

News and Announcements:

MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER: The Rice Bowl has made my Lent much more positive. Before, giving up things seemed so negative and I wished that Lent would hurry up and be over. The Rice Bowl has given “my giving up” a purpose. You give up so you can better give. You practice living more simply so others can simply live. Whatever money goes into the Rice Bowl during the 40 days of Lent will help the poor for the rest of the year! The first step is to take one home. (We will keep a good supply in the back of church.) The second step is to pull out the Lenten Guide that is inside. (You can read how your sharing can help countless others.) The third step is to put it together so that it makes a box-bank for your almsgiving. Finally, you put it where you will see it everyday and feed it as often as you want to be fed! At the end of Lent, we will add them together and see how much good we can do!

YOU ARE INVITED: St. Joseph’s church choir invites musicians from St. Patrick’s and St. Peter’s to join us for a weekly rehearsal. Rehearsals will be held at 7:30 pm in the St. Joseph choir loft on Wednesdays, beginning March 1st. The choir is making preparations for Holy Thursday Mass, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. We hope to see you there!

You still have time to Live Lent Together. *Lent is more than just giving something up. It’s an opportunity to refocus on Jesus. And you don’t have to go it alone, either.* Come and see what it’s all about Sunday, March 12 following 10:00 AM mass at St Joseph’s. Adults from all parishes are invited. We will meet in St Joseph’s church basement at 11:15. The session will last about an hour. There is no preparation necessary. Materials will be provided.

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: \$12,560.00



St. Patrick’s Goal - \$11,897.00

Collected: \$12,565.00



St. Peter’s Goal - \$5,748.00

Collected: \$5,949.00

Office Phone: 402.755.2773

Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays:

Hours vary. Please call ahead.

Fridays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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 Rosen-er, 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 712-490-8024; Doug Nelson 712-203-0281; and Larry Ney, 712-253-5616

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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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Lupita Chase: 402-360-2507

