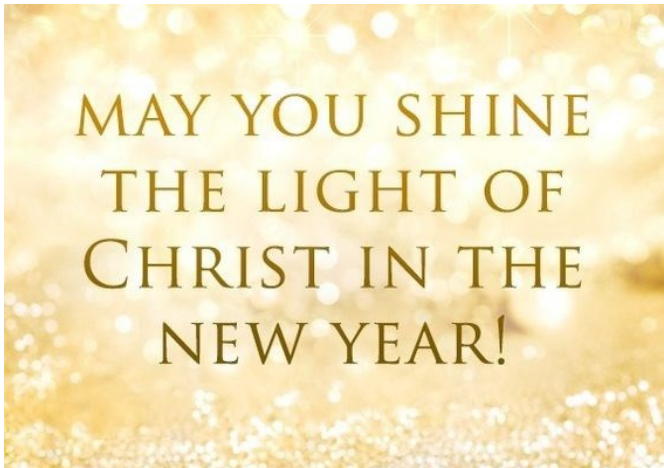


News and Announcements:

MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER:

I met some friends in Columbus back in the 80's, who celebrated New Year's Eve in a different way. Instead of going to parties to welcome in the New Year, they went to church to pray for peace and unity in the world. Since meeting them, I have tried spending the last hour of the old year, thanking God for the blessings of the past year and the first hour of the New Year, praying for more blessings and growth. All of you will be part of both prayers!

BULLETIN NEWS: If you would like to submit an item for the bulletin, please email it to: cstwohig@archomaha.org. Items need to be received by Tuesday to be included in that weekends bulletin.



Archdiocese Annual Appeal

Your support for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps keep our churches open. If we did not have the support of the Archdiocese we could not afford to pay for all the services they are currently providing for each parish.

You may donate online at: www.archomaha.org

Please participate.

St. Joseph's Goal - \$14,340.00

Collected: \$8,645.00

St. Patrick's Goal - \$11,897.00

Collected: \$8,515.00

St. Peter's Goal - \$5,748.00

Collected: \$5,664.00

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420 West Second Street, Ponca

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Office Hours:

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Fridays: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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

January 1, 2023

Solemnity Of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother Of God





A Message From

Fr. Andy

Thank you for all of your Christmas greetings. It is so wonderful to get your messages and your words of encouragement. We are in the heart of the Christmas Season and remem-

ber, the season does not end until the 8th of January on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. There is still time to get your cards out. In fact I'm still working on mine. Thank you for your patience with me. Again I'm so blessed to be here and I appreciate all of your kind words, they truly move my heart into the light of this season.

I pray you have a blessed and joyous New Year. My prayer is that 2023 is filled with many blessings and graces for you. This is going to be quite a year as we face the changes that are coming this July. I know that God is with us and will grace our efforts in every way. He desires us all to be filled with love and the love that He fills us with is the very light that will lead us through this Journey of Faith. This will also be a blessed year for Saint Peter's as they will celebrate 150 years. Let us all pray for the parish as they prepare to celebrate. They have been working hard to prepare for the big celebration this May.

I also pray that your prayers include to seek something new that you want to do in 2023 in regards to your faith. There are so many good things that can happen if you open your heart to something new. The best way to do this is to open your heart and let God do the rest. Allow yourself to receive all He desires for you in 2023. I have to admit that I'm going into 2023 with an anxious heart. The unknown of how everything is going to go for the New Year can bring a lot of anxiety. But when we trust that God has a plan, He eases the anxiety and we find our way. Just like the Holy Family had to leave and go to Egypt and trust that God was with them leading them.

There is still time to sign up for the School of Mission. We are calling forth people that want to lead our parishes to let the focus be on each other. This is needed more than ever. The future of how parishes are going to thrive will require a huge change that has been needed in the Catholic Church for a long time. The more we help each other, the more we are going to grow as Church. We live in a world that is becoming more and more isolated and there are a lot of people who feel lonely out there. The more we can reach out and help them the stronger we are going to be as a Church. I believe that every Catholic would be enhanced greatly from taking part in the School of Mission. What a great way to start your New Year with a focus on becoming more missional. If you have any questions about this please reach out to me. To register for the School of Mission please contact Father Owen Korte at owkorte@archomaha.org. There is even an option to go through the program via Zoom. Father Korte will help you with all of that as well.

