



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sunday,
August 16th, 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.

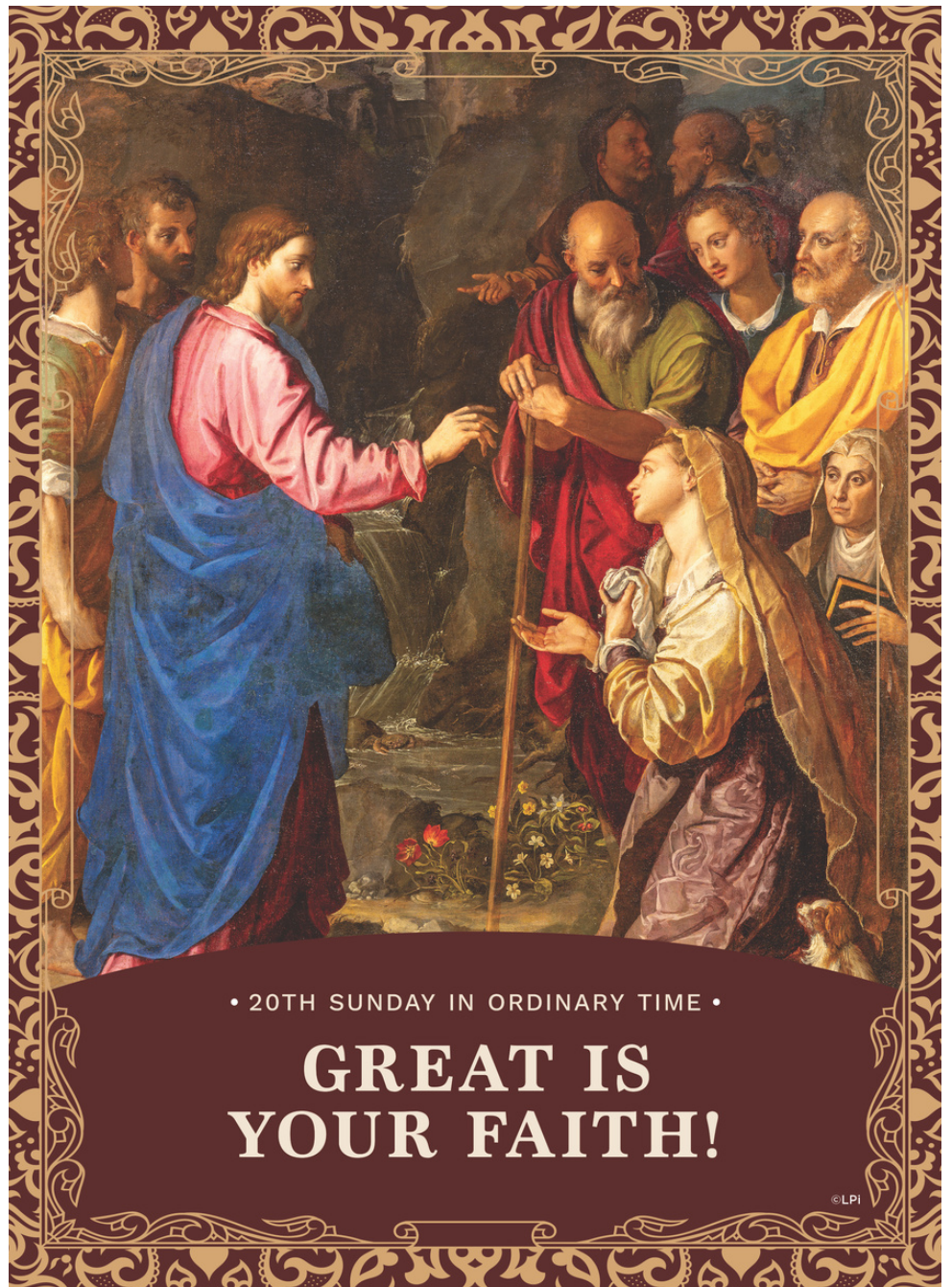
FR. SCOTT HARTER

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**.



