

Parish Announcements

Halleluiah! We Did This Together!!

It was an incredible thing we did as a community...epic...a miracle level event.

We humbly asked you to give sacrificially and look what we did.

We, as a community, stepped out of the boat and we walked on water.

We took a few loafs of bread and a couple fish and we fed the 5,000.

We did what was said to be impossible.

The funds we already had as of May 31st.	\$82,698
The funds raised since June 1st.	\$345,189
Total raised for the parking lot.	\$427,887

We now have enough to pay for our parking lot, as well as the funds to keep it sealed and stripped for the generation to come.

It turns out this was always more than a fundraiser.

This was about a journey in spiritual growth that could only happen when we trusted enough to do something that required an "all in" level of faith.

When we started this capital campaign, we were too small to raise this kind of money, and especially in such a short amount of time. Within this 90 day walk into sacrificial giving, we grew beyond our imagination, but we didn't grow beyond God's imagination.

God knew. God knew we could move mountains and now we know it too. I look forward for what God has instore for us next...if we are open to it.

I could not be more grateful to each and every one of you.

Thank you for being a part of this life changing gift.

Kirk+

Empty Bowls

The Empty Bowls event, a fundraiser for The Community Food Pantry, will be held from 5pm to 8pm on **Wednesday, September 20** at The Generator (event space) on 2450 Oddie Blvd. Tickets for the event are \$55. The event includes dinner, program, raffle and silent auction. See Linda Devon or Barbara Monroy for tickets.

Parking on Sunday

This Sunday...I'm not sure.

Maybe some cars can park right behind the library but be mindful of where the concrete gutter. There will also be some parking in the most northern library lot that is normally chained off. This will be open for us on Sunday, but be mindful of the poles where the chains are normally attached. You can always park on 12th street. You can also park across the street in the parking for the community center. It's closed on Sundays. **Please don't park in the regular library spots.**

Silent Movie Fundraiser



Have you ever watched a silent movie the way they were originally experienced? Come and experience Nosferatu and Dorothy Jean Papadakos within the beautiful architecture of Trinity Cathedral in downtown Reno. **November 3rd, 7:00 p.m.** A reception before the show with light hors d'oeuvres and wine is also available. Tickets for both can be purchased by searching St. Paul's Sparks on Eventbrite.com.

A little bit about Dorothy Jean: She is an American concert organist, composer, lyricist, playwright, and author. She is the former organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City (1990–2003), the first female organist to hold that post. She was also organist for the Paul Winter Consort at the Cathedral's Easter and Christmas services and performed with the ensemble on their Grammy Award-winning album Silver Solstice, released in 2005.

In 2005, Papadakos co-produced Pompeii the Musical, for which she wrote the book, music and lyrics. Its production was well-received, breaking box office records when it premiered in Wilmington, North Carolina.

In 2017, her first novel, The Kingdom of Winter, was published. Using fantasy characters to address climate change concerns, the book is now used in a science and literature curriculum for middle-school students.

Wine, Grape Juice, and Gluten Free

We offer both wine and grape juice during Communion as well as a gluten free wafer option. The chalice with the grape juice will be identified. All chalices continue to be intinction only.

Friday Bible Study with Zoom Option

Come and join Fr. Kirk on Friday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We are currently studying the Sunday Gospel lesson for the week in multiple translations.

This study is now hybrid in person and Zoom.

If you want to join on Zoom, email Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org so you can be added to the Friday Bible Study email list to receive the scriptures for the week and the Zoom link.

United Thank Offering: May 7 – November 5

In 1889, two Episcopal women envisioned a way to collect small thank offerings in homes as a personal expression of gratitude, and from this, our modern day United Thank Offering (UTO) was born. Today, UTO members, through their daily personal spiritual discipline of gratitude, continue to make thank offerings, and every penny given in thanksgiving is then giving away in grant funding to missions and ministries seeking to live Jesus' way of love. UTO is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. More than 5,300 grants have been awarded thus far by UTO (for a total of \$140 million) to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

St. Paul's UTO Campaign began in May with UTO BOXES featured in the Narthex and culminating on Ingathering Sunday on November 5. The UTO Blue Box offers each and everyone of St. Paul's parishioners a chance to express their Gratitude for blessings large or small. By placing pennies, dimes, dollars in the Box we thank God for the blessings in our lives: a loved one's birthday, a sunny day or a rainy one, a new job, for healing, or just for being. Any questions, please contact Kathie Dixon 775-747-4485.