

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

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 28, 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 Sunday is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a gift to the Church, received through Sr. Faustina and made known by Pope St. John Paul II.

Mercy is about being restored to the fullness of who we are. Jesus does that by means of these Easter mysteries! Let us rejoice that He is alive... and we are saved through Him!

Mercy is about redemption. My dad’s family is from upstate New York where there is a 5 cents deposit on cans and bottles. Every time I would go and visit, I would laugh a little when I’d see, at the grocery store or Walmart, these signs saying ‘Redemption Center’... I’d only heard the word redemption in a church setting...

The value and price of what was paid as a deposit was returned at these places. Easter is about redemption for us. This isn’t about how much we think we’re worth... this is about God telling us how much he values us... Divine Mercy is not about ‘earning’ but rather God’s restoring.

It’s not a mistake that St. Thomas, who doubted, is brought to our attention this Sunday in the Gospel. Jesus does not focus on the doubt; he restores and heals the faith of Thomas which had been damaged.

This weekend is about approaching our God... encountering and touching our God... and being forgiven and healed by our God! We become changed by love, and God’s love and mercy redeems us.

This weekend we honor and recognize our high school seniors as they get ready to graduate.

We also welcome representatives of Blest Art, which brings olive wood and religious goods to us from the Holy Land.

Peace, Fr. John

Ride the Bus!! There is still room on the St. Bonaventure Parish (Raeville) chartered bus to the **ArchOmaha Unite event on Saturday, June 8th** at the CHI Health Center Arena in Omaha. **Pickup is possible in Neligh!** To reserve a place on the bus, or for any questions on the itinerary, please call Joan Stuhr at 402-386-5306 or 402-843-0485 as soon as possible. The cost of the bus ride is \$25.00 per person. To find out more about the free Unite event, see <http://unite.archomaha.org>.

Cemetery News: Please pick up or remove any displays around the gravestones at our parish cemeteries. This allows work to be done to get ready for Memorial Day!!

RNW Council of Catholic Women Spring Meeting has been cancelled. We keep all of our communities in prayer as we continue flood recovery efforts.

Priest Notes: Looking Ahead on the Calendar

Apr 27-28 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

- Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
- **HS Senior Recognition at Masses**

May 4-5 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

- Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

May 11-12 (4th Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day)

- Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
- **Fr. John will be at Continuing Ed at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago May 12-18**

May 18-19 (5th Sunday of Easter)

- Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

May 25-26 (6th Sunday of Easter)

- Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

May 30 (Ascension Thurs – Holy Day of Obligation)

- Wed May 29 – 7 PM (ST)
- Thurs May 30 – 6:30 AM (SJ)
- Thurs May 30 – 7 PM (SP)

You are invited to St. Boniface Church, Elgin for **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** on Sunday, April 8, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3:00, the Hour of Mercy – the hour of our Lord’s death. Bring your rosary. Confessions will be heard after the 3:00 p.m. chaplet is prayed, until 4:00 p.m. Through Saint Faustina, Jesus revealed special ways to live out the response to His mercy – two of which are the veneration of the divine Mercy Image with the caption, “Jesus I Trust in You” and praying The Chaplet.

Beginning Pregnancy Center in O’Neill is having a Baby Bottle Fund Raiser from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. Baby Bottle Kit will be handed out Mother’s Day and returned by Father’s Day. Need more information call Sue Burtwistle at 485-2888.

Miranda Summers will receive the 2019 St. Peter’s Christian Mothers Scholarship. Congratulations.

Vocation Cross for the month of May will go to Pete & Karen Funk, Leonard & Joan Hawk from St. Peter’s and Kevin & Ann Kurpgeweit from St. John’s.

Rice Bowls can be brought back to the parishes. There will be boxes in the back of church... Get them in by May 5th!



EXPERIENCE JOY!

