



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sunday,
February 1st, 2026**

Our Mission

United in the sacraments as the Body of Christ, we the members of Prince of Peace Catholic Parish extend the welcoming arms of Jesus, opening the world to God's presence through works of love, hospitality, mercy, and prayer.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

8:00am & 10:30am

RECONCILIATION

Thursdays 5 p.m.—6 p.m.

Saturdays 11 a.m. —12 p.m.

or contact the Parish Office 308-236-9171

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays 8 a.m.-Midnight

Fridays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

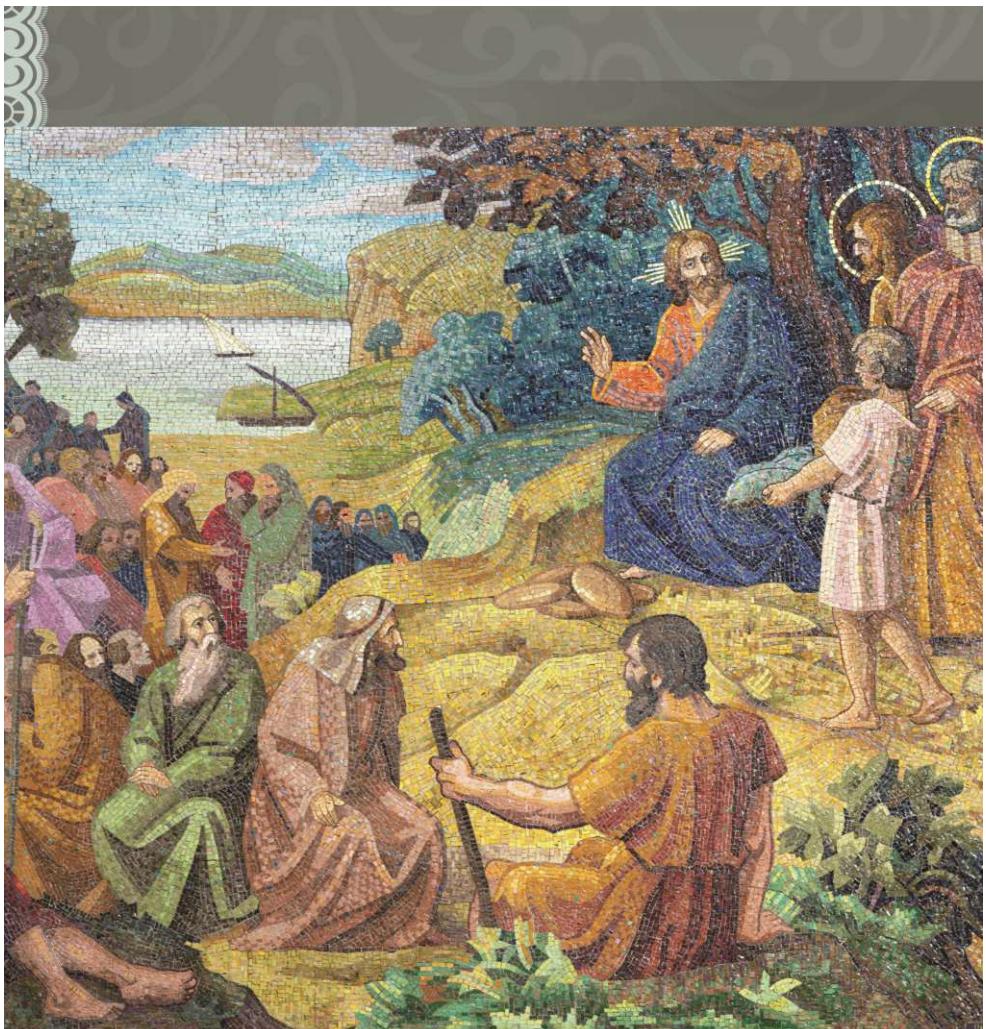
Fr. Scott Harter

Fr. Scott Harter was ordained a priest in 2014 and became pastor of Prince of Peace in 2025.

Fr. Lawrence Kawagga

Fr. Lawrence Kawagga was ordained a priest in 2024 and became associate pastor of Prince of Peace in 2025.

They are assisted by **Deacon Tom Martin**.



4th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him." Mt 5:1

2026 Confirmation Meeting for High School Juniors & Parents

Sunday, February 1st, 2026
following the 10:30 Mass

Meet downstairs after Mass to register, talk about the class, and ask questions.
Contact Leeta at youthministry@kearneyprinceofpeace.org with any questions.

