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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

*But you brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light and chil-
dren of the day. We are not of the night or of dark-
ness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do,
but let us stay alert and sober.*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6



A Message From Father Andy

Thank you for your generous support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Please join those that have supported this appeal and make a donation today. We would not have our parishes if it were not for the Archdiocese of Omaha. I'm here to address any comments, questions or concerns you may have. The generous people of our parishes will always encourage me. Your support through these challenging times is so appreciated. I can report that we are meeting all the needs of our finances at all the parishes and that is only because of the generosity of all our families.

Please spread the word about daily mass. There is some confusion and please let others know the plan if we have a snowstorm. In the past, if there is a two-hour late start or no school there is no daily mass. Please check the local stations and if there is a late start or no school then there is no public mass. Since I can stream the mass I will continue to do so, but the mass is not open to the public due to the fact that the sidewalks and parking lot are not safe. On bad weather days the mass will be streamed from Saint Peter's as I can walk from my house to the church. It is the responsibility of the parish to make sure everything is safe when you are open. Since it is simply not possible to ensure the safety, I cannot have you coming out for mass. My hope is to eventually get back to rotating the daily mass but until I no longer need to stream the mass or we have the ability to stream from the other parishes, we will leave it as is. Thank you for your understanding with all of this. We need to keep everyone safe. I will do my best this winter to get out to each town for weekend mass, but please understand there may be some times that it is not possible. I will do my best to communicate via the television if possible. Thank you to everyone who helps with the snow removal and ensures that our grounds are safe. We are blessed to have such kind and loving souls taking care of us.

I'm praying through these days of changes. Please join me and pray for those in the front lines with the Covid-19. We are seeing surges in cases. Please wear your mask to church. I'm so happy that we are able to offer the mass through this and I pray that nothing changes in these coming days. I'm also very thankful to those who are teaching CCD this year. We have people that truly care and take good care of our children. We are scheduled for confirmation this year and I will be meeting with the DRE's of our parishes to finalize the schedule. Thank you to our DRE's as well. We would not be able to offer CCD without them. Thank you also to Father Kramper for leading the confirmation retreats for our parishes. We got them all in before the weather got bad. God is so good.

Please continue to let me know of your needs and I will be there. Each day is still changing due to all that we are faced with in 2020. I can relax knowing that God is taking good care of us through all of this. I have experienced that everyday of 2020. God has richly blessed our area with an abundance of graces and blessings. I want to thank each and everyone of you for sharing the graces with those you encounter. I know that we will embrace what ever comes our way because we have the faith that it takes to get through challenges. Never ever take for granted how blessed you are to live in this area. Even though we have awful and I mean awful winters. I actually heard someone who lives in the south complain about the humidity. Can you believe it? (HA HA). We are blessed beyond measure because of the love that we have instilled in our hearts to take care of God's holy people. You make my heart rejoice in your love and words of encouragement. Thank you from the depths of my heart for your prayers and be assured that you are in my prayers. Please keep me informed of what is going on and I will do my best to be there. Have a blessed week. My heart goes out to each and every one of you.

Fr. Andy

News & Announcements:

MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER: In the Midwest, we have tried to figure out a way to capture the heat of the summer and save it for the cold of the winter. Actually, God has done that for us, a long time ago. Think of each kernel of corn as a little battery, that has the energy of summer in it. It can be made into ethanol to power our engines. It can become food for animals and people. It can be burned for heat. (Remember, corn stoves?) When we fill our grain bins or pile the corn on the ground, think of all the little batteries (billions of them) that we are storing up for later. The same can be said about soybeans, except those little batteries are round! Thank you, God, for this year's harvest and for helping us store up so much energy!!

CANNED FOOD DRIVE: St. Patrick's has two baskets at the entry of the church to collect canned food items for the food bank. Please drop off your donation to help the less fortunate, especially during this Pandemic. God bless you for your generosity.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: Many of you may have noticed that a Thanksgiving envelope was not included in the envelope package. We were working with the company to get this corrected and to have the Thanksgiving envelope mailed separately, but they have not shown up yet. If you would like to give a Thanksgiving donation, please write "Thanksgiving" on the memo line or on an envelope. Thank you in advance for your generosity to support your parish!



2020 Annual Appeal

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

Please participate.

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

Collected: \$4,982.00 (42% of goal, 13.1% participation).

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

Collected: \$5,442.00 (54.4% of goal, 16% participation).

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

Collected: \$3,992.00 (80.4 % of goal, 19.6% participation).

Sanctuary Lamp:

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

St. Joseph's: †Mike Korth

St. Peter's: †Rita Koch

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

Mass Intentions:

Fr. 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, November 16..... NO MASS

Tuesday, November 17. . . . †Mildred M. Lynch

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

Wednesday, November 18 . . . Spec. Int. Sharon

Hartnett Family

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

Thursday, November 19... †James Haberman

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

Friday, November 20... †Alice Gatzemeyer

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

Saturday, November 21...St. Patrick's

5:00 PM..... †Harry Davey

Sunday, November 22.....St. Peter's & St. Joseph's

St. Peter's - 8:00 AM..... †Darrell Campbell

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 November 8

"God will not be out done in generosity!"

St. Joseph's Sunday Offerings..... \$795.00

Fuel..... \$320.00

St. Patrick's Sunday Offerings.....\$593.00

Fuel..... \$277.00

St. Peter's Sunday Offerings.....\$723.95

Fuel..... \$10.00

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.