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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

1 Peter 2:20b-25



A Message From Father Andy

Things can sure change fast. Please pray daily for the situation we are under in our area. We are seeing a rise in cases and this has put a lot of stress on the medical teams.

I was shocked when I heard the news that the governor announced a return to public mass for all churches in Nebraska effective 3 May 2020. My first response was to just let it set and then wait to hear from the Archdiocese of Omaha as to how we are going to go back to public mass. Then I talked with medical professionals in our area and I called a meeting of the priests in our deanery. After consultation with the medical professionals and my brother priests, we are not going to be ready to open for public mass on 3 May 2020. The archbishop stressed that each area needs to assess the situation and he wants the health of our people to be the top concern.

I miss you all very much and want to be back to public mass. We will get there and we will be stronger from all of this. I will continue to live-stream the mass every day at 9:00 a.m. even on Monday and Saturday.

The mass is posted so you can view it all day if you do not make the 9:00 a.m. time.

I have enjoyed talking with several of you on the phone. Your spirits are amazing. We are also doing such a great job keeping up with our weekly collections!

I have decided to do a fundraiser for our parishes. This fundraiser will determine how I cut my hair. You can follow this on the St. Peter's Facebook page. My hope is to get many people involved and to make it easier we will have a few style options available and each style can have money donated to it. The style that raises the most money is the style that I will go with. I think this is just something fun and good to do. If you have any questions please let me know.

Have a wonderful week and please know of my prayers for you and your families and please pray for me.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Andy

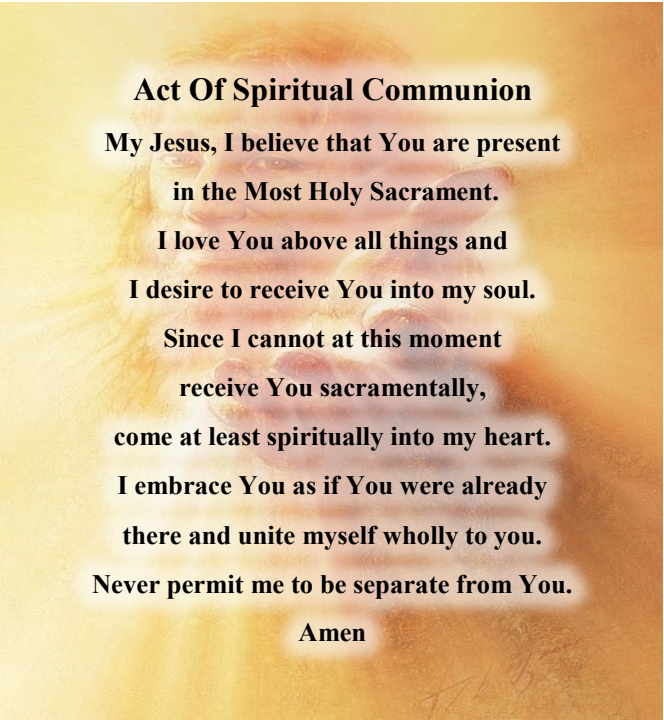
News & Announcements:

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY: The \$3,702.00 that the 98 Rice Bowls gathered, goes to Catholic Relief Services. They are present in every country of the world and know how to help the people in need. Two Rice Bowls, that came in later allowed us to send \$60 to the Red Cloud Indian School in South Dakota, where school children are fed. If there are any other Rice Bowls out there, get them to the back of church and more good can be done. Thank you!

ONLINE AUCTION: Enjoy a virtual live Auction of great gifts for the Cedar County Catholic Schools Grand Auction, Saturday May 16th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Go to CHJAuctioneers.com for required pre-registration to bid. Pre-bidding is accepted too. For more information, call the Catholic Development Office, Hartington 402-254-3912.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH ONLINE: To donate to your parish online please go to the Archdiocese of Omaha website. **100% of the donation is given to your parish.** You may choose a one time donation or you can set it up to come out weekly or monthly. It is *very* easy to do: Go to www.archomaha.org and at the top far right select "Give". Then "Give to your parish". Any questions please call the office and Cheri can walk you through it.

FORMED: This is a great option if you are looking for Catholic movies, audio books, podcasts, or self study series. Go to www.stjosephsponca.formed.org. It's FREE. Just go to the website, register and begin exploring!



Sanctuary Lamp:

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

St. Joseph's : ✠Jerriann Spillane

St. Peter's: Cure for Covid-19

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

Mass Intentions:

Father Andy will be saying a private daily mass. These masses will be streamed live on Facebook or you may watch later on YouTube. Go to youtube.com and search Ponca, Newcastle, Jackson.

Monday, May 4..... ✠Daniel Dutcher

Live streamed mass at 9:00 AM

Tuesday, May 5..... ✠Jacob Bennett

Live streamed at 9:00 AM

Wednesday, May 6..... ✠Lenny Marron

Live streamed at 9:00 AM

Thursday, May 7..... ✠Joe McCabe

Live streamed at 9:00 AM

Friday, May 8..... ✠Louis Rohan

Live streamed at 9:00 AM

Saturday, May 9... ✠Charles Young

Live streamed at 9:00 AM

Sunday, May 10..... Pro Populo

Live streamed at 9:00 AM



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of April 26

“God will not be out done in generosity!”

St. Joseph's Sunday Offerings..... \$585.00

Maintenance & Repair Envelopes..... \$205.00

St. Patrick's Sunday Offerings.....\$2,530.00

Maintenance & Repair Envelopes..... \$295.00

St. Peter's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,537.00

Maintenance & Repair Envelopes..... \$50.00

You may drop off your weekly donation at any of the Bank of Dixon County locations. Please specify which parish you would like the donation deposited into. If you bank at the Bank of Dixon County, you can contact them and ask to have funds transferred each week. Bank of Dixon County phone numbers: Ponca-755-2224; Newcastle-355-2235; Jackson-632-2400.