
daughter of Ryan & Hanna (Hammes) Lueger, who was baptized Sunday, November 8, 2026, at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Emily's godparents are Joshua Hammes & Alison Lueger. May God's continued blessings be on Emily, her parents, and godparents.



First Reconciliation for 2nd graders 2026
CCD Students, Nov. 11th.
SPPS Students, Nov 13th
The following Penitents will receive their First Reconciliation at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church:

- *Amelia Bergman*
- *Ben Heideman**
- *Ruth Briggs*
- *Connor Deters*
- *Waylon Henry*
- *Reed Holthaus**
- *Luna Hoover*
- *Alivia Huerter*
- *Halstyn Hulsing*
- *Kambrie Hynek*
- *Phineas Koch*
- *Hudson Koerperich*
- *Baker Kruse**
- *Henry Love*
- *Ava Lueger*
- *Landon Niehues**
- *Asah Perry**
- *Brielle Rider**
- *Emmett Rottinghaus*
- *Braelynne Sperfslage*
- *Madlyn Stallbaumer*
- *Levi Strathman*
- *James Thrailkill*
- *Tabor Wilson**

*indicates CCD Students
The celebrant will be Father Joel Haug. Pray for these 2nd grade students as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on April 18, 2027

HAPPENING SOON

- The Seneca Fire Dept. ball ticket sell Nov. 23rd & 24th
- Seneca KofC Pancake Breakfast Nov. 29th
- CHWC Pancake Breakfast Dec. 6th

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