

St. Peter de Alcantara
Ewing, Nebraska

St. Theresa of Avila
Clearwater, Nebraska

St. John the Baptist
Rural Clearwater

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Fourth Sunday
of Advent
December 23, 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 4 of Advent is a short one! Between Advent on Sunday and Christmas on Tuesday, we'll see a lot of each other! Even though this season has some craziness and busy-ness, I'm grateful for the ways that we have been preparing for him.

I want to thank all who made the St. Theresa's Advent program come together last Wednesday! We were definitely reminded of the reason for the season!

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.

A reminder that **Tuesday January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation** for Mary, Mother of God. This year, we will have two Masses: Monday evening at 5:30PM at St. Theresa's and 8:30AM at St. Peter's.

As our celebrations take place in our churches and in our homes, I hope that we truly experience the gift of God's love for us. He was born for us. He became man for us. He has chosen and called us.

Remember that Jesus came into our world, not because the world was perfect and not because we were perfect. Jesus came because we needed saving. Sometimes the hard part is accepting Jesus' role in our lives. This Christmas, let's receive Jesus as the gift that He is.

Merry Christmas!

Peace, Fr. John

The Argyle Sweater by Scott Hilburn



Priest Notes: Looking Ahead on the Calendar

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)

Dec 29-30 (Feast of the Holy Family)

- Regular weekend schedule of Masses

Dec 31-Jan 1 (Mary Mother of God – Holy Day)

- Mon: 5:30PM (ST)
- Tues: 8:30AM (SP)

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.

St. Theresa's Parish will be collecting Baby Jesus gifts for the Birthright in Norfolk being the recipient at the Christmas Masses. They are especially in need of diapers, sizes 4 and 5 and baby wipes.

St. Theresa's Catholic Order of Foresters Fundraiser successfully raised \$2200. The Catholic Order of Foresters matches our first \$2000 with a \$1500 grant to the parish!! Thank you for your support!

St. Peter's Christian Mothers are updating their roster. Members, please send your e-mail address to Sarah Keegan at SarahSueKeegan@gmail.com

Save the Dates for 2019:

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

Fr. Kramper's mailing address(es):

Several have asked for Fr. Jim's mailing address. You can reach him at either address:

PO Box 898 Ponca, NE 68770 (Rectory in Ponca)	58664 855 th Rd Newcastle, NE 68757 (Casa de Paz)
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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 16 - \$1266.00

Building Fund - \$100.00

ST. THERESA'S

December 16 - \$1595.00

Retirement Coll. - \$25.00

Adyson's Can - \$54.20

ST. JOHN'S

December 16 - \$813.00

Retirement Coll. - \$100.00

God's Acre - \$1005.00

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2018

SP Pledged: \$4,860

87% Goal: \$5,570

ST Pledged: \$7,760

106% Goal: \$7,357

SJ Pledged: \$5,460

90% Goal: \$6,045

Report dated December 17, 2018

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Mon	24	4:00 p.m.	SP	Living Members of SP, ST, SJ
Mon	24	6:00 p.m.	ST	+Bob Pokorny
Tue	25	Midnight	SJ	+Cindy Bohaboj
Tue	25	8:00 a.m.	SP	+Rita Funk
Tue	25	9:30 a.m.	ST	+Cyril Schrage
Wed	26	8:30 a.m.	ST	+Harold & Lucille Kester
Thur	27	8:30 a.m.	SP	+William Edwards
Fri	28	8:30 a.m.	SJ	+Alfred & Nora Lucas Family
Sat	29	5:30 p.m.	SP	+Frances Funk
Sun	30	8:00 a.m.	SP	+Jerry Rotherham
Sun	30	9:30 a.m.	ST	+Jerome Thiele
Sun	30	11:00 a.m.	SJ	Living Members of SP, ST, SJ

Religious Education Notes:

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>.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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 Koizan, Andrew Steskal,

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

Saturday, December 29 – 5:30 P.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Kevin Koenig & Dan Koenig
 Servers: Jack Barlow & Michal Koenig
 Lector: Tim Larson
 Gifts: Kevin & Gina Koenig Family
 EMHC: Helen Larson

Sunday, December 30 – 8:00 A.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: LeRoy Napier & Denis Bergstrom
 Servers: Elizabeth Nordby & Emily Nordby
 Lector: Ed Nordby
 Gifts: Butch & Carol Rotherham
 EMHC: Leanne Tomjack

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

Ushers: Kevin Rittscher & Francis Hanzlik
 Servers: Dillion Moser & Logan Mueller
 Lector: Travis Rudloff
 Gifts: Luke & Morgan Thiele
 EMHC: Tom Kester

Sunday, December 30 – 11:00 A.M. – St. John's

Ushers: Ron Funk & Gregg Bartak
 Servers: Emily Kurpgeweit & Jaidyn Schindler
 Lector: Angie Tagel
 Gifts: Brent & Jami Schmidt
 EMHC: John Knievel

