

# Jesus Christ,

## Prince of Peace Catholic Church

### Advent/Christmas, 2018 Parish Newsletter

*As the people of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, our MISSION is to CELEBRATE OUR FAITH, LIVE OUR FAITH, and PASS OUR FAITH ON TO OTHERS*

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When it comes to Christmas, you can't beat the excitement and joy of children.

Granted, their focus is often on Santa and gifts, but their sense of wonder and amazement is certainly something to behold.

As adults, hopefully, we might have a similar sense of amazement as we consider the great gift of Jesus, who came into this world as a baby, and who desires to be one with us in a deeply personal relationship.

It's not a coincidence that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a word which means "City of Bread." And he was laid in a manger, a feeding trough for animals. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is the Bread of Life, who feeds us with the gift of himself in Holy Communion--a gift far more amazing than anything we can ever begin to imagine or comprehend.

I pray that this Christmas and every Sunday thereafter, we might come to Mass with "Christmas excitement" as we experience Jesus in Holy Communion, the gift which fills us with joy and the assurance of his great love for each and every one of us.

Sincerely in Him, the Prince of Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Father Ken". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Father Ken Kuntz, Pastor

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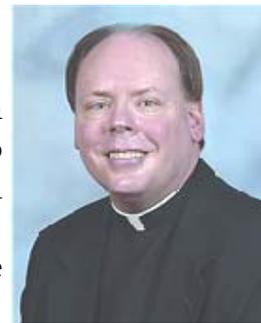
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## From the desk of Fr. John Stack...



When the season of advent arrives, it gives me great joy, as I begin another Church year. Especially knowing that once again the Lord asks us to pause and take time to pray. The Lord knows what I need before I ask. I wish I had that quality when shopping for everyone on my list. Perhaps I do – prayer links me to that inexhaustible power that made the universe! I believe each day of advent opens the door of my heart to appreciate those on my journey of faith. Because they have sustained, supported, complimented and corrected me, I am becoming more of what God intends. As a priest I feel compelled to return that grace to all.

I recommend at advent simply placing the person who needs you the most, each day, in your heart in prayer. Ask God to reveal what their inner light longs to see. As the days shorten, darkness extends its grasp and people get busy and hurried. Rather than giving in to the negatives be a bright light and share the light in your heart. You may be surprised with the inspirational graces God bestows both on you and the person for whom you are praying. Remember also the advent devil – the temptation to let schedules and commitments make you so busy there is no joy in all the racing around to do one last thing. You need only one thing to keep God at the center, to talk to him often, and to appreciate all you have.

Lastly these four weeks tend to rush by. Change your perception from time is short to God and I can do anything together. Remember when we were kids, counting the days, it seemed getting to Christmas vacation was slow as a snail. Then awaiting the day to open presents just took forever. Perhaps, in those days, it was because we were all about receiving and didn't have to worry about making any of it happen, we just enjoyed it. Imagine that God has been doing the same thing with you as an adult – except this time you're too busy to notice His coming? Change that!



### Marriage Encounter

Shopping for your spouse? One of the most difficult things is to find a truly expressive gift that acknowledges everything a marriage means. The support, forgiveness, strength and happiness of your hearts fondest desire! To be able to share your life with one who treasures your soul.

We, at Prince of Peace would like to recommend you consider giving the gift of Marriage Encounter! On February 01, 02, 03 (just before Valentine's Day) we are offering a beautiful opportunity to invest in the heart of your spouse. It is a priceless gift of renewal and deepening of your commitment made that day you spoke and heard the words ...

*"To have and to hold from this day forward"*

Applications can be picked up in the parish office.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest members to Prince of Peace Parish. Please make a personal effort to greet them and make them feel welcome into their new Parish home.

