Journey of Faith

What does Journey of Faith mean for my parish or school?
Family Pastoral Planning Teams are working to understand our current realities and build a sustainable plan. Many of our institutional structures are no longer suited for the times we live in. That's why most parishes and schools can expect changes, including Families of Parishes. These connected parishes function like an extended family. It's a powerful way to strengthen parish life while gaining some efficiencies. Each Family of Parishes submits its planning proposal, including parishes and schools, to Archbishop Lucas in mid-November. Decisions will be part of Journey of Faith announcements soon thereafter. You can find the latest information under parish news and announcements at journeyoffaith.org.

Why Families of Parishes?

Families of Parishes is a modern-day approach that unites a group of parishes into one community of faith. By working together, we can focus on our vision to become missional communities. Across the country, Families of Parishes are a way of life in dioceses of all sizes. Here in the Archdiocese of Omaha, we have the advantage of learning from experiences. Going forward, we can adapt the best features for our own Families of Parishes and attract others to experience faith in new and meaningful ways.

This new model will allow priests, deacons, and lay staff associated with each parish to better share their gifts and talents with the whole Family of Parishes.

Our goal is to make our parishes places where individuals and families can encounter Jesus anew, grow as disciples, and be equipped to be witness of the Risen Christ.

We must move forward with greater collaboration and better stewardship of our resources. With this shift, we take inspiration from the early Church. From the beginning, Christ knew the mission he gave his disciples would be difficult and that they would face many challenges, so he sent them to preach the Gospel two-by-two. Like us, the early disciples knew what was asked of them but not necessarily how to accomplish it or what the end result would be. St. Paul himself was shipwrecked three times but wherever he ended up, he remained committed to the same mission with which we are entrusted today. Because of St. Paul's commitment and the commitment of the early apostles, the Gospel was heard across the world.

Like the disciples, we have been asked to unite and go on mission together, enhancing each other's strengths and working collaboratively to proclaim the Gospel around us with the same zeal and dedication of the early apostles.

Mowing Schedule:

Ponca-Parish Lawn: on or before August 5th: Josh Bennett & Chris Bennett.

South Creek Trimming: on or before August 12th: Co-chairs; Tom Walsh & Phil Knerl; Family members of ✝Al Walsh.

Newcastle: Week of August 8th- Chairperson: Bud Kneifl. Volunteers: Jeremy Kneifl, Darrell Wieseler, Randy Kneifl, Ryan Kneifl, Ken Kneifl.

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St. Peter's - Chairperson: Mike Sorenson - Cell: 712-898-2379. Members: Paul Pfister, Todd Rosener, Greg Kneifl, Darrel Wieseler.

Joint Parish Council:
Members: Roger Bentz, John Lowe, Ginny Keller, Mary Kay Mahler, Dan McNear.

Finance Council:
St. Joseph's - Kevin Connot, Heather Rush, and Deb Krause
St. Patrick's - Patty Dinges, Doug Nelson, and Larry Ney
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ST. JOSEPH'S

Established in 1890
420 West Second Street, Ponca
Mass Time: Sunday, 10:00 am

ST. PATRICK'S

Established in 1856
119 East Elk Street, Jackson
Mass Time: Saturday, 5:00 pm

ST. PETER'S

Established in 1873
403 Annie Street, Newcastle
Mass Time: Sunday, 8:00 am

Office Phone: 402.755.2773

Office Hours:

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Fridays: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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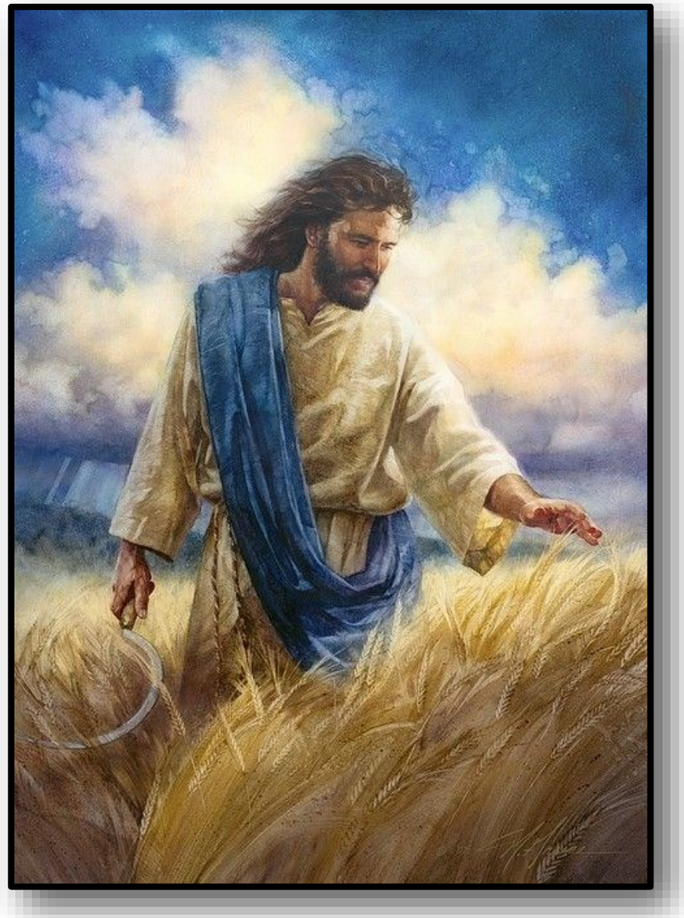
July 31, 2022
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



(Note of explanation:) The cell phone has taken over a lot of our communication, but I hope there is always a place for a card through the mail.

