

News and Announcements:

MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER: We all know how Leonard Gill loved windmills. He explained: "When I was growing up, every farm place had a windmill." So, when I was planning my retirement place, I told Leonard that I would like a windmill inside my house. That took him back a bit, but he said he would help. After I got the okay from my family, Leonard sent one of his workers (Dan Lund) to transport our family farm windmill to Casa de Paz. The wheel was damaged in a storm, so Ron McGill welded a different one on the top of our tower. Seven men stood it up inside the big open area of Casa de Paz, without measuring its height. The blades on the 8-foot wheel cleared the ceiling by just a couple inches. It was clear that God was helping us too!

Since Easter, 22 more Rice Bowls have come in. They combined for \$337.00 in cash and \$132 in coins. That brings our total of turned in Rice Bowls to 173. That means that we only need 28 more to pass our goal of 200! Even if you have a Rice Bowl with only a couple of dollars in it, bring it to the back of church and it will help us reach our goal.

ST. PETER'S SODALITY: meeting Monday, May 2nd at 7pm in the Parish Hall. If anyone has anything they would like to discuss, please contact Carol Koch before Friday, April 29th.

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.

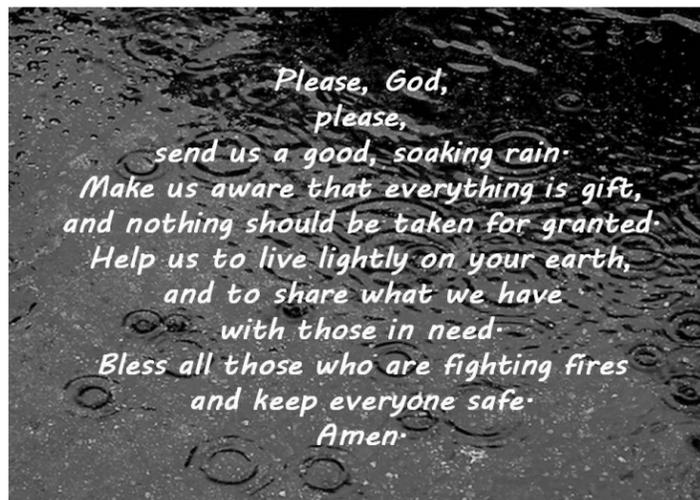
PARISH MEMBERS—PLEASE SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE: Text your parishes code to **84576**.

St. Joseph's code: STJOSEPHS68770

St. Patrick's code: STPATRICKS68743

St. Peter's code: STPETERS68757

When you send the text you will get a link to complete the registration, it only takes a few minutes!



Office Phone: 402.755.2773

Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays:

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Send mail to:

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Pastor, Rev. Andrew Sohm

Cell: 402.709.3803

Email: alsohm@archomaha.org

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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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



ST. JOSEPH'S

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

Office Phone: 402.755.2773

Office Hours:

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm,

Fridays: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

(hours vary so please call first)

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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

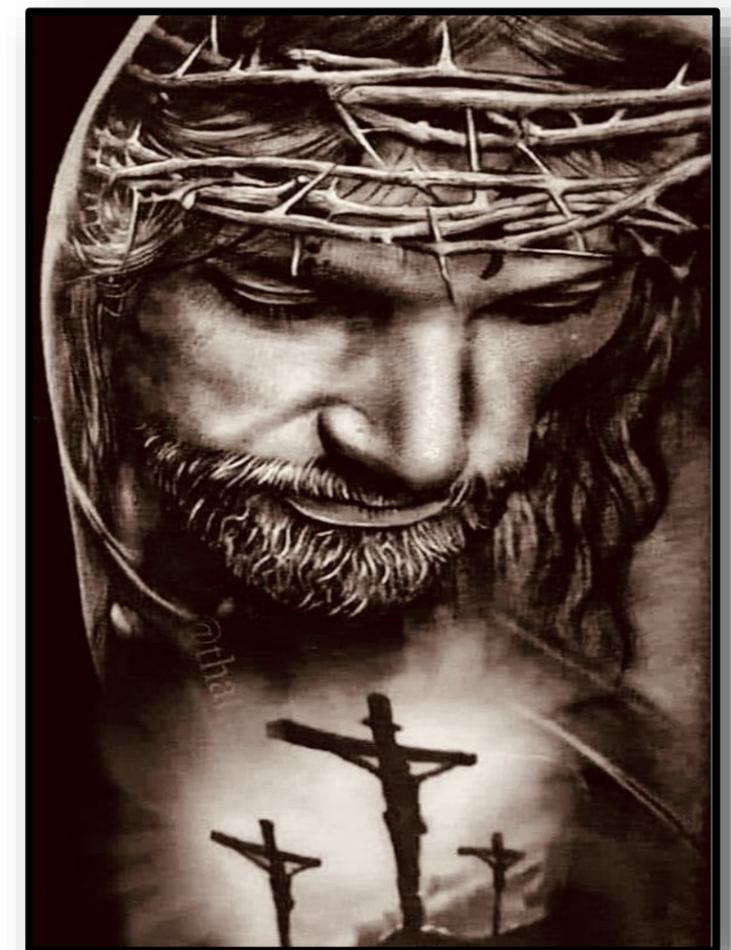


ST. PETER'S

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

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022





A Message From Father Andy

I hope I can put into words properly how truly thankful I am for your support of my sabbatical. Thank you for the kind notes and support that have been flooding my mailbox every day. I just want you to know how thankful I am to be here and to have your prayers and support. This support has been extended from the altar societies to the Knights of Columbus and I'm so thankful. Please know when on my sabbatical and I stop on Sunday to have mass you will all be in my Sunday mass offering. I'm going to be offering all of this up for a way forward with our pastoral planning. I still cannot believe that when I started this process of going on a sabbatical that we would face a pandemic and now what we are facing with our pastoral planning. I will be on a spiritual pilgrimage and offering it up for our parishes that we may find our way through this process. That we keep moving forward on the path and not give up. God has a way forward for us and we will follow the way.

