



PEACE TIMES

Prince of Peace Stewardship Newsletter
Summer 2023

Evening of Mass & Merriment at Harmon Park

Prince of Peace parishioners recently enjoyed an evening of worship, food, games, fun, and fellowship. The event was planned and coordinated by Amy Lowe (K-5 Faith Formation Coordinator) and Makayla Irwin (6-12 Youth Ministry Coordinator).



Families gathered for Mass celebrated by Fr. Paul Colling at the Harmon Park Sonatorium at 4:00 pm on August 20th. Music ministry volunteers and other lay ministers helped bring the celebration of the Eucharist to the outdoor venue.



Immediately following, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs were provided by NebraskaLand Bank. Attendees brought their favorite side dishes and desserts to share and complete the meal.

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Building on Faith Progress

With the lower level renovation nearly complete, construction on the upper west side has moved into high gear.



On August 15th, just prior to the Feast of the Assumption Mass, parishioners gathered on the west side of the building and joined in becoming a permanent part of the new addition. The church provided rocks on which families were encouraged to write a message. Some wrote Bible verses and prayers, and others their names. Fr. Paul blessed those in attendance and the rocks were placed in the foundation where the gathering space and offices will be.

Early on the morning of August 16th, a crane arrived just ahead of the first two precast walls. In all, eight panels were erected that and installation continued over the next two weeks.



Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



Day 4



Day 5 - Precast with inscription of Isaiah 9:6



Progress as of August 28th

If you have not yet made a pledge or donation to this project, please consider doing so.



Family Fun Night Cont.

Church committees set up stations around the park, each with their own “minute to win it” game. Those in attendance were also able to learn about the various church committees and how they serve our parish. Participants received a card to be signed at each station that could be turned in for a treat after completion.



Members of Parish Council



Many thanks to Amy Lowe and Makayla Irwin for the planning and coordination of this special event!



Members of the Stewardship Committee



Bouncy houses were on site for the enjoyment of the younger kids along with a prize cube that awarded coupons for ice cream, donuts, and more. Older youth and adults enjoyed matches of 9 Square in the Air. This game, new to Prince of Peace Faith Formation, was made possible by the donations of Bill and Melissa Murphy (materials), and Joe and Susan Wheeler (labor).

Despite the heat, turnout for this event suggests it’s likely to become an annual parish celebration!



Choir Visits, Performs Concert at Prince of Peace



The St. John's Boys' Concert Choir visited Prince of Peace this June. The choir, made up of about 30 boys, grades 3-9, attended and sang during the 5:00 pm Mass on the 17th. They put on a concert in the church that evening at 7:30.

Br. Paul Richards and the Saint John's monastic community founded the choir in 1981 and it has grown to include four choral ensembles: Training Choir (grades 3-5), Junior Varsity Choir (grades 4-6), Varsity Choir (grades 6-8), and Nova Voce (grades 7-9). (The Nova Voce is an ensemble dedicated to developing and celebrating a boy's changing voice.) These groups perform more than 50 engagements each year.

Choir members represent home, public, and private schools from more than fifteen communities around Central Minnesota. Their music includes sacred motets, classical masterpieces, folk music from around the world, and contemporary theatrical and popular selections. Concert sites include local schools, churches, civic organizations, private businesses, and concert halls around the world.

The group's travels have taken them to churches and concert stages in North and Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, and Asia. They have hosted international choir festivals, bringing more than 2,500 singers from around the world to the Saint John's campus. They have shared their sacred music in some of the world's most famous churches – Notre Dame in Paris, Sagrada Família in Barcelona, and Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin to name a few. They have graced the stage of Dvořák Hall in Prague and entertained dignitaries in Italy and Ireland.

Here in the United States, they have accepted prestigious invitations to perform at state and regional conferences of the American Choral Directors' Association, twice at the Oregon Bach Festival, and made their Carnegie Hall debut in 2019. They have appeared on the nationally broadcast A Prairie Home Companion and can be heard on any of several independently-released CDs, as well as on recordings by Saint John's Abbey, Amy Grant, and the Grammy-nominated album *Ghosts Upon the Earth* by Gungor.





