



PEACE TIMES

Prince of Peace Stewardship Newsletter
Summer 2022

Celebrating Fr. Paul Colling

This summer marks 10 years that Fr. Paul Colling has served as pastor at Prince of Peace, but our parish recently celebrated an even bigger milestone for him. On June 5, 1987, Fr. Paul was ordained to the priesthood at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island by Bishop Lawrence J. McNamara making 2022 his 35th anniversary of service to the Church.



Fr. Paul grew up on a farm in McCook, Nebraska as one of eleven children. After graduating high school, he attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. In 1980, he began teaching fifth grade at Cody Elementary school in North Platte. While he had considered the priesthood earlier in his life, the call became too difficult to resist and in 1982 he entered St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. He served at St. Patrick's in North Platte during the summer of 1984 and received his Clinical Pastoral Education training at Baptist Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. For one semester he studied at the Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio, Texas, and it was there he began his journey to learn Spanish.

Fr. Paul's first assignment was as associate pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. In July of 1992, he became the associate pastor at Holy Spirit in North Platte and one year later, the pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Scottsbluff. For the next few years, Fr. Paul studied the Spanish language via Community College classes as well as studying in Mexico during the summer of 1995. In 1996, in addition to his duties as pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he was appointed Associate Director of the Office of Hispanic Ministry. In July of 2001, Fr. Paul took on 2 parishes as the pastor at St. Mary's in Wood River and Sacred Heart in Shelton, along with his duties in Hispanic Ministry. Two years later he was appointed pastor of St. Ann's in Lexington. After serving the Lexington community for nine years, Fr. Paul took over Fr. Mike McDonald's role of pastor here at Prince of Peace in Kearney.



During his service to the Grand Island diocese, Fr. Paul has also

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This Summer at Prince of Peace...



The DCCW asked parishioners to gather and share their talents with little ones in Haiti. All skill levels including cutting, sewing, and bagging were needed. Ladies of all ages from the parish worked in the social hall on June 8th & 9th to make dresses.

Eighty dresses were cut out, put together, and sewn in those two days and 40 more were sent home with volunteers to finish. This is such a fantastic community building project!



Attendance doubled in 2022 for the 2nd annual Prince of Peace Prairie Project (4P) Summer Science Enrichment Camp! Camp is hosted by the KCHS Science Department and Prince of Peace Church, and sponsored by a grant from Ward Labs and the Ward Family. Kearney Catholic High School science teachers Kathryn Black, Naomi Hastings, and Polla Renken developed and led the program again this year. This summer's theme was water, rivers, lakes, groundwater, and water in the atmosphere.





TOTUS TUUS

Totus Tuus Camp was held at Prince of Peace June 19-24. More than 90 campers, grades 1 through 12 attended. The catechists who served our parish this year were Maddi Sutton, Adam Bauer, Grace Regnier, and our very own Kayla Irwin. Grades 1 through 6 spent their week learning about the luminous mysteries of the rosary. Grades 7-12 listened to talks and testimony from the Team and focused on different ways to pray. All were invited to share in a family potluck on Wednesday night, and Friday wrapped up with its traditional water day of fun in the sun!



This summer, middle and high school youth in our parish were offered several opportunities. Throughout the summer Brunch Bunches were hosted at both Prince of Peace and St. James parishes.

Praise and Worship nights offered other chances for youth to praise the Lord through song, eating, and playing games together while growing in relationship with one another.

A 24-hour Church Challenge kept youth overnight at St. James Church focusing on prayer and reflection. They also had time to play life-size games including Clue, and Hungry, Hungry Hippos.

Teens from the community joined on a pilgrimage to St. Fidelis Basilica in Victoria, KS. They journeyed to nine parishes while enjoying prayer, food, car games, and fellowship.

The summer ended with a Messy Game day hosted at Prince of Peace. Time was spent in the sun with color powder, paint, shaving cream and water games while creating artwork as a reflection of God's masterpiece. This event was well attended and enjoyed by all.