(Added since the Lent/Easter 2018 edition newsletter)

Matthew & Emily Clark	Zachary & Elizabeth Johnson	James & Juanita Crawford	Jared Voss
Arthur Frett	Charles Ross	Sofia Ortega	Shannon Shovlain
Steven & Julie Clark	Lois Knutson	Nick Raab	James & Maria Soesbe
Jacquelyn Kokjohn	Sean Mulholland	Theresa Cody	Paola McLaughlin
Christina Kokjohn	Emily Strait	Paige McDonnell	Cynthia Calvillo
Carrie Rupp	Eugene & Barbara Isaman	Jason & Amy Craft	Nathan Trahan
Erin Hosette	Riley Bly	Roger & Shirley Holland	Peggy Petersen

## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE, LOVE, AND NEW LIFE

(Since the Lent/Easter 2018 edition of the newsletter)

### BAPTISMS

Maverick Mulholland	Dylan Aude	Stella Tyler	Kobe Crawford
Beatrix Guilliams	Erin Wilson	Elizabeth Yahn	Kambrie Crawford
Laura Delaney	Layla Weis	Tyler Crane	McKenzie Crawford
Delaney Stiles	Dylan Aude	Aaliyah Molina	Kainen Crawford
Blake George	Erin Wilson	Sheryl Villa	James Crawford
Brianna Wilden	Layla Weis	Marco Alvarez	Vienna Vidal
Camila Cuatlacuatl	Sebastián Hedström	Emma Behr	Nora Kenney

### WEDDINGS

Michael Wilson & Erin Schroeder	Scott Maddasion & Morgan McAleer
Adam Mangan & Kaitlin Lemke	Larry Villa & Sheryl Enwright
Stephen Rogis & Michelle McDonough	Derek Parker & Marycris Villanueva
Casey Abernathy & Brianna Tegeler	Zachary Johnson & Elizabeth Chisholm
Travis Rue & Jordan Isham	Carson Struve & Emily Strait
Matt Clark & Emily Schuetzle	Daniel Nelson & Sarah Graf
David Frantz & Barb Janis	Michael Marcellus & Marlaina Voss
	James Crawford & Juanita Crawford

### FUNERALS

Edward Pladna	Arthur Laufenberg	John Dunmore	Mary Carlsen
Gene Empson	Marilyn Canaday	Bruce Thompson	Irene Wyrwal
Isabelle Ray	James Winger	JoAnne Neubert	Connie Andersen
Mary Grace Pape	Tara Peterson	Dennis Johnson	Mike Brisch
Debra Johnson	Mike Vicks	Marlene Cleppe	Earl Johannsen
Dorance Cox	Lorraine Husmann	Kathryn Honeywell	Joshua Shaw
Ron Dixon	Cyril Eckelberg	James Gruntorad	David Cavanaugh
Genevieve Oveson	Wally Alm	Eric Wilden	Darrell Gruntorad
John Staszewski	Charles McDonnell	Michele Guidebeck	Tim Judge
Greg Mussmann	William Lackermann	Judy Chamberlain	Mike Bukta
Tom Hopkins	Harold Wilkinson	Jeanne Wilden	Stephenie Orte
Nery Jimenez	Barbara McDermott	Fred Weideman	Loran Burken
Anne Hill	June Kross	Shirley Vicks	Robert Grell

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

## JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR! (3rd grade through high school)

Youth voices are needed for our Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 PM. Rehearsal times will be shared with those who sign up. A scheduled rehearsal with pageant children will be Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM at the church. The Choir will sing before Mass on Christmas Eve. They will need to be at the church by 4:00 PM. Children may choose to be part of both the choir and the pageant. If you have any questions, call Marla Schultz at 563-219-3322.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Children of the Parish in grades kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to participate in the Christmas pageant during the 5:00 PM Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Practice times and dates include: Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>; at 6:00 PM, and Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:00 PM. All practices will take place at the Church. On December 24<sup>th</sup>, the children need to be at the church by 4:30 PM. Costumes for the pageant will be provided. Sign up at the Liturgy Table in the Gathering Area this weekend. If you have questions, contact Brenda Bertram at 242-3311.

