

JESUS CHRIST,  
PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Together In Faith*

Parish Newsletter

FALL 2020 EDITION

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ACHIEVING  
OUR  
MISSION:

**Celebrate the  
Faith**

**Live the Faith**

**Pass the Faith  
On to Others**

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**A Message from our  
Pastor  
Fr. Ken Kuntz**



Dear Parishioners,

Who would have thought last March that come September, we would still be in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic? Certainly, not me!

There's so much happening these days that can drag us down and cause us anxiety, impatience, anger, and stress.

Thankfully, we are people of faith. People who believe that God is with us, and that he can bring good out of every situation.

Therefore, I encourage you to pray every day. Take care of those who need help. Treat everyone with kindness and respect. And be joyful witnesses of Catholic faith.

I also ask that you renew your commitment to stewardship as a way of life. Information about our stewardship renewal is included in this newsletter.

As stewards, we are called to be **THANKFUL** for all that God has given us. We are to be **ACCOUNTABLE** in using our God given talents to make our parish vibrant, alive, and involved in all sorts of ministries. And, we are called to be **GENEROUS** in sharing the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure.

Despite all of the "stuff" that's going on, we continue to move ahead in striving to be the parish that God would have us to be.

And finally, if you are able and healthy, please join us for Sunday Mass. As Catholics, everything flows to the altar and from the altar. Our greatest gift is the Holy Eucharist—Jesus' loving, life-giving and life-transforming presence. Some have said they feel safer at church than anywhere else. I hope you will join us at the table of the Lord! God bless us all.

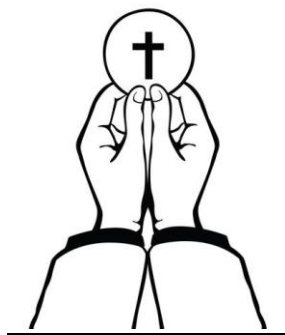
In Christ, the Prince of Peace,

*Father Ken*

Father Ken Kuntz  
Pastor

# CELEBRATE THE FAITH!

Our revised weekend Mass schedule due to the Corona virus allows for time between Masses to disinfect the church.



## MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY - 5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY - 9:00 AM**

**SUNDAY - 6:00 PM**

**DAILY MASS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY - 8:00 AM  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY - 5:30 PM**

### CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday from 11:00 AM until 12:00 noon or by calling the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with Fr. Ken or Fr. Stack at 242-3311.

### KEEPING IT SAFE AT MASS

When coming to church, please wear a mask and maintain social distance for respect of others. The church provides hand sanitization as you enter the church and when going to and returning from Communion. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still dispensed in our Diocese. Please join us at Mass if you are able or watch our recorded Mass which is available to view from our website ([www.jcpop.org](http://www.jcpop.org)) on Sunday mornings!

### VOCATION'S ROSARY AND HOLY (HALF) HOUR

In October, the Vocation Ministry will pray the rosary on the fourth Thursday after the 5:30 PM Mass for an increase in vocations. On the fourth Friday, after the 8:00 AM Mass, there will be a Holy Half Hour for Vocations in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us as we continue to pray for vocations in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Davenport.

### MASS SANITIZING MINISTRY HELP

Thank you to those who have assisted at the Masses in the new ministry roles during this Corona virus. There are many opportunities for others to help fill roles weekly at the Masses. If you attend one of our weekly Masses and are willing to be trained as a greeter, usher, or hand sanitizer during Communion, please contact Cindy Holliday (212-9766) or Brenda Bertram (242-3311). They will assist in the training and adding individuals to the ministry scheduler.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus men and women who have helped to disinfect the church after each weekend Mass. It only takes about 20 minutes for a small group to clean and disinfect the pews, door handles, and washroom of the church so it is ready for the Mass. If you would like to help after one of the weekend Masses, please call Dave Schnier at 242-3311.

# CELEBRATE THE FAITH! (CONTINUED)

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members to Prince of Peace Parish! Here are those who have registered in our Parish since the printing of our Christmas 2019 newsletter edition. Please make a personal effort to welcome them into their new Parish home!

