

**JESUS CHRIST,
PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Parish Newsletter

LENT & EASTER 2018 EDITION

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For many people, Lent is not their favorite time of the year. But I actually look forward to this time because the word "LENT" means "SPRINGTIME." It's the forty day period of transformation from the cold of winter to the warmth of spring. It's the time of progression from darkness into light, from dormancy into new life.

During these forty days, we consider the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross--the price he willingly paid so that our sins could be forgiven. We make the effort in our own lives to turn away from sin so that we can live more fully the gospel way of life.

Prayer, fasting, and self-denial are the traditional Lenten observances. These are the means by which we open ourselves to God's life-giving and life-changing grace.

May these forty days be for all of us a time of transformation and growth, as we look forward to the celebration of Easter and the joy of new life in Jesus, the Risen Lord.

God bless you,

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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MAKE THIS THE BEST LENT EVER!

I wonder if, when other people consider the Season of Lent, they plan it to be fruitful. I look forward to Lent every year because it's a very productive season for me. I employ those six weeks to make a change in my life. It could be a bad habit that needs elimination. It could be I need to embrace a more strict routine. Perhaps trying to teach myself a new skill. Whatever my ambition I plan Lent to accomplish it.



There are reasons why Lent is the perfect time to do it:

- 1) It is a fixed period of time. I know that I only have to make it from February 14 to April 1st this year and then I'll be done. I can endure anything for a short time!
- 2) Others don't discourage. Other people seem to respect it when you say, "it's part of my Lent that I'm doing this." So they get that their part is helping you and not leading you astray.
- 3) The community prays for your success. Perhaps the best reason to undertake a "heavy-lift" in Lent is we are all praying for God's grace to bring your project to completion.

Fr. John Stack, Parochial Vicar

This third point is the key to the whole. Recall the biblical story of the *Healing of the Paralytic on the Mat* (Luke 5: 17-25). Imagine that you know this paralyzed person. All the decisions of their household revolve around the care and transportation of this person. You cannot leave them unattended because they cannot care for themselves. Whenever they need to go anywhere you must have four strong people to hold each of the corners of the mat. Because their disease is isolating they miss out on many opportunities – members feel guilty thinking I wish they were here with us enjoying themselves but it would have been too much trouble to bring them along. There even is some resentment because we can't go where we want because we have to stay home and care for them.

And then you hear Jesus of Nazareth is coming to your town. You believe He can cure your loved one. You move Heaven and earth to arrange to get to the house Jesus is at but the place is mobbed. You can't get close and no one is willing to let you go instead of them. In your desperation you go up on the roof and break in to let the stretcher down in front of Jesus.

Lent is a community venture and we are each other's four strong stretcher bearers. We as a parish enter Lent committed to your success! We are the bearers who hold you up before God in prayer and vehemently bring you to God. The prayer to Heaven for each one's success brings about the graces necessary. So what might you like to change about yourself?

Depends how you approach it? Is it a bad habit? Overeating, smoking, lying, pornography, foul language, isolation at your computer or phone..... Best way to change is to quit cold turkey (at least for Lent). Improving your odds of quitting a bad habit would be to replace it with a good habit. For example instead of sitting at a computer adopt an exercise routine.

If you want to be more spiritual, perhaps setting a daily goal. Read one saint's biography each day for example – soon you'll realize saints were just like us. They were sinners who kept on trying to get to Jesus.

Have you ever thought of bigger items? Plan to spend one day out of seven involved in a Corporal Work of Mercy. There are seven so Lent is the right length for one a week: feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; shelter the homeless; visit the imprisoned; visit the sick; bury the dead; give alms to the poor.

Be creative about how you approach it. To bury the dead may be as simple as attending visitation for an acquaintance at the funeral home. But it could also mean taking a coffee cake over and visiting with a widow or widower who is lonely after their spouse died. What about cleaning out dressers or closets and taking the unused apparel to Goodwill? What about writing a letter to an incarcerated inmate? It might take a little research to accomplish but in doing so you make Lent a greater experience.

This season comes once a year, make it count, and truly improve your spiritual life!

LITURGICAL AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

LENT 2018

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and continues until Easter, April 1st.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

- 8:00 AM (at Prince of Peace Church - with Catholic School students)
- 11:00 AM (at The Alverno nursing home)
- 12:00 NOON (at Prince of Peace Church)
- 6:30 PM (at Prince of Peace Church - with Religious Education students)

ABSTINENCE & FAST

Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. On days of abstinence, meat may not be eaten. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics, fourteen years of age or older.

Fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fasting. One full meal and two lesser meals are allowed. The two smaller meals together should be less than one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast.

THE DISCIPLINES OF LENT

The traditional disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting (self-denial), and almsgiving (works of charity).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, the stations are prayed every Friday at 5:30 PM in Prince of Peace Church.



LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

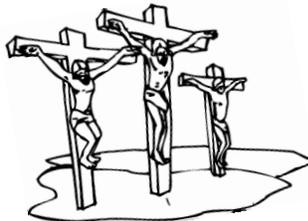
Our Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service will be on Saturday, *March 24th*, at 11:00 AM in Prince of Peace Church. In addition to our two Parish priests, other area priests will help to hear confessions.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

HOLY THURSDAY

MARCH 29th - 7:00 PM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
(Adoration until 9:00 PM)



GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 30th - 9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

3:00 PM - LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

7:00 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY

MARCH 31st - 9:00 AM - MORNING PRAYER

8:30 PM - EASTER VIGIL
IN THE HOLY NIGHT
(with adult Baptisms)

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1st

8:00 AM MASS

10:30 AM MASS
(with infant Baptisms)

NOTE: NO 6:00 PM MASS

ADDITIONAL LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

RICE BOWL COLLECTION

Pick up your family's Rice Bowl in the Gathering Area after Mass on Ash Wednesday and join nearly 14,000 other Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten Journey with the Catholic Relief Services. On the Rice Bowl are instructions to download the CRS app! Remember, your Lenten sacrifices can change your life and the lives of others.



LENTEN VESPERS

Join the Sisters of St. Francis for Lenten Vespers. This season the theme is Practicing Love: Finding Hope and Peace. The various topics we will be covering are compassion, forgiveness, relationships, encouragement, openness and joy. Vespers will be held at The Canticle, 841 13th Ave. North, Clinton, on Sundays in Lent at 6:00 PM on *February 18, February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25.*

MORNING OF REFLECTION

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION



Please join us for a Morning of Reflection on Thursday, *February 22nd* at 9:00 AM in the new Parish Hall, St Francis Room. Through fun, activity, reflection and prayer, we will look at the Gospel readings for the season of Lent. A simple lunch will follow at 11:00 AM.

Reservations are not necessary, but appreciated, to ensure the correct amount of supplies and food will be provided.

PEACE SOUP - PARISH HALL

BECOMING INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE

Picking up on the local "Hate Has No Home Here" campaign, the five nights of Peace Soup will use the Prayer of St. Francis to explore what leads to division and how we can become instruments of peace. Facilitators will offer content to spark our conversations as we learn from one another. Paper bowls are provided or bring your own bowl to lessen the landfill. **Each Peace Soup Session begins at 6:00 PM.**



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| Tuesday, February 20: | "Where there is hatred, let me sow love." |
| Tuesday, February 27: | "Where there is injury, pardon." |
| Tuesday, March 6: | "Where there is despair, hope." |
| Tuesday, March 13: | "Grant that I may not so much seek to be understood as to understand." |
| Tuesday, March 20: | "It is in dying that we are born to eternal life." |

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass with Bishop Thomas Zinkula and the priests of the Diocese of Davenport will be celebrated on Monday, *March 19th*, at 5:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport.

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service will be on Saturday, *March 24th*, at 11:00 AM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LENTEN FISH FRIES

Dine in or Carry out – Everyone Welcome!

February 16th thru March 23rd (every Friday during Lent except Good Friday)

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

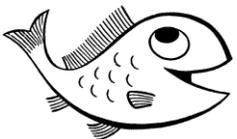
Prince of Peace Parish Hall

Either Fried or Baked Fish

Grilled Cheese, Baked Potato, French Fries, Bread, Applesauce, Coleslaw & Drink

\$9.00 Adults - \$5.00 Children under 12, Children three and under *free*

BACK AGAIN! 7 jumbo fantail shrimp plus same side dishes for \$10.00





PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

School Lenten Activities

Lent is a time of reflection and preparation in our parish school. We will begin Lent by attending Mass with our parish on Ash Wednesday. On March 9th, sophomore students will perform the Living Stations of the Cross at Prince of Peace Church at 5:30 PM. Reconciliation will be held at Sacred Heart chapel on March 22nd. Our K-5 grade students will participate in Lenten centers and our middle school and high school students will participate in a Lenten Retreat on March 28th. During Lent, students will also collect for the Share the Sandwich program sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis.

