

Journey of Faith

What is Journey of Faith? Journey of Faith is a comprehensive pastoral plan that responds to decades of changes in the world around us. Just as Catholics have navigated major life changes over the last fifty years, the archdiocese must do the same. It's time to work together to find more sustainable ways to share our faith in flourishing parish communities. Over the next several months, all parishes will contribute to localized planning through their Family Pastoral Planning Team.

Why does the Journey of Faith matter right now?

Think about how you have experienced or struggled in your own journey of faith. As one church, we must respond to changes in our Catholic community and the world around us. It's not one but rather a series of changes over decades which challenges our diocese today. To come to grips with our current reality, it's important that we share the data openly and honestly. With clear understanding, we can responsibly move forward in sustainable and new directions.

Within our parish communities, the majority of Catholics no longer participate in the life of the church. Our current structures and schedules were built for a different era. In many cases, our church buildings are grossly underutilized.

- Weekly mass attendance rate in the archdiocese is 25%
- Parish activities attract only a small percentage of parishioners.
- Fewer young adults identify as Catholics or members of a parish.
- Over the next 10 years, the number of available priests will drop sharply.
- The population shift from rural to urban communities is undeniable. We value parish life in every corner of the archdiocese and must find ways to make faith more accessible to more people.
- Our resources are largely consumed by efforts to maintain the status quo and are spread too thin to be truly effective.

We have a responsibility to make the best use of all the means which God has provided us, to pursue the sacred mission of the Church. To do this, parishes need to be vibrant, evangelizing communities that continuously draw parishioners and attract new members into a more intimate relationship with Jesus.

After careful consideration of these factors, along with input from the priests of the archdiocese, it has been determined that this is the time to act, recognizing that the status quo is no longer an option.

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ST. JOSEPH'S

Established in 1890

420 West Second Street, Ponca

Mass Time: Sunday, 10:00 am

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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

July 24, 2022
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mowing Schedule:

Ponca-Parish Lawn: on or before July 29th:

Brian Scollard & Shea Scollard.

South Creek Trimming: on or before August

12th: Co-chairs; Tom Walsh & Phil Knerl; Fami-

ly members of ☩ Al Walsh.

Newcastle: Week of July 31st- Chairperson:

Greg Kneifl. Volunteers: Matt Nelson, Al

Kneifl, Ron Finnegan, Mitch Lewon, Jim

Olander.



(Note of explanation:) In the late 80’s, I got to know Bill and Florence Breisch. It was like going back in time to visit their store in Newcastle. It is the people that make any business thrive.

November 24, 1989
James V. Kramper
In memory of Florence Breisch

A Friend In The Corner

Breisch’s Store first caught my eye
When I came to Newcastle in 1985.
The “general store” that Dad had described to me,
I thought were gone, but there was one alive!

The store was certainly a discovery, but even more
Were the owners who lived on the upper floor.
From the bell that announced your coming in,
To the wood-heat coming up
from the middle of the store
... you felt welcome!

Bill & Florence gave Christmas Eve
an added celebration,
Because both were born on that day in 1903.
Just as the whole world was remembering
The Coming of Christ, God sent
Two new lives to this earth,
Who later family would be.

The same year (1930) when they
Came to marriage before God.
They also came to inhabit this sturdy corner-store.
Those were tough years, so in marriage
And in business, they learned
To rely on God all the more.

When money was scarce, the customers
Still had a friend in the store without hassle;
They could trade for what they needed,
And life went on in Newcastle.

Girls came to work at Breisch’s Store,
And were treated more like family than hires.
So years later they came back,
To help with this family venture, now as ladies.

In recent years, all of us seem to be slowing down.
“Now there is more time for visiting”
Is our boast.
The store still has everything
You might be looking for,
But a friend is still
What people need the most.

Just as we were counting our blessings
This November, a couple
Days before Thanksgiving,
God called Florence home to Heaven,
So that when we get there ...
For the best kind of living ...
We find A FRIEND IN THE CORNER.



Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, July 30- St. Patrick’s- 5:00 pm

Altar Server:.....Kamri Krause
Altar Server:.....Taven Kent
LectorRoger Bentz
Music:Scott Webb & Choir

Sunday, July 31- St. Peter’s - 8:00 am

Altar Server:.....Lily Heikes
Altar Server:.....Dylan Heikes
Lector:.....Pamela Heikes
OMHC:Deacon Dennis
Music:Carol Koch
Ushers:Don Meyer & Mike Sorenson
Money Counter - Al & Carol Kneifl

Sunday, July 31- St. Joseph’s 10:00 am

Altar Server:.....Isaac Nelson
Altar Server:.....Jerod Nelson
Lector:.....Kevin Connot
Music:Michael Gibbs
Ushers:Brent Bennett & Adam Poulosky

Ministry Volunteers: It is time to work on the next schedule. Please login and enter your unavailable dates as soon as possible. The next schedule will be completed by **July 31st**. You can also email your dates to Cheri at: cstwohig@archomaha.org. The next schedule will run from August 8th through October 31st.

News and Announcements:

MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER: This Monday evening (July 25) I will not be able to have a mass at Casa de Paz. Once a year the Knights of Columbus treat all the priests and seminarians to a meal outside. It is held at the grounds where I began the seminary 53 years ago, near Elkhorn, Ne. For these reasons, I would like to be there to take part in the celebration. My Mass that Monday will be at a nursing home in Norfolk, before I head into Omaha.

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 week-ends bulletin.

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, July 25—

..... Mass in Norfolk

Tuesday, July 26— St. Peter’s

9:00 am.....Spec. Int. David & Jo Hogan

Wednesday, July 27— St. Peter’s

9:00 am.....✠Lenny Marron

Thursday, July 28— St. Peter’s

9:00 am..... ✠Pat Knerl

Friday, July 29- St. Peter’s

9:00 am..... ✠Ruth Bogard

Saturday, July 30— St. Patrick’s

5:00 pm..... ✠Charles & ✠Patti Nelson
and ✠Sharon Hartnett

Sunday, July 31- St. Peter’s & St. Joseph’s

8:00 am (St. Peter’s) ...Spec. Int. Justin Hogan & Family
10:00 am (St. Joseph’s) ... ✠Frank, ✠Beverly
and ✠Julie Verzani



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of July 17

“God will not be out done in generosity!”

St. Joseph’s Sunday Offerings.....\$2,242.01

St. Patrick’s Sunday Offerings.....\$881.00

St. Peter’s Sunday Offerings.....\$1,181.00

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