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Young Member of Our Community Establishes New Parish Nursery

The experience of Mass changes throughout our lives. The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is a constant. As a child we may remember fidgeting or falling asleep on our dad's shoulder. As teens and young adults, you may recall hearing a reading and understanding it on a deeper, spiritual level for the first time. As an adult, the reverent ritual of the Eucharistic feast becomes a part of you and can feel much like home. And then, you become a parent.

Many parents blog, talk, write and read about bringing their children to Mass at different phases. Mass suddenly involves diaper bags, sippy cups, Cheerios and books. Our youngest parish family members can get hungry, cranky, or a little rambunctious at unpredictable intervals, and parents of these bundles of joy may be unable to focus on the



Brittany Eshelman, pictured here with Lilly Shultz, instituted the Parish Nursery here at Prince of Peace.

readings or engage as they are accustomed. That is why Prince of Peace now offers a Parish Nursery for children ages 1-3. One high school-aged parishioner, Britany Eshelman, came to this realization as she sat in Mass one Sunday with her own young and growing siblings.

For Brittany, babysitting is a regular occurrence, although with six younger siblings it's not always a paying job. When you're the oldest child in a large family, pitching in is a part of everyday life.

"One day, my mom took all our siblings to Mass while my dad was at work," Brittany says. "As I was sitting there with my family, including three of my siblings under the age of 3, my mom kept having to get up and take them out."

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Keeping in Touch with the Holy Father: *There's an App for That!*

“If only everyone could experience the joy of being Christian, being loved by God who gave his Son for us!”

These parting words from Pope Benedict XVI weren't delivered during a homily in St. Peter's or in a speech from St. Peter's Square — nor were they written in a papal bull or apostolic letter. Rather, they were delivered in an instant to millions of Catholics around the world through the pope's very own Twitter account.

The technology of communication has perhaps changed more in the past century than in the previous 20 combined. And with these developments the Catholic Church — led by our Holy Fathers from Blessed John Paul II through Pope Francis — strongly encourages that the faithful adopt and adapt these resources for the all-important task of spreading the Gospel throughout the whole world.

Just as St. Paul used every convenience at his disposal to spread the Gospel throughout the far reaches of the Roman empire, today's evangelists are using every resource available to them. Examples of Catholic figures using the new media with great success abound.

Only a few months into his pontificate, Pope Francis has taken the Vatican's social media efforts to a whole new level. Earlier this spring, the Vatican released The Pope App, which features a live webcam from the Vatican, along with quotes, news, images and videos of all the Holy Father's latest doings.

Following the pope's lead, bishops, priests and apologists are taking the technological gifts at their



fingertips and utilizing them to spread the Gospel throughout the world in a variety of ways.

One great example is Fr. Robert Barron of the Archdiocese of Chicago, whose Word On Fire Ministry has produced wildly popular YouTube videos discussing everything from controversial Church teachings to movie reviews from Catholic perspective. His website also includes articles, interviews and his weekly homilies. Word On Fire also recently released a critically acclaimed, monumental DVD documentary series simply titled *Catholicism*.

Independent Catholic bloggers and Web-based media are also well-established and provide their audiences and readership with Catholic news and cultural commentary.

Here in America, parishes, Catholic schools, dioceses and even the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops are utilizing these

tools as well, creating first-rate websites, maintaining Twitter and Facebook accounts, and more.

All of these resources are geared toward a wide variety of audiences, from the unchurched and fallen-away Catholics to active parishioners.

Being knowledgeable about the new media tools available to us as Catholics is a great way to be more effective in our universal call to evangelization. Take some time to see what media resources your parish, school and diocese are using, and be sure to pass them along to those in your sphere of influence!

A Letter From Our Pastor

“Much Will Be Required of the Person Entrusted with Much”

Dear Parishioners,

No matter your situation in life, chances are there is someone out there who has more than you. Too often we may hesitate to follow stewardship as a way of life because we are waiting for someone more blessed than we are to show the way.

You may be aware that the Scripture readings we hear at each Mass are part of a three-year cycle. In general, the Gospel passages in Cycle A are from Matthew; Cycle B is principally Mark; and Cycle C, the year we are now in, is primarily from Luke. John is mixed in, and is especially used during Lent. We are in what might be called a Luke year.

