

News and Announcements:

MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER: Now that I am back to being "retired", I am planning a fund-raiser for Casa de Paz. This should be a FUN ONE! I would like to schedule it for this fall, the Sunday I am back from a weekend in Wisconsin. I hope to have a pick-up load of pumpkins & gourds to sell. Also, I was given a whole collection of M&M things to auction off. On Sunday, October 23, we would begin with a pot luck meal at noon, hopefully at St. Peter's hall in Newcastle. The auction is always good entertainment and we will sell pumpkins by the pound. (By the end of 2022, we might come close to having the bank loan on Casa de Paz paid off!)

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR SOCIETY: will meet Monday, August 29 at 7:00PM in the church basement. The main agenda item will be planning our October 9 Fall Dinner.

SACRED HEART SODALITY: If you plan to donate an item for the raffle for our parish breakfast on Sept 25th, would you please let a committee member know asap so we can get the raffle tickets printed in a timely manner? Committee members are: Janet Kneifl 355-2585; Kathy Kneifl 355-2263; Joan Kneifl 712-223-8431. Raffle items may be dropped off at Mar-ron's station.

THE HARTY-MCNALLY AMERICAN LEGION Post #175 is having a Steak Sale Fundraiser on Tuesday, August 30 from 3-6 p.m. at the Legion Hall in Jackson, NE. Steaks can be pre-ordered and picked up on Tuesday, August 30 or you are welcome to purchase steaks that day. Call Julie at 712-294-4445 for more information or to pre-order. *Please spread the word to friends and family.*



Mowing Schedule:

Ponca-Parish Lawn: on or before August 26th: Michael Rotherham & Mark Cook.

South Creek Trimming: on or before September 2nd: Co-chairs; Joey Thoene & Phil Knerl; Family members of †Doug Keller. Chris Keller, Jeff Keller, Aaron Voss, Brandon Voss.

Newcastle: Week of August 21st- Chairperson: Mike Sorenson. Volunteers: Dan McNear, Glen Irwin, Scott Bennett, Todd Rosener, Brad Sorenson.



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8:30 am - 2:30 pm

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Buildings & Grounds:

St. Joseph's - Chairperson: Bob Logue - cell: 712-259-2581. Members: Tony Stark, Dave Hansen, Natalie Leader, Phil Lowe

St. Patrick's - Chairperson - Bill Fitzgerald - Cell: 712-223-4355. Members: Ron Gill, Doyle Van Dyke.

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

St. Peter's - Bryan Gotch, Ellen Kneifl, and Alan Kneifl

Youth Minister:

St. Joseph's - Wendi Shutte, 402.518.0115
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Directors of Religious Education:

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St. Patrick's - Laura Ney, Email: lasullivan@nntc.net and Paula Wendte, Email: pwendte@archomaha.org

St. Peter's - Denise Kneifl

Email: denise@scelectric.net

Websites: St. Joseph: Stjosephsponca.org Co-ordinator: Elise Lowe, elisenlowe@gmail.com

Facebook:

St. Patrick's - Erin Stroot - erionis88@hotmail.com

St. Peter's - Denise Kneifl - denise@scelectric.net



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Parish Leadership Teams:

St. Joseph's Crusaders:
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Paula Wendte: 712-251-4732
Mary Ann Pfister: 712-490-8222
Roger Bentz: 712-223-0317
Joan O'Neill: 712-301-7002
Ryan Bousquet: 402-508-0971

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Lupita Chase: 402-360-2507
John Lowe: 605-670-0233
Deacon Dennis Knudsen: 605-670-9958
Joan Kneifl: 712-223-8431



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

August 21, 2022
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Work hard to enter the narrow door to God's Kingdom, for many will try to enter but will fail.

When the master of the house has locked the door, it will be too late.

Luke 13:24-25

You will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Lord, open the door for us!' But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'



A Message From Fr. Andy

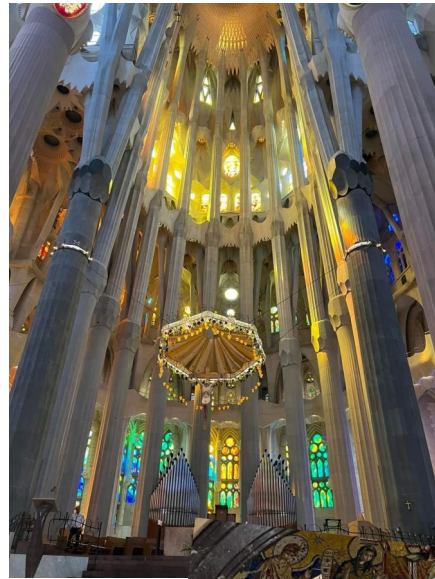
It is so good to be home and offering masses this weekend with all of you. I missed you all so much. I take full credit for bringing home the much-needed rain. I give thanks to God for the rain we received and I'm praying that the crops can recover.

I also pray that as your sons and daughters return to school for another year that they have a blessed school year. Summer went really fast for me. I want to express my deepest gratitude to you. You were the final grace that I needed to get on the plane and go on my sabbatical. Your words of encouragement were exactly what I needed. I'm so thankful that I moved through all of the reasons why I should not have gone. I will be honest, I felt like if I did not go I would let you all down. So thank you from the depths of my heart

for your prayers and support. It was my greatest joy to offer mass for all of you on Sunday in the many beautiful places that I travelled. I come home with more of an understanding of how it can be a struggle to get to mass. One Sunday we had to take a cab for twenty miles and then we went to three different churches before we found a mass that I could concelebrate to offer the mass for all of you. I did not bring my mass kit, as every day I would find a church to have mass at. This gave me a chance to celebrate mass in some of the most beautiful churches in the world. (There was only a few times I could not find a daily mass).