Alyssa Sentore  
Joshua & Jessica Lingle  
Cindy McAleer  
Robert & Jennifer Banse  
Patrick Knapp  
Nicole & Nathan Petersen

Kylee Baldwin  
Stephen Gassman  
Gary Bormann  
Eric & Cassie Dahl  
Adam Duncan

Michelle Marcos  
Darrell Thola  
Itzel Navarro  
Evan & Audra Jones  
Richard Capella

Andrew & Alexandria Bennett  
Megan Matje  
David Coss Y Leon  
Mark Trenkamp  
Jeffrey & Jessica Baker

## 2020 WEDDINGS



Robert Banse & Jennifer Flikkema

Gary Bormann & Tammy Merema

Lucas Laufenberg & Karli Atkinson

## BAPTISMS

(and Professions of Faith)

Cameron George Johnson  
Lacey Marie Lorenzen  
Judy Ryan Naeve  
Cordell Michael Barnhart  
Lucas Jay Krogman  
Brody Robert Aude

Jeniffer Rae Banse  
Evan Jeffery Jones  
William Edward John Carlson  
Sherlyn Jamieth Oieda-Hernandez  
Gabriel Perez Moreno  
Stacey Lin Jordan

Alexis Gabriella Perez  
Isaiah Gabriel Perez  
Ariana Gabriella Perez  
Jonathan Nieman  
Blaire Anne Weaks  
Ivy Clark



## FUNERALS

Robert Nixon  
Betty Jean Andresen  
Ruth Lemke  
Marilyn Lee  
Patricia McClusky  
Evelyn Mueller  
Margaret Burken  
Clarence Henry  
John Wilson  
Maurice Losey  
John Banker  
Pamela Leu

Paul Davis  
Donna VanBuer  
Joan Gradert  
George Rickerl  
Stephanne Peterson  
William Enwright  
Alice Dever  
Elsie Peters  
Joan Empson  
Paul Sparks  
MaDonna Waddell  
Thomas Neill

Barbara Montgomery  
Clayton Sherwood  
Leonard Eversoll  
Mary Johannsen  
Mike Shannon  
Evelyn Smith  
Donald Manning  
Virginia Mumm  
Clarence Fuegen  
Dick Kissack  
Patricia Keen

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

# LIVE THE FAITH!

# OUTREACH

## LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

Are you receiving our Friday weekly E-mail blasts?  
Do you have a new E-mail address or cell phone number(s)?  
Have you eliminated your house phone (landline)?  
Do you have a change of home address?  
If so, please call us (242-3311) so we can update our Parish Data System.  
Let's continue to stay in touch!

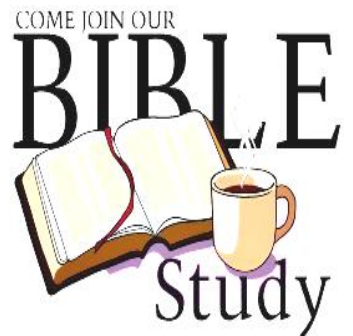
## THINKING OF YOU!

The Family Life Commission is always trying to find new ways to keep in touch with our fellow parishioners especially in this pandemic time. We are updating our lists of parishioners that are homebound and those in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and any other place that continues on lockdown. We are sending "thinking of you" cards to them. And now we are inviting parishioners – individuals, families, or children – to "adopt" one of the above by writing once a month at this time and visiting them once it is safe to do so. If you would like to take on this ministry, please contact Annette Lyons at the Parish Office, 242-3311.



## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Twenty years ago we began our first summer walk, *Walk Like Paul*, which looked at St Paul's first missionary journey. Some parishioners are concerned that we are not able, at this time, to continue our parish bible studies in person. Therefore, beginning the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>, we will offer a 9 week deeper reflection on this first journey of Paul, and it will end the week before Thanksgiving. The bible passage(s) for the week and some reflection questions will be attached to the weekly bulletin. Anyone not able to access the bulletin can contact Annette Lyons at the Parish Office, 242-3311, to get your individual copy. A Zoom hour to talk about the week's reading facilitated by Annette Lyons will be offered on Thursday morning at 9:30 am – to participate in the Zoom hour, please e-mail Annette to receive a Zoom invitation at: [lyons.annette@gmail.com](mailto:lyons.annette@gmail.com)

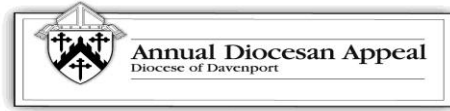


## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Some may not be aware that we have been calling parishioners on their birthday. We have volunteers that take one day a month, are given a list for the day, and call the birthday celebrants. Both the callers and the recipients have so enjoyed these calls that we plan to continue this ministry even after these current pandemic restrictions. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, please call Annette Lyons at the Parish Office, 242-3311.



