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Prince of Peace Newsletter
December 2020

2020 Confirmation

"Remember, then, that you received a spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear. Keep safe what you received. God the Father sealed you, Christ the Lord strengthened you and sent the Spirit into your hearts as the pledge of what is to come."

~ St. Ambrose



Twenty-three young men and women were recently welcomed into the fullness of their adult faith lives through the holy sacrament of Confirmation. During a year marked by school shutdowns, cancelled proms, and on-line classes, these students were doubly-blessed to receive the Holy Spirit on All Saints' Day, confirming their commitment to their faith and the Church. The Most Reverend Bishop Hanefeldt presided with Fr. Paul Colling concelebrating the Holy Eucharist.





Meet Prince of Peace's New Faith Formation Coordinator



Amy Lowe joined the Prince of Peace staff in August as the Faith Formation Coordinator for grades K-5. She has been a member of our parish since moving to Kearney in 2015. Amy brings with her 17 years of teaching experience, most recently at Lourdes Central Catholic in Nebraska City. As a parishioner of Prince of Peace, she has volunteered as a pew polisher, lector, and catechist. Amy also works part-time with Fr. Neil Hock at the University of Nebraska Kearney Newman Center as the Vocations' Assistant. Seven children, ages 17, 15, 14, 10, 8, 4, and 2, keep Amy and her husband, Brian, busy with various activities including football, mock trial, speech, one-act, choir, and band, to name just a few. Her plans for the Faith Formation program include setting specific goals for students to learn and/or achieve by the end of each school year, coordinating lesson plans so siblings receive compatible teachings to encourage family discussions, and introducing a "Saint of the Week" to our parish youth. Amy has been a wonderful addition to the Prince of Peace staff, and a blessing to our faith formation program.

*Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ,
and spread that light wherever you are.*

~ St. John Paul II

Advent Wreath Activity Creates Family Time and Tradition

New to the Faith Formation program this year was the opportunity to spend time as a family making an Advent Wreath. For a suggested donation of \$15 families were able to work together to craft their very own family tradition to be shared throughout the Advent season. With options to work together in the parish hall while enjoying refreshments after Mass, or taking home supplies to make one at home, families were given the freedom to enjoy this relationship-building addition to the Faith Formation program in the way that best fit their needs.





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Stewardship Spotlight: Building and Grounds Committee

Jeff Waggoner, Dan Schulte, Jim McKenzie, Danny Nickel, Alan Reigenborn, Roy Meusch, Randy Griffiths, Randy Leopold, Diane and Gerry Watley, Wendell Dubbs, Don Wagner and Bill Kunze: this committee keeps our building and grounds together. They are very active and always ready to solve any issue at the lowest cost to the parish. Not only do they donate their time, they often donate services.

A memorial gift was given for a windbreak as well as a donation for a system to irrigate it. The committee went to work and thanks to their creative ideas, hard work, and back breaking but loving effort on the north end of the property, we have Rosey's Grove. If you have a moment, stop and admire the beautiful lilac bushes and conifers.



When it was realized that the original roof on our building would not hold up to the strong winds in this location, this committee spent hours researching roofing materials, and ensuring the best cost-effective solution would be implemented. Because of their efforts, the church's utility bills have plummeted.

When it would have been easier to hire someone to replace the lights in the church, this committee wouldn't hear of it. They rented a hoist and a brave soul was raised to the lights to replace them. Below, a crew moved each pew as they weaved through the church changing bulbs.

There was recently a drainage issue on the south and north sides of the church. Additionally, the parking lot joints needed resealing and the parking lines painted. Not only were these issues resolved in a timely manner, each project was completed through generous anonymous donations.

There are also the regular year-round chores to do. These committee members make sure that the trees have mulch around them in the spring, and prior to COVID-19, they organized spring cleaning around the church. They make sure the trees stay healthy and flowerbeds weeded all year long. I would be surprised if you saw a single weed where the plants grow. As fast as it pokes out of the ground, it is snagged.

With winter coming soon, the snow fence will magically appear courtesy of this committee, and these same people make sure there are Christmas lights on the trees around the church, and will set up the nativity scene by the lower level entrance.

The Building and Grounds committee's assistance is not just limited to our church; not long ago, a tree died in the back yard of the rectory. A member was "Johnny-on-the-spot" cutting it down which then revealed that many of the shrubs had seen better days. A committee couple and another parishioner made redoing the back yard their spring and summer project. The neighbors and I admire this new crisp, clean, and attractive look.

Thank you men and women of the Buildings and Grounds committee!

Although they have worked hard to help keep expenses down, we appreciate your donation to our building fund. This year we have spent a lot on masks and sanitation equipment and products. The boiler has needed more attention than anticipated and become a larger expense than budgeted. Thank you for remembering the Building and Grounds Committee and financially supporting their ministry.

-Fr. Paul Colling

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.

