

## News and Announcements:

**MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER:** From Day 1, I've been praying that 2020 will be a good year. February will have an extra day; the 10-year census will be in the first half of 2020 and the national and local elections in the second half. God also seems to be nudging me to do "Bethlehem Revisited" one more time. In the last fifteen years, we have done it six times in six different locations. "Bethlehem Revisited" is more than a living nativity, on the two Sundays after Christmas. We build the stable and the market place, inside a big building, and contract the noise and the business of the market, with the calm and peace of the Holy Family in the stable. It takes over 100 people to put it on. Right now I am collecting items for the shops, that will be sold for Bethlehem coins. The shops have to be what they would have had 2000 years ago, like baskets, pottery, candles, brass, wood items, etc. Let me know if you want to donate any of these items.

**CHRIST OUR LIFE CONFERENCE:** September 25-27, 2020, at Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines, IA. A bus will leave from the Knights of Columbus, SSC. Friday night and returning Sunday p.m. Call Embassy Suites (515-244-1700) ask to reserve a room saved for Northeast Nebraska Group. Call the bus (402-494-3777) to reserve a seat. To order tickets visit the website ChristOurLifeIowa.com. A wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith. If you need help or have questions, call the Catholic Daughters at (402-494-3777).

**WINTER WEATHER REMINDER:** If school in Newcastle or Ponca is delayed because of weather, please remember there will be no daily mass that day. If school is closed, the parish office will also be closed.

**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 weekend's bulletin.

### 2019 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)

*If you have not already donated, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our participation levels are very sad.*

*Please participate.*

### St. Joseph's Goal - \$10,664.48

Collected: \$10,077.20 (94.5% of goal, 28.1% participation).

### St. Patrick's Goal - \$9,326.05

Collected: \$8,459.20 (90.7% of goal, 35.0% participation).

### St. Peter's Goal - \$4,701.16

Collected: \$4,359.20 (92.7% of goal, 30.1% participation).

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**8:30 am - 4:00 pm**

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#### **Buildings & Grounds:**

**St. Joseph's** - Chairperson: Bob Logue - cell: 712-259-2581. Members: Dave Hansen, Natalie Leader, Phil Lowe, Tony Stark

**St. Patrick's** - Chairperson - Bill Sullivan - 632-4212. 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:**

**President:** Dr. Jeff Knerl

**Vice President:** Roger Bentz

**Secretary:** Leroy Hoelsing

**St. Joseph's** - Ginny Keller, Mary Kay Mahler

**St. Patrick's** - Roger Bentz, Jim Cleveland

**St. Peter's** - Leroy Hoelsing, Dan McNear

#### **Finance Council:**

**St. Joseph's** - Kevin Connot, Bonnie Rohan, Heather Rush

**St. Patrick's** - Patty Dinges, Doug Nelson, Larry Ney

**St. Peter's** - Matt Dendinger, Bryan Gotch, Ellen Kneifl

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**Be sure to thank all our parish  
volunteers for giving their time &  
talents to help our parishes!**

**We couldn't do without them!**



### ST. JOSEPH'S

Established in 1890  
420 West Second Street, Ponca  
Mass Time: Sunday, 8:00 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, 10:00 am

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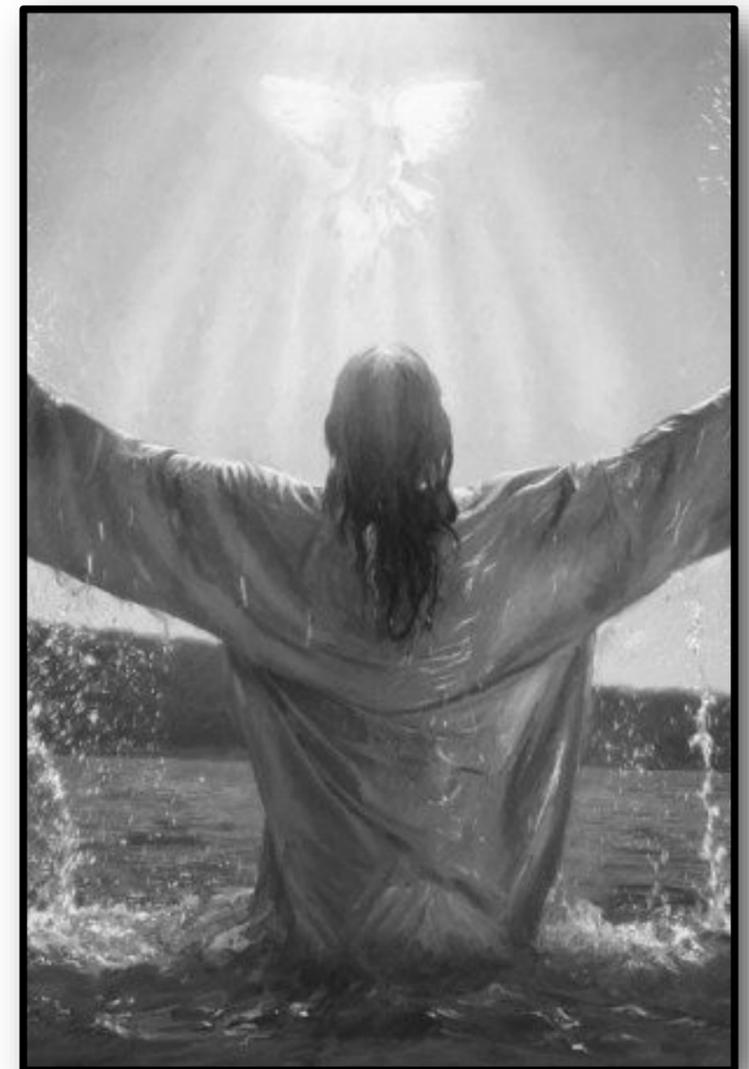
## *The Baptism of The Lord*

*January 12, 2020*

After Jesus was baptized,  
he came up from the water and behold,  
the heavens were opened for him,  
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove  
and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well  
pleased."

*Matthew 3:13-17*





### A Message From Father Andy

I pray that all is going well for you and your families. This New Year brings lots of challenges and blessings. I have heard a few comments that will be processed at our parish council meeting. We have to take the input and process together to find what is going to be best for the parishes. So together we will process the information and they will make a recommendation to my office. Please get to know who you elected to the parish council and spend some time processing your thoughts and ideas with them. There is no way possible that we can meet the needs of every request but together we can give and take and find ways that are the best ways to deal with the situation. We have to always remember that gone are the days when each parish had a priest not only do we not have enough priests most of our small parishes could not afford the salary of a priest. There is no discussion at the present time to merge the three parishes into one parish. This brings a lot of challenges when we are not one parish. If we become one parish then no one could ever be upset with the mass schedule because whatever church you went to would be your parish. I just feel deep in my heart that we are not there right now to even look at the possibility of becoming one parish and remember that is going to mean that we are not going to have mass at the times we want. So, we truly have to work with the schedule. We are going to be working this at our parish council meetings and I have told the president that the members of the council need to come prepared to discuss. The current daily mass schedule is the way it is because the Saint Patrick's daily mass attendance was down to hardly nothing and there were days when I had more people from other parishes driving the distance and there was no one from Saint Patrick's at the daily mass so if you want daily mass at your parish then you need to start to coming to daily mass. I have been very pleased with the way we are doing the daily mass at the current time people are driving to Ponca from Newcastle and Newcastle people are driving to Ponca. Also, for the driving that is required for the pastor I want to drive were the people are. I know it is a challenge to drive to

places, I drive all over the place. But that is the reality we are faced with at this time. Again, we are going to work on all of this together as a parish council and together work all of this out. I'm at everything so I see a lot when I'm at the various sites and this gives me data to bring to the parish council. So please pray for us that we find what is best for the parishes. Thank you from the depths of my heart for helping to make all of this work and for being happy that you have a priest. Some tell me that I worry too much about the schedule and that they are happy whenever they see a priest and that makes me so happy. We truly have good people in our parishes that are doing all they can to make this work.

I simply rejoice in the generosity of our people. That is why you hardly ever hear me talk about money. I never want to hurt the good souls that are giving and doing what they need to do. We are not in a state of crisis in our communities and God has richly blessed us. We have it all and it is up to every-one one of us to do our part. God has not failed us at all. We are failing God when we are not meeting the needs of our parishes. God created parish families because He knew it would bring the people together to build up the body of Christ. Everyone has to look into their hearts, and I cannot do that for anyone. When you look into your heart please respond to the call to support your parish with knowing what God has placed on your heart to complete this calling from Him. God should always be number one and you should always first give to Him. If are unwilling to give, then that is our own choice. All I ask is that you do what you can and work with what we have been given. I will do the best that I can do to serve the parishes and meet the needs of the people. You have chosen who you want on the parish council so please trust the work they are doing and support them with your prayers and the recommendations they make to my office.

Thank you for all the joy you bring to my heart. I'm very excited for what God desires for us and I'm very happy to be your pastor. Have a wonderful week. Thank you for your prayers, I need them every day and be assured of my prayers for all of you.

*Father Andy*

### Ministry Schedule:

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

Altar Server:.....Merissa Twohig  
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 Greeters/Gifts:....Larry & Jeanne Gill  
 Lector .....Jenn Van Dyke  
 EMHC:.....Lisa Nelson  
 EMHC:.....Sandy Gatzemeyer  
 EMHC:.....Mike O'Gara  
 Music: .....Scott Webb & Choir  
 Ushers: .....Don Hogh  
 \$ Counters: .....Roger & Becky Bentz

#### Sunday, January 19- St. Joseph's 8:00 am

Altar Server:.....Zoe Kastning  
 Altar Server:.....Chase Kastning  
 Greeters/Gifts:....Tony & Anne Stark  
 Lector: .....Kevin Connot  
 EMHC:.....Connie Block  
 Music: .....Michael Gibbs & Choir  
 Ushers: .....Phil Lowe & Terry Kneifl  
 \$ Counters.....Lorrie Huston

#### Sunday, January 19- St. Peter's 10:00 am

Altar Server:.....Brandon Kneifl  
 Altar Server:.....Kora Kneifl  
 Greeters/Gifts:....Chad & Julie Kneifl  
 Lector: .....Pam Heikes  
 EMHC:.....Deacon Dennis Knudsen  
 Music: .....Pat Sedivy  
 Ushers: .....Preston Nelson & Mark Gregg  
 \$ Counters: .....Vern & Sharon Haberman

EMHC at Elms:..Ginny Keller & Kathy Adams

### Mass Times & Intentions:

Daily mass will rotate between the parishes each week.

*Daily Mass will be in Ponca this week.*

#### Monday, January 13– NO MASS

#### Tuesday, 14– St. Joseph's

9:00 am.....✠Erwin O'Neill

#### Wednesday, January 15– St. Joseph's

9:00 am.....✠Roland & Margaret Bousquet

#### Thursday, January 16– St. Joseph's

9:00 am.....St. Joseph Prayer Group

#### Friday, January 17-St. Joseph's

9:00 am.....✠BJ & Ramona Rush

#### Saturday, January 18– St. Patrick's

5:00 pm.....✠Richard O'Neill

#### Sunday, January 19- St. Joseph's & St. Peter's

8:00 am (St. Joseph's) .....Butch Bousquet & Family

10:00 am (St. Peter's).....Pro Populo



### News & Announcements:

**MASS INTENTIONS:** We have gotten caught up with all the rescheduled mass intentions and can get new intention requests said in a timely manner. Please use your envelope to submit your mass intention requests and drop it in the collection basket.

**ST. PATRICK'S ALTAR SOCIETY:** There are ballots in the pews to vote for two Altar Society officers at St. Patrick's. Lindy Gill (treasurer) and Esther Harrington (president) have served two years and will be stepping down.. Stacey Janssen will continue another year as secretary and Jen Van Dyke will become the new president. You will be voting for a new vice president and treasurer. Thank you Esther and Lindy for your service.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00 pm at Fr. Krampfer's Casa de Paz.

**ST. PATRICK'S FINANCE COUNCIL** will meet Tuesday, January 21st at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

**ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR SOCIETY** will meet Monday, January 27th at 7:00 pm in the church basement.



#### NEXT MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

The next schedule will be completed by January 23rd.

This schedule will run February - March. Please log on to the scheduling website and enter the days you are unavailable or email Cheri your dates.

#### Sanctuary Lamp:

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

St. Joseph's : ✠Maggie Beacom

St. Peter's: ✠Cozetta Rohan

## RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of reconciliation will be offered on Saturdays at St. Patrick's from 4:00 pm— 4:30 pm or by appointment.

## Parish Fund Raising Efforts

#### St. Peter's: Goal \$25,000.00

Pledges: \$28,230.00 Received:\$23,480.00

#### St. Joseph's: Goal \$18,000

Pledges: \$24,200.00 Received:\$18,200.00

**Please remember to send in your pledge money!**

### Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of January 5

**"God will not be out done in generosity!"**

St. Joseph's Sunday Offerings..... \$1,287.00  
Seminary ..... \$1,120.00

St. Patrick's Sunday Offerings.....\$2,327.00  
Seminary ..... \$350.00

St. Peter's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,305.00  
Seminary ..... \$60.00