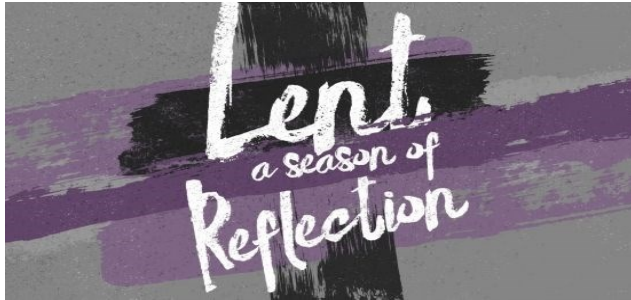


News and Announcements:

MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER: I want to thank the Bank of Dixon County for sponsoring the bus to the state basketball tournaments in Lincoln on March 2nd. It gave me a chance to let my car have a rest and share the trip with other Ponca Fans. Our girls team played at 10:30 a.m. They came off a very good season, winning the Conference Championship. However, they really didn't get rolling and came up short in the first round. After I got over the disappointment, I could see the great fan support the pep band at their best and the student section dressed as "the Red Sea, with Moses in the middle!" Somebody commented, "You didn't pray enough." My answer was, "I was too busy praying for the bus driver."

40 HOURS: This is an extended time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Damien Cook, from Omaha, will lead us in a series of reflections on the Holy Eucharist. March 19, 2023, at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's in Newcastle; March 20, 2023, at 7 p.m. at St. Jane Frances in Randolph; and March 21, 2023, at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity in Hartington.

ST. PETER'S: We are looking for 2-3 grills for the 150th cookout...please contact Carol Koch at 355-2540 if you have one we could use.



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: \$12,775.00



St. Patrick's Goal - \$11,897.00

Collected: \$12,565.00



St. Peter's Goal - \$5,748.00

Collected: \$6,046.00

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Hours vary. Please call ahead.

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420 West Second Street, Ponca

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Office Hours:

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

Fridays: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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ST. PATRICK'S

Established in 1856

119 East Elk Street, Jackson

Mass Time: Saturday, 5:00 pm



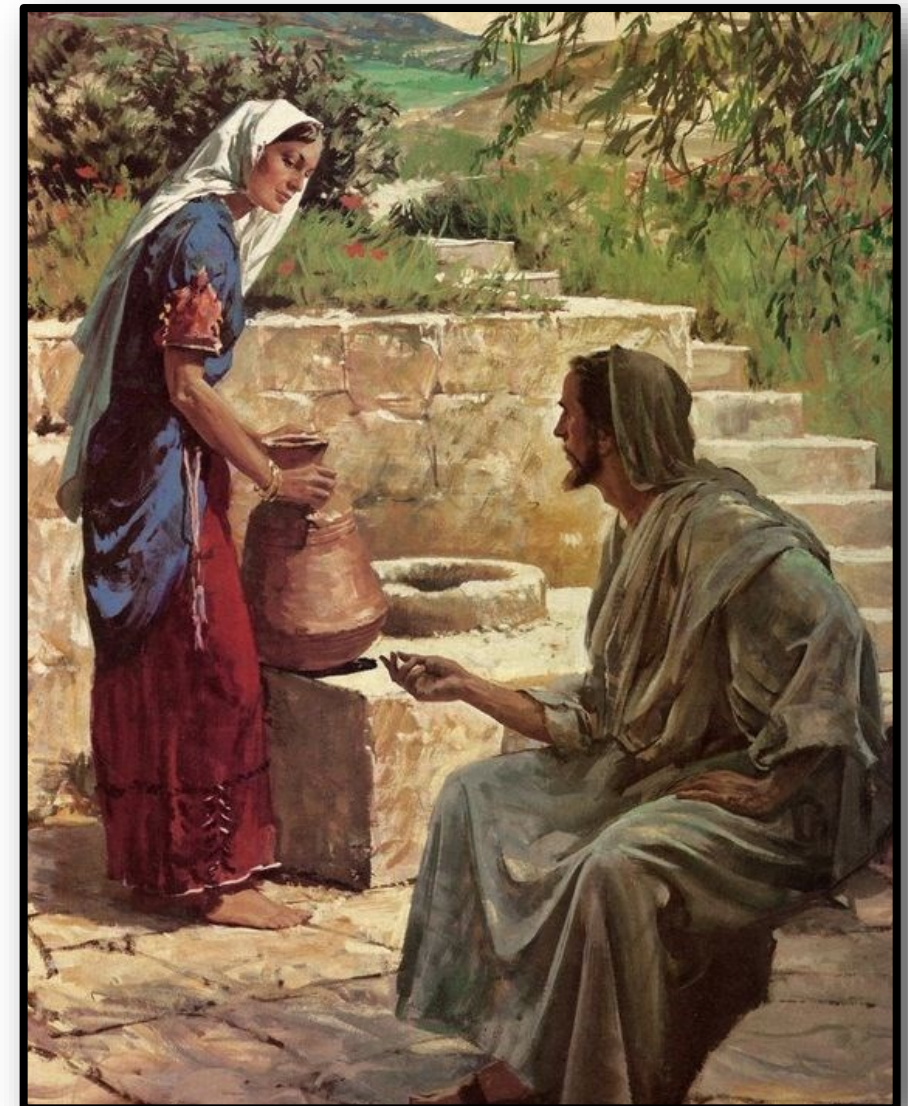
ST. PETER'S

Established in 1873

403 Annie Street, Newcastle

Mass Time: Sunday, 8:00 am

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday Of Lent





A Message From

Fr. Andy

Please, if you have not signed up for a time for Adoration during the Forty Hours please do so. Thank you to those who have taken the time to sign up. I pray that we are all making every effort

possible to be at each night of the Forty Hours devotion. This will be such a wonderful experience. There will also be confessions each night from 6:00 to 6:45 with four priests available to hear confessions.