Not Pictured:



Kole Kluver & Samantha Menard * Joseph McHale * Christian Steele & Libby Broadfoot

Anne Uhler

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Francellia Verona Wiles

*

Megan Peter

Kyle, Kayla &
William Peters



How You and Your Family Can Help Support our Community Pantry

Prince of Peace Community Pantry Family Activity Advent Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 	1 Box of Cereal	2 Peanut Butter	3 Stuffing Mix	4 Laundry Soap	5 Macaroni & Cheese
6 Dessert Mix	7 Canned Tomatoes	8 Canned Tuna	9 Toilet Paper	10 Toothpaste	11 Canned Vegetables	12 Dish Soap
13 Canned Beans	14 Box of Crackers	15 Package of Rice	16 Boxed Potatoes	17 Package of Pasta	18 Spaghetti Sauce	19 Snacks
20 Tomato Soup	21 Jelly	22 Canned Fruit	23 Canned Soup	24 Shampoo & Conditioner	25 Merry Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Prince of Peace parish has a very active committee that works diligently to help out those in our community who are in need. Once again this year, Prince of Peace's Catholic Community Pantry invites you to assist them in their efforts by making this "reverse" advent calendar a part of your family advent tradition. During the month of December you are encouraged to collect the above items to donate to this great cause.

The Catholic Community Pantry is supported by your generous donations of money, food, and hygiene supplies and can be donated any time of year. These gifts are distributed to Buffalo County families by parish volunteers on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Qualifying families are able to visit the food pantry once each month and receive help with bills once each year.

The above products are examples of what our pantry uses. Please feel free to substitute any food items. The pantry can use any and all food items. You can choose to bring in the items early or even after the holidays are over. There will be a table set up in the parish hall from December 20th through December 23rd, and after December 28th.



Quarter Notes

Noteworthy parish news and events from the past three months



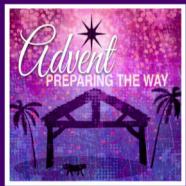
St. Francis of Assisi , patron saint of animals and founder of the Franciscan Order, considered all of nature the mirror of God and called all creatures his “brothers” and “sisters”. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and willingness to minister to lepers. On October 11th, the annual blessing of the animals, in memory of St. Francis, took place at Prince of Peace.



Faith Formation for grades K-12 resumed in September with students returning to Prince of Peace classrooms to learn about and grow in their faith with their peers.



Four Candidates were blessed and presented with a cross during the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming on October 24th during the Saturday Vigil Mass. Pictured are Riley Harris, Spencer Noble, Damien Montgomery, and Jen Cooper.



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St. Rose Philippine Duchesne



Born in Grenoble, France, in 1769, Rose was the daughter of a prominent lawyer. She was educated in a convent school and entered religious life when she was 18 years old. She eventually became a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart, and in 1815, at age 46, was directed to establish a convent in Paris. Sister Rose had heard a call to be a missionary since her youth. She revealed a spiritual experience she had had during a night of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday: "I spent the entire night in the New World...carrying the Blessed Sacrament to all parts of the land...I had all my sacrifices to offer: a mother, sisters, family, my mountain!"

At age 49, Sister Rose responded to the call. In 1818, she was sent to the United States at the request of the bishop of the Louisiana territory who was looking for a congregation of educators. She arrived in New Orleans, and traveled north to St. Louis, then to nearby St. Charles, Missouri. There she established, in a log cabin, the first convent of the Society ever built outside of France. The small community, which included a boarding school for daughters of pioneers, faced many struggles including lack of funds and very cold winters. Sister Rose also had great difficulty learning English. By 1828, however, after much prayer, work and perseverance, Sister Rose had established six schools.

When Sister Rose was 72, a school for children of the Potawatomi tribe was opened at Sugar Creek, Kansas. Though many thought Rose too sick to go, the Jesuit head of the mission insisted: "She must come; she may not be able to do much work, but she will assure success to the mission by praying for us. Her very presence will draw down all manner of heavenly favors on the work." Her long hours of prayer impelled the tribal leaders to name her, "Woman-Who-Prays-Always."

Sister Rose was with the Potawatomi tribe only one year, however, as her health could not sustain the rigors of village life. In July 1842, she returned to St. Charles where she would spend the last ten years of her life. She died on November 18, 1852, at the age of 83. She was canonized in 1988 by Saint John Paul II. Her feast day is November 18.

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

Weekday Masses:

Check weekly bulletin for times

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & SPECIAL MASSES

Immaculate Conception Liturgy	Vigil December 7	6:00 pm
	December 8	7:30am & 6:00 pm
Blue Christmas Service	December 13	4:00 pm
Christmas Eve Liturgies	December 24	4:00; 6:30; and 9:00
Christmas Day Liturgy	December 25	9:00 am
Mary Mother of God Liturgy	Vigil December 31	5:00 pm
	January 1	9:00 am

Reconciliation in December

Reconciliation (3 priests)	Sunday December 20	3:00 –4:00 pm
Wednesdays:	December 16	5:30 pm
	December 23	5:30 pm
Saturdays	December 12	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
	December 19	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm