



PEACE TIMES

Prince of Peace Stewardship Newsletter
Fall 2023

Faith Formation Saint Stroll

The Saints strolled through the parish hall again this year, greeting children of all ages and faith formation students in grades K-5. Older faith formation students and adult volunteers took on the roles of Saints chosen by Faith Formation Coordinator Amy Lowe. Other volunteers took small groups to each “Saint” who then told the students about his or her life. After each talk, Saints gave out “treats” that would serve as a reminder about them. Treats ranging from candy to small Saint statuettes included toy flutes from St. Cecilia (patron Saint of musicians), caramel apple lollipops from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (patron Saint of teachers), and a statuette of Our Lady of Guadalupe from St. Juan Diego.

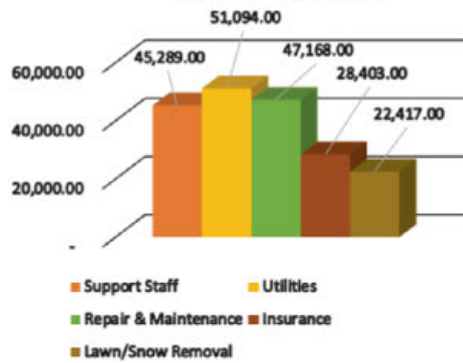




Prince of Peace Annual Report

July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Facility Expenses



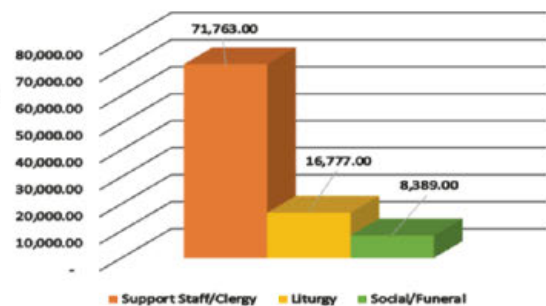
GRATEFUL. "It's because of the generosity of so many people who maintained a church building that my family and I had a church to return to. From the moment we walked into Prince of Peace, it felt like our church home. We absolutely love being in the church as well as being a part of the parish community." Helen stated.

She feels so grateful to all the parishioners at Prince of Peace who kept the church building going for all her years of absence. Helen Albrecht is our full time Administrative Assistant and bulletin editor in the parish office. A Kearney native, she was raised Catholic and after graduating from Kearney Catholic High School, she attended UNK. During these years, she left the Church and spent the next couple of decades swept away by the New Age movement. Feeling the call of the Holy Spirit, she

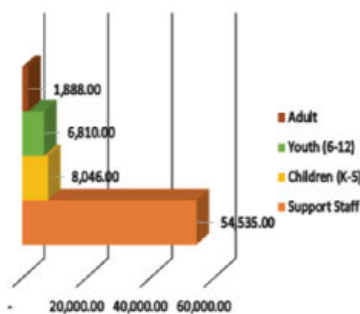
returned to the Catholic Church bringing along her husband, Marc, and three kids (Isaac, Elaine, and Benjamin). Today she is thrilled to be a revert to Catholicism and to be a part of such a dynamic church at Prince of Peace. She continues to do her best to answer God's calls and one of these was to assist in the church office and give back to the parish.

THRIVING. Prince of Peace is a vibrant parish. With 40 new families, 14 marriages and 39 baptisms in 2022-2023, the parish family is growing. This year, 26 children received First Communion, 20 young people were Confirmed in the faith, and 7 adults joined the church through O.C.I.A. Fr. Paul officiated at 13 funerals giving comfort to the grieving. Our parish hosted several social events including brunches, soup dinners, hot dog meals, the Platte River Singers winter concert, the St. John's Boys' Choir, and the annual SpringFest. Liturgy committee organized Blue Christmas and Advent and Lent retreats for the people. Stewardship committee and Faith Formation organized the Fall Kick-off and many parishioners are active in Pro-Life events.

Liturgy Expenses



Faith Formation



SHARING. The Kindergarten through Fifth grade Faith Formation touches all ages of our parish:

"I have learned so much by reading the *YouCat!* It sits next to my bed and I read from it nightly." - mom of a K-5 faith formation student.