## YOUTH HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES

Give your loved one a special gift to help defray the cost from them to attend any of the parish youth Conference offered in the coming year. Registrations and deposit are needed now for most of the summer Conferences and camps as well as NCYC 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Gift certificates will be available in any dollar amount to be given as a gift this Christmas. Here are the conferences offered at this time:

One Bread, One Cup  
Steubenville, Rochester, MN  
Steubenville, St. Paul, MN

NCYC 2019  
Notre Dame Vision

Catholics in Action  
(Middle School)

# PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



## The Bishop's Mass

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, our parish school had an all-school Mass concelebrated by Bishop Zinkula, Fr. Ken and Fr. Stack. Bishop Zinkula spent time with the students, both before and after Mass.

# GO IRISH!

## Central Catholic Auditorium is Now the Joe O'Donnell Sports Center

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, a dedication took place during the Prince of Peace vs Alburnette evening of basketball. The dedication makes it official that the name of our school gym is Joe O'Donnell Sports Center and the building has a new sign to mark that. The dedication also acknowledged and celebrated the support and accomplishments of a six-year long renovation project. Over the years, the bleachers have been replaced, the roof has been replaced, the boiler pipes were upgraded, and the floor has been resurfaced. There have also been smaller projects completed by our parent volunteers. Our gym is looking better than ever, thank you to all who have helped!



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## Guardian Angel Club

After all of the scholarships have been awarded and all of the financial aid disbursed, there are still some families that need help with their tuition payments. The **Guardian Angel Club** is a group of generous individuals who either donate a lump sum or make monthly payments to help a family keep their children in Catholic School. School administration will assign your monthly donation to a struggling family's tuition payment, thus lowering the tuition payment. A lump sum donation will be used the same way – distributed monthly to lower a family's tuition payment. Katie Isenhour, POPCP 2011, has chosen to become a Guardian Angel to a family who find it hard to make tuition payments. When asked why she chose this program, Katie responded, "So many of my memories are here. This place made me who I am and I want to give a child the same opportunity to attend PoP that I had. This school was my safe place. When things happened in my life, this is where a lot of my support came from." If interested in a monthly donation, we encourage Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). We already have several Guardian Angel Club members. If you would like to learn more or become a member of the Guardian Angel Club, please contact: Karen Witt, Development Director



Our Grandparent Lunch for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades took place on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Our students so excited to show off their school to their grandparents.

Fr. Stack dropped in to visit at school and the sophomore class brought snacks so they could have "Snacks with Stack".



# FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

## NEW FACES ON PARISH STAFF

We welcome Angie Ahlberg who replaced Jeanne Swamberger who retired as secretary; Andrea Kleinschmidt who replaces Connie Anderson as music coordinator; and Ed Droste who replaces Eric Wilden as custodian. We are grateful to Jeanne, Connie and Eric for their many years of Parish service.

*Lord, grant Connie and Eric your Eternal Peace.*

## ANNUAL STEWARSHIP RENEWAL

This year we again had a tremendous response of Parish families renewing their commitments of time, talent and treasure for the coming year. Over 400 households returned Commitment Cards representing well over 2,251 commitments toward serving in ministries within and beyond our Parish. Each act of stewardship is a faith expression of love for God and our neighbor. Thank you for your responses!

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Goal \$102,814	Pledged \$99,252	Responses from 379 donors
96.5% of Goal	Paid \$ 67,410	

Thank You!

## NEW PARISH HALL CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Funds Pledged: \$1,884,075	Funds Paid: \$1,841,224	97.7% Paid!
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Thank you to those who supported, and continue to support, New Hall payments!

New Hall Mortgage balance: \$ 389,455/Monthly minimum payments: \$2,570

Thank you to the Parish Auxiliary for their recent \$20,000 gift to the Parish Hall! This represents years of serving funeral luncheons, bake sales and dinners. Thank you to all who kindly support our Parish Auxiliary!