God Will Not Be Outdone in Generosity



**Ben Brachle,
president of the
Pastoral Parish
Council, gave a talk on
stewardship at all
Masses on the weekend
of Aug. 12 & 13.
Here it is:**

My name is Ben Brachle and I am a parishioner here at Prince of Peace. Father Paul asked me to give a quick talk about my experience with stewardship. Shortly after moving here 9 years ago, my wife Emily and I became members of Prince of Peace. We have 5 children, Luke, Gabe, Drew, Clare, and Elouise. We were involved in our parish in Fremont before we moved, and we looked to become active at Prince of Peace when we arrived. Emily was looking for a bible study group and some members of our parish quickly welcomed her. I was involved with a men's

group before we moved so naturally, I quickly found the Watchmen. We loved, and still love, coming to Mass on Sunday mornings, participating in faith formation and other parish groups and our children have thrived in this parish. Thanks to many of you sitting in the pews today, our parish life was good, and we were getting a lot out of it.

Then one day our parish was looking for a faith formation teacher and Emily was asked to teach it. We talked about it. We were very busy, and it was scary to make the commitment. I remember thinking it just didn't feel like a good time to say yes. I was working full-time at UNK, and then working on my Doctoral Degree at night and on weekends. Our older kids were very active in school activities and sports and our little kiddos were, well, little and needed a lot of attention. But God was working on our hearts, and we ended up saying yes and Emily began to teach.

Just a short time later, Paul Liebig asked me to lead our table at Watchmen as his health began to deteriorate. Those of you who knew Paul understand just how hard it was to say no to him. I reluctantly said yes, but it should have been an easy yes. I mean, at that point I had been teaching for almost 15 years so how hard could it be to lead a group of guys in discussion every Thursday morning? But I was doubtful I could lead the table like Paul could. But I said yes, and the fellowship I have gained from that group is something I am so incredibly grateful for.

As we began to say yes to helping with more things, our experience here at Prince of Peace expanded, and what we got out of our parish life grew. Instead of being comfortable with just receiving, God started to work on us to look for ways to give. Emily started volunteering as a Eucharistic Minister and I started to help with the sound at Masses. I agreed to put my name in the hat for the Parish Council thinking it would never get drawn, so naturally I just completed the second year of my 3-year term. We gave to our new parish building project while still tithing every month. We help with other committees and events where and when we can. And through my stewardship experience, I have learned a few things I would like to leave with you.

First, God will not be outdone in generosity. The more Emily and I commit, the more we get out of our experience. One example is the day Emily said yes to teaching faith formation was the moment that started her down the path to going back to school and getting her teaching degree. She just started her first semester teaching at Kearney High this last week!

Second, saying yes has given Emily and I a lot of enjoyment. The people we have met and the fellowship we have experienced have brought great joy to our lives.

And lastly, if you wait for the timing to be perfect to give back, you will never give back. Many of us are very busy! Life gets messy and commitment can be scary. But if we focus on why we can't give back, we will miss out on the tremendous joy that sharing our time and talent brings.

So, I would encourage you all to share or continue sharing your gifts with our parish. That is the heart of stewardship, sharing your gifts talents with others. The next time you are presented with an opportunity to give your time, talents, and treasure, please prayerfully consider it and know that if you do, God will not be outdone in generosity. Thank you for your time.



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.

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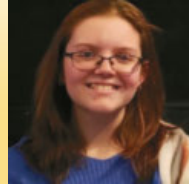
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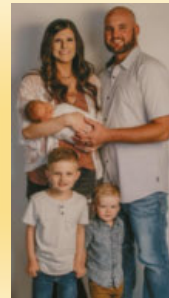
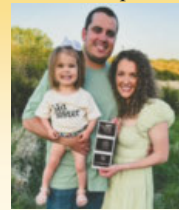
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Edge (Grades 6-8) Wednesdays 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

LifeTeen (Grades 9-12) Sundays 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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