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Clearwater, Nebraska

St. John the Baptist
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**Third Sunday
of Advent
December 16, 2018**

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

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

PASTOR MESSAGE:

Week 3 of Advent is *Gaudete Sunday*, meaning **Rejoice!** season of preparation continues. On this Sunday, we have many things that are meant recognize to joyful part of our anticipation and waiting. The color rose... in our vestments and our candles... symbolizes joy.

As we get closer and closer to Christmas, school is about ready to finish for the semester. We're having Advent parties and pre-Christmas celebrations! St. Theresa's Elementary Religious Ed will be presenting an **Advent program on Wednesday Dec 19 at 7:00 PM!** Please join us!

This year my family is coming up for Christmas. I'm excited to have them stay at the St. John's Rectory... this is a time of year where it's hard for me to go and see them, so they decided to come and see me. I'm grateful for that.

After Christmas, I will be gone for a few days. Archbishop Lucas is having a priest gathering in Omaha on Thurs Dec. 27. I will be gone from Thurs Dec 27 thru New Year's on Jan 1. I will be 'trading places' with Fr. Patrick Moser, giving him and me some downtime in our hometowns.

As the season starts sprinting toward Christmas, I hope that it continues to be spiritually fruitful for us.

Peace, Fr. John

Priest Notes: Looking Ahead on the Calendar

Dec 15-16 (Third Sunday of Advent)

- Regular weekend schedule of Masses
- ST: Catholic Order of Foresters Coffee & Rolls

Dec 22-23 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

- Regular weekend schedule of Masses



Dec 24-25 (Christmas Eve – Christmas Day)

- Mon: 4PM (SP), 6PM (ST) ****New Times****
- **Midnight Mass (SJ)**
- Tues: 8AM (SP), 9:30AM (ST)

Sunnybrook Café will be serving a Sunday chicken dinner on Dec 16th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Check E&M Sunnybrook on Facebook.

Pope John Central Catholic offers a 'Thank You' to our local grocery stores for participating in our Grocery Gift Certificate Drive! We continue our support for our communities in 'Shopping Local'

St. Theresa's Catholic Order of Foresters Fundraiser will be hosted with coffee and rolls on Sun Dec 16, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Funds will help pay for the new sound system.

Bible Study Class will resume again on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 10 a.m. If you are interested come and join us for the awesome video presentation by Sharon Doran. Call Elaine for more information at 626-7905 or drop by. Everyone is welcome.

Year-End Giving: Contributions for the fiscal year ending Dec 31, 2017 must be postmarked or received by the parish staff before January 1, 2018 to be included on your statement.

Save the Dates for 2019:

- Jan 27th Pro-Life Dinner at St. John's
- Mar 15th St. John's Parish Fish Fry



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, Caeden Wright, Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel, and Dennis Vandersnick.
St Theresa's: Leo Starman, Ron Thiele, 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

December 9 - \$1192.00
 Holyday - \$140.00
 Retirement Coll - \$115.00
 Vigil Lights - \$212.00

ST. THERESA'S

December 9- \$1107.00
 Holyday - \$433.00
 Retirement Coll. - \$403.00

ST. JOHN'S

December 9 - \$1578.00
 Holy Day - \$260.00
 Retirement Coll. - \$35.00
 Building Fund - \$550.00
 God's Acre - \$600.00

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2018

SP Pledged: \$4,710
85% Goal: \$5,570
 ST Pledged: \$7,460
101% Goal: \$7,357
 SJ Pledged: \$5,000
83% Goal: \$6,045
 Report dated December 7, 2018

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Mon	17	7:30 p.m.	SJ	+Fr. Emmett Meyer
Tue	18	8:30 a.m.	SP	+Fr. Doug Hall
Wed	19	8:30 a.m.	ST	+Ann Halbur & Halbur Families
Thur	20	8:30 a.m.	SP	+Helen Burk
Fri	21	8:30 a.m.	SJ	+Cel Mlnarik
Sat	22	5:30 p.m.	SP	+Lucille Ruther
Sun	23	8:00 a.m.	SP	+Rob & Nolma Knapp
Sun	23	9:30 a.m.	ST	Living Members of SP, ST, SJ
Sun	23	11:00 a.m.	SJ	+Philamae Nephew

Religious Education Notes:

Dec 19th

- SP – Elementary Christmas Party
- 7PM @ ST Religious Ed Advent Program

Parents Mtg (JrH/HS) Jan 2nd 6PM at St. Dominic's Hall in Ewing. Plans for Second Semester, etc.

Safe Environment Training Jan 2nd 7PM at St. Dominic's Hall in Ewing. All adults working with youth must be currently certified. Registration is at <https://omaha.cmgconnect.org>.



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 22 – 5:30 P.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Todd Bollwitt & Aaron Hoke
 Servers: Emma Funk & Danielle Schrunk
 Lector: Candi Hoke
 Gifts: Terry & Connie Kaczor
 EMHC: Aaron Hoke

Sunday, December 23 – 8:00 A.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Ed Nordby & Denis Bergstrom
 Servers: Katie Hawk & Miranda Summers
 Lector: Leanne Tomjack
 Gifts: Mike & Theresa Hawk Family
 EMHC: Carol Rotherham

Sunday, December 23 – 9:30 A.M. – St. Theresa's

Ushers: John Mlnarik & Ted Mlnarik
 Servers: Emily Ahlers & Lynae Koinzan
 Lector: Tim Kester, Sr.
 Gifts: Mark & Jamie Thiele
 EMHC: Jennifer Kester

Sunday, December 23 – 11:00 A.m. – St. John's

Ushers: Paul Dicke & Gary Bartak
 Servers: Charley Mlnarik & Cecelia Mlnarik
 Lector: John Knievel
 Gifts: Jake & Carolyn Schindler
 EMHC: Jeanne Knievel

Monday, December 24 – 4:00 P.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Kevin Schrunk & Aaron Hoke
 Servers: Ashley Koenig & Tiana Thramer
 Lector: Katie Koenig
 Gifts: Aaron & Candi Hoke Family
 EMHC: Bryce Summers & Laura Hawk

Monday, December 24 – 6:00 P.M. – St. Theresa's

Ushers: Aaron Kruger & Kelly Kerkman
 Server: Daley Bearinger & Logan Kester
 Lector: Carol Kester
 Gifts: Steve & Holly Thiele
 EMHC: Koryn Koinzan, Andrew Steskal, Tom Thiele, Francis Hanzlik, Rilla Hanzlik

Tuesday, December 25 – Midnight – St. John's

Ushers: Jim Funk & Dale Funk
 Servers: Gage Thiessen & Lane Bartak
 Lector: Marilyn Sehi
 Gifts: Jason & Jody Schindler Family
 EMHC: John Knievel

Tuesday, December 25 – 8:00 A.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Pete Funk & Mike Thramer
 Servers: Garret Napier & Hudson Napier
 Lector: Karen Funk
 Gifts: LeRoy & Doris Napier
 EMHC: Doris Napier

Tuesday, December 25 – 9:30 A.M. – St. Theresa's

Ushers: Bill Kester & Chris Moser
 Servers: Aislynn Kester & Emily Ahlers
 Lector: Ed Moser
 Gifts: Dwaine & Deb Trease
 EMHC: Kevin Filsinger