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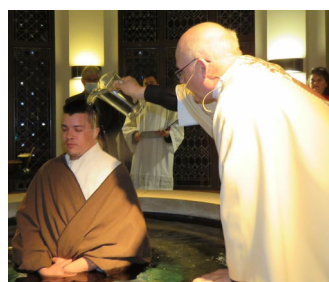
Prince of Peace Stewardship Newsletter
April 2021

Holy Week

One year after an Easter without in-person celebration, our church was alive this Holy Week as parishioners gathered to participate in the Paschal Triduum. For many, this last year may have seemed like an extended Lent. We all gave up a lot; but nothing can compare to separation from the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ in the Eucharist.



In knowing what it is like to go without, hopefully we found more humility in the washing of feet, were more stirred by His passion, and found deeper meaning in the Vigil and Easter Day Masses.



If we take anything away from this past year, may it be that Christ is always the light at the end of every tunnel.



Virtual SpringFest Keeps Traditions Alive

SpringFest 2021 will be a mix of a new “virtual SpringFest,” along with some of the traditional activities that we are familiar with from past years.

SpringFest Meal

This year we will not be able to gather for our traditional smoked pork meal, but everyone can still support SpringFest by donating to the “virtual meal.” Instead of donating a salad or dessert as you may have in the past, this year we ask that you donate the cost of preparing your food item; please consider giving \$10 for each item you would have donated. If you would have purchased meal tickets in the past, would you think about contributing \$8 for each adult and \$5 for each child in your family? Do you love the pork that’s smoked by Gene & Donna Westerbuhr each year? If so, for a suggested donation of \$8 per pound, you can place an order before Tuesday, May 11th. Orders will be ready to go on May 15th between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm and can be picked up in the parish hall. To make it easy to serve, you can also order buns, four to a package, provided by HyVee with a suggested donation of \$1.50 per package. More information about the “virtual meal,” and how to pre-order pork and buns can be found at the bottom of the SpringFest letter that was sent out in March, or on our website: <http://princeofpeacekearney.com/springfest>.



Silent Auction

This year, the silent auction will be held on-line. You can bid on items now by logging into the Adam Marshall Land and Auction website (marshallbid.com), clicking on “LOGIN/REGISTER” in the upper right-hand corner, and following the directions given. New items are continuously being added, so check back often! Bidding closes on Friday May 14th, and items can be picked up in the parish hall after any of the weekend Masses on May 15th and 16th. The auction website can also be accessed through the Auction tab on the SpringFest website.

God’s Garden

God’s Garden has been a part of our SpringFest for several years, and will be again this year, with just a few changes. There will be outdoor plants to purchase on the weekend of May 15th and 16th following all of the weekend Masses. Additionally, garden-themed items are available for bidding on the silent auction. There is still time to contribute to God’s Garden by contacting Sally Slamma at (605) 661-7633 if you have garden items, plants, or flowers to donate! Plants and flowers should be brought to the Prince of Peace parish hall on Friday, May 14th before 5:00 pm, or the morning of May 15th. See the God’s Garden tab on the SpringFest website for more information.

Bake Sale

As in previous years, a bake sale will also be a part of this year’s SpringFest. Plan to stop and shop for your favorite baked goods after any of the Masses on May 15th and 16th! If you are willing to donate baked goods to this part of our fundraiser, please contact Mike or Cathy Labun at: mike-cathy@hotmail.com. Additional details can be found on the Bake Sale tab on the SpringFest website.



Quilt

We will continue our tradition of a separate quilt drawing at the same time as the others. The “Quilt Ladies” (Amanda, Ann Jeannetter, Elaine, June, and Rita) have worked hard again this year to bring you “Check Mate.” This quilt is 70 by 86 inches and has red and black stripes that compliment black and white fabric featuring chess pieces. In addition, there will be a bonus drawing for a magnetic chess board! Photos of both can be seen on our SpringFest website.

Drawings

Drawing will be held after the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass on May 15th, and livestreamed on the parish website. Two packets of prize and quilt drawing tickets were mailed to all registered parish households. If you did not receive tickets, or would like to purchase more, please go do the SpringFest website where tickets can be printed, or contact the church office. The suggested donation for tickets is \$1.00 each or 11 for \$10.00. Thanks to the generosity of our parish members, there are prizes that we think everyone will like.