My prayer on this sabbatical and every day forward is that we will not give up. Our teams will be there for you when you have lost your way. I heard someone once say, "I cannot fix all the problems of the world but I'm here and at least you do not need to face your problems alone." I hope that is what you have come to see in me as your pastor. I will be there not with all the answers but so you do not face your situation alone. To be honest, I'm carrying a lot in my heart and there are things that I must let go of on this pilgrimage. Please pray that I can succeed. One of the greatest challenges of being a priest is some days you simply feel that burden that you are failing. I know that is not of God but the feeling is real. I know that I have made many mistakes along the way. But I can say with all my heart that I have never stopped loving you. My plan this week is to focus on getting things taken care of so I can leave on the 15th of May. I have appointments in Omaha as well as checkup with my doctor. But if you need something please call my cell

We just completed our two sessions with the two circles that represent our three parishes in our current cluster. We have a very gifted group of people that truly want to serve our parishes. Please reach out to them if you have any questions or concerns. Their numbers are on the front of the bulletin. We will be having our first meeting in May for the circle that represents Saint Patrick's and that will be a team of twelve members from each of the twelve parishes in the circle. Father Mark Baron will oversee that circle. The other circle will also have one member from Saint Peter's and Saint Joseph's on the circle. They are in the process of setting up meetings for that circle and Father Owen Korte oversees that circle.

Please make sure, if you have not let Paula Wendte

know that you want to be on FlockNote as there will be updates coming through FlockNote. We will get those messages in the bulletin as best we can. If you have FlockNote, please let other parish members who are not signed up, know of news you received when it is sent out.

One change that we did learn at these meetings is that parishes could possibly close in this planning process, but I want to stress to everyone that there is nothing currently at the table of closing any of our parishes in our current cluster. So, if you hear that a certain parish in our cluster is closing, that is not true. It all remains simply a possibility that parishes could close in the archdiocese. I will continue to do my best to communicate all the details as they come in. Please continue to visit the journey of faith web site for more information on the pastoral planning in the archdiocese.

Please take the time to show your appreciation of our teachers for their dedication to the CCD programs at our parishes. We are blessed to have all the support of our wonderful volunteers that are so dedicated to our children and the life of our parishes. We had our last class this week. We need teachers for next year so please let Paula Wendte know if you are interested in teaching CCD at our parishes this fall. Paula just finished her first season of leading the CCD programs as the main point of contact for our parishes. She has done a great job and I'm so thankful to have her a part of my staff.

We want to congratulate Father Paul Albenesius who was honored by the archdiocese last Tuesday for his 25th anniversary to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. There will be a reception to honor him in June and please know everyone is invited and the details will be in the bulletin when we get nearer.

We are going to keep moving forward from maintenance to mission and we are called to keep this as our focus. We will continue working to care for the needs of our parishioners and the greater community beyond. This will happen as we encounter the risen Lord more deeply in our lives.

Have a wonderful week and please keep praying for me that I relax and trust the process to get me out of the country and on to my sabbatical. I'm praying every day for more rain and for a good planting season for our farmers. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to care for your soul. Please also know you are in my prayers.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Andy

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, May 7- St. Patrick's - 5:00 pm
Altar Server: Lucas Bousquet
Altar Server Lillian Bousquet
Lector Stacey Janssen
Music:..... Scott Webb & Choir

Sunday, May 8- St. Peter's - 8:00 am
Altar Server: Dylan Heikes
Altar Server: Lily Heikes
Lector: Pam Heikes
OMHC:..... Deacon Dennis
Music:..... Carol Koch
Ushers:..... Clint Fox & Randy Kneifl
Money Counter - Ellen Kneifl

Sunday, May 8- St. Joseph's 10:00 am
Altar Server Evan Keller
Altar Server: Elsie Keller
Lector: Vicki Irby
Music:..... Michael Gibbs
Ushers:..... Brent Bennett & Phil Lowe

Ministry Volunteers: Please note if you are scheduled to serve at a mass for one of the other parishes. This is an error with the software. Please notify the office.

The next schedule will run from June through August. Reminder: You may enter unavailable dates at any time. If you know you will be on vacation next April 2023, you can enter those dates now.

If you are not receiving email reminders before a schedule service please contact the office. We may need your current email address.



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of April 24

"God will not be out done in generosity!"

- St. Joseph's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,656.00**
Building Maintenance.....\$380.00
- St. Patrick's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,205.00**
Building Maintenance.....\$220.00
- St. Peter's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,090.00**
Building Maintenance.....\$135.00

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, May 2— NO MASS

Tuesday, May 3— St. Peter's
9:00 am..... ☩Lenny Marron

Wednesday, May 4 - St. Peter's
9:00 am..... ☩Pat Knerl

Thursday, May 5— St. Peter's
9:00 am..... ☩Bernie Adams

Friday, May 6- St. Peter's
9:00 am..... ☩George Humlicek

Saturday, May 7— St. Patrick's
5:00 pm..... ☩Dave & ☩Leonard Gill and ☩Jerry Sullivan

Sunday, May 8- St. Peter's & St. Joseph's
8:00 am (St. Peter's) ... ☩Mark Beacom
10:00 am (St. Joseph's) ... Pro Populo

*Gracious and Loving God,
We ask, now, for your almighty hand to be upon our graduates as they and their families celebrate this grand milestone.*

May they find comfort from our community's continued embrace and support as they journey through life.

