

## News and Announcements:

**MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER:** A couple of weeks ago, a big red rooster wandered into my place and acts like he owns the place. He spends his days in my open garage and feels he has to crow each morning, right outside my window. This morning, I counted 21 crows before he was done. I named him Rodney and feed him in the morning, before I head out for the day. It looks like he is going to stay. I do appreciate him getting me up for the sunrise. December 21 is when our light days start getting longer and the sun moves higher. Thank you, Rodney, for reminding me of that!

**ADDED NOTE:** Our RCIA class meets this Monday at 7 p.m. at Case de Paz, before we take off for two weeks.

**ST. PETER'S:** The St. Peter's Christmas Program will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following 8 a.m. Mass. Coffee and Rolls will follow the program at the hall.

**ST. PETER SODALITY:** will meet Monday, January 3rd at 7:00 pm for election of officers.

**FLOCKNOTE:** Flocknote is a way for parishes to communicate with members via text and email. Great for weather related messages! Text your parishes code to **84576**.

St. Joseph's code: STJOSEPHS68770

St. Patrick's code: STPATRICKS68743

St. Peter's code: STPETERS68757

When you send the text you will get a link to complete the registration, it only takes a few minutes!

**BULLETIN NEWS:** If you would like to submit an item for the bulletin, please email it to: [cstwohig@archomaha.org](mailto:cstwohig@archomaha.org). Items need to be received by Tuesday to be included in that weekends bulletin.

### 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](http://www.archomaha.org)

*Please participate.*

#### St. Joseph's Goal - \$11,853.00

Collected: \$8,675.00 (73.19% of goal).

#### St. Patrick's Goal - \$11,153.88

Collected: \$11,045.00 (99.02 % of goal).

#### St. Peter's Goal - \$5,469.29

Collected: \$4,428.00 (80.96% of goal).

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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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**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

#### **Youth Minister:**

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### ST. JOSEPH'S

Established in 1890

420 West Second Street, Ponca

Mass Time: Sunday, 10:00 am



### 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

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**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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*4th Sunday of Advent  
December 19, 2021*

*When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the infant leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*

*Luke 1:39-45*





A Message From Father Andy

Thank you for the many Christmas greetings. I deeply appreciate your words of kindness and encouragement. I had a wonderful evening with the ladies that are directing religious education at our parishes. I'm so thankful for the gifts and all the hard work they give to the programs and I'm also thankful to those who teach every week. We are so blessed to have you!

Unfortunately due to the weather we were unable to have class last week. What a day Wednesday was from a tornado warning to blowing snow. Still happy with the fact that I have not had to go to the gym yet. The weather has still allowed me to get outside every day. The Saint Joseph's students did not have a chance for confession due to the cancellation of class so please pay attention to the times we have listed and try to be at one of these times. Times for confessions are as follows: this Tuesday we will have confessions at 5:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph's and then at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter's. On Wednesday there will be confessions at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Patrick's. Please take the time and come to confession this week. Things get really busy for me before Christmas but please reach out to me to set up an appointment if these times do not work for you.

Thank you to the donors who have made generous donations to the parish for the end of the year and for Christmas. I'm amazed over and over again at the generosity of our people. We are so blessed to

have the resources we have because of all of our generous people in our parishes.

Please, if you have not supported the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for the Archdiocese of Omaha, please make a donation soon. Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation. It is extremely important that we make our goal. If you have any questions comments or concerns please see me and I will be more than happy to address them.

I have my first meeting set up at the end of this month for the pastoral planning in the archdiocese. Please keep all of this in prayer and please be open to the process. Also as we need people to be involved in the process of the planning so please be open and come to represent your parish. I'm praying every day that we find a path forward that deals with all the issues we are faced with at this time. Please join me in praying for this cause.

Let us continue to pray for those battling Covid-19 and those who are sick at this time. Please let me know if there is some one out there that I need to get out and see. I would be happy to schedule a time to go and see them. Have a wonderful week. Please keep me in your prayers as I rely on them. Be assured of my prayers for you.

Blessings,

Fr. Andy

Ministry Schedule:

Saturday, December 25- St. Patrick's - 5:00 pm  
Altar Server: ..... Cami Oligmueller  
Altar Server ..... Ella Oligmueller  
Lector..... Stacey Janssen  
Music: ..... Scott Webb & Choir

Sunday, December 26- St. Peter's - 8:00 am  
Altar Server: ..... Ayden Rosener  
Altar Server: ..... Caidan Gregg  
Lector:..... John Lowe  
EMHC: ..... Deacon Dennis  
Music: ..... Pat Sedivy  
Ushers: ..... Clint Fox & Don Meyer  
Money Counters - Paul & Renee Pfister

Sunday, December 26- St. Joseph's 10:00 am  
Altar Server: ..... Isaac Nelson  
Altar Server: ..... Jerod Nelson  
Lector:..... Kevin Connot  
Music: ..... Michael Gibbs  
Ushers: ..... Ray Anderson & Brent Bennett

Ministry Volunteers: New schedules are available in the back of the church or online. The Christmas masses were not scheduled, so if you are available, please go online to the schedule and enter your name or let Cheri know.

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, December 20- NO MASS

Tuesday, December 21 – St. Peter's  
9:00 am..... Fr. Frank Lordmann

Wednesday, December 22 – St. Peter's  
9:00 am..... Fr. Clifford Stevens

Thursday, December 23 – St. Peter's  
9:00 am..... Spec. Int. Patrick Sullivan

Christmas Mass, December 24 – St. Patrick's  
4:30 pm..... Fr. Kurt Dinges

Christmas Mass, December 25  
St. Peter's (Midnight) .... Fr. Bernard Hoelsing  
St. Joseph's ....10:00am - Fr. Tim & Mary Beacom

Saturday, December 25 – St. Patrick's  
5:00 pm..... Pro Populo

Sunday, December 26- St. Peter's & St. Joseph's  
8:00 am (St. Peter's) ... Fr. Lenny Marron  
10:00 am (St. Joseph's) ... Fr. Aubby Voss

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS have Keep Christ in Christmas cards available again this year. There are 6 different styles. Contact John Stander (402)755-2743, cell 1-(402)404-1711 or Ryan Kneifl (402)355-0003, cell 1-(402)960-2539.



Advent Confession Schedule:

St. Joseph's, December 21st, 5:00 - 6:00 PM  
St. Peter's, December 21st, 6:30 PM  
St. Patrick's, December 22nd, 6:00 PM

Christmas Mass Schedule:

St. Patrick's, December 24th at 4:30 PM  
St. Peter's, December 25th at 12:00 AM (Midnight Mass)  
St. Joseph's, December 25th at 10:00 AM



Religious Education News!

Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year  
from all your CCD  
teachers and  
DRE's.  
Have a safe, fun  
and blessed break!  
See you all January  
5th!



Stewardship of Treasure  
Weekend of December 12

"God will not be out done in generosity!"

St. Joseph's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,362.09  
St. Patrick's Sunday Offerings.....\$810.00  
St. Peter's Sunday Offerings.....\$812.00