



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Sunday,
November 30th, 2025**

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

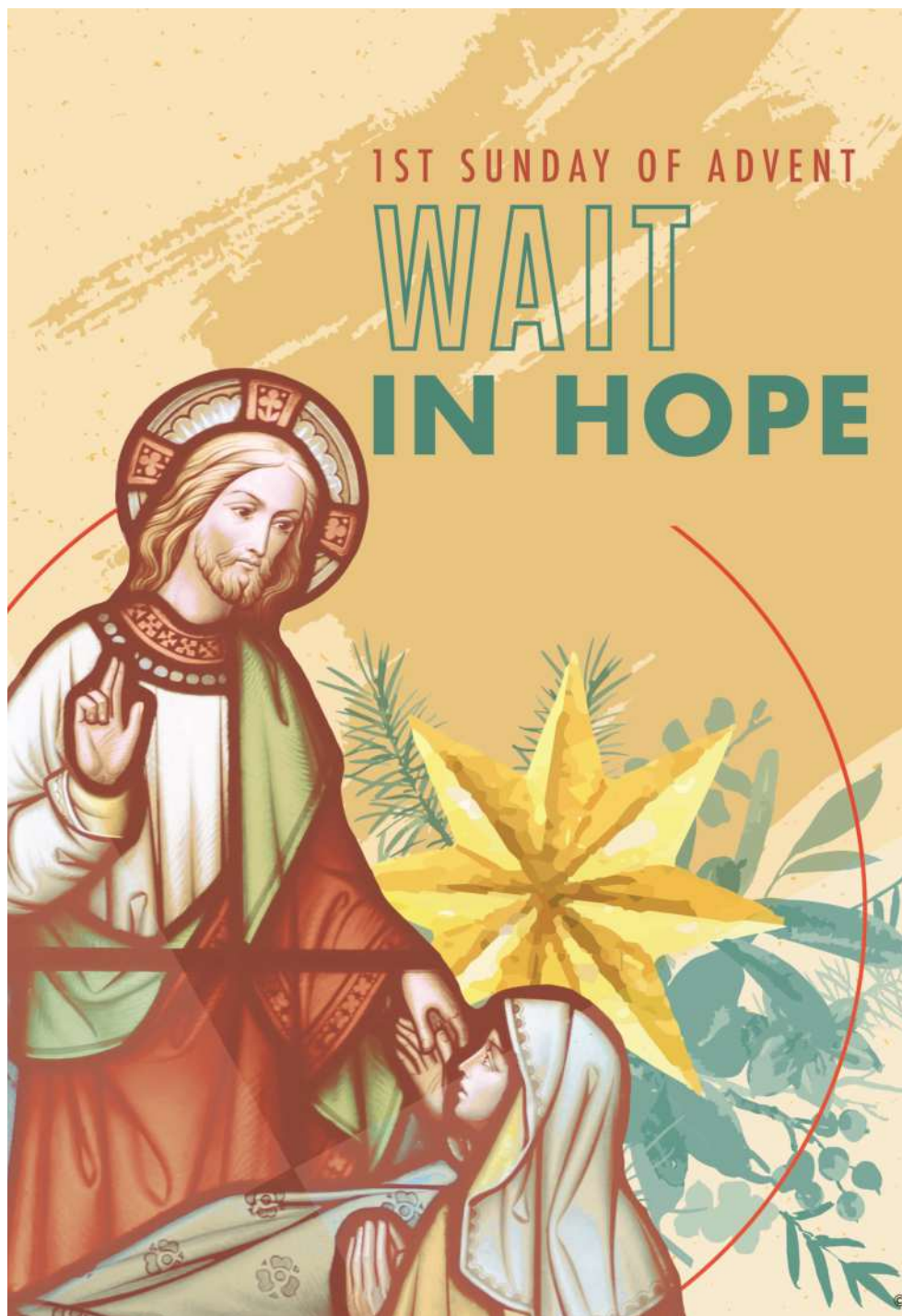
Fr. Scott Harter was ordained a priest in 2014 and became pastor of Prince of Peace in 2025.