During this month of August, as we hear the Gospels from Luke, we need to be acutely aware of the stewardship messages found there. Jesus uses a parable on the first Sunday to remind us of an important stewardship lesson. He precedes the parable by reminding us all, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions” (Luke 12:15). You and I both know that God does not judge us based upon what we may have accumulated during our lifetimes, but based upon how we lived those lives, and especially how we used those gifts – those possessions.

The parable focuses on a “rich man” who builds larger grain bins to store his abundant harvests. God calls the man a fool and reminds him that growing rich for himself is not as important as growing rich in the sight of God. The very next week (the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Luke again tells us how Jesus warns and cautions His Disciples. “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34). The Lord warns them that they do not know what day or what hour He will return, and summarizes it all with another important insight into what is expected of us: “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more” (Luke 12:48).

You see, we are not “off the hook” if someone else has more gifts but fails to use them well. Stewardship demands

that each of us use our gifts, and each of us is gifted whether we want to admit it or not, to serve God and others. Luke’s implied stewardship messages come full circle in the Gospel reading for the last Sunday of the month – August 25. The last sentence we will hear during the Gospels for this month is, “For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last” (Luke 13:30).

That admonition from the Lord has always seemed a bit confusing. It more or less says that to be first, we need to be last; and if we are first, we may be last. I think perhaps all of these messages, including the first and last one, are cautions to us that we cannot be complacent and we cannot take salvation and holiness for granted. We need to work at them. We are not measured by our possessions; God indeed does expect a lot of us, no matter how small or extensive our gifts may be; and regardless how holy we may strive to be, it is God who will judge; it is by His grace that we will be saved.

In the midst of all these magnificent stewardship messages, we celebrate the Assumption of our Blessed Mother on August 15, and Jesus prompts us again, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it” (Luke 11:28). God bless you all!

See you at Church,



Fr. Ken Kuntz
Pastor



The Sisters of St. Francis of Clinton *Living in the Spirit of St. Francis*

“We see every person as a visible image of the invisible God and as a sister or brother.”
— *Constitutions and Directives of the Sisters of St. Francis of Clinton*



Prince of Peace students visit with their Sister pen pals in May.



Sr. Anne Martin Phelan helps children with a project during this year's Juneteenth event.

When Julie Ferraro's youngest son, Nicky, left to join the Army in 2012, she felt led to follow a beautiful new path in life — a path that would enrich her in countless ways.

“I'd always been interested in St. Francis of Assisi and the Franciscan lifestyle, so I began exploring ways to blend my professional skills — accounting, journalism, photography, organization, website design, etc. — with my spirituality,” Julie says. “I found an ad for the Franciscan Covenant Program at the *National Catholic Reporter* — a full-time volunteer program run by the Franciscan Friars of Santa Barbara Province in California. I applied and was accepted.”

One thing led to another, and she soon met the Sisters of St. Francis of Clinton. Through her experience, Julie discovered the beauty of following Christ in a more profound way than she ever imagined.

“Meeting the Sisters and working with them seemed like a good fit, so I moved from California in April, and have been assisting the Sisters with archiving photos and other items, snapping photos of various events, coordinating volunteers, and helping with the Center for Active Nonviolence and Peacemaking — among many other tasks,” Julie says. “I also live at The Canticle with the Sisters, having the opportunity to pray with them every day, and participate in their community life. It is a fantastic way to live as a Franciscan!”

Today, as a sojourner for the community, Julie can't help but express her enthusiasm about the Sisters of St. Francis and their life.

“I learn something new every day from working with the Sisters, and it has really helped me to grow closer to God,” Julie says. “It has put a fresh face on St. Francis for me. The Sisters are a great bunch of women — truly caring and joy-filled. They are very, very enthusiastic about serving God's people. I have never encountered people like them before!”

The Sisters of St. Francis of Clinton is a congregation of Catholic Sisters who strive to live out the teachings of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. The Clinton Franciscan family currently consists of 60 vowed Religious Sisters, eleven Sojourners and 65 Associate Partners. Together, they run ministries in Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Oregon and Peru. Their mission statement is as follows:

“We Clinton Franciscans, in the spirit of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, are called to contemplation and continuous conversion and are sent as instruments of God's peace. We promote active nonviolence and peacemaking, seek justice for those marginalized and care for all creation.”