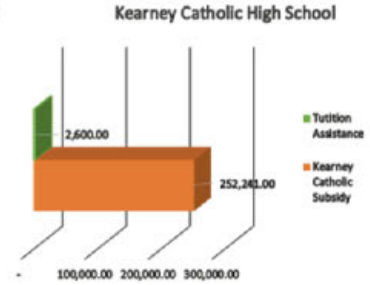
"I absolutely LOVE hearing all the things the boys learned at class as I take them home. Last week, they explained that the top of our church looks like the upside down of a boat and then proceeded to tell me that the word Nave means ship and is the place where everyone gathers to celebrate Mass." - grandmother of students.

"The kids really tricked me with the last trivia question from class, but I will never forget what we celebrate on the Immaculate Conception as we move forward." - dad of a student.

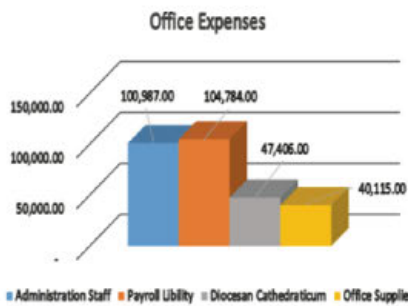
Our grandchild not only learned information about receiving his First Communion, but really fell in LOVE with Jesus and feels, in his soul, a relationship with Him." - grandmother of a student.



TEACHING. Troy and Carrie were apprehensive as they made the move from Hastings to Kearney, in 2021. Clay, their son, was going to start his sophomore year in a new high school. Thankfully, that transition went smoothly! Not only did their son find a great group of friends, but there was also a caring faculty and staff, and Jesus Christ. Clay and all the students at KCHS encounter Christ daily in theology, morning and afternoon prayer, and weekly in Eucharist Adoration and Mass. All of these factors contributed to Clay's decision to become an Eucharistic minister. The Rasmussens are so thankful for the generous support of Prince of Peace Parishioners so the Catholic Church's evangelizing mission can be carried out at KCHS.



MINISTERING. In addition to Helen at the front desk, Prince of Peace is blessed with other full and part-time dedicated staff members who support Fr. Paul in ministering to the parish people. Lydia assists in reception and prepares for Masses each week. Makalya coordinates the Edge, Life Teen, Young adults and Young couples groups. Amy coordinates the Kindergarten—Fifth grade program. Kathy W. ensures that the homebound receive communion, and runs the OCIA program as well as other small group studies. Mandy manages the office, the staff, many parish projects as well as produces PeaceTimes. Cecilia handles the finances of the parish. Tiffany coordinates the ministers schedule, weddings as well as other volunteer activities. Kathy N. makes sure the music at Masses is connected to the readings and sounds beautiful. Danny and DeAnn are the team that keeps the building clean and well maintained. Since there is only one priest and no pastoral nun, Fr. Paul depends greatly on the staff which allows his focus to remain on ministering to the people.



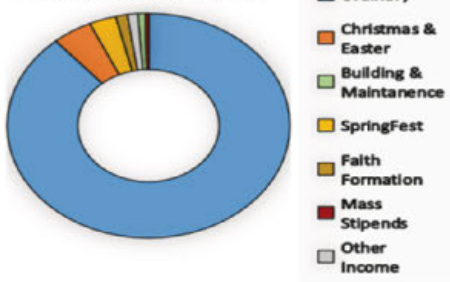
INCOME

- Ordinary: \$843,722.00
- Christmas & Easter: \$43,675.00
- Building & Maintenance: \$8,506.00
- Faith Formation : \$12,304.00
- SpringFest: \$29,630.00
- Mass Stipends: \$3,110.00
- All Other Income: \$11,464.00
- Total Income: \$952,441.00

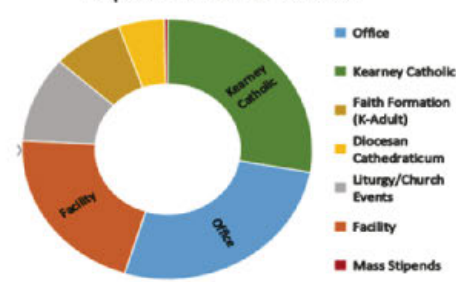
EXPENSES

- Office: \$245,886.00
- Kearney Catholic High School : \$254,712.00
- Faith Formation (K-adult): \$71,279.00
- Diocesan Cathedralicum: \$47,406.00
- Facility costs: \$194,371.00
- Mass Stipends: \$3,110.00
- Liturgy: \$96,929.00
- Total Expenses: \$913,693.00