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.**

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



PRAYER & WORSHIP

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM BRENT, NEPHEW OF KATHY FOX †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM CHUCK SONDAY †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM SEMINARIANS OF THE G.I. DIOCESE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 | MASS 12:05 PM

12:05 PM COUSINS OF KATHY FOX †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM ROBERT & GENON KIRBY †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 MASS 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM

8:00 AM JHETT HENDERSON †

5:00 PM RAYMOND GROSKREUTZ †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

8:00 AM HAROLD & ALICE NELSON †

10:30 AM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS



Advent Retreat

Dec 6, 2025 9:00 AM to Noon

It promises to be an excellent opportunity to start your Advent Season. Father Dave Korth is our guest speaker. The theme is "Celebrating the Year of Hope, Reminding Ourselves Why Jesus Came." Sign in time from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. will offer time to enjoy a continental breakfast. We hope you join us!



Keenagers

Thursday, December 11th

Prince of Peace Social Hall

Starting with Mass at 12:00 pm and a potluck meal to follow. Join us for fellowship & fun. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

SOUP, SANDWICHES & DESSERTS

Sunday, December 14th following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the social hall

Come to enjoy good food & conversation.

**Sponsored by the Social Committee **

VOCATION PATHWAYS

Quo Vadis Day—December 13, 2025

Time: 9:30am—3:30pm

Where: St Teresa of Calcutta Newman Center

For single men, high school seniors and older.

Join other men who are thinking about their vocation and hear from those who have experience in the journey of the Christian discipleship.

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.

Go to www.givocations.org for more information.

Pope Leo XIV's intention for the

month of December: For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



Blue Christmas

Prince of Peace and the Adult Spiritual Enrichment Team are offering a "Blue Christmas" prayer

service **Sunday, December 14th, 2025 at 3:00 PM.** The Christmas Season can be a difficult holiday season when a person is mourning the loss of a loved one, going through a significant life style change, or loved ones are not able to be with you. You are invited to join us as we pray, sing and share our memories. This prayer service is open to anyone who is in need of comfort during the Christmas season.



SEEK 2026

We are excited to take Kearney seniors back to SEEK this year in Denver, CO! This conference offers an incredible opportunity for high school seniors to come together with college students from all over the country to worship and grow in their faith. Last year, five students experienced a transformative encounter with Jesus, and their lives changed as a result. Now, they are thriving in their Newman Centers, actively pursuing their faith during their college years.

This year, we have already tripled the number of students joining us and we need your support. Your contributions will help cover transportation, accommodations, and conference fees. Donations can be given via cash, check to Prince of Peace, or through the GoFundMe link below. Thank you for prayerfully considering supporting this meaningful journey for our Kearney seniors! <https://gofund.me/0d269acd4>

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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PRAYER SERVICE

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

EDWARD O'BRIEN
CINDY MACK
TOM & MARILYN SCHACHTA
KATHY HOCK
EMILY BRACHLE
ANSEL BAUMGARTNER
NICK MAYFIELD (SON-IN-LAW OF VIVIAN & JERRY BROWN)
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.



Welcome
Wyatt James Bahensky
child of
James & Emily Bahensky
who was recently
baptized at
Prince of Peace.



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Parish Goal: \$91,551
Total Raised: \$34,453
Household Goal: 200
Current Households: 114

This Week

Monday, December 1, 2025

7:30 AM Mass
2:00 PM Food Pantry Open
7:00 PM Life Teen (social hall)

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

7:30 AM Mass
4:00 PM Faith Formation
5:30 PM Faith Formation
7:00 PM Edge

Thursday, December 4, 2025

8:00 AM Adoration through midnight
12:05 PM Mass
5:00 PM Confessions until 6 PM
7:00 PM POP-In until 8:30 PM

Friday, December 5, 2025

7:30 AM Mass
8:00 AM Adoration through 5 PM

Saturday, December 6, 2025

8:00 AM Mass
9:00 AM Advent Retreat through 12 PM
11:00 AM Confessions until 12 PM
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 AM Mass
9:15 AM Deacon Tom's Theology Class
10:30 AM Mass



The Knights of Columbus will be leading the
recitation of the rosary after Masses this weekend,
the 29th/30th. All are welcome!