A reminder to join all of those who have supported the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for Archdiocese of Omaha by making a donation. It is important that we reach our goal. One sign of a vibrant parish is a parish that supports the mission of the archdiocese. Please reach out to me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the appeal. I would be more than happy to help you. Thanks again to our generous families that always support our parishes. We are so blessed to have you and would not have our parishes without your support.

As I bring 2022 to a close and welcome in 2023 I want to express my deepest appreciation to all the love and joy you filled our parishes with in 2022. We have a lot of people that do so much for our parishes. I know you respond to the call because of the love you have for your home parish and I see that time and time again. Our parishes are set up to rely on the gifts and talents of others to keep everything in working order. Please always reach out to the office or me if you see something that needs our attention. So many people respond and take care of so much and for that I'm so thankful. I pray that we continue all the good in 2023. God has been so good to us and no matter what He will take care of us.

Please reach out to me if you need anything. Especially if someone is in need of a sacrament. Even if you have a friend out there whose priest cannot get there for whatever reason, I will respond with great joy. Be assured of my deep prayers as you begin 2023. Please pray for me and also my prayer intentions would be for my parents as they continue to both recover. They are doing good but still have a process ahead of them, but I keep telling them God has got it. I know your prayers are helping them.

Happy New Year!!!

Fr. Andy



Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, January 7- St. Patrick's - 5:00 pm

Altar Server:Mike Ney
Altar ServerTim Ney
LectorLaura Ney
Music:.....Scott Webb & Choir

Sunday, January 8- St. Peter's - 8:00 am

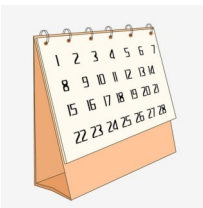
Altar Server:Christopher Kneifl
Altar Server:Caidan Gregg
Lector:Angie Bennett
OMHC:.....Deacon Dennis
Music:.....Carol Koch
Ushers:John Gregg & Scott Bennett
Money Counters - Al & Carol Kneifl

Sunday, January 8- St. Joseph's 10:00 am

Altar ServerHeydon Velez
Altar Server:Holden Velez
Lector:Mary Kay Mahler
Music:.....Michael Gibbs
Ushers: Mike Brewer & Volunteer

NEW SCHEDULES ARE COMPLETED.

There are printed copies available in the back of church. Please notify the office if more are needed. Thank you!



UPCOMING Events

St. Peter's Sodality meeting: Monday Night, January 9th at 7:00, St. Peter's Hall.

Calvary Cemetery Meeting Monday, January 9th. (Following the Sodality meeting). All officer positions open...men or women can volunteer.

CCD TO RESUME: All parishes will resume classes on Wednesday, January 11th.

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, January 2- Casa de Paz

7:00 pm ... ✝Kevin McGill

Tuesday, January 3- St. Peter's

9:00 am ... ✝John M. Lynch

Wednesday, January 4- St. Peter's

9:00 am ... ✝Larry O'Neill

Thursday, January 5- St. Peter's

9:00 am ... ✝Patricia Knerl

Friday, January 6- St. Peter's

9:00 am ... ✝Rita Sullivan

Saturday, January 7- St. Patrick's

5:00 pm... Pro Populo

Sunday, January 8- St. Peter's & St. Joseph's

8:00 am ... (St. Peter's) ✝Joanne Bennett

10:00 am ... (St. Josephs) ✝Bernadette Day & Bernadine Finnegan



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of December 25

"God will not be out done in generosity!"

St. Joseph's Sunday Offerings.....\$5,261.30

St. Patrick's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,960.00

St. Peter's Sunday Offerings.....\$3,050.21

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