The Annual DCCW (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) Collection will take place next weekend, Feb. 7th & 8th, with most of the collection going to the Bishop's Seminary Fund and the remainder for retreats, seminars and other diocesan expenses. Envelopes will be provided for your contribution so these can be placed in the regular collection. If you use a check, make it out to Prince of Peace with DCCW in the memo space. Thank you for your great support.



We are the family of God! Let's celebrate Valentine's Day by remembering our elders and honoring their faith in establishing Prince of Peace parish. Please select a heart and mail a Valentine's card to the elder(s) you chose to remind them that they are a vital part of our church community and to wish them well. Find them in the gathering space (Narthex).

NAZARETH SCHOOL OF PRAYER

A 6-Week Lenten Series presented by Fr. Josh and Fr. Scott who will offer each week a new way of deepening our experience of prayer. Topics include: Contemplative Prayer, Lectio Divina, guided meditation, relational prayer, and much more! Please join us for this wonderful and powerful experience of living as Jesus did, in the Nazareth School of Prayer.

Tuesdays, February 24th through March 31st
6:30 pm St. James Parish Hall
Childcare available
No supper—but will have snacks

Please register with QR code, paper registration or call/text Mary Bowman at 308-627-5024



Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM TERI RAHE †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM SAM O'NEILL †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM ANNELIESE FELDNER

10:00 AM AVAILABLE

*MASS IS AT KINSHIP POINTE NORTHRIDGE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5 | MASS 12:05 PM

12:05 PM THE JOE & PAM METHE FAMILY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM THE GERRY & MARY O'ROURKE FAMILY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 | MASS 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM

8:00 AM THE RICHARD & KAREN PILAKOWSKI FAMILY

5:00 PM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

8:00 AM CHRIS BOWEN †

10:30 AM TERI RAHE †

The parish BBQ & Bazaar is April 19th. Preparations will soon be underway to plan this great event. If you'd like to join the various planning committees please contact Chairs Jason and Amy Downing at downing.family5@yahoo.com or the parish office.



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PRAYER SERVICE

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RITA JEFFS (SISTER-IN-LAW OF BARRY JEFFS)

BEN JEFFS (BROTHER OF BARRY JEFFS)

MARY LOU KOENIG (FRIEND OF TIM UNREIN)

KATHY HOCK

EMILY BRACHEL

TAYA MOSELEY

BOB & KAY BRASS (COUSIN OF ADELE RYAN)

RICK PULLIAM (COUSIN OF ADELE RYAN)

HEATHER EDWARDS (DAUGHTER OF ROGER & JUDY WALKER)

CAROLYN (RAY) MENKE (SISTER-IN-LAW OF CAROLYN MENKE)

AND ALL OTHERS IN NEED OF PRAYER.

PLEASE CALL HELEN AT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE IN NEED OF PRAYER. NAMES WILL REMAIN FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME TO REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR LONGER.



Ministry to the Homebound:

If you, a relative, or a friend are hospitalized or shut-in (short or long term) please let us know by calling the parish office at (308) 236-9171.

He will baptize
with the
Holy Spirit.



Welcome

Jones Thomas Wallman

child of Jordan & Lindsay Wallman

And

Rhett Carter Sieczkowski

Child of Thomas & Brooke Sieczkowski

who were recently baptized at

Prince of Peace.



The church is in need of a new clavinova (digital piano). The current one needs an expensive repair and Yanda's feel that more repairs are coming. They are giving us a nice discount on a new one that has been tested by some of our pianists. Any donations toward the cost of the piano would be very appreciated.



Do you have a green thumb or enjoy working on landscaping projects? The Prince of Peace Building and Grounds Committee is currently in search of a volunteer/s who would like to assume responsibility for our beautiful landscape. Duties would include seasonal maintenance of the flower beds and managing plans and updates to the surrounding grounds. This might be a great opportunity for a husband and wife team that enjoys outdoor activities such as this.

