

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

3rd Sunday of Easter
May 5, 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:

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we encounter an exchange between Jesus and Peter in which Peter is asked “Do you love me?” three times. In the time leading up to the crucifixion, Peter denied Jesus three times. Now, Peter makes a acknowledges Jesus three times as the one he loves.

Our culture struggles with forgiveness... perhaps each of us may as well. We use words like guilty as labels that identify someone forever. Guilty of a crime in a criminal justice system... guilty of having wronged another individual... guilty of allowing a wrong to happen and take place. It is a known issue that convicted felons can have trouble finding jobs when leaving the criminal justice system. Guilty is probably a decent translation of the ‘tax collectors and sinners’ with whom Jesus ate and drank.

Sometimes we let ourselves become judgmental towards others. Sometimes we find ourselves struggling or unable to forgive. Sometimes we struggle with the fact that others don’t seem to understand why they need our forgiveness. Sometimes people don’t know or understand why we feel wronged or hurt by them.

Labels are easy: guilty, untouchable, unforgiveable, unworthy, cast aside, unreasonable, heartless, uncaring, conniving, manipulative, unfair. Applying a label keeps the person and the experience at arm’s length and then puts it in a box for safe keeping.

Forgiveness is the hard part! We have to re-experience the wrong, re-encounter the person, re-visit an imperfect and sometimes ugly reality. This can lead to true healing. Peter betrayed Jesus by his denial. But since we are an Easter people, the Resurrection brings the possibility of forgiveness. Peter was still given the role of being a leader in the Church, even after his denials. For ourselves, we have to consider whether we label people or experiences to keep hurts and wrongs away in an unresolved way. We can offer and extend forgiveness as well, and we can let this be the freedom and healing that Jesus works in us as well. Peace, Fr. John

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.

OACCW Meeting in Raeville on May 14 @ 10 AM. Our meeting will consist of programs offered by the Spirituality, Service and Leadership committees.

- General Registration 9:30 a.m
- Meeting starting promptly at 10:00 a.m.
- Agenda will include Holy Mass;
- OACCW Convention in Crofton on Sept 16, 2019
- Province Director (report) from OACCW
- OACCW Scholarship Winner

Please come, bring a guest and grow your faith with us. Questions call Linda Kerkman, 402-843-8524 or Lauren Bopp at 402-553-7163

Priest Notes: Looking Ahead on the Calendar

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)

Beginnings Pregnancy Center in O’Neill is having a Baby Bottle Fund Raiser from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. Baby Bottle Kits will be handed out Mother’s Day and returned by Father’s Day. Need more information call Sue Burtwistle at 402-485-2888.

Gratia Retreat for Girls. Incoming 4-6th grade girls are invited to a retreat just for them, to be held this summer at Tintern Retreat Center. It will be held Tuesday, July 9 at 9:00 a.m. until Wednesday, July 10 with presentation at 1:30pm. Girls will learn how to be "full of Grace" with model, Mother Mary. Activities include confession and adoration, Mary crowning, bible study, crafts, skits, and a campfire with s'mores! For questions or application, please contact: Chelsea Preister acpreister@gmail.com 402-270-7250. Cost is \$45. Applications due May 31.

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>.



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 28 - \$1378.00
 Easter - \$95.00
 Building Fund - 60.00

ST. THERESA'S

April 28- \$735.00
 Building - \$5.00

ST. JOHN'S

April 28 - \$665.00
 Easter - \$50.00
 Building Fund - \$20.00
 God's Acre - 50.00

Archbishop's Annual

Appeal 2018

SP Pledged: \$5,570
100% Goal: \$5,570
 ST Pledged: \$7,795
106% Goal: \$7,357
 SJ Pledged: \$6,050
100% Goal: \$6,045

Report dated April 1, 2019

**We Made It!!
 Thank You!!**

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Mon	6	7:30 p.m.	SJ	+Philamae (Hupp) Nephew
Tue	7	8:30 a.m.	SP	+Special Intention (J.S.)
Wed	8	8:30 a.m.	ST	+Omer Hoffman
Thur	9	8:30 a.m.	SP	+Dennis, Chris & Beth Vandersnick
Fri	10	8:30 a.m.	SJ	+Bob Spieker
Sat	11	5:30 p.m.	SP	+Dick & Winnie Cunningham
Sun	12	8:00 a.m.	SP	+Peetz Family
Sun	12	9:30 a.m.	ST	+Delores Hankla
Sun	12	11:00 a.m.	SJ	Living Members of SP, ST, SJ

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!

The Argyle Sweater by Scott Hilburn



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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 Kurgeweit & Rachel Dierks
 Lector: Cathy Palmer
 Gifts: Kevin & Ann Kurgeweit Family
 EMHC: Marilyn Sehi

Saturday, May 18 – 5:30 P.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Greg Thramer & Dan Koenig
 Servers: Jack Barlow & Michael Koenig
 Lector: Kevin Koenig
 Gifts: Pat, Beth & Jacque Regan
 EMHC: Gina Koenig

Sunday, May 19 – 8:00 A.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Ed Nordby & Denis Bergstrom
 Servers: Wyatt Napier & Keenan McAllister
 Lector: Karen Funk
 Gifts: Mike & Cheryl Thramer
 EMHC: Dennis Thoendel

Sunday, May 19 – 9:30 A.M.- St. Theresa's

Ushers: Aaron Kruger & John Mlnarik
 Servers: Logan Mueller & Colton Thiele
 Lector: Carol Kester
 Gifts: Francis & Rilla Hanzlik
 EMHC: Kevin Filsinger

Sunday, May 19 – 11:00 A.M. – St. John's

Ushers: Brent Schmidt & Josh Mlnarik
 Servers: Sharon Bartak & Emily Mlnarik
 Lector: Jami Schmidt
 Gifts: Curtis & Sara Lemburg Family
 EMHC: Elaine Kimes

Reality Check by Dave Whamond