Income 2022-2023



Expenses 2022-2023



FISCAL YEAR END PROFIT

\$38,717.83

For additional details contact



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Building On Faith

Income: \$784,444.15 Expenses: \$585,496.66
 Total Project Cost: 3.9 million Pledged: 2.8 million



Prince of Peace Church Christmas Wish List

Soft Seating Fund for the Narthex
Television for the Family Room \$500
Bunn Coffee Maker for Family Room \$750

Exterior Security Cameras (4) \$1100 (each)
Doorbell Cameras (3) \$375 (each)
Laptop Computers (2) for Church Media \$1200 (total)

Clear-View Bins for Preschool \$215
A Place for Everyone Carpet for Preschool \$429
Easy-Clean Comfy Couch for Preschool \$798

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.

Norma Borges
Augustine & Laura Clark
Roma Jorgensen
Ty & Halie Groth

Robert & Stephanie Chaney
Mark & Michelle Leeds
Phil & Katie Thomgate
Jerry & Cristina Thompson
Jeremy McCarter & Lena Younes-McCarter

Deven Fritz
Michael & Brianna Kamler
Michael Mueller
Greg & Tracey Welch

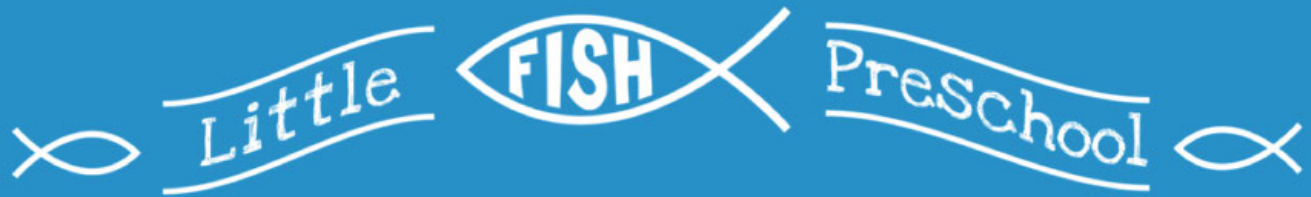


The committed volunteers on Prince of Peace's Charities Committee always ensure that the pantry shelves are never empty. Thanks to their hard work, and your donations, they have never had to turn someone away because there was nothing left to give. Please consider making their Family Activity Advent Calendar part of your family's Christmas tradition, or try to give a little extra for this much needed service in our community!

Prince of Peace Community Pantry Family Activity Advent Calendar

December 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Box of Cereal	2  Peanut Butter
3  Deodorant	4  Laundry Soap	5  Macaroni & Cheese	6  Canned Chicken	7  Bar Soap	8  Canned Tuna	9  Toilet Paper
10  Toothpaste	11  Canned Vegetables	12  Dish Soap	13  Canned Beans	14  Box of Crackers	15  Ramen Noodles	16  Boxed Rice or Potatoes
17  Package of Pasta	18  Spaghetti Sauce	19  Snacks	20  Spaghettios, Ravioli & Chili	21  Jelly	22  Canned Fruit	23  Canned Soup
24  Shampoo & Conditioner	25  Blessed Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31	<p>The above are examples of the pantry's current needs. Please feel free to make substitutions. The pantry can use all food items and would like you to do this as an Advent activity. Boxes can be brought to the church. There will be a table set up in the parish hall from December 18th–December 22nd, and after December 26th. If you prefer not to participate in the Advent Calendar, monetary donations are welcome.</p>					

**We are excited to announce the opening of
Little Fish Preschool North at Prince of Peace Church!
Opening Fall of 2024
More details to come.
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Weekday Masses:
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Reconciliation:
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Advent Events

Blue Christmas Dec. 10th at 3:00 pm
Advent Retreat Dec. 16th 9:00-12:00 Parish Hall
Reconciliation Service Dec. 17th 6:00 pm (Prince of Peace)

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23rd 4:00 pm; 6:00 pm
December 24th 9:00 am

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 4:00 pm; 6:30 pm; 9:00 pm
Christmas Day 9:00 am

Solemnity of Mary

December 31st 5:00 pm
January 1st 9:00 am