



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sunday,
August 2nd, 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**.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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4:30-5:30 Socializing

& Kids' Outdoor Activities

5:30 PM Meal is Served

Potluck: Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Hot dogs with condiments are provided by the Knights of Columbus. Lemonade, Iced Tea, Plates, Utensils, & Napkins Provided.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, AUGUST 3 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM TERI RAHE †

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM PAM HOUSING †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM JOEL LUNGRIN †

10:00 AM MASS AT KINSHIP POINTE FOR RICHARD "DICK" DOWNEY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 | MASS 12:05 PM

12:05 PM STEVE CORAM †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM HAROLD DAAKE †

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

8:00 AM PHYLLIS HANNAPPEL †

5:00 PM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

8:00 AM JOSEPH & EVA BERAN †

10:30 AM STEVE CORAM †

August 15th is
The Solemnity of the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

May the Blessed Mother teach us to value and respect the gift of human life.



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'" (CCC, 1025).

Readings for the Week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Welcome
Back to Faith Formation,
Edge & Life Teen

REGISTER BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE OR
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The Prince of Peace library is in the narthex and is available to check out books. There are books about the Catholic faith, the saints, prayer, and so much more! It is a treasure! Please feel free to browse and use the black binder to check out a book.



**Diocesan Appeal October 2025-
September 2026**

Parish Goal: \$91,551 Total Raised: \$75,802

Household Participation Goal: 200

Current Households: 183

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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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: Braden Kizer and Hannah Kepler

Recently Baptized:

Benedict Vincent McPhillips *Child of Isaac & Camryn McPhillips
Tsol James Kluver *Child of Kole & Samantha Kluver
Percy Ann Lowe *Child of Spencer & Emily Lowe

Birthday Milestones: Linda Burns-90 years on August 14th

Prayers for Healing:

Emily Brachle Taya Moseley Georgia Unrein
Kim Buschkoetter Patricia Mueting
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.

Parish Support

July Budget

\$90,000.00

2025-2026
Weekly Budget
\$22,500.00

Sunday, July 5, 2026

\$20,547.31

Sunday, July 12, 2026

\$22,293.18

Sunday, July 19, 2026

\$19,107.83

Sunday, July 26, 2026

July to Date

\$61,948.32

July under budget \$(28,051.68)

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.

This Week

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Monday, August 3, 2026

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

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Mass at Kinship Pointe

Thursday, August 6, 2026

- 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Adoration
- 12:05 p.m. Mass
- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Rosary & Visitation for Ann Day
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Confessions
- 6:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Adoration
- 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary

Friday, August 7, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Funeral for Ann Day
- 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Adoration

Saturday, August 8, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Baptism Preparation Class
- 11:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Confessions
- 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Wedding in the church
- 5:00 p.m. Mass-Second Sunday Sweets

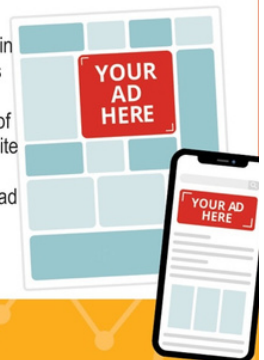
Sunday, August 9, 2026

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

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WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT KEARNEY CATHOLIC

During the 2026–2027 school year, Kearney Catholic High School will offer Eucharistic Adoration for students and staff every Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. starting August 26th.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to spend time with Jesus and grow in a deeper, more personal relationship with Him. To make this possible, we need your help!

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.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry and helping make this opportunity available to our school community.



*If you would like to sign up, please scan the QR code or email Emily Ferguson at emily.ferguson@kearneycatholic.org by August 25th.



How Does The Catholic Church Declare Someone A Saint?

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Looking forward to the beatification of Bishop Fulton J Sheen on September 24, 2026, I felt like sharing an article about how the church declares someone a Saint.

The first thing we should know is that the Church does not make Saints; God alone does. The Church's role is to carefully investigate the life of a deceased person and, after a thorough process, officially declare that the person is in heaven and worthy of public veneration by the faithful. Canonization is therefore not about creating Saints but about recognizing what God has already accomplished through His grace. Every Saint first became holy by faithfully following Christ in ordinary daily life.

The journey toward canonization normally begins several years after a person's death. If the faithful continue to speak of the person's holy life, seek his or her intercession, and there is a widespread reputation for holiness, the local bishop may open an official investigation into how that person lived. From that moment, the person receives the title, "Servant of God."

This does not mean the person has already been declared a saint. It simply means that the Church has officially begun to study or investigate the person's life. Witnesses are interviewed, personal writings are examined, and evidence is carefully gathered to determine whether the individual truly lived a life of Christian virtue.

If the investigation shows that the person lived the Christian virtues to a heroic degree, the documentation is sent to the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints in Rome. After careful study by theologians, historians, and other experts, the Pope may declare the person "Venerable." This title means that the Church officially recognizes the person's heroic virtues. Meaning that, the individual lived an exemplary Christian life worthy of imitation. However, public liturgical veneration is still not permitted at this stage.

