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Prince of Peace Stewardship Newsletter
Spring 2025

SpringFest...Rebranded

Scheduled for April 6th, there are changes coming to this year's parish festival. The Parish Festival Committee (formerly the SpringFest Committee) has rebranded this event: BBQ & Bazaar. The new menu will include hickory smoked pulled pork, Luke & Jake's baked beans, coleslaw, and desserts. The chairs of this year's committee, Jason and Tiffany Shuda and Jason and Amy Downing, are supported by a small army of volunteers who head the meal preparation and other events at the festival.



This year's festival chairs: Jason & Tiffany Shuda, and Jason & Amy Downing



Last year's Parish Festival Committee

The Bazaar is our largest fellowship event of the year and also our biggest fundraiser, with proceeds benefitting Prince of Peace's youth ministry programs. This event still includes all of your favorites with over \$4,000 in prize drawings, a silent auction, quilt drawing, God's garden, bake sale, kids' game room, Bingo, and wine and whiskey pull.



All are welcome to enjoy these festival standards from 10:30 am until 1:30 pm, with the meal being served between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. The cost of a meal is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, and those 5 and under eat for free.

There are many ways to help support this annual event. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up, as well as help in the kitchen and serving the meal. If you would prefer to help sell meal and drawing tickets, there is a need for that as well.



BBQ and Bazaar Information, cont.

**Prince of Peace Catholic Church
BBQ & Bazaar 2025**

Kearney Catholic High School

Drawing Prizes!

Prize #1: \$1000 donated by Tom and Audrey, Brent & Nicole, &
Ryan & McKensie Downey

Prize #2: \$1000 donated by Wendell & Sally Dubbs

Prize #3: \$1000 donated by Jerry & Tami Hellman

Prize #4: \$1000 donated by Paul & Linda Younes

Prize #5: \$250 and an Ooni Koda Propane Outdoor Pizza Oven donated by
Dr. David & Kimberly Cantral & Mead Lumber –Kearney

Prize # 6: (2) person UNK All Sports Passes for 2025-2026
donated by UNK Athletics and Bill Murphy

Suggested donation for the drawing tickets—\$2 for 1 ticket or \$10 for 6 tickets

Full Size Quilt

By the Prince of Peace Quilters

Connecting Threads - Isaiah 40:8

Quilters: Ann Jeanette Gould, Rita Johnson, June Nelson, Elaine Sluti, Pat Trausch
Machine Quilted by Trish Wheeler

Suggested donation for quilt tickets are \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets



**Volunteer
Signup**



Sharing Your Treasure

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

The collection baskets are not the only way you can financially support our parish. There are three alternatives to remembering to bring your offering every week, and each allow you to choose to which church fund you want to contribute (regular offering, building maintenance, Pillars, monthly diocesan specials, charities, etc.).

Electronic Giving

If you are interested in setting up an automatic withdrawal each month, instead of using envelopes, this method is for you! Electric Fund Transfer (EFT), gives you the option to transfer from your checking or savings account on the 2nd and/or 16th of each month directly to the church account. The church incurs **no bank fees** for this, and after the initial set up, there is nothing more for you to do or remember. If you are interested in this option, simply contact the church office at 308-236-9171.

Zelle

Like electronic giving, this option allows the transfer of donations from your account directly to the church's without the involvement of a third party bank, and **no transaction fees are incurred**. Your financial institution **must be** a Zelle member to access this method. During your transaction, please note the church fund to which you wish to contribute in the comments section. You can use this QR code to enroll.



Abundant Giving

This giving method transfers donations from your bank account or via credit card to the church through a third-party bank which charges fees based upon the type of transaction (bank account or credit card). Credit card fees are higher than bank account fees. Dropdown menus allow you to cover the banking fees and designate where your donation goes. An abundant account can be set up through any of the following:

1. Link on the church website: princeofpeacekearney.com
2. <https://abundant.co/princeofpeacekearney/give>
3. Abundant Giving Mobile App
4. Text POPKearney to 73256

Your offertory plan and commitment will be kept confidential and only used for parish bookkeeping.



