



PEACE TIMES

Prince of Peace Stewardship Newsletter
Spring 2023



SpringFest 2023

Scheduled for April 23rd, the 2023 SpringFest is fast approaching!

We have two new couples chairing this event: Jason and Tiffany Shuda, and Luke and Mallory Huddleston. Jason and Tiffany have five children ages 2-10 with another one on the way. Luke and Mallory are the parents of three, ages 4-8. If you have the opportunity, please thank them for serving Prince of Peace parish in such a profound way!

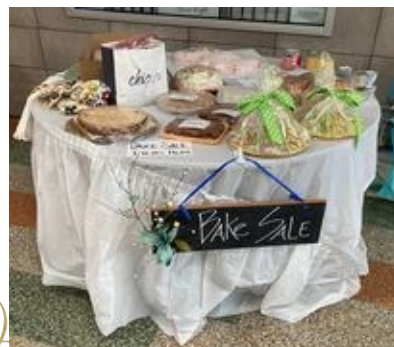


Jason & Tiffany Shuda; Luke & Mallory Huddleston



While SpringFest is our biggest fundraiser each year, more importantly, it is our largest fellowship event! Going to SpringFest for your Sunday noon meal is a great way to spend time with your parish family and meet new people. The traditional meal of smoked pork sliders and baked potatoes accompanied by salads and desserts will be served from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm, but the doors will open at 10:30 am. Meal prices are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12, and children 5 and under eat for free.

Bingo, the game area for children, and cakewalk will be there again this year to entertain young and old. You can also shop the bake sale and God's Garden, and be sure to check out our newest event: a Wine and Whiskey pull.



Quilt and Grand Prize Drawings are always a popular part of SpringFest, and there are more cash prizes this year than ever before!

2023 SpringFest Prize Drawings

\$1,250 cash donated by Jerry & Tami Hellman and First Care Medical

\$1000 cash donated by Paul & Linda Younes & Family

\$1000 cash donated by Tom & Audrey, Brent & Nicole,
Ryan & McKenzie Downey

\$750 cash donated by Dr. David & Julie Weir and Jim & Kathleen McKenzie

\$500 cash donated by Miles & Brenda Marshall
& Luke & Mallory Huddleston

\$250 cash donated by Dr. David & Kimberly Cantral and Anonymous

UNK Sports Pass donated by UNK Athletics and Bill Murphy
(2 all-sports passes for regular season home contests
2023-2024 athletic year *\$300 value)



There are so many different ways you can help support SpringFest. Donations of cash, food, auction items, baked goods and gardening treasures are needed to help make this event a continued success. You can also donate your time and service by helping in the kitchen or dining room with set-up and clean-up. Volunteers for one of the many stations including the bake sale, God's Garden, kids' games, cake walk, and wine pull are also needed. You can sign up for all volunteer roles via Signup Genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/93d74d707a6ceef3-prince1#/> or at the church.

Additionally, signup sheets will be posted at all church entrances in the weeks leading up to our big event.

Meet the 2022-2023 OCIA Class

At this year's Easter Vigil, seven adults received Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic faith. Please give them all a warm welcome if you see them at Mass!



Michael Cook

Michael received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. He was born in Ogallala, Nebraska and is becoming Catholic because he wants to raise his 2 year-old son in the Catholic faith.



Ryan Pennock

Ryan received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Born in Hastings, Nebraska, he is engaged to Duong Thi Thuy Le, who is Catholic and currently lives in Viet Nam.. They plan to be married in the Church once she arrives in the U.S.



Kate Tellus

Recently married at Prince of Peace, Kate received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. She and her husband, Andrew, want to raise their children in the Catholic faith. If you attend Mass on Saturday evenings, you may find Kate singing in the choir.



Michelle Tellus

Born in Superior, Nebraska, Michelle was baptized at Christ the King parish in Detroit, Michigan and received her religious education at St. Agatha's in Redford, Michigan. Michelle received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Ed Mizner received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. He had a religious upbringing and was baptized in the Nazarene Church. He attended Catholic church with a lifelong friend who passed away last year.

JoLynn Wicht was born in Ord, Nebraska and was baptized at the First Christian Church in O'Neill. She has been attending Catholic church since 2013 and her two children were recently baptized at Prince of Peace. She and her husband, Matthew, want to raise their children in the Catholic faith. JoLynn received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.



Gracie Triplett

Born and raised in Kearney, Nebraska, Gracie received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. She has attended Sunday Mass regularly since being invited to church by the Wheeler family.



St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Edith Stein was born in 1891 to a Jewish family living in Breslau, Germany. From a very young age she was intellectually curious and loved to learn. She rejected her family's Jewish piety and even God because her observation was that people acted as though they did not believe in God. She was a brilliant university student and graduated summa cum laude with a doctoral degree in philosophy. She became the assistant to one of the most influential philosophers of the 20th century, Edmund Husserl, who recognized and admired her intellectual gifts.