The next stage is Beatification, when the person receives the title "Blessed." Normally, this requires one miracle attributed to the person's intercession after death. Most often, the miracle is an extraordinary healing that cannot be explained by medical science and has undergone rigorous scientific, medical, and theological investigation. If the person died as a martyr, i.e., gave his or her life for Christ, a miracle is ordinarily not required for beatification because martyrdom itself is considered the supreme witness of faith. Like in Uganda, Pope Benedict XV beatified the 22 catholic martyrs on 6th June 1920, officially recognizing them as Blessed without any miracle since they were martyrs. Once beatified, public devotion to the Blessed is generally permitted within particular dioceses, countries, or religious communities.

The final stage is Canonization, when the Pope solemnly declares the person a Saint of the universal Church. Ordinarily, a second miracle occurring after beatification is required before canonization. Once this miracle has been carefully investigated and approved, the Holy Father proclaims the person a Saint. From that moment, the entire Church is encouraged to publicly venerate the Saint, celebrate his or her feast day where appropriate, dedicate churches in the Saint's honor, and confidently seek the Saint's intercession.

Some people ask why the Church requires miracles at this stage. The answer is simple: Miracles are not magic, nor are they meant to satisfy curiosity. They are understood as God's own confirmation that the person is in heaven and interceding for His people. Because human beings can sometimes be mistaken, the Church investigates every alleged miracle with extraordinary care. Medical specialists, scientists, theologians, and canon lawyers all examine the evidence before any miracle is approved. This careful process protects the integrity and credibility of the Church's declaration.

N.B. Sainthood is not reserved for priests, bishops, or religious alone. The Saints come from every walk of life. There are Saints who were popes, bishops, priests, religious brothers and sisters, married couples, parents, young people, doctors, teachers, workers, farmers, and even children. The Second Vatican Council beautifully teaches that, "all the faithful of Christ are invited to strive for holiness." (Lumen Gentium, 40) Every baptized person is called to become a Saint.

The stages of canonization: Servant of God → Venerable → Blessed → Saint.

Finally, each of us should ask ourselves a very personal question: If the Church were to examine our lives one day, would it find evidence that we sincerely desired to become holy?

This article is enriched by Fr Vianney Ssekalaala, a priest from Uganda.

-Fr. Lawrence Kawagga (lkawagga@gidiocese.org)

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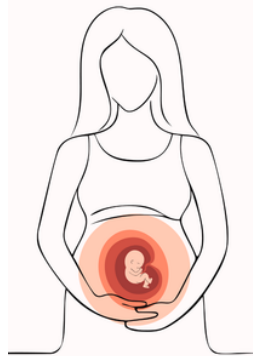
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Mary's Journey - Theotokos

Mary's Pregnancy in weeks 19-21.



Mary is now halfway through her pregnancy.

He will grow from the size of a pomegranate to a large banana these three weeks. His length is about 10.5 inches long and he weighs around 12 1/2 ounces by 21 weeks.



Touch was his first sense to develop. During this time he starts to respond to Mary's touches to her abdomen.

The youngest premature baby to survive was born at 21 weeks.



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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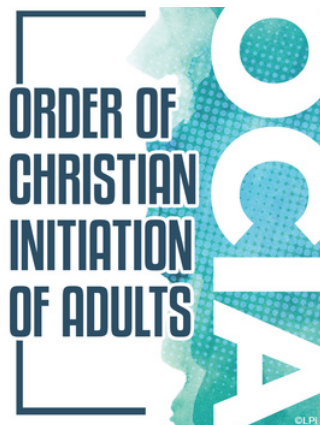
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August 8/9	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Gary Little Jessica Baer	Larry Wheeler Helen Albrecht	Jason Shuda Katie Thorngate
Servers	Henry Greisen Oliver Greisen Parker Welch Needs to be filled	Owen Wheeler Kaylee Nelson Adalyn Nelson Needs to be filled	Charlotte Nicholson Jack Knoell Teddy Berrier Sebastian Petrackis
Gift Bearer	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled
Lector	Denise O'Brien	Bryce Riessland	Bill Murphy
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Livestreaming			
Coordinator	Kathy White	Kathy Knapp	Mary Wagner
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Homebound		Rt 1 Pat Trausch Rt 2 Kathleen Sloggett Rt 3 Ellen Gitt Rt 4 Greg Welch Rt 5 Helen Albrecht Rt 6 Butch Knapp	



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Tickets for the Mass of Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, as well as many of the events surrounding this historic celebration are available at celebratesheen.com. The Mass of Beatification will take place on September 24, 2026, at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri. From September 15-26, 2026, pilgrims will have the opportunity to participate in a rich series of prayerful, educational, and celebratory events.

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