January 11, 1990
James V. Kramper
(As he continues to send out Christmas cards)

DROPPING A LINE TO LIFT A LOAD

We all know how a pulley works.
Energy exerted on one end
Lifts what is on the other end.

A letter through the mail can do the same thing.
In this case, the line is not a rope,
But a penned message of care and concern.

Sometimes it is a note of encouragement,
Words of thanks or praise;
But always its purpose is to lift the other.

Like the grain of wheat that must
Fall to the earth and die,
The letter must be dropped
Into a box or slot,
Before it can do its good.

Letting go of the letter is a dying,
But receiving it is a rising.
Let us drop a line to all who need a lift!

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, August 6- St. Patrick's - 5:00 pm
Altar Server:.....Grady Wendte
Altar Server.....Guy Severeide
Lector.....Jenn Van Dyke
Music: .....Scott Webb & Choir

Sunday, August 7- St. Peter's - 8:00 am
Altar Server:.....Kora Kneifl
Altar Server:.....Caidan Gregg
Lector:.....John Lowe
OMHC: .....Deacon Dennis
Music: .....Mary Ann Kneifl
Ushers: .....Dan Lund & Mark Gregg
Money Counter - Vern & Sharon Haberman

Sunday, August 7- St. Joseph's 10:00 am
Altar Server.....Luke Jackson
Altar Server:.....Cole Jackson
Lector:.....Vicki Irby
Music: .....Michael Gibbs
Ushers: …….. Phil Lowe & Mike Brewer

News and Announcements:

MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER

Next weekend I will be at St. Mary's Parish in Bellevue, Ne. delivering a missionary message. Fr. Korte, from Hartington will be at all the Masses next weekend, telling us more about the Pastoral Plan for our Archdiocese. Then, the following weekend (August 13 & 14) will be my last one before Fr. Andy returns. He must have sent a lot of prayers our way, because the $3^{1}/_{2}$ months have gone well and the time has gone fast. I will let you know if I will be having another "Retirement Party"!

MESSAGE FROM FR. KORTE

So far the Journey of Faith Pastoral Planning Team has met three times. We are getting to know one another and specific things about our 7 parishes. We have gotten into the thick of things and are trying to wrap ourselves around the parameters Archbishop Lucas has laid out for us when it comes to creating a mass schedule. Each of the parish reps have been asked to meet with their Parish teams and bring in a few others and discuss the rules we are being asked to follow in making up a schedule. In the process of doing this we asked the question. Can a parish have life without a Saturday or Sunday mass experience? This is tough stuff we are dealing with but the numbers are not in our favor...mass attendance has been dropping everywhere for years. Fr. Andy Sohm has given me permission to be the celebrant of the masses at Jackson, Ponca and Newcastle on the weekend of August 6-7. I will stay around after the masses at Ponca and Newcastle to listen to your concerns and try to answer your questions.

Mass Times & Intentions:

Daily mass will be said at St. Peter's
Tuesday - Friday at 9:00 AM.
Weekend Mass will be live streamed on
Facebook from St. Peter's on Sundays at 8:00 AM.
You may watch these masses later on YouTube.
Go to youtube.com and search Ponca, Newcastle, Jackson.

Monday, August 1st— Casa de Paz
7:00 pm……✞Paul & ✞Bernadette Day

Tuesday, August 2nd— St. Peter's
5:00 pm……✞Deceased & Living Members CDA

Wednesday, August 3rd– St. Peter's
9:00 am……✞Tony Kneifl

Thursday, August 4th– St. Peter's
9:00 am…… ✞Pat Knerl

Friday, August 5th- St. Peter's
9:00 am…… ✞Fr. James McCluskey

Saturday, August 6th– St. Patrick's
5:00 pm… ✞Shirley Burns & ✞Sharon Hartnett

Sunday, August 7th- St. Peter's & St. Joseph's
8:00 am (St. Peter's) …✞Mark & ✞Gayle Kneifl
10:00 am (St. Joseph's) ... Special Intention
Jeff & Kathie Knerl

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of July 24

"God will not be out done in generosity!"

St. Joseph's Sunday Offerings……$1,662.80

St. Patrick's Sunday Offerings……$1,159.00

St. Peter's Sunday Offerings……$1,032.00

Please remember *to write separate checks for Altar Society dues, Cemetery donations and Mass intentions.*