This Week

Monday, February 2, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

7:00 PM Sacraments Parents' Meeting

7:00 PM Life Teen

Tuesday, February 3, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, February 4, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass at Kinship Pointe

4:00 PM Faith Formation

5:30 PM Faith Formation

7:00 PM Edge

Thursday, February 5, 2025

9:30 AM Adoration until midnight

12:05 PM Mass

5:00 PM Confessions until 6 PM

7:00 PM POP-In

Friday, February 6, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

8:00 AM Adoration until 5 PM

Saturday, February 7, 2025

8:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Confessions until 12 PM

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, February 8, 2025

8:00 AM Mass

9:15 AM Deacon Tom's Theology Class

10:30 AM Mass

Stewardship

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 WEEKLY BUDGET:
\$21,100.00

JANUARY BUDGET **\$84,400.00**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY \$ 2,063.76

SUNDAY, JAN 4, 2025 \$23,802.26

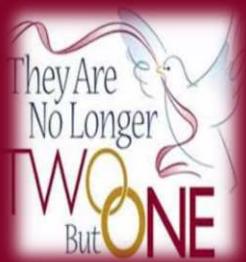
SUNDAY, JAN 11, 2025 \$17,376.76

SUNDAY, JAN 18, 2025 \$24,571.76

SUNDAY, JAN 25, 2025 \$25,680.88

JANUARY TO DATE **\$91,431.67**

January Over Budget **\$7,031.67**



Congratulations Nick & Devan!!

Nick Myers and Devan Collins were just married at Prince of Peace.



Little Fish Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2026-27 school year. We look forward to serving your family.

CONTACT CRYSTAL VANDERBEEK: 308-224-6507
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Marriage



In celebration of World Marriage Day, Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt will be presiding at an

Anniversary Mass on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 5 p.m., at St. Mary's Cathedral. All married couples in the Diocese of Grand Island whose anniversary is divisible by 5 in the years 2025-2026 will be honored at the Holy Mass. Please RSVP to St. Mary's Cathedral, 308-384-2523, or email bulletin@stmarysgi.com; or Glenda Stittsworth, 308-379-9325, email glenarch@charter.net, by February 11, 2026. A lasagna dinner will follow at Cathedral Square. The meal is dine-in or carry-out. A free will offering is requested.

JOIN US!

High School Girls Galentine's Brunch

FEB. 8, 12PM-2PM

The Ostermann House
1403 E 57th St. Place

Bring: a Valentine's mailbox to decorate & a friend!

RSVP TO LEETA BY FEB 1

12 Days MARIAN SHRINES Pilgrimage

JOIN FR. VIDYA SAGAR ARIKOTLA ON A 12 DAY MARIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr. Vidya Sagar Arikotla on a 12-day Marian Shrines Pilgrimage, April 13-24, 2026! Walk in the footsteps of saints and experience the grace of Our Blessed Mother as we journey to sacred sites across Portugal, Spain, and France — including Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Garabandal, Lourdes, and Montserrat. Celebrate daily Mass, participate in powerful candlelight processions, and deepen your faith alongside fellow pilgrims. With expert guides, deluxe accommodations, and unforgettable spiritual moments, this is a journey your heart and soul will never forget. Space is limited!

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SCAN ME!

WHY DOES THE PRIEST KISS THE ALTAR?

You might have noticed that after the priest proceeds in for Mass, he genuflects to the tabernacle and when he reaches the altar, he kisses it, and when Mass concludes, he kisses it again. Do you know why? **Here is your answer!**

Consecration: The altar is consecrated by a bishop, which sets it apart for divine worship. The kiss serves as a recognition of this special status and the altar's role in the liturgy.

Biblical Roots: The act of kissing as a sign of homage is found in the Bible, where it is associated with submission and respect towards God. This biblical context enriches the understanding of the priest's gesture during Mass.

Symbol of Christ: The altar is not a piece of furniture. It represents Christ Himself, His sacrifice, His body, and His victory. At the beginning of Mass, the priest kisses the altar to greet Christ. At the end of Mass, he kisses it again to take leave of the Lord who has just offered Himself.

Ancient Tradition: In the early Church, altars were built over the tombs of martyrs. To kiss the altar was also to honor those who gave their lives for Christ. That tradition remains. Every kiss acknowledges the communion of saints and the blood that testified to the faith we celebrate.

Connection to Martyrs: Historically, altars were often built over the tombs of martyrs, and the relics of saints are sometimes embedded within them. Kissing the altar can also be seen as an act of

veneration for these holy figures, acknowledging their sacrifices for the faith.

As Mass comes to an end, the priest does something many people rarely notice. Before he leaves the sanctuary, he returns to the altar and kisses it again.