# LIVE THE FAITH! (CONTINUED)



## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA) 2020-2021

Please look for **Bishop Zinkula's** recent mailing on this year's ADA drive and keep the following dates in mind:

- September 19-20: ADA Kick-off Weekend (see the ADA flyer in the September 20<sup>th</sup> Parish bulletin)
- September 26-27: ADA Commitment Weekend** (please return your pledge at Mass, to the Parish Office or mail your pledge directly to the Diocese of Davenport!)
- October 3-4: ADA Follow-up Weekend (please return your pledge responses if yet to do so)

Our ADA Goal this year is \$96,380 – less than last year's \$99,806 goal. ADA Payments received by the Diocese that exceed our goal get refunded to our Parish. Last year our Parish received \$4,084 in refunded ADA gifts! Please continue your generous Diocesan Appeal support. **Thank you!**



## ANNUAL PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

This October, our Parish will again conduct an Annual Stewardship Renewal as an opportunity to reflect and renew how we plan to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure in gratitude for God's blessings in the coming year.

This year poses new and challenging ministry needs due to the pandemic (i.e., need for more ushers & greeters to assist at Mass, help before, during, and after Masses with sanitizing, expanded telephoning ministries, etc.).

A Stewardship Commitment Card will be mailed to you the week of October 12, 2020 – so please plan to respond! Our goal in stewardship is to provide everyone opportunities to grow in faith through our mission to: **Celebrate the Faith, Live the Faith, and Pass the Faith on to Others!**



***"We give thanks to God always for all of you,  
constantly mentioning you in our prayers"***

**1 Thessalonians 1:2**

From your Parish Stewardship Commission



## FISCAL YEAR CHALLENGES

From March 21<sup>st</sup> thru June 20<sup>th</sup> our weekend Masses were cancelled due to the Corona virus which included Easter. Due to the financial uncertainty of not having weekend offertory collections, our Parish applied for and received a \$67,800 Payroll Protection Program Loan. Within 10 weeks, 100% of the loan was used on payroll-related costs. We ended the fiscal year on June 30, 2020 with a net loss of \$17,954 which included the loan.

There is concern over the new fiscal year budget which began July 1<sup>st</sup>. To balance the new fiscal year budget, we would need a 14% increase in envelope giving over last fiscal year. Our Parish will continue to do our best to be good stewards of the treasure entrusted to us and to minimize costs. Please help as you are able, and increase, if possible, your annual church support.



# PASS THE FAITH ON TO OTHERS!



## PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Many hours and much planning this summer turned out to be well worth the effort. Our parish school is open for students! Enrollment for this year is 183 in grades kindergarten through 12th grades. Our preschool and childcare is also up and running. Most of our students are attending in the school building. We do have a few families who have chosen remote learning until it is safe for them to attend in person.

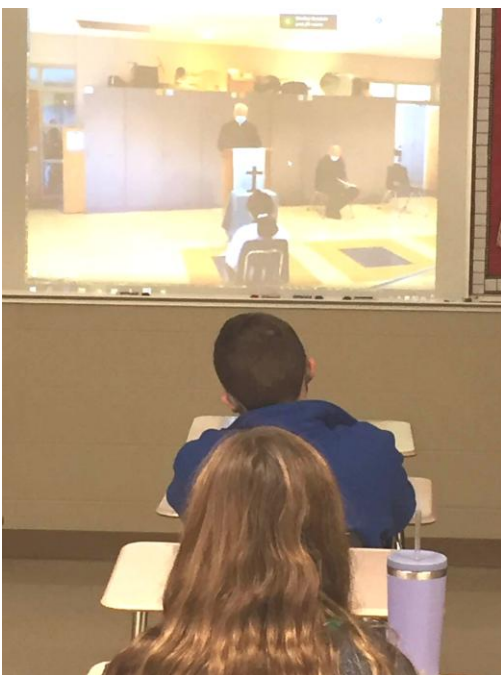
#### Achievements:

- Students are very good at wearing their face coverings, maintaining appropriate social distance, and hand washing.
- Grants and donations have allowed us to purchase the equipment and supplies needed to keep our school sanitized.
- Remote learners are doing a great job of attending and working hard.
- Partnership with our parents is stronger than ever...they are the best.
- Teachers are able to teach our students in the classroom and online.

