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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sunday,
August 23rd, 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 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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** and **Deacon Ron Ridder**.



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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JR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAYS
7-8:30 PM

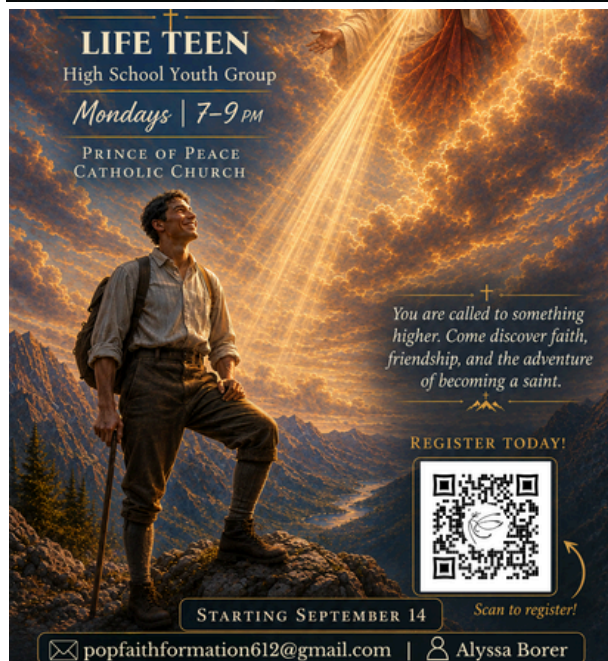
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friendship, and the adventure
of becoming a saint.*

Knights of Columbus Upcoming Membership Drive

Do you want more information about becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus? Watch the bulletin for the date of their upcoming membership drive or contact the parish office to be connected with a Knight.

Sound Minister Training TO BE RESCHEDULED!!

We are updating our digital mixer for the sound system. This training is for current sound ministers as well as an opportunity for anyone new who would like to be a sound minister.

Walking with Moms In Need Donations Requested

Her PLAN is a national initiative connecting women facing unexpected pregnancies with local resources. Walking with Mom's in Need is joining Her PLAN in collecting donations through September 30th including laundry detergent, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, personal hygiene products, toilet paper, and grocery store gift cards. A playpen is in the Narthex for your donations. Please drop off all gift cards to the office. To be a part of the local support network, contact Gina Tomes at gtomes@herplan.org.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM BOB BUETTNER †

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM MARGARET MARY BUSH †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM THE PRINCE OF PEACE 2026 CONFIRMATION CLASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 | MASS 12:05 PM

12:05 PM JOEL LUNGRIN † & FAMILY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM MERLE LESSIG †

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 | MASS 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM

8:00 AM THE PRINCE OF PEACE 2026 CONFIRMATION CLASS

5:00 PM LEE WEATHERWAX †

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

8:00 AM BRANDI SNYDER CAMPBELL †

10:30 AM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

KOC Praying the Rosary

The Marian Chapel on the last weekend of the month

Join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary after all Masses on the last weekend of every month. (8/29th 8/30th)



Watchmen Fall Semester is Starting Soon!



Often growing their faith to better serve God

Tuesday evenings will start on 8/25,
6:30-7:45 PM (Rosary at 6:10).

Thursday mornings will start on 8/27,
6:00-7:00 AM. (Breakfast at 5:30).

The 13-week fall semester will be held at Prince of Peace.

MEN: There is nothing more important and you are never too young or too old to build a better relationship with Christ and the people in your life. Come join us whenever you can.

Readings for the Week of August 23, 2026

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



Pope Leo XIV's intention for the month of August: *For evangelization in the city*
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Recently Married: Jae Seger and Claire Adams

Recently Baptized: Cash Andrew Zaruba Child of Andrew and Emma Zaruba

Recently Deceased: Ann Day
Dennis Haller

Prayers for Healing:

Emily Brachle Taya Moseley Georgia Unrein
Kim Buschkoetter
Ryan McCracken (brother of Dana Kaslon)
Heather Edwards (daughter of Roger & Judy Walker)
Carolyn (Ray) Menke (Sister-in-law of Carolyn Menke)
Bob Homan (Brother of Barb Oberg, Uncle of Ben & Steve Homan)

And all others in need of prayer.