New Office Staff



Helen Albrecht is our new full time Administrative Assistant. A Kearney native, she was raised Catholic and after graduating from Kearney Catholic High School, she attended UNK. During these years, she left the Church and spent the next couple of decades swept away by the New Age movement. Feeling the call of the Holy Spirit, she returned to the Catholic Church bringing along

her husband, Marc, and three kids (Isaac, Elaine, and Benjamin). Her favorite saints are Saint Monica, Saint Mary Magdalene, and Saint Anne. She encourages others to pray for loved ones who are estranged from the Church and to never give up hope. Today she is thrilled to be a revert to Catholicism and to be a part of such a dynamic church at Prince of Peace. She continues to do her best to answer God's calls and one of these was to assist in the church office. Helen comes to us from a nursing director position at an assisted living facility and is a great asset to the parish and staff. Feel free to stop by the front desk and visit with her sometime.



Makayla Irwin is the new Youth/Young Adult Ministry coordinator. She grew up in Gretna, Nebraska. After high school, Makayla took classes at a local community college, transferred to UNK her sophomore year, and graduated in May 2021 with a Bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders.

Through her time spent there, she has strong connections with the UNK Newman Center. Makayla has spent time serving as a Totus Tuus missionary, and has volunteered for Higher Ground, and TEC (Teens encounter Christ) in the Grand Island Diocese, and the Edge and LifeTeen programs here at Prince of Peace. Last school year she worked as a para-educator at Central Elementary, and a teacher at Little Fish Preschool and Star Bright Academy. She looks forward to meeting and growing in community with the parish here at Prince of Peace!



Tiffany Shuda has joined the Prince of Peace office staff as Volunteer and Wedding Coordinator. This new part-time position will focus on supporting current volunteers as well as growing the volunteer program. Couples who are planning their nuptials at Prince of Peace will also receive her guidance as they prepare for their wedding day. Tiffany and her husband, Jason, grew up in Grand Island. After graduating

High School, they attended UNL and were involved in the Newman Center. Tiffany joined the Catholic Church in April of 2010 at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center. Tiffany and Jason spent seven years in Omaha before moving back west, when Jason's career brought them to Kearney in 2017. Prior to joining the Prince of Peace staff, Tiffany volunteered her time as a board member at the Kearney Area Children's Museum. She currently volunteers as a Catechist for Prince of Peace's K-5 Faith Formation. They have five children (Adelyn, 10; Jacob, 8; Kellen, 6; Macy, 4; and Samuel, 2). If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, Tiffany would be glad to help you find a service you will enjoy!



Lydia Mueting began working at Prince of Peace this spring as a part-time Administrative Assistant. She will also spend some of her time in the office working as a finance secretary. Lydia was born in Lincoln and baptized at St. John the Apostle parish by her grandfather who was a permanent deacon. She has been a member of Prince of

Peace since moving to Kearney with her family in 2005. She attended Prince of Peace's faith formation programs from Kindergarten through 12th grade, and is now a catechist in the K-5 program. Lydia attended Kearney High School where she lettered in band and excelled as a section leader for the trumpets. She graduated in May of 2022, and is now attending classes full time at Central Community College studying Business Administration. Lydia has enjoyed getting to know parishioners as they call or visit the office.



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served as the Assistant Vocation Director, Spiritual Director for Cursillo and the Catholics Encounter Christ movement, Dean of the Kearney Deanery, as well as serving the College of Consultors.



On the first weekend of June, Fr. Paul's family joined the parish in celebrating this monumental anniversary with a roast beef dinner after the Saturday evening Mass. He was presented with gifts from the parish of a papal blessing parchment and a 12-month sock subscription to Sock Religious. Each month he will receive a pair of socks that celebrate our Catholic faith by representing a Saint, feast, or liturgical season. Be sure to check out what socks Fr. Paul might be wearing next time you get a chance, and thank him for his service to the Church!

