



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Sunday,
January 4th, 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.**



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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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Parish Christmas Wish List

White Altar Cloth \$250.00 ✓ donated
MyParish App Annual Subscription \$420.00
Black Vestments \$489.00
K-5 Summer Camp Program \$600.00
SEEK donations —All amounts welcome
Rectory Window Replacement TBA
Rectory Flooring Replacement TBA
Incense Censer Stand \$1,135.00
Formed Annual Subscription \$3,000.00



Continental Breakfast

Sunday, January
11th following
8:00 AM Mass

*Come to enjoy pastries, juice, coffee
and fellowship.*

Sponsored by the Social Committee

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, JANUARY 5 | MASS 7:30 AM
7:30 AM SEMINARIANS OF THE G.I. DIOCESE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 | MASS 7:30 AM
7:30 AM EVAN MUETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 | MASS 7:30 AM
7:30 AM ANDREW & ESTHER WILHELM †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 | MASS 12:00 PM
12:00 PM VERN BRICKNER †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 | MASS 7:30 AM
7:30 AM PAUL J. DIESSNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 | MASS 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM
8:00 AM JHETT HENDERSON †
5:00 PM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM
8:00 AM CHRIS BOWEN †
10:30 AM KALE MURPHY & THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Pope Leo XIV's intention for the month of January: For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Two 6-foot Christmas trees are no longer needed at the church. They will be available in the social hall for the taking until January 13th at which time they will be disposed of.

Funeral Dinner Helpers

Circle 2 leaders have needed to step down due to family health and moving out of town. We need two people to co-lead the circle to organize volunteers who prepare, serve and clean up funeral dinners. Each circle has two people who call for volunteer and food donations. Each circle has several volunteers to enlist. Training is provided. Call the parish office if interested in learning more about this service.



HELPING HANDS

THE MISSION OF HELPING HANDS
PARISH OUTREACH IS TO BE THE
HANDS OF CHRIST IN OFFERING
TEMPORARY HELP & SUPPORT TO
PARISHIONERS IN NEED.
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT
308-236-9171.

2026 Confirmation Meeting for High School Juniors & Their 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.



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PRAYER SERVICE

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

CONNER MILLER (NEPHEW OF SHELLIE BERRY)

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

BEN JEFFS (BROTHER OF BARRY JEFFS)

MARY LOU KOENIG (FRIEND OF TIM UNREIN)

BECKY HESLET (SISTER OF TIM UNREIN)

DOUG BIERMAN

CINDY MACK

TOM & MARILYN SCHACHTA

KATHY HOCK

EMILY BRACHLE

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 JERRY & 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.

Want to hear it again? Listen to Fr. Scott's homilies on our podcast:

<https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-87yy3-192c2e4>

Or watch a streaming of the weekend Mass on our YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/>



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Providence

DIOCESAN APPEAL
OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026

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OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026

Parish Goal: \$91,551
Total Raised: \$44,538
Household Goal: 200
Current Households: 131

This Week

Monday, January 5, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

Tuesday, January 6, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, January 7, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

4:00 PM Faith Formation

5:30 PM Faith Formation

7:00 PM Edge

Thursday, January 8, 2025

8:00 AM Adoration until midnight

12:00 PM Mass

5:00 PM Confessions until 6 PM

Friday, January 9, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

8:00 AM Adoration until 5 PM

Saturday, January 10, 2025

8:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Baptism Preparation Class

11:00 AM Confessions until 12 PM

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, January 11, 2025

8:00 AM Mass

9:15 AM Parish Continental Breakfast

9:15 AM Deacon Tom's Theology Class

10:30 AM Mass

4:00 PM OCIA

Contribution Statements

2025 donations will be recorded until **January 9, 2026**. Checks dated in December of 2025 and received before or by January 9th will be recorded as 2025 contributions.

Contribution statements will be postmarked no later than January 31, 2026.

Stewardship

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

DECEMBER BUDGET	\$84,400.00
SUNDAY, DEC 7, 2025	\$23,645.62
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$ 1,138.74
SUNDAY, DEC 14, 2025	\$29,393.73
SUNDAY, DEC 21, 2025	\$49,408.48
SUNDAY, DEC 28, 2025	\$
DECEMBER TO DATE	\$103,586.57

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday:

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and
9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

Christmas Flowers In Memory Of:

Jan Albrecht
Charlotte V. Bakken
Loren & Catherine Bals
Joseph & Eva Beran
Laddie Bicak
Carol Brookins
Ruth Cisneros
Paul & Bette Conroy
Shawn Czaplewski
Dorothy Devine
Bill Fisher
Marvin & Cindy Fisher
Robert & Margaret Fisher
Steve Gancos
Peter & Mary Gancos