Please call the parish 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.



If you, or someone you know, have an upcoming milestone birthday or anniversary that you would like to have posted in the bulletin, please contact the parish office.

Parish Support

2026-2027 Weekly Budget	\$ 22,500.00
August Budget	\$ 112,500.00
Sunday, August 2, 2026	\$ 15,016.98
Sunday, August 9, 2026	\$ 17,758.30
Sunday, August 16, 2026	
Sunday, August 23, 2026	
Sunday, August 30, 2026	
August to Date	\$ 32,775.28

The Budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year is available on the parish website, on the Stewardship page. For additional details, please contact Cecilia at the parish office.



Monday, August 24, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Watchmen Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, August 27, 2026

- 6:00 a.m. Watchmen Meeting
- 8:00 a.m.-Midnight Adoration
- 12:05 p.m. Mass
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. Food Pantry
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Confessions
- 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary

Friday, August 28, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Adoration

Saturday, August 29, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Confessions
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 30, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:15 a.m. Deacon Tom's Theology Class
- 10:30 a.m. Mass

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

A six-month program for those seeking to become Catholic, those seeking the sacrament of confirmation, and for those simply exploring the Catholic faith. Classes begin in September and culminate on the Easter Vigil in March 2027. Watch the bulletin for start dates coming soon.



Diocesan Appeal October 2025-September 2026

Parish Goal: \$91,551 Total Raised: \$75,822
Household Participation Goal: 200
Current Households: 183



Ron Ridder was ordained a Permanent Deacon on May 25, 2012, and served our parish until moving to Iowa in 2015. He and his wife, Debra, have now moved back to Kearney and will serve our parish again. Welcome back, Deacon Ron & Debbie!





HOW TO PREPARE FOR A HOLY DEATH

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Being in a busy world, a person can forget that one day he or she will die. We are so worried about how to survive and what to eat, vacations, studies, that we forget about the end of our life. We always collect for ourselves treasures of living well in the world, but have you thought about how your end will be? It is unfortunate that we pay for where they will lay our corpse, pay for caskets, and death insurance, but we do not organize for any sacrifice of Mass to be offered on our departure from this world. A casket will not accompany you to heaven, but you will need prayer and salvation.

The Bible says; “Be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” (Matthew 24:44)
The Catechism (CCC 1005-1007) teaches that death is the separation of the soul from the body. St Alphonsus said that the sentence of death has been written against all men. There is nothing that is more certain in this life than the fact that one day we shall die, but what is not certain is the time of our death. St Bernardine of Siena said that the good Lord hides the time of our death from us so that we will be prepared at all times.
People do not just die because of old age. A person can die at any age so it is good to be prepared 24/7. It's sad when people live in all manners of sin thinking that they are too young to die.

Below are some of the ways which can help us prepare for a good death:

1. **LIVE IN A STATE OF GRACE DAILY:** “He who endures to the end shall be saved.” Matthew 24:13. Go to Confession regularly (weekly or biweekly, if possible) “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us...” (1 John 1:9), Avoid all mortal sin even “minor” occasions, Make frequent Acts of Contrition, Live each day as if it is your last. Jesus warned, “He will come like a thief in the night” (Mark 13:33). This means living with urgency, gratitude, and purpose. Always strive to do your duty with the honor of God in mind.

2. **STRENGTHEN YOUR SPIRITUAL DEFENSES:** “Put on the whole armor of God...” Ephesians 6:11, e.g. Pray the Rosary daily. St. Padre Pio says “The Rosary is the weapon for these times.”, Wear the Brown Scapular (Our Lady promised us that, “Whosoever dies wearing this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.”, Receive the Eucharist frequently and reverently, Keep holy water and blessed sacramentals nearby (Crucifix, medals, Rosary, etc.).