New Members to Prince of Peace

Hospitality is one of the four pillars of Stewardship and so we would like to give a warm welcome to the following families that have joined our parish in the last few months. Please extend a welcoming hand to them when you see them during liturgies and parish activities.



Tim & Laura Moulton
 (Katy, Jessica, Isaac)

Mary Argent

John & Emily Bengtson

Patrick Driver

Makayla Irwin

Tyler & Sadie Kongs

Richard Keith Susan Keith

Corey Hoelck & Morgan Dana

Daniel & Barbara Lynch

Blake & Sheila Prusia

Ty & Morgan Sackett

Andrew & Kate Tellus

Dawn Michelle Tellus

Aleksander & Karolina Wysocki



Kevin & Brittney Kalkowski
 (Brooklyn)



Saint Teresa of Calcutta



Saint Teresa of Calcutta gave us an extraordinary example of Christian discipleship and stewardship by her faith, simplicity and service to women and men without considering their race, religion or nationality. She was born Agnes Bojaxhiu in Albania on August 26, 1910, and at age 18 went to Ireland to join the Sisters of Loreto following what she discerned to be a call to become a missionary.

She was sent to India in 1929, and began her novitiate in Darjeeling near the Himalayan Mountains. Eight years later she made her solemn vows and took the name Teresa after Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the patron saint of missionaries. From there she taught at the Loreto convent school in Calcutta for almost twenty years. Though a dedicated educator, she was increasingly disturbed by the desperate poverty in Calcutta.

On September 10, 1946, Sister Teresa had an extraordinary conversion experience, what she later described as “the call within the call.” While traveling by train from Calcutta to the Loreto convent in Darjeeling she experienced interior visions that led her to the conviction that Christ was calling her to serve “the poorest of the poor.”

In 1948 after a few months of medical training, Sister Teresa ventured out into the slums to tend to the needs of the destitute and starving. Her first year was very difficult. She had no income and had to resort to begging for food and supplies. She experienced loneliness, doubt and the temptation to return to the comfort of convent life. But at the beginning of 1949 she was joined by a group of young women who wished to be a part of her ministry.

In 1950 “Mother” Teresa’s community was formally recognized by the Vatican. Its mission was to care for, in her own words, “the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone.” In 1952, she opened a hospice for the poor. Then she established several leprosy clinics throughout Calcutta, providing medication, bandages and food. In 1955, she created a home for orphans and homeless youth.

The Missionaries of Charity soon began to attract both recruits and charitable donations, and by the 1960s had opened hospices, orphanages and leper homes all over India. Mother Teresa then went global. Her first mission outside of India was in Venezuela in 1965, then in Rome, Tanzania and Austria. During the 1970s the congregation started missions in dozens of countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and the United States. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997, departing a religious community with over 4,000 sisters operating 610 missions in 123 countries and aided by more than one million co-workers. Former U.N. Secretary-General, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, said of Saint Teresa: “She is the United Nations. She is peace in the world.”

Saint Teresa of Calcutta was canonized on September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis. Her feast day is September 5. Her portrait can be found in the mural on the north transept.

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday, 7:30 a.m.
Thursday, 12:05 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

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Faith Formation classes

Now accepting Faith Formation Registration Forms
for the 2022-2023 Year.
Classes begin in September.

K-5 Faith Formation Edge Life Teen

- ◆ **K through 5th grades** 4:00 or 5:30 PM Wednesdays in the parish hall
(beginning September 14th)
- ◆ **EDGE** 7:00 PM Wednesdays in the parish hall
(beginning September 7th)
- ◆ **Life Teen** 7-8:30 PM Sundays in the parish hall
(beginning September 11th)
- ◆ **Confirmation classes** 5-6:30 PM Sundays in the parish hall

Questions about Edge, Life Teen, and Confirmation, contact

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