#### Challenges:

- The decrease in enrollment (about 20 students) means less tuition income.
- Traditional fundraising will be difficult this year, if not impossible. Participate in school fundraising when you can.
- Difficult budget adjustments.

The halls are once again filled with laughter and noise. Our fall sports teams are playing. Our cross-country and volleyball teams are having much success already. Come out and cheer on the Irish! Please pray for the safety and health of our teachers, staff, students, and their families - as we are also praying for you!



(Left) High school language arts class takes a break for a prayer service led by Fr. Ken and Deacon Jeff. This year, we couldn't join together at a school Mass, but we still gathered together (virtually) in prayer.

(Right) Things look very different this fall. This kindergarten student is getting some computer time, while wearing his mask and his desk is 6 feet from his classmates. Staying healthy!



# PASS THE FAITH ON TO OTHERS! (CONTINUED)

## FAITH FORMATION

### MAKE FAMILY TIME A PRIORITY

Quarantine, lock-down, working from home.... our local pandemic responses may force us into being at home with our families for longer periods of time. But that doesn't necessarily mean that we are actually spending time together. Experts agree, however, that children's comfort and security come from loving parents who spend time with them. The best way to make family time a priority is to be deliberate about it.

Once a week: Dedicate one night to your family. Do something fun like playing board games, running races outside, making popcorn and watching a movie from the library. Protect it on the calendar and let nothing interfere.

Several times a week: Come together at mealtimes whether for microwave or home-cooked dinners. By sharing meals together, families can bond while discussing everyday activities.

Once a month: At the beginning of each month, gather to check in and discuss concerns. Children absorb adults' stress and tensions. A regular check-in of their state of mind enables parents to respond to concerns. Let each person have a chance to bring up topics or suggest solutions.

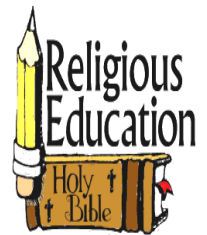
Once in a while: Introduce a learning opportunity. Discover a new saint, share devotions, or introduce a life skill you want your children to learn. Mastering a new experience can help us forget our troubles and adopt a new perspective.



The weekly children's bulletins are available on the home page on the parish web site. Please continue to pray daily with your child/ren. The Family Church is the most important formation for every child. If you are in need of resources to prayer with children contact Brenda Bertram (242-3311) for assistance.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

During the new school year, religious education classes will be taking place at home. Don't let that mean faith formation gets suspended, too. At home, give children's religious education the same importance as their academic education. Registration for the parish 2020-2021 year is taking place now. If you are looking for registration materials go online to the Parish web site ([www.jcpop.org](http://www.jcpop.org)), click the Faith Formation tab, and register there. If you don't have internet then pick up the registration papers near the Parish Office door in the Gathering Area. The family based program is available this year to all our parish families but you must register! If you have questions call Brenda Bertram (242-3311).



### Mental Illness Awareness Week: October 5-9, 2020

Did you know that **1 in 5** young people suffer from a serious mental illness? Or that 90% of all suicides of those age 10-24 were completed by individuals with an underlying mental illness? Rates of anxiety, depression and suicide among young people continue to climb at an alarming rate with no sign of slowing down. In fact, given the social isolation that has come out of the COVID 19 pandemic, we can only assume that these unfortunate realities have only been made worse. That is why Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Parish in conjunction with the Diocese of Davenport Office of Faith Formation, will be participating in Mental Illness Awareness Week 2020.

The Parish Faith Formation staff and adult volunteers will participate in virtual sessions throughout the week. Parish adults are welcome to join these presentations. ***“Caught Between the Rock and the Hard Place: Wellness 101”*** will be presented virtually for youth, parents, and adults on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:15 PM. For additional information or questions contact Brenda Bertram in the Parish Office at 242-3311 or [clintonjcpopdre@diodav.org](mailto:clintonjcpopdre@diodav.org).



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**Sunday – 9:00 AM**

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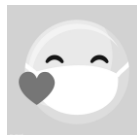
**Daily Mass - Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 AM**

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

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturdays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon  
or by appointment (242-3311).**

**Please use social distancing when coming to church..... and don't forget to wear your mask!**



**God bless you!**