Rick Gewecke
Ruth Gewecke
Elizabeth Hamik
Francis & Leona Hershiser
Virgil & Judy Holz
Marvin Houser
Rita Howe
Kyle Karschner
Don Keaschall
Wilma Keaschall
Kurt Keaschall
Donald W. Kelly
Lloyd C. Kelly
Arnold & Dorothy Kirwan
Richard & Marion McPhillips
James & Alma Mack

Pat Mahony
Ken Main
Jerry Menke
Mark Meyer
Harold & Alice Nelson
Rev. Father Jim Novakowski
Elaine Richter
Julie Roth
Tom Roth
Tom Schaub
Jackson James Stott
Lee & Betty Trumm
Deb Wagner
Neil & Evelyn Whetstone
Lee & Bob Zeman

We wish you all a blessed New Year! Make the best decision this year for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on:

Upcoming 2026 dates: Feb. 20-22, Lincoln, NE; Apr. 18-19, Lakewood, CO; June 19-21, Golden, CO; Aug. 7-9, Wichita, KS; Sept. 18-20, Grand Island, NE; Nov. 6-8, Grand Junction, CO

Contact Victor & Lupita Corona at 651-343-2348 for information about upcoming Spanish WWME Weekends.
Check for more dates and locations at wwwme.org. Call or text 402-370-5839 for more information.

For information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.worldwidemarriageencounter.org

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VOCATION PATHWAYS

Discernment Groups

For men 16-35—These groups will be formed as needed in each area. These groups will meet for times of prayer, discussion on discernment, and connection with other men.

Seminary Visits

March 6-8, 2026 & April 17-19, 2026
Weekend retreats hosted by seminaries in or near the state of Nebraska.

Go to www.givocations.org for more information.



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.



Contact Us

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For a full listing of staff with emails go to
princeofpeacekearney.com/staff

Helping Hands: Offering temporary help & support to parishioners in need. Call or email the parish office.

Like us on facebook & download our Parish App at myparishapp.com

Welcome packets for new parishioners available at each church entrance.

CATHOLICS ENCOUNTER CHRIST *Grand Island Diocese*

Men's Weekend – February 27-March 1, 2026, at Camp Comeca, Cozad, NE

Women's Weekend – March 27-29, 2026, at Camp Comeca, Cozad, NE

Deadline to register is 30 days prior to the weekend (or until the weekend is full).

NEW! Online registration with an option for electronic payment is available. To register online, please visit <https://gidiocese.org/cec> or scan the appropriate QR code below!

2026 Women's Weekend:



2026 Men's Weekend:



Jan 10/11	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Wendell Dubbs Bo Feltz	Butch Knapp James Kennedy	William Burns Nancy Stritt
Servers	Cooper Feltz Oliver Greisen Chase Feltz Henry Greisen	Owen Wheeler Elaine Albrecht Isaac Albrecht Ben Albrecht	Emmett Clay Austin Clay Mason Vavra
Gift Bearer	Brian Vinton	Joe Wheeler	Angelique Bruggeman
Lectors	Shanna Schulte	Kathy Knapp	Alyssa Clay
Eucharistic Ministers	Mitch O'Neill Brad Greisen Bev Schumacher Le Spencer Cathy Emrick Connor Wiggins	Butch Knapp Isaac Wheeler Brooke Ward Julie Gappa Valerie Fredericksen Dan Javins	Kim Buschkoetter Walt Fick Sara Homan Adam Schapmann Jason Downing Michele Friesen
Sound	Mitch O'Neill	Robert Hock	James Friesen
Livestreaming			
Coordinator	Kathy White	Valerie Fredericksen	Melissa Murphy
Sacristan	Kathy White	Butch Knapp	Paul Mueting
Homebound Route 1 Route 2 Route 3 Route 4 Route 5	Please use Ministry Scheduler to request a substitute if you can't fulfill your assignment.	Lily Solomon James Kennedy James Rowling Kathy White Helen Albrecht	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!



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matt.abbie.wecker@gmail.com

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juliepmyers@gmail.com

9 Days for Life


Join the thousands of Catholics across the country praying for the protection of human life. Starting on **January 16**, participants are invited to pray for, learn about, and offer small sacrifices for the protection of human life.

Sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message! <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>



Gianna Molla
Ministry:

Providing meals to mothers of newborns. If you'd like to volunteer to bring a meal or know of a new mother who could use some meals, please contact Tessa Donohue at (308) 440-6095.



Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any woman who finds herself in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs. Volunteers walk with moms throughout the motherhood journey, offering them authentic Christian friendship and support. Our parish has put together a brochure to help these moms connect with local area resources. They are available at all the entrances and in the parent emergency kits in all the bathrooms.

Bulletin Deadline: Friday, January 9th for the January 18th bulletin.

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