I have been getting calls regarding what exactly is the Forty Hours. My answer is to come and see and find out for yourself just how powerful this time is. Choir members from all our parishes are invited to come and sing. There will be a practice this Sunday the 11th of March at the church in Hartington. All you need to do is come to the practice and prepare yourself to be a part of the choir each night. This would be a great way to meet new people in our circle of parishes. This is open to all our parishes to participate. I appreciate receiving your questions about this. It shows me that we have some interested people in making this a part of Lent. The timing of this could not be better to bring us all together in prayer around Jesus.

Some of the most fruitful times of my work is to gather with my parishioners and let your questions come to surface. I feel we had a good meeting last Sunday with a group of my parishioners and it was good to hear all their questions. It amazes me how we as humans hear things differently. But when we can gather as a group and hear it together, I truly believe it gives us a path forward. That does not mean that things are easy in any way. But it does mean that we are going to work together and find the best path forward to move through it. I even find that there are times I'm confused and coming together and listening

to others helps me to gain a whole new perspective. Thank you to everyone that came to the meeting and was willing to share. I know that we will go forward with the love of Jesus. I also know that we are blessed with many families that truly care for the good of the parish.

We are blessed at all of our parishes with amazing groups of people that serve and are bringing their gifts and talents to make our parishes vibrant. I'm forever thankful for these people. It is really hitting me hard to leave this behind and move on to a new assignment. Growing up in a little country parish and attending a little Catholic school, I knew the people were the best. My heart leaps in joy towards all that give their time to keep the parishes thriving and the true beauty is you give with your heart and you will always give. Just because that is simply who you are. So many benefit from your generosity and love.

As I close, I hope that in my messages you hear my love for all of you. As we come closer to July, things are getting more real. To say that I'm saddened by all of this is a complete understatement. But I know that God has a plan in all of this. Very tough choices had to be made for the future of this archdiocese and that has been hard on all of us. But together we will go forward and please know from my heart that each time I put together this message, I know that it is getting closer to the last message that I will have the honor to send. Please know you are all in my prayers and please pray for me. Have a wonderful week. Think Spring soon and very soon.

Love,

Fr. Andy

Fr. Andy



UPCOMING
Events

You still have time to Live Lent Together. 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.

Newcastle Fire Dept Fish Fry: Come support Newcastle Fire & Rescue and help us purchase a new am-

bulance. Friday, March 17th, 5:00 pm until gone. Serving Fish, Shrimp, Fries, Chips and Salads. Free will donation.

St Joseph's Altar Society is hosting coffee and rolls following mass on Sunday March 19 in honor of St Joseph's Feast Day --- Please join us!

St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage: Members of St. Patrick's, mark your calendar for the dinner on March 25, 2023, at Providence Hall following Mass. Each circle is asked to bring a casserole, salad, or dessert. This will be a delicious meal with an opportunity for fellowship.

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, March 18- St. Patrick's - 5:00 pm

Altar Server:Ryan Husen
Altar ServerClaire Husen
LectorJudy Twohig
Music:.....Scott Webb & Choir

Sunday, March 19- St. Peter's - 8:00 am

Altar Server:Cristopher Kneifl
Altar Server:Caidan Gregg
Lector:Jo Ellen Sorenson
OMHC:.....Deacon Dennis
Music:.....Carol Koch
Ushers:John Gregg & Preston Nelson
Money Counters - Ellen Kneifl

Sunday, March 19- St. Joseph's 10:00 am

Altar ServerLily Korth
Altar Server:Caleb Ketelson
Lector:Kevin Connot
Music:.....Michael Gibbs
Ushers: Pat Korth & Adam Poulosky

New Ministry Schedule: The new schedule is completed. You may log in and view your schedule. There are also copies available in the back of the three churches. Please let the office know if more printed schedules are needed.

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, March 13- Casa de Paz

7:00 pm... ✝Poor Souls

Tuesday, March 14- St. Peter's

9:00 am ... ✝Finton Bernard Hoelsing

Wednesday, March 15- St. Peter's

9:00 am ... ✝John & Agatha Goerden

Thursday, March 16- St. Peter's

9:00 am ... ✝Pro Life

Friday, March 17- St. Peter's

9:00 am ... ✝Bill McNear

Saturday, March 18- St. Patrick's

5:00 pm... Richard Ryan Family

Sunday, March 19- St. Peter's & St. Joseph's

8:00 am ... (St. Peter's) Pro Populo

10:00 am ... (St. Joseph's) ✝Joanne Bennett &
✝Les & Dorothy Bennett

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 12:00 PM (Noon) 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.



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of March 5

"God will not be out done in generosity!"

St. Joseph's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,750.00

St. Patrick's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,365.00

St. Peter's Sunday Offerings.....\$2,497.00

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