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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.



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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

September 2nd 6:00-8:00 PM

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

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.



Diocesan Appeal October 2025- September 2026

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, AUGUST 17 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM RAY & JOANN VRBKA (59 YEARS OF MARRIAGE)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM ZOILO PEREZ

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM A SPECIAL INTENTION AND FOR ALL HOMELESS

10:00 AM MASS AT BROOKESTONE GARDENS FOR JAN HENRY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 | MASS 12:05 PM

12:05 PM LEE WEATHERWAX †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM ED DAUEL †

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 | MASS 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM

8:00 AM STEVE CORAM †

5:00 PM ED KEEL †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

8:00 AM KAREN DAVIS †

10:30 AM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

Watchmen Fall Semester is Starting Soon!



WATCHMEN

Men growing their faith to better serve God

Tuesday evenings will start on 8/25,
6:30-7:45 PM.

Thursday mornings will start on 8/27,
6:00-7:00 AM.

Breakfast starts at 5:30 AM.

The fall semester will be held at Prince of Peace.

**Our main theme this semester will be how to
build a personal relationship with Christ.**

Readings for the Week of August 16, 2026

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

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

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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: Nolan Spady and Kinsley Ballentine

Recently Baptized:

Recently Deceased: Ann Day
Dennis Haller

Prayers for Healing:

Emily Brachle Taya Moseley Georgia Unrein
Kim Buschkoetter
Ryan McCracken (brother of Dana Kaslon)
Janean McCracken (mother 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.



Monday, August 17, 2026

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

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 4:00 p.m. Little Fish Open House

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Mass at Brookestone Gardens

Thursday, August 20, 2026

- 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 21, 2026

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

Saturday, August 22, 2026

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

Sunday, August 23, 2026

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

Parish Support

August Budget \$112,500.00 2025-2026 Weekly Budget \$22,500.00	Sunday, Aug 2, 2026	\$15,016.98
	Sunday, Aug 9, 2026	
	Sunday, Aug 16, 2026	
	Sunday, Aug 23, 2026	
	August to Date	\$15,016.98

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.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD:

Observe what is right, do what is just;

for my salvation is about to come,

my justice, about to be revealed. (Is 56:1)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

For God delivered all to disobedience,

that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel:

Then Jesus said to her in reply,

"O woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

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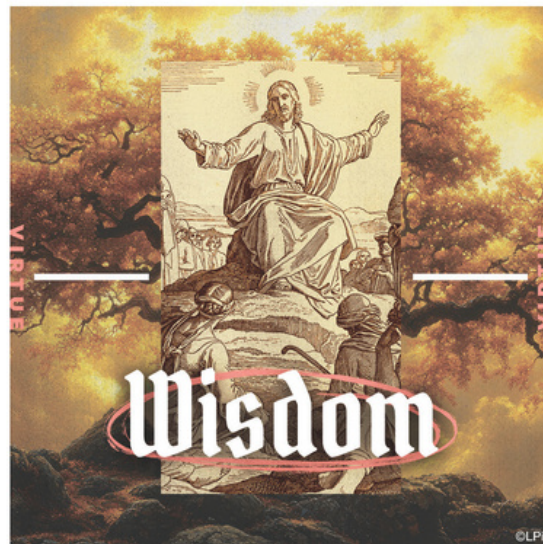
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same?

Observances for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom — and remember to be ready when it comes.

Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities

Dear God,
Move in our community:
Bring Your light to the darkness,
Your justice to the oppressed,
Your hope to those in despair,
Your healing to those in pain.
Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts,
making us more loving, more merciful, and more compassionate.
Amen.