Lent is also a time of almsgiving and sacrifice. Meat will not be served through our lunch program on Fridays during Lent. The Jeans Day in Lent is our almsgiving, with a double donation that will go to our sister parish in Sapallica, Peru. We join our Parish and Catholic Schools throughout the country in living our faith during the Lenten season.

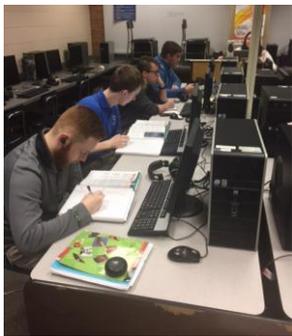


PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP & OPEN HOUSE (FOR ALL GRADES) TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Kindergarten Program begins at 5:40 PM

Please take this opportunity to see what a Catholic education is all about. You will be able to tour our parish school and visit with teachers. Prince of Peace Catholic School provides a safe, faith based learning environment.

Why Choose Prince of Peace Catholic School?

- † Daily Religion Class
- † Average class size 16 students
- † Students test above their current grade level on the Iowa Assessment (2016-2017)
- † Average ACT Score (2016-2017) 22.2, state average 21.9, national average 21
- † 100% graduation rate
- † Parish member tuition discount
- † Additional financial aid may be available
- † Diverse academic, athletic and fine arts opportunities



Registration:

Registration packets will be available on the school website and in the school office at the end of February. Registration packets will include financial aid applications.

Our school is committed to making it possible for our Parish children to attend our school. If you cannot attend this event and would like to schedule an individual tour, please call Karen Witt, Development Director at 242-1663.

Our Next Big School Fundraiser!

Following the success of the Irish Dinner Auction is the next major fundraiser, The Pot O' Blue & Gold Raffle. Tickets will go on sale the 3rd week of March with the drawing to take place at Trivia Night on April 28th. Please take a chance on winning Grand Prize: \$5,000, 2nd Prize: \$1,000 or 3rd Prize: \$500. Tickets will sell for \$10 each or 7 tickets for \$50. Tickets will be on sale in the school office and from any school family.

FAITH FORMATION



The K⁴J Club meets each month to work on a virtue and participate in activities to help understand the virtue along with memorizing bible scripture that reflects the virtue and mission of the month. Children earn K⁴J bucks by memorizing bible verse, wearing K⁴J shirts, and completing their mission packet from the previous month. K⁴J bucks are used to purchase items at the K⁴J store at the end of the year.

FIRST COMMUNION GATHERING



The First Communion gathering for parent/s and children has been scheduled for Thursday, **February 22nd**, at 6:30 PM at the church. Those who are preparing to receive their First Eucharist in May are to attend this meeting with their parent/s. Please keep the second grade children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Youth who are preparing for Confirmation and participated in the Rite of Admission to Candidacy in October continue on their journey toward the reception of Sacrament of Confirmation. Youth continue to meet for the Confirmation Gatherings on **February 25th** and **March 25th**, following 6:00 PM Mass. A Confirmation Advance will take place on the campus of St. Ambrose University on **April 22nd**, beginning at 1:00 PM. The campus ministry staff and students will facilitate the Advance for our parish Confirmation candidates and other area youth who will be confirmed this year. Confirmation Practice is on Wednesday, **May 30th** at 6:30 PM; and the Sacrament of Confirmation Mass is on Sunday, **June 3rd** at 3:00 PM at Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace Catholic Church.



YOUTH MINISTRY

MOTHER'S DAY YOUTH FUNDRAISER



The POPEYES (Prince of Peace Eucharistic Youth Empowered by the Spirit) will be holding a Mother's Day Bake Sale on Saturday and Sunday, **May 12th & 13th**, after all the Masses. Proceeds will go to help defray the cost of upcoming conferences and service trips. If you would like to donate baked goods, please bring them to the Mass you will be attending that weekend.

TOTUS TUUS (Latin for **TOTALLY YOURS**)

Plans are being made for the 2018 *Totus Tuus* Vocation Bible School with the lessons based around the Apostles' Creed and the Luminous Mysteries for grades **K-5** (completed). It will be **June 11th - 15th** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and held at Prince of Peace Catholic School, 312 South 4th Street. Middle school and high school programming will take place in the evenings beginning on Sunday, June 10th with the 6:00 PM Mass. The remaining of the weekday gatherings will be from 6:30 -8:30 PM on Monday – Thursday and held at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 1105 LaMetta Wynn Drive. Parish help is needed host the team dinner on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday evening at 5:30 PM. Virtus trained adults are needed for playground supervision. You can choose to be a host family for the team of college boys and girls. If you are interested in helping please contact Brenda Bertram 242-3311.



STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE ON THE LAKE



Our Parish has spots reserved for youth at the Steubenville on the Lake Conference on **July 20th - 22nd** at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Youth from the parish are encouraged to participate in this three-day event to awaken and strengthen their relationship with Jesus and His Church. For more information to attend this summer conference, contact Brenda Bertram at the parish (242-3311) or clintonjcpopdre@diodav.org. Registration deadline is **March 30th**.

NEW MEMBERS & CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

We welcome our newest members to Prince of Peace Parish since our December Advent/Christmas 2017 newsletter edition. Please make a personal effort to welcome each one of them to their new Parish home!

Connie Doescher

Arthur Frett

Sarah Frett

Michael Marcellus

Emily Schuetzle

BAPTISMS

Kali Marie Perez Jopp

Addison Christine-Grace Butz

Joseph James Burke

FUNERALS

Dr. Salvador Borja
Richard Herrity

George Kampling
Carol Hess

Jeanne Lowther
Tim Mullen

Elaine Dawson
Madonna Gibson

Margaret Cherek

Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord.



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

NEW HALL CAMPAIGN UPDATE *TOGETHER IN FAITH*

Total Pledged: \$1,858,340 Total Paid: \$1,745,562
 Pledge Balance: \$112,778 Families Pledging: 643

We are at the 34th month of our 36-month capital campaign (94% completed). Most started their 3-year pledge in April 2015 for completion in March 2018. Some made pledges beyond March 2018. Please call the Parish Office at 242-3311 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL (ADA)

ADA Goal: \$102,616 Pledged: \$101,388
 Paid (as of 1/9/18): \$75,571

Thank you for your support!

NEW HALL MORTGAGE

In January, the Hall mortgage loan balance was \$503,597. As hall campaign funds come in we pay down as much principal and interest as possible. Our monthly mortgage payment is \$2,570 based on a 30-year mortgage, with interest of 3.375%, which is adjusted every five years.

THE CATHOLIC MESSENGER SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE (ON NOW!)

All Parish families should subscribe to and receive the Catholic Messenger! It is one of the best ways to stay in touch with what is going on in our world, our Diocese, and with our Catholic Faith. At only \$29 for 50 weekly issues, it is a great deal!

Please subscribe to and read *The Catholic Messenger!*

MID-FISCAL YEAR OPERATING \$ BUDGET REPORT

	Jul '17 - Dec '17	Jul '17 - Dec '17
<u>Income:</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Ordinary Income	500,540	502,422
Auxiliary/Memorial/Bequest/Other Income	65,570	21,450
Total Income	566,110 ¹	523,872
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Priests Wages/Benefits/Accountable Plan	52,905	57,256
Admin Staff Wages/Benefits/Employer Tax	85,852	87,372
Building Maintenance, Gas, Repairs	5,493	4,575
Insurance/Contract Services	12,975	13,277
Supplies/Other Expense	5,317	4,305
Parish School Subsidy	265,330	265,332
Utilities	18,640	18,000
Stewardship/Development	5,087	5,688
Telephone/internet/cable/technology	2,583	3,160
Postage	1,862	1,625
ADA Prior Year Expense	5,602	0
Faith Formation Wage/Expenses	32,709	32,834
Liturgy Wage/Expenses	21,492	21,157
Family Life Wage/Expenses	9,518	9,783
Church Life / Social Action Expenses	653	1,350
Total Expense	526,018 ²	525,714
Net Income Year-To-Date	\$ 40,092	

THANK YOU for sharing your gifts of treasure which enables your Parish to
Celebrate our Faith, Live our Faith, and Pass our Faith on to Others!

¹ Does not include capital campaign gifts of \$217,438 received for the new Parish Hall.

² Does not include extraordinary repair expenses of \$83,823 for church parking lot and Sacred Heart chapel steeple.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, Feb 14 th	Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent!
Saturday, March 24 th	11:00 AM Communal Reconciliation Service
Holy Thursday, March 29 th	7:00 PM Mass
Good Friday, March 30 th	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 3:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, March 31 st	9:00 AM Morning Prayer 8:30 PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Easter Sunday, April 1 st	8:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass NOTE: No 6:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday!

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