



Prince of Peace Annual Report

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

GRATEFUL. *“There is no greater force against evil in the world than the love of a man and woman in marriage. After the Holy Eucharist, it has a power beyond anything that we can imagine.”*
~Cardinal Raymond Burke

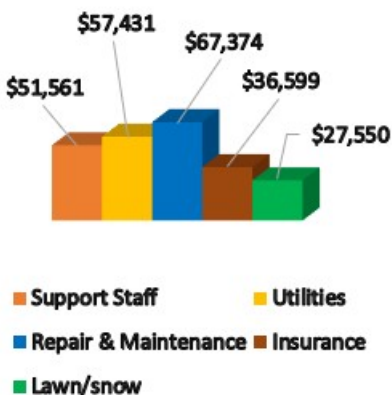
This was a prominent thought in the forefront of our hearts and minds as we prepared for this beautiful sacrament. After saying “yes” to a lifelong partnership, our mission was to find a church that would fulfill the mission that Cardinal Raymond Burke described. From the start, Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Kearney placed all their efforts into ensuring that our sacrament was focused on establishing the key foundation that all marriages require. Coordination of music, readings, liturgy, and preparation by Prince of Peace staff brought such confidence and tranquility for us in the midst of wedding arrangements and reminded us of the true meaning of our marriage vows.

Our wedding day was a surreal experience to say the least. As nervousness arose, we were able to utilize the church for ourselves and family with its space and amenities. When the mass finally began, all anxieties withered away as the focus became solely on each other and our union with Jesus Christ in the beautiful sanctuary of Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

Now, as we live in the Kearney community, we feel so blessed to continue to grow our faith as a married couple at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church through mass, adoration, confession, and beyond. It is easy to say, without a doubt, Prince of Peace has played a crucial role in our marriage and spiritual relationship with Jesus himself.

~ Justin and Makayla Barenberg

Facility Expenses



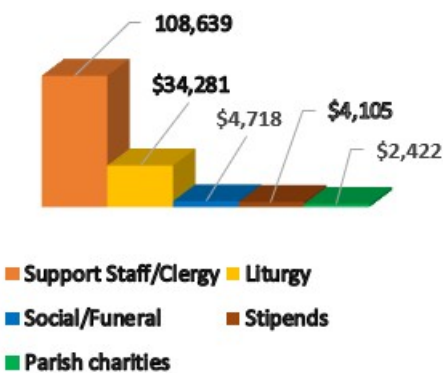
THRIVING. I began attending Prince of Peace about three years ago, soon after meeting my now wife, Jenna. Right away we noticed the liveliness and welcoming atmosphere at the Parish. Jenna and I were married at the church in 2025, and later that year, I decided to attend OCIA classes.

OCIA helped me reflect on my faith and connect with others in the class. On Palm Sunday, I was confirmed and received my First Communion in the Catholic Church. Jenna and I look back on OCIA and the Prince of Peace community as being an important part of our first year of marriage.

We look forward to attending Mass and starting our week with a focus on our faith. The supportive community at Prince of Peace has made our important milestones with the church that much better.

~ Trevor Spath

Liturgy Expenses



TEACHING. *“What is nobler than to rule minds or to mold the character of the young? I consider that he who knows how to form the youthful mind is truly greater than all the painters, sculptors, and all others of that sort.”*

~St. John Chrysostom



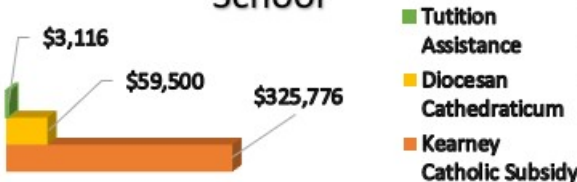
Catholic education remains one of the Church's greatest gifts to our world, and I was blessed to spend the past year serving as the Campus Minister at Kearney Catholic High School. During my time there, I witnessed firsthand how a truly Catholic environment shapes the lives of students. Faith is woven into the fabric of each school day. Students begin and end their days in prayer, pray throughout their classes, bring prayer into athletics and extracurricular activities, and set aside time each year for retreats where they can step away from the busyness of life and encounter the Lord.

Hearts are transformed in the presence of Christ, and one of the greatest blessings of Kearney Catholic is that students are given countless opportunities to encounter Him. With a chapel at the heart of the school, I regularly saw students stop in to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Weekly Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation provided even more opportunities for students to come before the Lord with "unveiled faces" and allow Him to work in their lives.

We are incredibly blessed to have a Catholic school that immerses students in the truth of the Gospel. When our parishes, our school, and our families embrace this shared mission together, we give our young people the greatest gift we can offer: the opportunity to know Jesus Christ and become His faithful disciples.

~John Ostermann

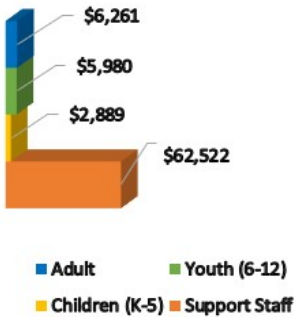
Kearney Catholic High School



SHARING. I like Edge because it's a lot of fun. We get snacks, play games, and hang out with friends, all while learning about the faith. We do so many fun activities, and learn about lots of cool Catholic things about the Saints and Jesus. When the weather's nice, we go outside and have fun. Several of the Edge kids helped with Summer Camp because it was so fun when we were campers. I think you are missing out on a fun opportunity if you are not going to Edge.

~Elaine Albrecht (age 13)

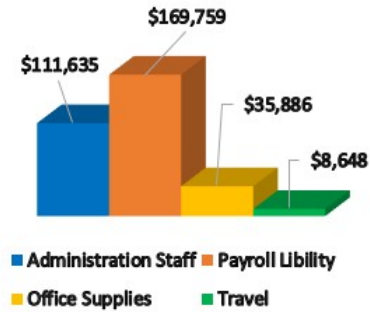
Faith Formation



MINISTERING. How POP staff has helped me: So ready to greet you with a smile-and usually a hug-and they are busy! So they help me in the midst of their schedule! Many times, a word of encouragement comes out of their mouths to me and my day is just better and more blessed.

They schedule Masses-sometimes far out but always it seems like just when I want them. They are so kind and efficient. They have helped me with my cell phone, finding just the right place for some app I can't get into. I so appreciate that! They have asked me to help with some projects or request prayers for their friends and families-all such a beautiful family here at POP. They also are professional in their attire and manners. That's also very welcome. Their joy spreads to all they encounter.

Office Expenses



Things I've seen that are good: Stopping to help someone with their hearing aides. The person didn't know that they were "whistling" but Helen heard and assisted the gentleman in such a great way, keeping his dignity in mind! So Blessed! No one is made to feel they are in the way-cleaning may stop for a bit-with a smile and small chat. So Blessed!

No one expects accolades! They are generous with their time and duties-servants, for sure! Helen has been learning Fr. Kawagga's language! How beautiful is that?! Lydia, young, but very compassionate and a ready help to all who need help. She is very special to me, young and aware of my sorrow at the loss of my daughter. I'm sure she has left others feeling loved! Her mom, too, Mandy is the strong backbone of her family and, working at POP is a silent worker. Her office and Cecilia's are off away from the

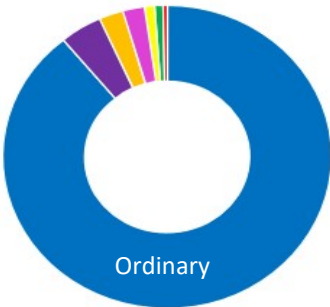
front desk, so we don't often see those two-but they are very present! The other staff need them and their expertise in their positions of Office Manager and Business Manager.

I probably left out someone-they are such quiet servants! They keep POP and our priests in shape!

~Vivian Brown

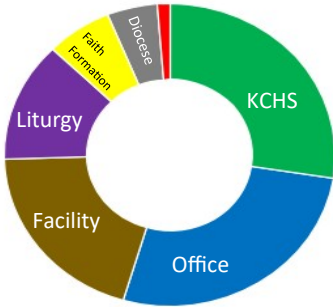
INCOME 2025-2026

- Ordinary: \$1,068,731
- Christmas & Easter: \$49,794
- Building & Maintenance: \$9,962
- BBQ & Bazaar: \$29,702
- Faith Formation: \$12,320
- Mass Stipends: \$4,105
- All Other Income: \$24,882
- Total Income: \$1,199,496



EXPENSES 2025-2026

- Office: \$325,927
- Diocesan Cathedral: \$59,500
- Facility costs: \$240,515
- Kearney Catholic High School: \$328,892
- Faith Formation (K-adult): \$77,652
- Liturgy/Church Events: \$154,165
- Interest: \$13,802
- Total Expenses: \$1,200,453



FISCAL YEAR END LOSS

(\$958.00)

For additional details contact
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PILLARS OF PRINCE OF PEACE:

Mortgage Fund

Total Mortgage: \$900,000 Total Paid: \$490,100
Amount remaining: \$409,900

GENEROUS.

Because of increases in our parish expenses which includes KCHS subsidy, two priests, staff expenses and health insurance, **our collections are falling short of our weekly budget of \$22,500.** Please consider if you are able to increase your donation to Prince of Peace Church.