Why Choose A Saint's Name At Baptism

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Baptism is a sacrament in which we are cleansed of original sin and become children of God! Among the Christians, what makes one a Christian involves being given an official “**Christian name,**” or **baptismal name**. While the ritual itself is meant to spiritually cleanse the child and devote them to a life in Christ, **their baptismal name signifies their identity as a child of God and a member of the church**. If you’re looking for a baptismal name for your child or for yourself, if you’re converting to Christianity as an adult, it would be good to choose a Christian name.

Early Christianity and Baptismal Names: The Catholic tradition of naming a child after a Saint is not new. It is an ancient tradition that carries much significance, and rightly so! In the 4th century, St. John Chrysostom strongly encouraged parents to choose for their children **names of holy men and women known for their strength and virtue, in order that the children might look to them as role models**.

The Choosing and Changing of Names in the Bible

The Bible gives us many vivid examples of significant circumstances bringing about a change in name, especially in regards to moments of spiritual conversion:

When God chooses Abram to be the father of the Chosen People and asks him to be circumcised as part of this new covenant, He gives Abram a new name: Abraham. (**Gen 17:5**)

After wrestling with an angel and receiving the angel’s blessing, Jacob’s name is changed to Israel. (**Gen 32:22-32**)

In the New Testament, Simon changed to Peter, and Saul to Paul. An important encounter with God led to the choosing of a name. When a child is baptized, he or she becomes a son or daughter of God the Father, a co-heir of Heaven through Christ the Son, and a sharer in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. (**John 1:42, acts 13:9**)

When Catholic parents have a child, they may choose a saint's name as the child's given name, and present that name at the infant's baptism. For those who receive baptism later in life, or convert to Catholicism, the newly baptized may choose a name to reflect his or her new status as a Christian, and this name stands as a beautiful and concrete symbol and reminder of spiritual conversion.

To give someone a name, as we see from the beginning, is a sacred act; an act that participates in God’s creative plan; a solemn responsibility that should be carried out with prayer and joyful seriousness rather than done capriciously and carelessly ignorant of the consequences...**The choice of a name can have a profound impact on the child’s development and self-identity.**

Naming the child after a Christian saint or Biblical hero is a concrete reminder for the child and everyone else that God is calling that child, like his or her Christian namesake, to holiness and heaven. A Christian name concretely indicates that there is, and is meant to be, a connection and continuity between natural and supernatural life, and between earthly and eternal life.

Practical Implications: Using a baptismal name can reinforce spiritual identity, foster devotion to a patron saint, and maintain a link between baptism and other sacraments. It is both a personal and communal expression of faith, and many Catholics continue to use their baptismal name throughout life, in both religious and secular contexts.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: No (2158) God calls each one by name. Everyone's name is sacred. the name is the icon of the person. It demands respect as a sign of the dignity of the one who bears it. (2159) The name one receives is a name for eternity. In the kingdom, the mysterious and unique character of each person marked with God's name will shine forth in splendor.

Sources. Catechism of the catholic church. The Christian name. 2156 chapter3. 2020, Order of Baptism of children., page 99
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Welcome packets for new parishioners available at each church entrance.

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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Greeters	Andrew Prochaska <i>Needs to be filled</i>	James Kennedy Joe Wheeler	Chris Knoell Mike Bowman
Servers	Elijah Lacy Clare Lacy Jacob Shuda Kellen Shuda	Owen Wheeler Adalyn Nelson Kaylee Nelson <i>Needs to be filled</i>	Jack Knoell Sam Knoell Emmett Clay Austin Clay
Gift Bearer	<i>Needs to be filled</i>	<i>Needs to be filled</i>	Kevin Donohue
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Sacristan	Kathy White	Mike Labun	Alec Knoell
Homebound		Rt 1 Bill Wright Rt 2 Diane Stevens Rt 3 Pat Trausch Rt 4 Leroy Korus Rt 5 Greg Welch Rt 6 Lily Solomon	



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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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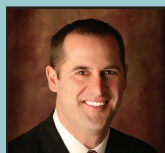


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