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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

*Whoever wishes to come after me must
deny himself, take up his cross,
and follow me. For whoever wishes to
save his life will lose it, but whoever
loses his life for my sake will find it.*

Matthew 16:21-27



A Message From Father Andy

Congratulations to children who are making their First Confession this Sunday. I'm so thankful to all that have helped get our children to this special day. I sure hope you enjoyed these hot days; they sure made me happy. I'm so not looking forward to the change of seasons. I'm trying hard every day to appreciate these simply gorgeous days. It has been a lot of fun to see you when I'm out on my daily walks. It simply makes me so happy to be able to serve in this beautiful area. Take some time each day and give thanks to God for the blessings of the life that we are living. We are making our way through the Covid-19 struggles and thank you to all the people that have been so willing to serve at the doors of the churches to keep us all healthy and safe. Every time I log on to stream the mass some is there waiting to be filled with the hope of Jesus Christ. This message of the love of Jesus Christ is going out far and wide we have people from all over the world watching the mass. I know that God is sowing some great seeds into the hearts of the faithful. I'm so happy that we are still able to stream the mass.

We are working slowly and faithfully as we move through all that we are faced with at this current time. While it is a learning process for the entire Catholic Church, we are doing the best that we can. The challenges of all of this is something we have never seen or experienced in our lifetime. Please know that we are moving forward as church and your patience through all of this. I know

that God will not let us down and will give us all the grace to embrace whatever comes our way. On October 1st from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. there is going to be a program presented on the web on the vision the Archbishop has for the entire Archdiocese of Omaha. Please let me know if you would be interested in being a part of this day. We will watch the presentation at the basement of Saint Joseph's. The archbishop has asked that we have members from all of the parishes watch the presentation. The presentation will be recorded, and we will be able to gather with others that cannot make it on the 1st of October. But we need to have people at the live event from all the parishes. Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of this and willing to represent your parish. I give thanks to God for all the wonderful people that will truly have passion for their parish, and we need that passion to be shared with all.

Please let me know if you need anything. Have a wonderful week. Be assured of my prayers and thank you for all the prayers.

Fr. Andy

News & Announcements:

MESSAGE FROM FR. KRAMPER: Clouds are another part of God's creation. I remember the first time I took a commercial flight out east. It was cloudy and rainy when I got on the airplane. Within minutes of take-off, we climbed above the clouds and we were in sunshine. So, I found out that clouds are like a ceiling, that we call "fog" when they come really low. It is partly cloudy, when they form a patch-work across the blue sky. Some clouds are puffy white and friendly; others are dark and angry clouds. Out of them come lightning, wind, rain and sometimes hail. When they part to let some sunshine through, a rainbow is possible. The peanuts cartoon like to feature what Charlie Brown, Linus and Schroeder saw in the clouds. Kevin Connoy's little grand daughter was doing the same, when she said, "Do you see that pirate ship way up in the sky? It is right next to the sleeping dinosaur!" To get a really beautiful sunrise or sunset you need a few clouds. To get shade from the hot summer sun, you need a few clouds. Clouds are truly a gift from God!

MESSAGE FROM PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

I met with Father and we discussed attendance at weekend masses. The numbers are steadily increasing and we still need to practice social distancing as mandated by the archdiocese and the CDC. Therefore, I would like parishioners to consider attending a weekday mass instead of a weekend mass, so that we do not have to turn anyone away. Weekday masses are at St. Peter's and are live streamed, but you can still attend these masses. I would also encourage parishioners attending a weekend mass to arrive early, so they can be seated by an usher. Thank you for your patience with this process and stay healthy! *Dr. Jeff Knerl*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need people to serve as ushers for our parishes. If you are in good health and are able to help with this important ministry, please contact Dr. Knerl, Esther Harrington, or Deacon Dennis. You may also contact the parish office.

PLEASE JOIN US: You are invited to the 33rd Annual Holy Family Parish Breakfast & Ss. Peter & Paul Foresters Raffle on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020 from 8AM-12PM in the Bow Valley Church basement, serving Sausage Pancakes & Eggs & convenient drive-thru & to-go meals are available, feel free to call or text 402-841-0228 for pickup. There will be limited indoor seating. Come to purchase Bake Sale items, too!

HOLY FAMILY INVITATION: Join us for 3 nights; August 30th thru September 1st at 7 PM each night at St. John's Baseball Field in Fordyce (Bring your lawn chairs and blankets). *This is a family event!* Join national Catholic Speaker, Christ Padgett and national recording artist Ricky Vazquez for 3 incredible nights of worship, prayer and Hope when everything seems crazy.

When you can't control
what's happening,
challenge yourself to control
the way you are responding to
what's happening.
That's where the power is.

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Sanctuary Lamp:

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

St. Joseph's: ✠ Jacob Bennett

St. Peter's: ✠ Leonard Marron

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, August 31..... NO MASS

Tuesday, September 1... ✠ Frank & Dorothy Harley
Live streamed at 9:00 AM

Wednesday, September 2 Special Int. Karl Rasmussen—Live streamed at 9:00 AM

Thursday, September 3..... Special Int. Jackie & Jim Craig — Live streamed at 9:00 AM

Friday, September 4..... ✠ Marilyn Cole
Live streamed at 9:00 AM

Saturday, September 5...St. Patrick's
5:00 PM..... Special Int. Bill Nelson

Sunday, September 6.....St. Peter's & St. Joseph's
Live streamed at 8:00 AM

St. Peter's - 8:00 AM..... Pro Populo

St. Joseph's-10:00 AM..... ✠ Alice Gatzmeyer

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



Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of August 23

"God will not be out done in generosity!"

St. Joseph's Sunday Offerings..... \$1,790.00

Fall Collection Envelopes..... \$170.00

St. Patrick's Sunday Offerings.....\$3,325.00

Fall Collection Envelopes..... \$170.00

St. Peter's Sunday Offerings.....\$1,400.00

Fall Collection Envelopes..... \$20.00

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.