3. **STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH HEAVEN.** Philippians 1:21 says “To live is Christ, and to die is gain.” Consecrate yourself to Mary (Total Consecration or 33 Days to Morning Glory) Daily invocation of St. Joseph – Patron of a Happy Death, speak to your Guardian Angel daily “He will give His angels charge of you...” (Psalm 91:11)

4. **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION.** James 5:14 -15, says, “Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders and they will pray for them. Request the *Anointing of the Sick* when gravely ill or in danger, Receive *Viaticum* (Holy Communion) before death, if possible, ask a priest for the *Apostolic Pardon* (often given with Anointing) This remits all temporal punishment due to sin if the soul is in grace.

5. **LEAVE NOTHING UNDONE;** Isaiah 38:1 says, “Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.” Write or update your Last Will & Testament, prepare a Catholic Funeral Plan (include request for Requiem Mass), make spiritual arrangements: confession list, favorite devotions, priests to be contacted, forgive everyone and make peace with others, do not die with anger, just forgive. Ask others to pray for your soul after your death. Include in your will: “Please have Masses said for the repose of my soul.”

6. **BRING OTHERS TO HEAVEN:** As Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, “If you want to get to heaven, then take somebody to heaven with you.” Focus on the salvation of souls, for God loves the salvation of immortal souls.

7. **PRACTICE THE VIRTUES DAILY.** 1 Peter 5:8 says “Be sober and vigilant. Your adversary the devil prowls like a roaring lion...” Be Humble, do charity works, detach yourself from unnecessary things, and live as a light to the world. Be Vigilant and Keep your heart alert and free from spiritual laziness (“Watch therefore... for you know neither the day nor the hour.” (Mt. 25:13)

8. **DO SPIRITUAL EXERCISES REGULARLY;** Examine your conscience, do your morning offering daily, Read Sacred Scripture daily, meditate, Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (Jesus said to St Faustina “At the hour of death, I defend every soul that prays this Chaplet...”)

Contact Us

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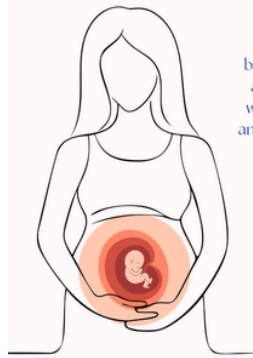
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Mary's Journey - Theotokos

Mary's Pregnancy in weeks 22-24.



Mary's little one has achieved a big milestone: breaking the 1-pound mark and gaining steadily now at a rate of about 6 ounces per week. Much of that weight comes from growing organs, bones, muscle, and accumulating baby fat. Growing from the size of a sweet potato to an ear of corn during this time.



Mary may be noticing more changes to her body, including a protruding navel and possibly even slightly bigger feet. She will be in month 6 at the end of these three weeks.

Mary's body may start practicing for delivery. These early irregular muscle squeezing sensations most likely are Braxton Hicks contractions.



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.



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August 29/30	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Jerry Brown Brian Vinton	Matthew Wecker Bill Vosik	Tom McCann Patrick Halpin
Servers	Max Lungrin John Lungrin Parker Welch <i>Needs to be filled</i>	William Friesell Sullivan Ostrander <i>Needs to be filled</i> <i>Needs to be filled</i>	Teddy Berrier Kellen Shuda Jacob Shuda Grady Thome
Gift Bearer	<i>Needs to be filled</i>	Stephen Friesell	Angelique Bruggeman
Lector	Steve Melia	Denise O'Brien	Cecelia Davis
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Coordinator	Judy Walker	Valerie Fredericksen	Amy Johnson
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Homebound		Rt 1 Brad Greisen Rt 2 Janine Walker Rt 3 Randy Buschkoetter Rt 4 Kathy White Rt 5 Kathleen Sloggett Rt 6 James Rowling	



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Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers Needed

Kearney Catholic High School

Kearney Catholic High School will offer Eucharistic Adoration for students and staff every Wednesday from 7:30am-3:30pm starting August 26th.

Please consider signing up to cover one of the weekly adoration hours. This is a weekly commitment for the duration of the school year, and your faithful presence will help ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended.

If you would like to sign-up, please scan the QR code or email Emily Ferguson at emily.ferguson@kearneycatholic.org



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