SpringFest 2021 Drawing Prizes & Donors

\$750 Cash Prize

(Richard & Kathie Hranac, Brad & Brooke Greisen family, 53 Diesel/Jim & Lisa Kennedy)

\$600 Cash Prize

(Town & Country Bank, Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home)

\$400 Cash Prize

(Nore Electric/Jeremy & Bridget Nore, Margie Landon)

\$400 Cash Prize

(Dr. David Cantral, Dr. Thomas Lanspa, Dr. David Weir, Dr. Bill Vosik)

\$300 Cash Prize

(Jim & Kathleen McKenzie)

A Night Out for 2

\$100 cash (Methe Insurance), \$50 Gift Certificate to Whiskey Creek & 2 tickets to Cinema 8

A Night Out for 2

\$100 cash (O'Brien-Straatmaan-Redinger Funeral Home) \$40 Gift Card to Old Chicago, 2 tickets to Golden Ticket Cinema with \$50 (DeAnn Nickel) for concessions

We have so many people to thank for working so hard towards making this another successful SpringFest! In addition to all of the generous parishioners who have donated to the drawings, we need to thank Adam Marshall Auctions for handling the silent auction. Thank you Laura Wardyn for designing our website, and the “Quilt Ladies” for making the quilt. Many thanks to Gene and Donna Westerbuhr for volunteering to smoke the pork again this year, and to HyVee for supplying the buns. We also want to thank all of the committee members who have taken on various areas of this year’s festival. Your help is much appreciated!

Gratefully,
Jim & Lisa Kennedy and Mike & Cathy Laubun
2021 SpringFest Co-Chairs





1ST COMMUNION PREPARATION

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Second Grade Sacraments

The second graders of Prince of Peace, thirty-two in all, recently received the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.



On Saturday, March 6th, students and parents answered the invitation to confession, penance, and silent prayer in the sanctuary. Five area priests assisted Fr. Paul Colling in providing the sacrament of Reconciliation to those in attendance. The Knights of Columbus provided a brunch in the parish hall afterwards.



First Communion candidates gathered in the parish hall on March 21st for a First Communion retreat at which three "stations" further educated them on the sacrament. Michael Christen and Jackson Runge presented the book The Weight of the Mass, emphasizing our Savior's true presence in the Eucharist after which students made their own monstrance. Paul and Mandy Mueting tied the Last Supper to the Eucharist with a short video, discussion and demonstration. Stephen Friesell, Kelan Schumacher, and Miranda Ketteler helped students practice receiving the Eucharist. After a short Brother Francis movie and snack, parents joined their children to assist them in making personalized banners for their First Communion Day.



Sacraments continued...



On Devine Mercy Sunday, all thirty two students made their First Communion and participated in all parts of the 2:00 pm Mass. Thank you to Faith Formation Coordinator Amy Lowe and catechists Emily Brachle, Ahnika Bradley, Greg Christen, and Jill Williams for your time and effort towards leading and preparing the candidates for these blessed sacraments.



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

Raul Gomez & Desirea Hinojos

Whitney Ryan

Adam & Jessica Schapmann

Jon & Lexi Policky

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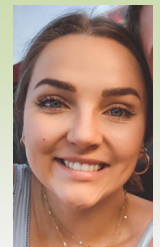
Jeff Dickey & Taylin McNair

Brett & Kylee Barelmann

Erica Wood & Nathan Hudson

Nathaniel Brown

Hailey Lonowski



Meet Our Parish's New Administrative Assistant



Please join the Prince of Peace staff in welcoming Amber Meusch. Amber will be our new full time Administrative Assistant in the office. Born and raised in Kearney, Amber is the daughter of parishioners Roy and Teresa Meusch. She graduated from Kearney Catholic High School in 2018 and holds a certificate in Business Administration from Central Community College. Amber likes traveling the United States and has made trips to California, West Virginia and, most recently, Arizona. She also enjoys tennis and spending time with her almost 2 year-old son, Kyrie. Amber is already proving to be a valued member of the staff and a pleasure to have on our team!

Don't Say Goodbye yet...

DeAnn Nickel has served Prince of Peace for almost twenty-nine years. There are doubtfully few people who know more about our parish history and what it takes to run the church office. While DeAnn will be retiring from her desk as our full time Administrative Assistant, she doesn't plan on leaving Prince of Peace completely. Instead, she will be joining her son Danny Nickel, our outstanding custodian, in keeping our building clean and in working order. We are blessed beyond measure to have DeAnn remain on our staff!



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SpringFest

Smoked Pork pickup May 15th 5pm—7pm
God's Garden, Bake Sale & Auction item pickup
after any Mass May 15th and 16th

Totus Tuus June 13th—June 18th
(Watch bulletin for details)

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