There are many graces from my sabbatical and it will take a lifetime for me to unpack all of the graces. I have so much to share with you. I want to thank Father Kramper for covering for me while I was gone. He did such an outstanding job and we are so blessed to have him. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues to recover. Thank you for being so kind to him and thank you for those who drove him to the masses last weekend. I also know some of you have taken him to appointments. You are all so wonderful and you take such good care of your priests here. Thanks again for all of your support. I appreciate it more than you will ever know.

Well the time has come again for us to start up our CCD programs at the parishes. I give thanks to God for all the wonderful souls that are willing to teach class this year. We could not offer our programs without our teachers. We are in need of more teachers though so please contact Paula Wendte if you are interested in helping us out this year. There are just a few cluster of parishes that offer a program at each site. Most have one program for all the churches in the cluster. So we are blessed to be able to offer three programs and I'm thankful to everyone that makes this possible. We have a big year ahead of us as this is a confirmation



year. Thank you to all who are taking on extra duties to make sure our children get confirmed. Again if you have any questions please contact Paula Wendte as she is our director for all three parishes of religious education.

I was able to attend my first meeting with the Saint Joseph's and Saint Peter's circle last Sunday. It was a beautiful meeting. This meeting showed me that we have been preparing for this well. As my leadership team and I have been working to help our parishes become more mission based. Also they want the religious education programs to be following the same programs, which we also have been working on. I'm so thankful to all those who have been working on all of this and helping with all the changes. One of the biggest changes we made was to our confirmation programs for the parishes. I feel we are preparing well for what is going to be coming in the future of our parishes. This week I will be attending my meeting for the Jackson circle.

Thank you to everyone who attended all the meetings this summer and did such a great job with representing our parishes. Right now the priority is the mass schedule and nothing has been decided upon at this time. Both circles are looking at a variety of options. I will let you know when a decision has been made and approved by the archdiocese. Please keep all of this in your prayers. God has a plan in all of this and He will lead us through. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

I want to also express my thankfulness for the beauty of the parish grounds. It is so wonderful to come home and see how well our properties have been taken care of in my absence. I know many of you have put a lot of your time in this summer to take care of the lawns as well as other maintenance issues, and I'm very thankful. To see how beautiful things are in the midst of such a dry summer shows how blessed we truly are to have our grounds cared for by such wonderful people.

Please keep me informed of anyone that is sick and needs prayers at this time. I will respond to the call as soon as I can. Last Sunday night I was informed of someone that needed anointed and I went right away. I was grateful that I was able to get there, as they died shortly after I left. We do not know the minute or the hour when we are going to go home. God wants us to be ready and prepared for that hour. He gives us the beautiful sacraments to prepare the living for death. We are so blessed to have the sacraments and it gives me great joy to administer these. That was one of the things I missed the most about being gone. My visits to families that truly desired to have me with them to bring hope.

Have a wonderful week and enjoy the beautiful weather. As I close, one more thank you to all who make our funerals such a healing grace to our families. I had two funerals this week and to witness how we care for our families brings me great joy. From the music, to the burial, and the food, we bring great comfort and healing to the families. I know the families appreciate it so very much.

I know that I had a lot to be thankful for in this message. But I truly am so thankful for all the blessings of our three parishes and I'm also so thankful to be your pastor. Please know you are held in my prayers and please pray for me. I rely on your prayers. May God richly bless you.

Most, thankful, I am

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, August 27- St. Patrick's - 5:00 pm

Altar Server:.....Mike Ney
Altar Server.....Tim Ney
Lector.....Laura Ney
Music:Scott Webb & Choir

Sunday, August 28- St. Peter's - 8:00 am

Altar Server:.....Austin Dendinger
Altar Server:.....Lucas Dendinger
Lector:.....Angie Bennett
OMHC:Deacon Dennis
Music:*Volunteer needed
Ushers:Scott Bennett & John Gregg
Money Counter - Vern & Sharon Haberman

Sunday, August 28- St. Joseph's 10:00 am

Altar Server.....Lily Korth
Altar Server:.....Caleb Ketelsen
Lector:.....Kevin Connot
Music:Michael Gibbs
Ushers:Pat Korth & Phil Lowe

USHERS NEEDED AT ST. JOSEPH'S: If you are available to usher for St. Joseph's, please contact Cheri. You can email her or leave a message at the office. (Contact info in this bulletin).



Parish Sympathy & Prayers

to the family and friends of Sheila Poulosky. May God grant eternal rest unto Sheila, and bring comfort to her family & friends.

Religious Education News!

The first day of classes will be Sept. 14th! Watch for a Flocknote text to welcome you to the 2022-2023 School year.

ST. JOSEPH'S: Ponca RE classes are in need of some additional teachers. Please reach out to Crystal Mackling if you have time to volunteer for our youth! crystalmackling@gmail.com

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 22nd— Casa de Paz

7:00 pm.....✠Mary Lou Pfister

Tuesday, August 23rd— NO MASS

Wednesday, August 24th— St. Peter's

9:00 am.....✠Tony Kneifl

Thursday, August 25th— St. Peter's

9:00 am.....✠Nick Kneifl, Jr.

Friday, August 26th- St. Peter's

9:00 am.....✠Dane & ✠Twila Olsen

Saturday, August 27th— St. Patrick's

5:00 pm... ✠Alice & ✠Fran Smith & ✠Dave Gill

Sunday, August 28th- St. Peter's & St. Joseph's

8:00 am (St. Peter's) ✠Leonard & ✠Faye Marron
10:00 am (St. Joseph's) ... Pro Populo



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of August 14

"God will not be out done in generosity!"

St. Joseph's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,417.11

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance.....\$340.00

St. Patrick's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,012.00

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance.....\$245.00

St. Peter's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,722.00

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance.....\$50.00

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