John Lowe: 605-670-0233

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ST. PATRICK’S

Established in 1856

119 East Elk Street, Jackson

Mass Time: Saturday, 5:00 pm



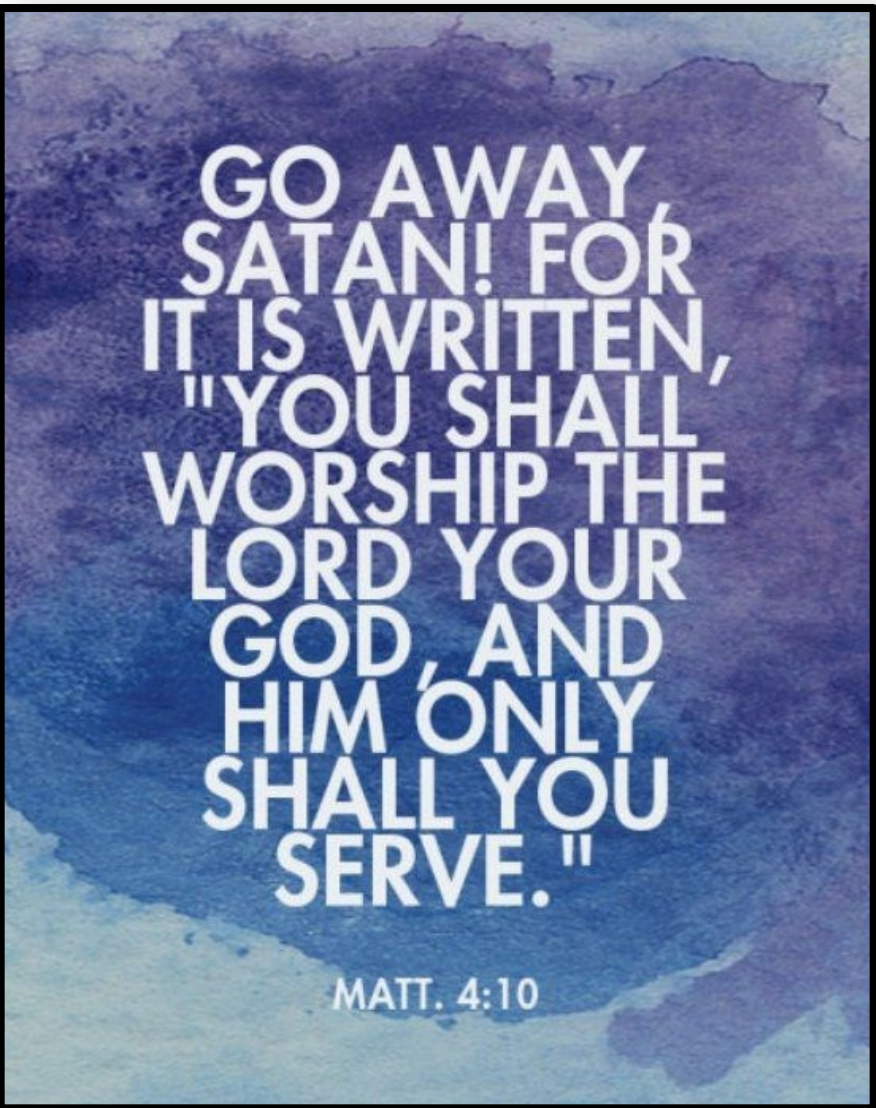
ST. PETER’S

Established in 1873

403 Annie Street, Newcastle

Mass Time: Sunday, 8:00 am

February 26, 2023
First Sunday Of Lent





A Message From

Fr. Andy

I hope and pray that your Lent is going well and you are moving towards a closer relationship with Jesus. Lent is all about grower closer to the Lord. One thing that I hope you will make part of your Lent is the 40 hours and parish mission that we are doing this Lent.

Everyone is invited to attend the three nights of the 40 hours. Each night begins at 7:00 p.m. Please save the dates of March 20th, 21st, and 22nd 2023. This truly is a gift and something we have not offered in the area for a long time. There will be a lot more details to follow. I pray also that we are off to a great start with our Live Lent Together.

This Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Sodality of the Sacred Heart of Saint Peter’s will be having a soup luncheon at the Saint Peter’s Hall, please plan on attending and support the mission of the Saint Peter’s Sodality. All proceeds will go to the Saint Peter’s Sodality to pay for their projects. We are thankful to the sodality and all the support they provide to the parish of Saint Peter’s and the community. Thank you for the support. I feel bad that I will not be able to attend the soup luncheon, but I will be taking a group of people that will be coming into the church this Easter from the parish of Saint Patrick’s to meet the archbishop. The first Sunday of Lent is always set aside as the Rite of Election. A special Sunday across the Archdiocese of Omaha for everyone who is in the RCIA program to come and meet the archbishop. Please keep us in prayers for safe travels and please know of my sincere apologies for not being able to attend the soup luncheon.

There was another donation that came in this week for the parish of Saint Joseph’s for the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal for the Archdiocese of Omaha. I’m so thankful for the donation and hoping soon they can join the parishes of Saint Peter’s and Saint Patrick’s in reaching the goal.

Please, please, please respond to my request to get Flock Note. We had such a challenging day with the weather on Ash Wednesday and it is so important for you to be aware of what is going on and that is why we have Flock Note. There is no need to send messages to my staff or me asking if mass is on or not. We will inform you as soon as we decide what we are going to do

and that will come out via Flock Note. If you have not received a Flock Note message then we will have mass. If you are not on Flock Note find a friend who is and contact them. It is very simple to sign up and really helps to keep you aware of what is going on. There are a lot of families that are not on Flock Note and it is time to sign up. If you have any questions about Flock Notes please contact Paula Wendte and she would be more than happy to answer your questions.

We are so blessed that we have this tool to get the information out to you. I do not cancel mass unless I’m in the ditch or there is a problem with the snow removal for our sidewalks and drive ways. We have to keep our sidewalks safe so people can get into the churches safely. That is exactly why I had to cancel mass and only give out ashes at Saint Patrick’s on Ash Wednesday. The parking lot was icing up faster than we could keep up with it. I think about this often and it is a true worry to my office. I’m willing to drive in harsh conditions, that is not the issue, the issue for me is the safety of all of our people getting in and out of the church. I felt so bad that I was not even able to stream the mass. Father Kramper does not know how to stream mass. I let him keep the 6 pm mass at Newcastle for his safety instead of having him cover the 7 pm mass at Jackson. Then it was so bad that I could not even have the mass at Jackson.