In order to live out this mission, they serve in various ways. According to their website, “We are teachers, artists, attorneys and mathematicians. We are innovators and advocates...”

Clinton: Franciscans

“...together in Christ.”

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chaplains and social workers. We are sisters, daughters, aunts and cousins. We are servants of God.”

The Sisters offer ministries in numerous areas, such as promoting educational awareness in the areas of peace, active non-violence and justice, as well as caretaking of the earth. For example, they helped to organize the Clinton Community Garden, which is now run by the Parks and Recreation Department. They also provide information on issues of immigration, human trafficking and health care reform.

The good news is that the life of the Sisters is something that can be shared by people who are not formally part of their community. Indeed, there are a number of volunteer opportunities — working in the Sister’s reception office filing and shredding papers, answering calls and greeting visitors, distributing fliers and posters around Clinton, participating in prayer vigils, and doing yard work for the Sisters. Furthermore, volunteers can help by greeting and serving refreshments at events and talks sponsored by the Sisters.

For more information on the Sisters or how to grow in your stewardship journey by helping them, please visit <http://www.clintonfranciscans.com> or call 563-242-7611.

Sacraments & New Parish Families (Since the February 2013 Newsletter)

BAPTISMS:

Christopher Olen Marten
Carter Christopher Marten
Chloe Ann Marten
Emma Helen Burken
Amy Jo Finn
Braxton David Roady
Benjamin Daniel Carlson
Ayden Matthew Finn
Merick Venoid Edward Smith
Riley James Buech
Stephanie Lynn Burke
Ryan Leon Shady
Steven Craig Smith
Casidy Jo Michelle Sattler
Ryleigh Ann Johnson
Troy Stephen Edmunds
Jarek Michael Connell
Kasey James Clark
Kyle David Clark
Isaac Christopher Schroeder
Leonard Gust McEleney
Maximilian Cesar Santos

FUNERALS:

Kazimiera Aleksandra Wilus
Stanley Tenboer
Marcella McConnell
Jacqueline Cowan
Kimberly Limond
Cleo (Mac) McDevitt
Janet Rae Parker
Edwin Jost
Myrtis Mallingier
Richard “Ric” Roling
Sr. Mary Virginia Smith
Mary Juist
Georgina Peterson
Adam P. Pollard
Yvonne Holden Geck
John Sullivan
John A. Caruso
James C. Clark
Sheryl K. Cotter
Helen Marie Stillings
Doris C. Foster

Gloria Pearson
Duane C. Goetzl
Patricia Bickford
Harvey Francis Sullivan
Norman C. Elliott
Benedict “Ben” Reuter
Dale G. Robe
Irene “Pat” Howes
Peter Herch
Ann Cotter
Helena Misiag
Marilyn Tieso

WEDDINGS:

Joey Bartels & Emily Kay Cox
John Govek & Christine Stec
Justin Grimes & Tricia Anderson
Christopher Martin & Aimee Holliday
Jeff Rickertsen & Kelli LeQue
Matthew Finn & Amy Jo Kissock
Gerald Wisor & Eileen Taylor
Mark Keegan & Bridget Barrette
Shawn Coffey & Elisabeth Balk
Jeremy Weaks & Darcy Bennett
Peter Till & Nicole Leonard

NEW PARISHIONERS:

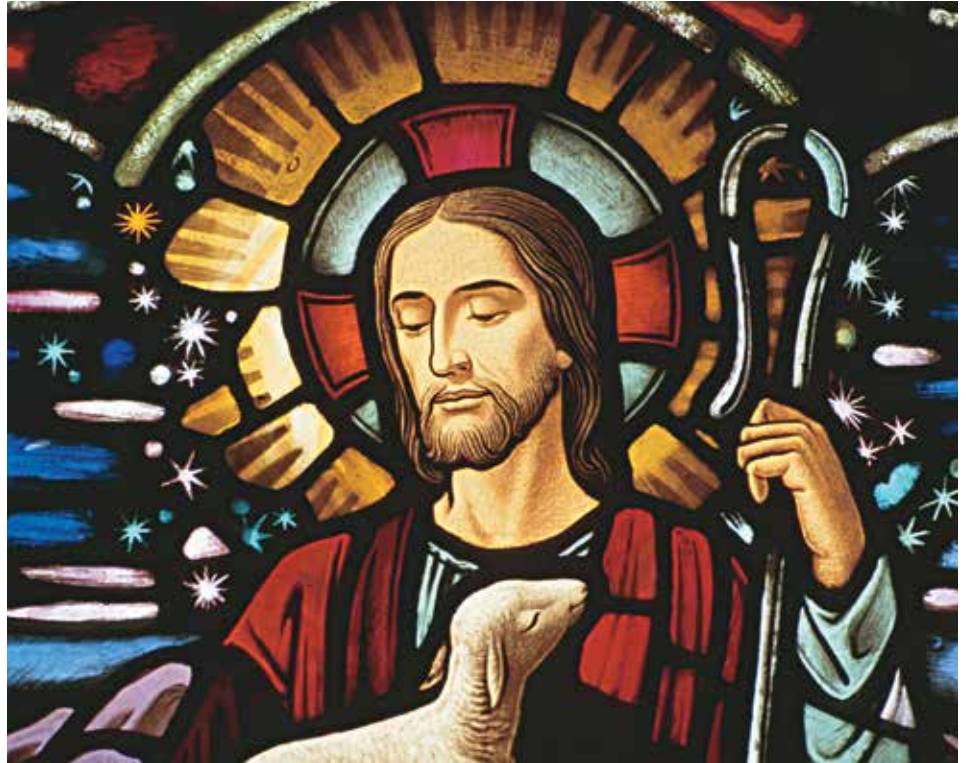
Adrian Marin & Judith Campos
Michael & Michelle Burton
David & Kathleen Ward
Colleen Goddard
Amy Stoll
Francisco Aguila & Azucena Ortega
Dana Albaghdadi
Eric & Audrey Brown
Erwin & Roberta Dostal
David & Sarah Mezger
Valoree Hoefler
Gerald & Eileen Wisor
Dillon & Stephanie Burke
Matthew & Amy Finn
Jason Horst
Ryan Shady
Steven Smith
Rev. Corey Close

Stewardship's "Supreme Teacher" *Following Christ's Example*

Former President and Five-Star General Dwight D. Eisenhower once said, "You don't lead by hitting people over the head – that's assault, not leadership." President Eisenhower's words are both blunt and humorous, but he makes a great point. Almost any successful endeavor in life requires the benefit of strong leadership. And a truly effective leader does not lead by simply telling others what to do, but by providing a strong example of how to carry oneself on a daily basis.

This is no different for us in our lives as Catholic Christians. As individuals who face a myriad of difficult choices every day, we require a leader who, through word and example, can show us the path to living according to God's will. For us, Jesus is the supreme teacher of every aspect of Christian life, and His life as documented in the Gospels is a model that we should strive to imitate in living as good Christians. And as we have learned, stewardship – the sharing of the gifts that God has given to us – is a big part of Christian life, and one for which Jesus left many examples of successful living.

Jesus' nature of selfless service, documented many times throughout the New Testament and culminating with His death for our sins, is an underlying aspect of living the stewardship way of life. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops points out in its pastoral document



Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, "In Jesus' teaching and life, self-emptying is fundamental. His self-emptying is not sterile self-denial for its own sake; rather, in setting aside self, He is filled with the Father's will, and He is fulfilled in just this way" (20).

Jesus points out to Peter in Mark's Gospel that this "self-emptying" requires sacrifice, but ultimately leads to "eternal life in the age to come" (Mk 10:30). But the Christian steward's ultimate reward is not his or her only benefit from living the stewardship way of life. By sharing of our time, talents and treasure and living in imitation of Christ, we can relate more closely to Him in sharing,

in a small way, in His sacrifice. "To be a Christian disciple is a rewarding way of life, a way of companionship with Jesus, as a part of it is itself a source of deep joy. Those who live this way are happy people who have found the meaning and purpose of living" (*Stewardship*, 21).

The next time you are frustrated or unsure of how to best respond to God's gifts in stewardship, take a moment to open up the Bible. Jesus may not "hit us over the head" in His leadership, but He does provide numerous examples through His actions and teachings of how to live as one of His disciples.

