

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



Feast of Holy Family
Sunday of Christmas Octave
December 30, 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

PASTOR MESSAGE:

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and continue this Christmas Season as well!

I think, at times, that the title ‘Holy Family’ for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph leaves us thinking that they are unrelatable, quiet, and uneventful. Sometimes it even seems like there’s an impossible standard that we can’t possibly meet or emulate. With this, we can miss the point!

The ‘Holy Family’ didn’t have uneventful lives... fleeing to Egypt as refugees, losing Jesus in the temple, Joseph’s work as a carpenter and the apprenticeship of Jesus. They lived real lives... with the complexities of real families.

We don’t want to miss the truth that God’s plan of salvation for the whole world happened in a family. And while our own families can be less than perfect, sometimes less than holy, sometimes an incredible hodgepodge of functional and dysfunctional traits, our families too are part of our own story of salvation.

As we bring our families to see the Nativity scenes with the Christ child, it can remind us that salvation, grace, forgiveness, and reconciliation happen by God’s work in our lives, families, and communities.

After Christmas, I am gone 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.

I have so many words of thanks to share in this Christmas season! Thank you to all who spent time decorating our churches and preparing for Christmas! Thank you to all who helped in our liturgies with serving, singing, reading, and everything else! Thank you all for the hospitality that was shown to my family when they were in town! Thank you for the generosity of sharing cards, sweets, gifts, and well wishes this season!

Behold the Child, the Son of God! Enjoy these days of Christmastime! Our next adventure will be 2019 together!

Peace, Fr. John

Priest Notes: Looking Ahead on the Calendar

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. **There’s still time to get in God’s Acre!**

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

Vocation Cross for the month of January goes to Butch & Carol Rotherham, Dean & Sandy Schueth of St. Peter’s and John & Jeanne Knievel of St. John’s.

Annual CCPJ Breakfast will be held on Sun January 13 in the St. Boniface Gym from 9AM – Noon. The menu includes pancakes, French toast, sausage, baked eggs and rolls. Free will offering.

Save the Dates for 2019:

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

Fr. Kramer’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, 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 23 - \$1149.00

Building Fund - \$100.00

Christmas - \$3878.00

ST. THERESA'S

December 23 - \$970.00

Retirement Coll. - \$30.00

Christmas - \$4792.00

ST. JOHN'S

December 23 - \$1013.00

Campaign for Human Dev. Coll - \$10.00

God's Acre - \$210.00

Christmas - \$1905.00

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	31	5:30 p.m.	ST	+Omer Hoffman
Tue	1	8:30 a.m.	SP	+Stanley, Liz & Jack Bartak
Wed	2	8:30 a.m.	ST	+Catherine Hemenway
Thur	3	8:30 a.m.	SP	+Frank & Bert Noffke
Fri	4	8:30 a.m.	SJ	+Alfred & Nora Lucas Family
Sat	5	8:30 a.m.	ST	+Goscha Family
Sat	5	5:30 p.m.	SP	+Rita Funk
Sun	6	8:00 a.m.	SP	Living Members of SP, ST, SJ
Sun	6	9:30 a.m.	ST	+Dec. Members of Andrew & Helen Thiele
Sun	6	11:00 a.m.	SJ	+James & Jolyene Koenig

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

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

Ushers: Greg Thramer & Todd Bollwitt
Servers: Ashley Koenig & Tiana Thramer
Lector: Tammy Summers
Gifts: Pat, Beth & Jacque Regan
EMHC: Mike Summers

Sunday, January 6 – 8:00 A.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Ed Nordby & Pete Funk
Servers: Wyatt Napier & Keenan McAllister
Lector: Kathy Arens
Gifts: Ed & Mary Nordby Family
EMHC: Dennis Thoendel

Sunday, January 6 – 9:30 A.M. – St. Theresa's

Ushers: Dick Kester & John Kester
Servers: Emma Kerkman & Lynae Koinzan
Lector: Sonia Rittscher
Gifts: Robert & Marlene Thiessen
EMHC: Tom Thiele, Francis Hanzlik, Rilla Hanzlik, Tom Kester, Dianna Kester

Sunday, January 6 – 11:00 A.M. – St. John's

Ushers: Jason Schindler & Chris Tagel
Servers: Sharon Bartak & Emily Mlnarik
Lector: Cathy Palmer
Gifts: Allen & Kelsi Schueth Family
EMHC: Sonja Bartak

Saturday, January 12 – 5:30 P.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Aaron Hoke & Kevin Schrunk
Servers: Allison Schrunk & Jenna Funk
Lector: Sierra Summers
Gifts: Kevin & Lisa Schrunk Family
EMHC: Helen Larson

Sunday, January 13 – 8:00 A.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Mike Thramer & LeRoy Napier
Servers: Katie Hawk & Miranda Summers
Lector: Leanne Tomjack
Gifts: Gene & LaVonne Sisson
EMHC: Kathy Arens

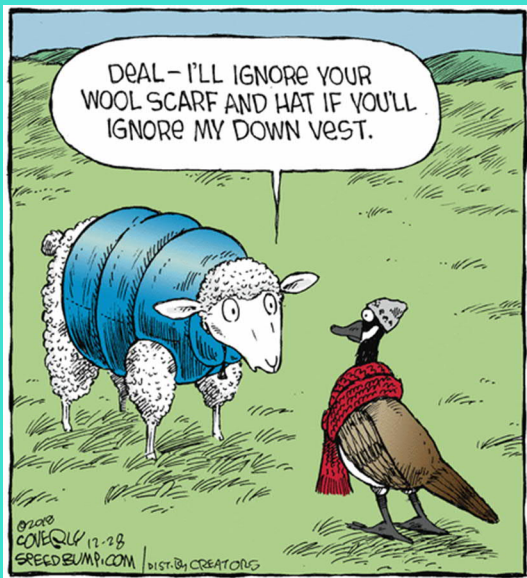
Sunday, January 13 – 9:30 A.M. – St. Theresa's

Ushers: Tom Kester & Tim Kester, Sr.
Servers: Colton Thiele & Joe Ahlers
Lector: Tina Thiele-Blecher
Gifts: Jill Switzer Family
EMHC: John Moser

Sunday, January 13 – 11:00 A.M. – St. John's

Ushers: Brent Schmidt & Josh Mlnarik
Servers: Rachel Dierks & Jaidyn Schindler
Lector: Jami Schmidt
Gifts: Doug & Beth Schueth
EMHC: Janette Kerkman

Speed Bump by Dave Coverly



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