The rule that I follow for daily mass is if Newcastle has a late start or no school there is **no** daily mass. There will not be a Flock Note announcement for daily mass. I will stream the mass at 9:00 am that day.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with clearing the lots for mass. I appreciate you very much! In these small towns it is hard to be able to hire help for snow removal and some hired help are not even available during the day. Thank you for your patience with all of this and understanding. I had several texts of people checking on me and making sure I was home safe and sound. I really appreciate that.

Have a wonderful week and think Spring!! I’m so over all of these horrible weather conditions.

Blessings,

Fr. Andy



UPCOMING Events

Fundraiser: St. Peter's Catholic Church (Newcastle) is hosting a soup/dessert and bake sale fund raiser on **Sunday, February 26**, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event will be held at St. Peter's Hall. It is a free will offering. We are raising funds to replace our hall floor.

St Joseph's Altar Society Meeting on Monday February 27th at 7:00 pm. Join us!

Bread of Life Conference: Mater Dei Parish Nativity Center is hosting a conference on April 1 called “The Bread of Life” and focuses on the Eucharist. Open to men and women of all ages. Registration is now open. Go to <https://materdeisc.org/bread-of-lifeconference> for more information.

Sacred Heart Fish Fry: March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Serving 5 to 7 pm. Dine in or take out. Emerson, NE.

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, March 4- St. Patrick’s - 5:00 pm

Altar Server:Derek Stroot
Altar ServerKamri Krause
LectorPhil Kramper
Music:.....Scott Webb & Choir

Sunday, March 5- St. Peter’s - 8:00 am

Altar Server:Austin Dendinger
Altar Server:Lucas Dendinger
Lector:LeRoy Hoelsing
OMHC:.....Deacon Dennis
Music:.....Mary Ann Kneifl
Ushers:Clint Fox & Mark Gregg
Money Counters - Ellen Kneifl

Sunday, March 5- St. Joseph’s 10:00 am

Altar ServerElsie Keller
Altar Server:Evan Keller
Lector:Patty Sullivan
Music:.....Michael Gibbs
Ushers: Mike Brewer & Adam Poulosky

Stay Connected to your parish news with Flocknote!

To join, text your parishes code (see codes below) to 84576.

St. Joseph’s code: STJOSEPHS68770

St. Patrick’s code: STPATRICKS68743

St. Peter’s code: STPETERS68757

Religious Education News!

Our **Confirmation retreat** for **March 18th** is quickly approaching! Our students receiving confirmation this year will be taking a day trip to see the Cathedral and visit with the Archbishop. It's going to be a great day, please pray for safe travels and our students to make memories and feel the Holy Spirit guiding them in their faith!

The Sacrament of **Confirmation** will be celebrated on **April 16th** at 9 am in Jackson and 11 am in Ponca for both Ponca and Newcastle students.

First Communion will be held the weekend of **April 22nd and 23rd** at each locations regular weekend mass.

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, February 27– Casa de Paz

7:00 pm... ☪Mike Jackson

Tuesday, February 28– St. Peter’s

9:00 am ... ☪Charles E. Bogard

Wednesday, March 1 - St. Peter’s

9:00 am ... ☪Bill & Lois Wente

Thursday, March 2– St. Peter’s

9:00 am ... ☪Aubby Voss

Friday, March 3– St. Peter’s

9:00 am ... ☪Pete & Elizabeth Kneifl

Saturday, March 4– St. Patrick’s

5:00 pm... Pro Populo

Sunday, March 5— St. Peter’s & St. Joseph’s

8:00 am ... (St. Peter’s) ☪Helen Hoelsing

10:00 am ...(St. Joseph’s) Spec. Int. Justin Hogan



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of February 19

“God will not be out done in generosity!”

St. Joseph’s Sunday Offerings.....\$1,300.00

St. Patrick’s Sunday Offerings.....\$961.00

St. Peter’s Sunday Offerings.....\$749.00

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