The Book of Benefactors in the church Gathering Area display case was recently updated with names of New Hall donors by calligrapher and artist Bill Hannan. The Book was created by Bill to honor benefactors who have supported Prince of Peace Parish with Legacy Gifts (through a will or planned estate gift), New Church Building Peace I & II Campaigns, new Church Furnishings, and now the New Hall campaign. Thank you to all who have financially supported Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace over the years since the Parish formed on July 1, 1990.

## EXTRAORDINARY GIFT

Thank you to those who supported Fr. Francis and the Diocese of Warangal, India for their mission support which totaled \$14,658.39! God bless you!

## YEAR-END GIFTS

Now is a great time to consider a year-end financial gift to our Parish. Gifts of stock, grains, and cash can create specific tax advantages. Please be mindful that donations must be received (or postmarked if mailed) by **December 31st** in order to be recorded in 2018.

## RECENT CHARITY GIFTS

Due to your monthly Blue Bucket collection support, our Parish recently distributed \$2,500 to RSVP/ Holiday Network, \$1,500 to Information & Referral Services; \$250 YWCA emergency housing; and \$250 to Operation Christmas Child. Thank you also for your support of the Sharing Tree and Sock & Underwear Drives for those in need! Thank you to Don & D.J. Burken for cultivating, planting and harvesting the corn crop again this year, which generated \$2,021 for the Food Resource Bank (FRB) project!

## BUILDING & GROUNDS SUPPORT

Thanks to your financial support, we recently replaced 13 theatre spot lights in the church with new LED lights and made improvements to the church canopy entrance.

A special thanks to Dr. Katherine Atkinson and Prince of Peace students who continue to work to eradicate invasive Phragmites plants in our church waterways.

And a BIG thank you to our Landscape Committee who worked weekly and tirelessly throughout the year to keep our church property looking so beautiful! Thank you to all who helped, and to Pat Lyons for keeping our grass mowed when needed!

## NEW WEBSITE

Check out [www.jcpop.org](http://www.jcpop.org) and let us know what you think!

### **Parish Operating Budget \*** **(July 1, 2018 - October 31, 2018)**

<u>Gifts (Income) Received:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Envelopes/Offertory/Ordinary Income	\$ 305,391	\$ 329,931
Other Income	<u>20,162</u>	<u>12,636</u>
Total Gifts (Income) Received	\$ 325,553	\$ 342,567
 <u>Gifts (Expense) Used:</u>		
Admin Staff/Priest Wages/Benefits	\$ 96,584	\$ 97,228
Building Maintenance/Repairs	3,699	3,133
Utilities	13,100	13,000
Insurance/Contract Services/Supplies	14,759	17,161
School Subsidy	177,670	177,670
Stewardship/Development	4,453	4,320
Furnishings	870	0
Family Life Expense	6,908	6,522
Church Life/Social Action	532	850
Faith Formation Expense	17,942	20,842
Liturgy Expense	<u>9,295</u>	<u>13,227</u>
Total Gifts (Expenses) Used	\$345,812	\$353,953
Net Deficit Fiscal Year-to-Date	(\$ 20,259 )	(\$ 11,386 )

**Thank you** for your Parish support!

\* The operating budget does not include new hall capital campaign gifts of \$42,786 or new hall mortgage interest expense of \$4,817. Nor does it include \$19,295 in extraordinary repairs for the canopy driveway/sidewalk (\$15,947), church parking lot (\$2,050), and automatic doors fixtures (\$1,298).

Please Note: The parish office will be closed on December 24, 25 and 26 and on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Have a safe and blessed Christmas!

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**PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Regular Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday - 5:00 PM**

**Sunday - 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM**

**Daily Mass - Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 AM**

**Tuesday & Thursday at 5:30 PM**

**Spanish Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered on Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at the Church**