This is not repetition. It is **completion!**

There is also a deeply human meaning. We kiss those we love when we depart, not because they disappear, but because the bond remains. The priest's kiss says, **"I am leaving this place, but I remain united to You."**

This final kiss teaches the faithful something essential: Mass does not end by walking away from Christ, it ends by carrying Him with us. The altar remains sacred. The presence of Christ remains real. And the mission continues beyond the sanctuary walls.

I hope the next time you see a priest kissing the altar, you will know what it means.

For more, you can read: *In Exodus 29:37, In Leviticus 8:15, The Book of Hebrews 13:10, Psalm 118:27.*

If you have any questions about your faith, please email me!

-Fr. Lawrence Kawagga lkawagga@gidiocese.org

**Readings for the week of February 1, 2026**

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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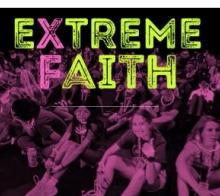
You are Invited! Join local and statewide Pro-Life groups for the 7th Annual Pro-Life Coffee on Saturday, February 14 at Riverside Golf Club in Grand Island. The program will provide an opportunity to learn about important pro-life legislation in the Unicameral and will feature our State Senators from central and south-central Nebraska. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. The program runs from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Coffee, fruit and bagels will be provided. Riverside Golf Club is located at 2820 Riverside Drive in Grand Island. We hope to see you there! **RSVP:** <https://gidiocease.org/prolife> or call 308-382-6565

The Wood River/Shelton Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed on Saturday, February 7 2026 from 5:00-7:00 pm at St Mary's Marian Hall at 408 W 11th St., Wood River. Menu will include Mountain Oysters, Shrimp, Chicken Tenders, Bake Beans, Cole Slaw, Hawaiian Buns, coffee, tea, and water. The feed is a FREE WILL DONATION (however a suggested donation \$15 per plate) A Cash Beer Bar will be available. Contact Phil Turek for more information. 308-380-4663

Feb 7/8	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Timothy Schulte Kurt Schmidt	Paul O'Neill Helen Albrecht	Mike Bowman Kevin Donohue
Servers	Cooper Feltz Henry Greisen Oliver Greisen Chase Feltz	Parker Snider William Friesell Rowan Ostrander Sullivan Ostrander	Adam Binderup Kellen Shuda Jack Binderup Jacob Shuda
Gift Bearer	Needs to be filled	Stephen Friesell	Brian Lowe
Lectors	Mitch O'Neill	Cecelia Davis	Randy Buschkoetter
Eucharistic Ministers	Brad Greisen Robert Schulte Kelli Teahon Michael Teahon Cathy Emrick Mary O'Rourke	Kathy White Bill Gilbreath Shirley Gilbreath Bill Wright Jane Sheldon Matthew Wecker	Brian Lowe Ken Vyblecka Bridget Nore Adam Schapmann Jason Downing Walt Fick
Sound	Kurt Schmidt	Robert Hock	Gwen Christner
Livestreaming Coordinator	Judy Walker	Kathy White	Melissa Murphy
Sacristan	Robert Schulte	Kathy White	Ken Vyblecka
Homebound	Please use Ministry Scheduler to request a substitute if you can't fulfill your assignment.	Linda Martin Shellie Berry Raymond Hanson Randy Buschkoetter Pat Trausch Ellen Gitt	Please contact Tiffany Shuda or Kathy White at the parish office if you would like to be trained for any of these ministries. Thank you for serving the Lord!
Route 1			
Route 2			
Route 3			
Route 4			
Route 5			
Route 6			

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Attention current high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Higher Ground registration opens February 1, 2026. Join us for an unforgettable

retreat designed to deepen your relationship with Christ and connect you with other high-school students from across the diocese. Through prayer and meaningful experiences, you will grow in faith and discover a community of faith that will walk with you. By the end of this retreat, you'll leave with a renewed love for God and friendships that last. Register today at highergroundretreats.org and save with the Early Bird rate of \$325 until February 8, 2026.

Calling all high school students currently in grades 9-12! Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville of the Rockies June 19-21, 2026, to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us. Find out more at gidiocese.org/Steubenville. Registration opens February 1, 2026, with an early bird rate of \$399 through February 8, 2026.



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Bulletin Deadline: Friday, February 6th for the February 15th bulletin.

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