It's time to receive joy in a way that will refresh, energize, and inspire you. Join your brothers and sisters from across the Archdiocese of Omaha, and experience a celebration of community and faith at **ArchOmaha Unite - Saturday, June 8, 2019.**

*God has more for you.
Receive more of what's been missing at Unite.*

Register Now! Tickets are free! <http://unite.archomaha.org>

FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

St. Peter's: Elaine Thoendel, 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: Deb Trease, 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

April 21 - \$4075.00
 Votive Lights - \$297.13

ST. THERESA'S

April 21- \$3833.00

ST. JOHN'S

April 21 - \$3837.50
 Building Fund - \$2.00

Archbishop's Annual

Appeal 2018

SP Pledged: \$5,430

98% Goal: \$5,570

ST Pledged: \$7,795

106% Goal: \$7,357

SJ Pledged: \$6,050

100% Goal: \$6,045

Report dated April 1, 2019

Thank You!!

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Mon	29	7:30 p.m.	SJ	+Buss Preusser
Tue	30	8:30 a.m.	SP	+Helen Burk
Wed	1	8:30 a.m.	ST	No Mass
Thur	2	8:30 a.m.	SP	+William Edwards
Fri	3	8:30 a.m.	SJ	+Herman Nordhues
Sat	4	8:30 a.m.	ST	Rev. Wayne W. Schlautman
Sat	4	5:30 p.m.	SP	+John & Lois Slizoski
Sun	5	8:00 a.m.	SP	Living Members of SP, ST, SJ
Sun	5	9:30 a.m.	ST	+Harold & Lucille Kester
Sun	5	11:00 a.m.	SJ	+Floyd Henn & Cindy Bohaboj

Religious Education Notes:

Religious Education is concluded for the 2018-19 School Year. **Thank you to all volunteers and parents who have made this happen!**

Totus Tuus coming July 21-26, 2019!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 4 – 5:30 P.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Greg Thramer & Todd Bollwitt
 Servers: Mason Hoke & Preston Hoke
 Lector: Sierra Summers
 Gifts: Aaron & Candi Hoke Family
 EMHC: Greg Thramer

Sunday, May 5 – 8:00 A.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Ed Nordby & Mike Thramer
 Servers; Garret Napier & Hudson Napier
 Lector: Kathy Arens
 Gifts: Butch & Carol Rotherham
 EMHC: Dennis Thoendel

Sunday, May 5 – 9:30 A.M. – St. Theresa's

Ushers: John Kester & Tom Kester
 Servers: Emma Kerkman & Calissa Kester
 Lector: Deb Schlecht
 Gifts: Kevin & Celine Filsinger
 EMHC: Tom Kester, Diana Kester, John Moser, Teena Moser, Marlene Thiessen

Sunday, May 5 – 11:00 A.M. – St. John's

Ushers: Ron Funk & Gregg Bartak
 Servers: Gage Thiessen & Lane Bartak
 Lector: Angie Tagel
 Gifts: John & Jeanne Knievel
 EMHC: Janette Kerkman

Saturday, May 11 – 5:30 P.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Aaron Hoke & Kevin Schrunk
 Servers: Emma Funk & Danielle Schrunk
 Lector: Pat Ruther
 Gifts: Terry & Connie Kaczor
 EMHC: Helen Larson

Sunday, May 12 – 8:00 A.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Greg Napier & LeRoy Napier
 Servers: Elizabeth Nordby & Emily Nordby
 Lector: Leanne Tomjack
 Gifts: Gene & LaVonne Sisson
 EMHC: Doris Napier

Sunday, May 12 – 9:30 A.M. – St. Theresa's

Ushers: Tim Kester, Jr. & Bill Kester
 Servers: Dillion Moser & Joe Ahlers
 Lector: Tim Kester, Sr.
 Gifts: Steve & Linda Hankla
 EMHC: John Thiele

Sunday, May 12 – 11:00 A.M. – St. John's

Ushers: Jason Schindler & Chris Tagel
 Servers: Emily Kurpgeweit & Rachel Dierks
 Lector: Cathy Palmer
 Gifts: Kevin & Ann Kurpgeweit Family
 EMHC: Marilyn Sehi

Reality Check by Dave Whamond



Speed Bump by Dave Coverly

