St. Peter de Alcantara Ewing, Nebraska

St. Theresa of Avila Clearwater, Nebraska St. John the Baptist
Rural Clearwater

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Mass Schedule

Saturday – 5:30 p.m. – St. Peter's Sunday – 8:00 a.m. – St. Peter's Sunday – 9:30 a.m. – St. Theresa's Sunday – 11:00 a.m. – St. John's 6th Sunday Of Ordinary Time February 17, 2019

Confession Schedule:

Saturday 4:45pm - 5:15pm - St. Peter's

Thurs. & Fri. 9:30am-11:30am – Rectory St. Peter's before or after Masses (when possible)

drop-in and by appointment

PASTOR MESSAGE:

This weekend I invite us to think about trust, trusting, and trust in God. Our first reading from Jeremiah (Jer 17:5-8) is one that challenges us on the idea of self-based security. The Lord speaks through the prophet that he can provide rootedness, even in a difficult time of drought. The image of the tree not being concerned speaks to me. The tree will be able to make it despite hardship.

I know that as a priest, I struggle with this. Self-reliance means that I my trust isn't always in God... it means that my own preparation, work, and efforts can be *the only factor* in my equation of planning. There can be a temptation and doubt around "What if God doesn't show up?" or "What if I get stood up by God?" I feel that I'll look stupid or foolish... or that my desire to do the will of God will seem fake, inauthentic or disingenuous.

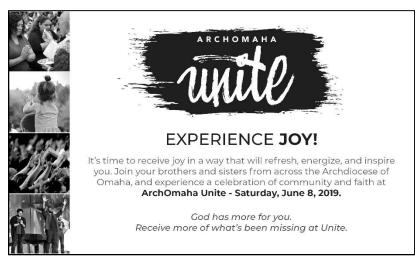
Last weekend, the pastoral planning newsletter mentioned that I will become the pastor of six parishes on July 1st with Fr. Vogel as my associate pastor. A few have asked me how this is going to work. I've responded that I'm not completely sure. We're figuring it out... and we will figure it out as we go.

However, what I've grown familiar with in prayer is the sense that God is delighted to have the opportunity to be at work in our process. God wants each of us to know and sense his love for us in this process. I know that each of us may not always get what we want. However, I'm sensing God's encouragement and love for us in this time of changes.

Let's pray for each other and respond to that invitation.

This June, we are anticipating an event where we will celebrate the gift of our parish communities at **ArchOmaha Unite!** It will a chance for us to seek after God together.

Peace, Fr. John



Priest Notes: Looking Ahead on the Calendar Feb 16-17 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Regular weekend schedule of Masses.
- Sun: Taste of Italy with Fr. John
- Feb 23-24 (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 - Regular weekend schedule of Masses.
 - "Priest Swap" Fr. Nields will be here

St. Peter's Taste of Italy Feb 17 at 6 p.m. with Fr. John. We're planning a fun evening to fight off the Winter Blues! There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for volunteers to help.

St. Boniface Parish is seeking consignment items and donations for their Saturday evening, March 9 Spring Benefit Auction. They offer competitive commission rates and no commission charged on smaller "no sale" items. Items are subject to Committee's Acceptance. Looking for Antiques, Collectables, Machinery, Equipment, Implements, Vehicles, Tools and Supplies by February 15 for listing. To consign, call Matt Beckman, 402-843-6045 or Luke Beckman, 402-843-0598. All Proceeds to benefit St. Boniface Parish, Elgin.

Birthright of Norfolk is hoping to expand its list of volunteers and we would love to have you join us. We ask that you volunteer in our office one day a month for about 3 hours. We will provide you with the training you need to be a well informed volunteer. Please contact Marie Borgmann at 371-3665 or Cindy Dinkel at 371-5188. The training sessions will be held in March

St. John's Christian Mothers meeting on Monday, February 18th, after 7:30 p.m. Mass

 $\underline{\textbf{St. Peter's Christian Mothers}}$ meeting will be Wed, February 20th, at 1 p.m. at St. Dominic Hall.

St. Bonaventure Parish Breakfast and raffle drawing will be held Sunday, March 3 in the Raeville Parish Hall from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Pancakes, French toast, sausage, ham, desserts and beverages will be served. Free will offering.

FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

St. Peter's: Butch Sojka, Sister Joseph, Mary Edwards, Jessica Hobbs, Florence Vandersnick, Jeanette Tomjack, Sharon Ward, Leo Hawk, Duaine Bollwitt, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick and Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel.

St Theresa's: Leo Starman, Nate Thiele, Regina Krebs, Mary Ann Thiele and Jeanne Hoffman.

St. John's: Jackie Bartak, Darlene Schueth, Carl Ernesti and Georgine Funk.

Financial Stewardship ST. PETER'S

February 10 - \$1026.00 **ST. THERESA'S**

February 10- \$1585.00 **Home & Foreign -** \$60.00

ST. JOHN'S

February 10 - \$916.00

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2018

SP Pledged: \$4,910
88% Goal: \$5,570
ST Pledged: \$7,760
106% Goal: \$7,357
SJ Pledged: \$6,045
100% Goal: \$6,045
Report dated February 11, 2019
Thank You!!

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Mon	18	7:30 p.m.	SJ	+Bob Spieker
Tue	19	8:30 a.m.	SP	+John & Mary Auman
Wed	20	8:30 a.m.	ST	+John Kuester
Thur	21	8:30 a.m.	SP	+Frank & Bert Noffke
Fri	22	8:30 a.m.	SJ	+Marvin Palmer
Sat	23	5:30 p.m.	SP	+Rita Funk
Sun	17	8:00 a.m.	SP	+Joe Tagel
Sun	17	9:30 a.m.	ST	Living Members of
				SP, ST, SJ
Sun	17	11:00 a.m.	SJ	+James & Jolyene
				Koenig

Religious Education Notes:

For this second semester, the Jr. High / High School program is hosted at St. Dominic's Hall in Ewing.

Feb 20th

- SP/OR/ST Regular Religious Ed Classes
- **JrH/HS** @ **SP** 7p.m. Supper / Class

St. Peter's has set First Communion for April 13 at the 5:30PM Mass

St. Theresa's has set First Communion for March 24 at the 9:30AM Mass.

The Flying McCoys by Glenn & Gary McCoy



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 23 – 5:30 P.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Aaron Hoke & Kevin Schrunk Servers: Mason Hoke & Preston Hoke

Lector: Sierra Summers Gifts: Dennis & Sandi Finley EMHC Greg Thramer

Sunday, February 24 – 8:00 A.M. – St. Peter's

Usher: Mike Thramer & Ed Nordby

Servers: Elizabeth Nordby & Emily Nordby

Lector: Kathy Arens

Gifts: LeRoy & Doris Napier EMHC: Dennis Thoendel

Sunday, February 24 – 9:30 A.M. – St. Theresa's

Ushers: Francis Hanzlik & Kelly Kerkman Servers: Aislynn Kester & Adyson Mlnarik

Lector: Connie Cronin Gifts: Melvin & Kate Ahlers

EMHC: Tom Kester

Sunday, February 24 – 11:00 A.M. – St. John's

Ushers: Jim Funk & Dale Funk

Servers: Rachel Dierks & Jaidyn Schindler

Lector: Jami Schmidt Gifts: Paul & Diane Dicke EMHC: Janette Kerkman

Saturday, March 2 - 5:30 P.M. - St. Peter's

Ushers: Kevin Koenig & Dan Koenig Servers: Emma Funk & Danielle Schrunk

Lector: Pat Ruther

Gifts: Aaron & Candi Hoke Family

EMHC: Gina Koenig

Sunday, March 3 - 8:00 A.M. - St. Peter's

Ushers: Denis Bergstrom & Pete Funk Servers: Wyatt Napier & Keenan McAllister

Lector: Karen Funk

Gifts: Ed & Mary Nordby Family EMHC: Carol Rotherham

Sunday, March 3 – 9:30 A.M. – St. Theresa's

Ushers: Anthony Kester & Duane Kester Servers: Logan Kester & Keaton Thiele

Lector: Tina Thiele-Blecher Gifts: Ryan & Jenna Ahlers

EMHC: Dianna Kester, John Moser, Teena Moser,

Marlene Thiessen, John Thiele

Sunday, March 3 – 11:00 A.M. – St. John's

Ushers: Ron Funk & Gregg Bartak Servers: Noah Schmidt & Alec Schindler

Lector: Marelee Thorneberry Gifts: Chris Suzanne Dierks EMHC: Marilyn Sehi

Free Range by Bill Whitehead

