

News and Announcements:

MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER: Fr. Andy wants me to continue the morning weekday masses at Newcastle. I am used to having an evening mass on Mondays. So, I would like to have an evening mass each Monday at 7:00 pm at Casa de Paz for the members of all three parishes. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Also, on Sundays I arrive in Ponca about 9:30 am and you will find me in the reconciliation room until 5 minutes before the 10:00 am mass. I will also be holding an offertory basket at each of the masses, for the children to come out of their pews and bring up a gift.

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 weekend's bulletin.

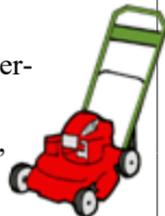


Mowing Schedule:

Ponca-Parish Lawn: on or before May 13th:
Bob Hayes and John Stander.

South Creek Trimming: on or before May 20th:
Co-chairs; Pat Korth and Phil Knerl; Family members of †Jeff Taylor, Seth Taylor, Ben Taylor, Korth family, Roger Peterson.

Newcastle: Week of May 15th- Chairperson: Todd Rosener. Volunteers: Brad Sorenson, Mike Sorenson, Dan McNear, Glenn Irwin, Scott Bennett.



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Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays:

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Fridays 9:00 am - 1:00 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

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022





A Message From Father Andy

As I'm preparing for my departure, I thought that I would no longer be putting together my weekly message. But then I realized this is mother's day weekend and I wanted to send a message out to all of our mothers on this special weekend.

Thank you for all the ways you bring the love of God to your children. There are a lot of women that are trying to have children and simply cannot. So we want to hold them deeply in prayer on this mothers day and every day. God is hearing our prayers, as we have learned from a leaked memo that the Supreme Court is now considering overturning Roe vs. Wade. I remember when I was in the seminary and we had a supreme court justice visit and he told us that we would never see Roe vs. Wade overturned in our lifetime. I remember how discouraged I felt after hearing those words. Now I'm hearing there could be a possibility. We are so blessed to have this happening around the time of Mother's Day. This shows how powerful our prayers are and especially the prayers of our mother's. I know there are a lot of mothers out there that are hurting because their children are not practicing the faith, but never give up. God hears the cry of your heart. I will be honest after hearing directly from a supreme court member that we will never see Roe vs. Wade overturned I gave up. I wondered why we put so much effort into stopping abortions when nothing is going to come of our efforts. I'm sure moms all over the world can feel the same way. Why do I pray so hard for my children to have a life of faith and nothing happens? It is so easy to simply give up, but remember your prayers are heard. Our prayers are going to bring an end to Roe vs. Wade. Let that be the encouragement we need to know God is hearing our cry, it has certainly encouraged me.

I'm overwhelmed with the love and support everyone has extended to me. I have been so nervous about getting on the plane and being gone for three months. I started to pack last Sunday and that was so emotional. I'm taking off with one big backpack. As I filled the bag, I was hearing your words of encouragement. I'm just a small town boy who has never left the country for this amount of time. But I know, without doubt it has been your prayers that have gotten me through all of this.

Recently I attended our priest council meeting and they were talking about how divided we are in this world and even the great divisions that we are currently facing in our church. This can be so discouraging. In fact we talked about how the discouragement people are feeling in the Church and that is why they are leaving by huge numbers. An item that really opened my eyes is how hard it has become for us to even bring up God in public as people are so uncomfortable talking about God. In a recent pole of over 8,000 Catholics almost half reported they will never talk about God in public. It just shows how comfortable we are with how silent we have become. I share this with you because there are so many ways that you have brought God to my heart. While my bag may not be filled with every item I'm going to need on my sabbatical, your words have filled my heart with everything I need to calm my fear and go forward. I will carry every one of your thoughts and prayers in my heart. How could I ever thank you all for the joy you have filled me with? I have never in my life felt more encouraged than I do right now.

The pastoral planning process will continue while I'm gone. I have personally asked three people to serve on our family parish, as they are calling it. We have two families since we have two circles. Each of the families will have twelve members on the family, with a priest in charge of the family. For Saint Patrick's, Paula Wendte has agreed to be on the family. She will represent one of the twelve parishes in that family and she will be giving updates as they happen. Father Mark Beran will be in charge of this family and his current assignment is **Pastor:** St. Augustine, Winnebago, Saint Cornelius, Homer; Saint Joseph, Walthill; Our Lady of Fatima, Macy and the director of the Saint Augustine Indian Mission. All of the priests in those parishes will also serve on that parish family as well. From our other circle for the parish of Saint Joseph's, Kevin Connot and from the parish of Saint Peter's, Deacon Dennis Knudsen will serve with nine other members (one from each parish) and three representatives from the three schools, for a family of twelve members. The head of this family will be Father Owen Korte and his current assignment is **Pastor:** Holy Trinity, Hartington; St. Michael, Coleridge and the president of Cedar Catholic Junior/Senior High School, Hartington. We will be getting updates from him for the bulletin periodically. I have also asked Paula Wendte to be on top of the communications coming out from this circle as well. Please reach out to any of the members on the circles if you have questions. If you have not signed up for Flocknote, please do so and if you have any questions please contact Paul Wendte. There will be some updates via Flocknote and we'll do our best to get the information in the bulletin. Please reach out to those who you know are not on Flocknote when you receive a message.