Liturgy at Prince of Peace

Every now and again, people ask questions about why we do what we do during our liturgical celebrations at Prince of Peace.

“Why are there six candles near the altar on some days, and only four or two candles on other days?”

“Why is incense used sometimes and not all the time?”

“Why is a bell rung at the consecration at some Masses and not at others?”

The answers have to do with something called “progressive solemnity.” It’s a term used in official Church documents to explain that not all liturgical days are the same. Some celebrations rank higher than others.

The highest-ranking liturgical day is called a Solemnity. Solemnities are days such as Christmas, Easter, Holy Days, and other major celebrations like Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ). At Prince of Peace, these are days when six candles are placed near the altar, many of the Mass parts are sung – including the Gloria, the acclamations, the words of consecration and the Our Father – a bell is rung during the elevation of the Host and chalice, and the Creed is said. Incense is often used on Solemnities.



The second highest-ranking liturgical day is called a Feast. Feast days are celebrated when we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and the apostles. On Feast days, four candles are placed near the altar and most of the acclamations are sung. The Creed is not said, nor is the bell rung at the consecration. Incense is not used on Feast day at Prince of Peace.

The third highest-ranking liturgical day is called an Obligatory Memorial. These days are celebrated in honor of saints who are not apostles – like St. Francis of Assisi, St. John Vianney or St. Therese. On these days, two candles are placed near the altar. The Gloria is not sung or recited, and the only acclamations that are sung are the Alleluia before the Gospel – during the Easter season – and the Great Amen at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer.

There are also days known as Optional Memorials. These are generally lesser-known saints’ days that may be observed according to the wishes of the priest offering the Mass. Saints like Maria Goretti and Thomas More are Optional Memorials. If they are observed, they have the same rank as Obligatory Memorials.

Sundays, of course, are very significant liturgical days. Sundays in Ordinary Time have the same rank as a Feast day. Four candles are placed near the altar. Sunday Masses during Advent and Lent are more simple celebrations since they are times of preparation for the great Solemnities of Christmas and Easter. Two candles are placed on or near the altar. Sunday Masses during the Christmas season and Easter season are similar in rank to Feast days, unless there are is a Solemnity on the calendar.

Weekday Masses are similar to Memorials, unless there is a Solemnity or Feast on the calendar.

Here at Prince of Peace, we try to observe each liturgical season in a slightly different way. This can be observed by the number of flowers, candles and decorations that are used. The liturgical seasons are Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.

Hopefully, this might answer some of the questions that are asked. If you have more questions, please feel free to ask Fr. Ken.

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New Parish Nursery *continued from front cover*

It was this Sunday experience that gave Brittany the idea to start a parish nursery.

"I thought how great would it be if parents could relax and enjoy their Mass – if there was a nursery where people could watch their kids," says Brittany. "I knew that a nursery would really help my mom out sometimes."

From there, Brittany talked with her mom and got approval from the pastor.

"I got some of my friends to help and we started the nursery around Christmas," says Brittany. "My mom thought it was a nice idea and pretty cool that I had an idea and actually got it going. We are open for 10:30 a.m. Mass because that's when a lot of parents take their kids. There are five volunteers, not counting my mom and me, and we take turns on different weekends. We normally have four kids that we watch, sometimes up to six."

The nursery is held in the family room, and is free of charge and is staffed by volunteers. Parents sign in their children prior to Mass and sign them out when they are picked up. A phone number and where the parent will be sitting should they need to be contacted is included at sign in.

"Being that I have so many siblings we have plenty of duplicate toys, so we have a bucket full of toys in the nursery," Brittany says. "We love to play games, read and sing. We have an intercom that they can hear Mass on, and when a fun song comes on we like to turn it up and have the kids sing along."

With more volunteers, the parish nursery would love to expand to more Masses. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer in this ministry, please contact Brittany's mom, Laura Eshelman at 563-503-1016. All parishioners with young children are welcome to utilize the nursery at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

We are blessed by and would like to thank Brittany for her stewardship and having the courage and perseverance to launch a new ministry! What a wonderful example of a faithful and thoughtful member of our youth community!



*Amberly Eshelman, Brittany's sister
and Parish Nursery volunteer, with
Lilly Shultz.*