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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2020

*I am the Lord and there is no other,
there is no God besides me.*

*It is I who arm you, though you know me not,
so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun
people may know that there is none besides me.*

I am the Lord, there is no other.

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6



A Message From Father Andy

Please note that the parish council will be meeting this Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph's in the basement of the church. We will be learning about the Archbishop's Pastoral Plan for the entire Archdiocese of Omaha. I'm so thankful to the council for the hard work and dedication they are

putting forward to our parishes. We process and work together with the issues that are affecting all of our parishes. Please pray for the pastoral plan and that we have the vision and the wisdom to bring this plan to our parishes.

I was hoping to send a letter to parish members in regards to the Archbishops Annual Appeal to gather information to help me understand where our parishioners are due to the pandemic. But to save on postage expenses, instead of mailing a letter to everyone, I'm asking you to let me know of any input you have with this appeal. If you did not receive your Annual Appeal letter from the Archdiocese, please let our office know and we can get you the information you need. We have made our goal every year and I'm so thankful to the generous people of our parishes. I continually give thanks and praise to God for the blessings that He has blessed our parishes with. We are doing the best we can through this pandemic and God is truly doing the rest.

I continue to ask for your patience with me as I continue to learn how to pastor parishes through a pandemic. Gone are the days when I could just pop into a nursing home and have a visit with someone. This really makes me sad. I never thought I would not be able to visit the sick. So there truly is a part of being a priest that is missing for me at this time. There has always been something so life giving for me to be with someone. This started at a young age of drinking coffee with grandma and talking all about life. I feel those visits were part of how I knew God was calling me to be a

priest. Also, I remember going and visiting several people as a child and the joy that it would bring to our hearts. It brought joy to my heart last Saturday as I was asked to take communion to the homebound of our parishes. So please, let me know if there is a need for communion or any of the sacraments and I will be more than happy to respond. I just need to hear from you so I know it is ok to come.

I give thanks to God for the ladies of our parishes that have served meals for many years at our funerals. I know all of the love you have for the parish families and how hard this is to make a choice to continue with meals or not provide them at this time. Please know first of how thankful I am that we have a group of ladies working together and that truly care for the people of our parishes. I know this is hard on all of you as well. But I also know together you will make the choice of how you will go forward at this time and please know of my full support. My heart is filled with thanks for all you do for our parishes.

As I close this message this week, which I must be honest, was one of the hardest for me to put together. Things are so different right now and I do not know when it is going to change back to how things were just a year ago. I'm faced with way more questions than answers at this time. But I know that I'm thankful for each and everyone of you. You always teach me how to live in the light of God. One of the best things I heard last Sunday was, "Father thank you so much for the mass. It is the only thing in my life that I know is always going to be the same and I look forward to the mass every day."

Have wonderful week and truly live in the light of Jesus Christ. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families and thank you for your prayers.

Fr. Andy Sohm

News & Announcements:

MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER: My dad said that if we can finish the harvest by Thanksgiving, we could be very grateful. This year, we could finish the harvest before the beginning of November, so we need to be extra grateful! I remember the fall of 1965 (my first year in the seminary at Elkhorn, Mt. Michael). The whole month of September was a rain event. Their big fall festival was postponed and the next Sunday, it was still raining, so it was basically held inside. October was spent drying out and eating left-overs from the Festival. This year, God has given us one good harvest day after another. The warm winds have dried the crops and an occasional shower has settled the dust and reduced the fire danger. The yields are better than you could expect from a dry summer. Let us give thanks!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: All members of the parish council are requested to attend a meeting presented by the Archdiocese. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph's parish center, on October 20th.



I Baptize
you in the name of the *Father*
and the *Son*
and the *Holy Spirit*

Baptism Congratulations to Hayes Sutton Leader, son of John and Natalie (Fendrick) Leader. May God bless the faith life of Hayes and bless his parents.

2020 Annual Appeal

*Your support for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal
will help empower our parishes, schools and
ministries to communicate Jesus to a broken world.*

You may also donate online at: www.archomaha.org

Please participate.

St. Joseph's Goal - \$11,852.96

Collected: \$3,665.00 (30.9% of goal, 11.7% participation).

St. Patrick's Goal - \$10,012.69

Collected: \$2,190.00 (21.9% of goal, 8.6% participation).

St. Peter's Goal - \$4,964.95

Collected: \$2,103.00 (42.4% of goal, 13.6% participation).

Sanctuary Lamp:

This week the lamp is lit for the special intentions of:

St. Joseph's: ✠ Jacob Bennett

St. Peter's: ✠ James Hoelsing

May this light remind us of Jesus' true presence in the Sanctuary.

Mass Intentions:

Father Andy will be saying daily mass 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 You Tube.

Go to youtube.com and search Ponca, Newcastle, Jackson.

Monday, October 19..... NO MASS

Tuesday, October 20... ✠ Fr. Val J. Peters

Live Streamed - St. Peters... 9:00 AM

Wednesday, October 21 ... ✠ Alice Gatzemeyer

Live Streamed - St. Peter's... 9:00 AM

Thursday, October 22... Spec. Int. Jim & Rita

Langhorst Fam. - Live Streamed - St. Peter's..9:00 AM

Friday, October 23..... ✠ Patti Nelson

Live Streamed - St. Peter's... 9:00 AM

Saturday, October 24...St. Patrick's

5:00 PM..... ✠ Charles Young

Sunday, October 25.....St. Peter's & St. Joseph's

St. Peter's - 8:00 AM..... ✠ Rita Koch

St. Joseph's-10:00 AM... Pro Populo

*Remember to drop your mass intention envelopes in the
collection basket or mail them to the parish office.*



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of October 11

"God will not be out done in generosity!"

St. Joseph's Sunday Offerings..... \$1,013.00

St. Patrick's Sunday Offerings.....\$985.00

St. Peter's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,401.00

You may drop off your weekly donation at any of the Bank of Dixon County locations or put them in the basket on the back porch of the parish office.