As I close, I have been getting a lot of questions asking if I will be coming back after the sabbatical? The answer is yes, I will return the 15th of August to full time work in the parishes. I do not know what will happen to me once we get more into the pastoral planning. That will be one of my biggest priorities on my sabbatical is taking some time to reflect and listen to what God wants for me in my next assignment. On July 1, 2022 I will begin nine years of serving the parishes of Saint Peter's and Saint Joseph's and four years of serving Saint Patrick's. God has given me a wonderful crew to serve. Our archbishop told us that one of the most fulfilling things he does as an archbishop is to ordain men to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. When he lays his hands on them, he thinks of all the lives the priest will impact. That filled me with joy to consider all of the lives I have been able to impact in these three parishes. There are not words to ever express the joy. While there have been many challenges and I have made a lot of mistakes during my time as your pastor, the joy from serving has brought me through all the challenges. I love you all and though I have not left yet, you are already missed. Know of my prayers and thank you for what you have placed on my heart that I get to carry every step of the way on sabbatical and forever.

Love,

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, May 14- St. Patrick's - 5:00 pm

Altar Server:Derek Stroot
Altar ServerKamri Krause
Lector Rita Langhorst
Music:..... Scott Webb & Choir

Sunday, May 15- St. Peter's - 8:00 am

Altar Server:Ayden Rosener
Altar Server:Madelyn Rosener
Lector: Leroy Hoelsing
OMHC:..... Deacon Dennis
Music:.....Mary Ann Kneifl
Ushers:..... Mitch Lewon & Don Meyer
Money Counter - Ellen Kneifl

Sunday, May 15- St. Joseph's 10:00 am

Altar Server Brooklynn Lowe
Altar Server: Carter Lowe
Lector: Mary Kay Mahler
Music:..... Michael Gibbs
Ushers:..... Pat Korth & Adam Poulosky

Pastoral Planning for the next 10 years: A Message from Fr. Owen Korte

I will begin sending out short videos on this pastoral planning that have been produced by Fr. Kevin Vogel. Fr. Kevin will become the pastor of Randolph/Osmond/Pierce this coming July. Pierce will become part of the Norfolk family of parishes when the plan gets put into effect. Our family will include: Ponca, Newcastle, Laurel, Dixon, Coleridge, Hartington, Randolph, Osmond and Plainview. In addition we will have the schools of Cedar Catholic, Holy Trinity and St. Mary's in Osmond. Cedar will still be under the direction and support of its corporate parishes: Holy Family & All Saints (both in northern Cedar County), Holy Trinity-Hartington and St. Michael-Coleridge. Now it will become the job of our Family Planning Team to put together a plan for how we will function and take care of business. And we must do this using the parameters set forth by Archbishop Lucas. These parameters were arrived at with input of the priests of the Archdiocese. All of this under the banner of becoming a missional community. The family planning teams have been appointed by the pastors who then attended the kick-off meeting on Wednesday, April 27th in Hartington. There will be one person from each parish and each school in our grouping along with all the pastors. I am the convenor of this team. As the plan develops we will send out information to the parish teams for feedback and information with be sent to our 9 parish family via bulletin and Flocknote. All of our parish teams will have a retreat on May 22 to begin the planning process.

Fr. Owen Korte
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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 9— Casa de Paz

7:00 pm..... Special Intentions for Monica Richards

Tuesday, May 10- St. Peter's

9:00 am..... ☩Living & Deceased Members CDA

Wednesday, May 11 - St. Peter's

9:00 am..... ☩Aubby Voss

Thursday, May 12- St. Peter's

9:00 am..... ☩Pat Knerl

Friday, May 13- St. Peter's

9:00 am..... ☩Terry Kneifl

Saturday, May 14- St. Patrick's

5:00 pm..... ☩Ron Hogh & ☩Jolene White

Sunday, May 15- St. Peter's & St. Joseph's

8:00 am (St. Peter's) ... ☩William McNear Family
10:00 am (St. Joseph's) ... ☩Mary Beacom

Religious Education News!

2022-2023 CCD YEAR

Registration was sent out to families via email at all three locations. If you didn't get the JotForm Link to register your student, please reach out to Paula ASAP. **Registration closes July 1st** so we have time to order supplies. Please take two minutes and complete the form if you haven't. For those that have already, THANK YOU!

Teachers for the 2022-2023 school year, we will have an all teacher meeting in August before the start of the CCD year, watch for that date to be released soon.

HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED SUMMER!



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of May 1

"God will not be out done in generosity!"

St. Joseph's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,932.00

St. Patrick's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,177.00

St. Peter's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,913.00