In 1921, Edith had a conversion experience. At age 30, she began reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila in a friend's library and couldn't put it down. "This is the truth!" she exclaimed. She converted to Catholicism and was baptized on New Year's Day, 1922.

Edith soon became well regarded as a Catholic philosopher and author. She left her university appointment as Husserl's assistant and took a position teaching at a Dominican college for women teachers in Speyer, Germany. While there, she studied the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas and published the first German translation of his treatise *The Truth*. She also lectured widely to Catholic women's groups throughout Europe.

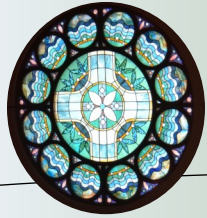
Edith was passionate about her teaching, writing and lectures, but she yearned for a deeper relationship with God. In 1933, she entered religious formation in the Carmelite community at Cologne, Germany and made her final vows on Easter Sunday 1935, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

As the persecution of the Jews in Germany intensified in the late 30s, Sister Teresa Benedicta was taken out of the country. On New Year's Eve 1938, she secretly crossed the border into the Netherlands where she was welcomed by the Carmelite community at Echt. There she would write her final book, *The Science of the Cross*, a study of the spirituality of St. John of the Cross.

The German Army invaded the Netherlands in 1940 and Sister Teresa's situation would again become perilous. She and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic convert, were eventually arrested and transported by cattle train to Auschwitz, where they perished in a gas chamber on August 9, 1942.

In his homily at the time of her canonization in 1998, St. John Paul II said: "St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross says to us all: 'Do not accept anything as the truth if it lacks love. And do not accept anything as love which lacks truth!'"

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Building on Faith: Moving Forward with the Next Phase

Exciting things are happening at our parish! Bishop Hanefeldt enthusiastically approved moving forward with the next building phase for Prince of Peace. In February, Bishop Hanefeldt met with Fr. Paul Colling, members of the Phase II building committee, and a member of the finance council. Knowing that the parish had multiple listening sessions, approval by the parish and finance councils, he was happy to listen to the plans, and commented as the details were explained to him. The plan is to do the following: add on a gathering space and offices on the west side of the church, repurpose the current office space for additional classrooms, and repurpose the north classrooms for a Catholic pre-school (to be run by an outside party). There will also be some changes to parking, and most likely a playground will be in the next phase. We are continuing to raise money for the \$3.6 million project. Two applications for grants are in process. Bishop Hanefeldt, with the consent of the financial committee, has given us permission to continue with a construction loan, if necessary it will be used. Please consider making a pledge or gift if you have not.

Currently, after Mass, people visit in the main body of the church or, weather permitting, outside the west doors. Oftentimes, the weather is not agreeable. When a baptism and inclement weather happen at the same time, it is not possible for parishioners to gather and talk. Studies show that a gathering space and adequate parking increases membership and income.

Having the offices located on the west side of the church will provide easier access to the main body of the church for private prayer, as well as adding much needed security. The main entrance will be monitored by the office staff. Unfortunately, in this day and age, security is of the utmost importance.



A conceptual design of the west side of the church; gathering space and offices



We have more faith formation students than ever before. The space on the lower east side of the church, is no longer able to accommodate this need. The renovated space will provide more room dedicated to religious education for both children and adults.

We are working with RDG architects out of Omaha to plan the design. This is the same group who developed the plans for the church and church grounds we have now. MCL Construction, with an office in Kearney, will assist us in constructing Phase II. Construction began the day after Easter and a Groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 15th.

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.



Jason & Angelique Bruggeman

Matthew & Bobbi Sorensen

John and Renate Stewart

Scott Nannen & Megan Berry

WELCOME!

Travis Holcomb & Taylor Daly

Thomas Janecek

Matthew & JoLynn Wicht

Jacob & Canaan Dreiling

Adam & Kayla Landerfield



Robert & Courtney Larsen

Michael & Alyse Pflanz

Samuel Gustafson & Laura Konz

Christopher & Jeanne Holz

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Return Service Requested

Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

See bulletin for times

Reconciliation:

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

Submit article ideas for the
PeaceTimes newsletter to
mandy@kearneyprinceofpeace.org

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Announcements & Upcoming Events

SpringFest

Sunday, April 23rd
10:30 am—1:30 pm

Dinner served from 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Church Office

During the construction of Phase II, the church office
will temporarily located at:

3519 2nd Avenue
Kearney, NE 68847

(Hellman, Main, Coslor & Kathol, P.C.)
Monday—Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

The office phone number (308-236-9171)
as well as staff email addresses
will remain the same

Pillars: Building on Faith

There will be an upcoming opportunity to be a part
of the Phase II construction. Details will be published in the bulletin and in
the announcements as they become available.