Stewardship Committee Hosts Volunteer Appreciation



Stewardship Committee members (left to right): Ty Strawhecker, Bridget Nore, Jason Downing, Jen Pierzina, Fr. Paul Colling (Not pictured: Mike Borowski, Julie Gappa, and Christie Luther)

Celebrating Service

On a summer evening in late May of 2024 the air was filled with gratitude, laughter, and fellowship. Prince of Peace Church and the Stewardship Committee hosted a special adult Volunteer Appreciation Night to honor the many hands that make its ministries thrive. With a unique twist, the church brought the community together over a classic combination of brats and beers, turning the event into a lively celebration of service and faith.

A Night of Fellowship and Gratitude

Volunteers are the backbone of Prince of Peace Church, dedicating their time and talents to various ministries and committees, from outreach programs and children's ministries to music and maintenance. To show appreciation,

the Stewardship Committee organized an evening starting with Mass to honor volunteers followed by good food, refreshing beverages, and heartfelt thanks. The event was the idea of Mike Borowski, Stewardship Committee member, who was eager to find a way to show thanks to the church volunteers. Father Paul mentioned they had done something similar at his previous parish and had great success. With that, the wheels were set in motion and planning commenced.

The meal took place in the church basement set to light spiritual background music and rustic table settings to create an inviting, casual atmosphere. Volunteers and their guests gathered to enjoy a spread of bratwurst, grilled by NebraskaLand Bank employees, with all the fixings, salads, chips, and dessert. NebraskaLand Distributors graciously donated the beverages. Guests could choose from a selection of domestic and locally brewed beers, non-alcoholic options, and classic root beer for those who preferred a sweeter sip.

Recognizing Dedicated Volunteers

During the evening, Father Paul took a moment to address the attendees, expressing heartfelt gratitude for their commitment. "The work of the church is not just done on Sundays; it happens every day through the selfless dedication of our



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THANKING OUR VOLUNTEERS

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volunteers,” he shared. He went on to say, “Tonight, we celebrate you, and the incredible impact you make in our community.”

A Community That Celebrates Together

The decision to serve beer at a church event sparked some discussion, but church leaders emphasized that the focus was on fellowship and responsible enjoyment, emphasizing that our faith is about community, joy, and gratitude. The night was about bringing people together in a way that felt special and celebratory. Remember, monks invented beer.

As the evening wrapped up, guests lingered in conversation, enjoying the company of friends and fellow parishioners. Volunteers left not only with full stomachs but also with full hearts, knowing how much they were appreciated.

Looking Forward

The Volunteer Appreciation Night was more than just an event, it was a testament to the strength and spirit of Prince of Peace Church. As volunteers left, many expressed their excitement for another year of service, knowing that their efforts are valued and celebrated.

Plans are already in the works for the upcoming, “Brats and Beers,” event scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2025. All adult volunteers are asked to save the date on their calendars; more details will be shared in the coming months. It will be an event you won’t want to miss!

For those interested in joining a ministry or volunteering in the future, Prince of Peace welcomes all to share their gifts and be a part of a vibrant, faith-filled community. For more details, please contact the church office at:

(308) 236-9171, or
volunteers@kearneyprinceofpeace.org

Prince of Peace has been serving the Kearney community for nearly 40 years, dedicated to faith, service, and fellowship. Through various ministries, outreach programs, and worship services, the church strives to make a positive impact on all who walk through its doors.

~Jason Downing





Our Parish Continues to Grow!

Hospitality is one of the four pillars of Stewardship and so we extend a warm welcome to the following families who have recently joined our parish. Please extend a welcoming hand to them when you see them during liturgies and parish activities.

Maureen McGowan

Jeff & Mallory Kuskie

Kati Ann Jarvie

Benjamin & Jessica Grossnicklaus

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Weekday Masses:

See bulletin for times

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Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 17th 7:00 pm (Incense)

Good Friday Services

Friday, April 18th 12:05 pm

(Liturgy of the Passion with communion led by Confirmation Students)

6:30 pm

(Liturgy of the Passion with communion)

Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 19th 8:00 pm (Incense)

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20th

6:30 am

8:00 am

10:30 am (Incense)

For more information about any parish events, please call the church office.

308.236.9171