Stewardship

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

NOVEMBER BUDGET \$105,500.00

SUNDAY, NOV 2, 2025	\$19,100.66
ALL SAINTS DAY	\$ 555.00
SUNDAY, NOV 9, 2025	\$13,620.72
SUNDAY, NOV 16, 2025	\$13,760.98
SUNDAY, NOV 23, 2025	\$
SUNDAY, NOV 30, 2025	\$

NOVEMBER TO DATE \$47,037.89

NOVEMBER (under) BUDGET \$(58,462.11)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday:

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— *Father John Muir*

Prince of Peace Community Pantry Family Activity Advent Calendar

December 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Box of Cereal	2  Deodorant	3  Canned Chicken	4  Toilet Paper	5  Canned Beans	6  Toothpaste
7  Peanut Butter	8  Laundry Soap	9  Canned Tuna	10  Dish Soap	11  Canned Vegetables	12  Bar Soap	13  Spaghetti Sauce
14  Package of Pasta	15  Ramen Noodles	16  Snacks	17  Shampoo & Conditioner	18  Jelly	19  Spaghettios, Ravioli & Chili	20  Boxed Rice or Potatoes
21  Canned Soup	22  Box of Crackers	23  Canned Fruit	24  Macaroni & Cheese	25  Blessed Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31	<p>The above are examples of the pantry's current needs. Please feel free to make substitutions. The pantry can use all food items and would like you to do this as an Advent activity. Boxes can be brought to the church. There will be a table set up in the parish hall from December 15th–December 19th, and after December 26th. If you prefer not to participate in the Advent Calendar, monetary donations are welcome.</p>		

Join us during
Give Where You Live
December 4th, 2025

Use the QR Code to sign up for a Holy Hour or stop by any time.



In gratitude for the generosity that strengthens our community, Kearney Catholic invites you to join us for Adoration in the Chapel of the Beloved Disciples on Wednesday, December 4th, from 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Come spend quiet time with Jesus and pray for the students, faculty, and families who are part of our shared recipe for success. All are welcome!

Pray & Play

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GROUP

**Pray & Play
Adoration
First Fridays
of each**

month

9:00-10:30 am at St. James

We will split our time taking turns socializing & watching children in the social hall and being in the sanctuary. Please reach out with any questions or to join the group contact list for more social and prayer opportunities!
Julie Myers 308-233-2589 juliepmymers@gmail

Next One: December 5

Contact Us

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For a full listing of staff with emails go to
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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:
	

Dec 6/7	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Brian Vinton Timothy Schulte	Lisa Schuessler Bill Vosik	Jen Pierzina Kurt Schmidt
Servers	Cooper Feltz Oliver Greisen Henry Greisen Chase Feltz	Kaylee Nelson Sullivan Ostrander Rowan Ostrander	Teddy Berrier Mason Vavra Grady Thome
Gift Bearer	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Angelique Bruggeman
Lectors	Mary O'Rourke	Valerie Fredericksen	Jason Downing
Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon Brummer Brad Greisen Judy Walker Michael Teahon Kelli Teahon Deb Straka	Butch Knapp Kathy Knapp Shellie Berry Dan Javins Gracie Triplett Brooke Ward	Jen Pierzina Bridget Nore Amy Johnson Ken Vyvlecka Joel Berrier Walt Fick
Sound	Dale Brummer	Jacob Solomon	Kurt Schmidt
Livestreaming			
Coordinator	Judy Walker	Kathy Knapp	Amy Johnson
Sacristan	Robert Schulte	Butch Knapp	Paul Mueting
Homebound Route 1 Route 2 Route 3 Route 4 Route 5 Route 6	Please use Ministry Scheduler to request a substitute if you can't fulfill your assignment.	Linda Martin James Kennedy Greg Welch James Rowling Leroy Korus Lily Solomon	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!



Want to support pregnant women as they pursue their education at the University of Nebraska Kearney? Join us on Saturday, December 6th at the Visitation Banquet, a night of food and fellowship hosted by UNK Students for Life to raise money for their newly established scholarship fund! Please look for informational posters on display around the church for more details.

Visitation Banquet in Kearney on December 6 We encourage you to support this wonderful charity event hosted by UNK's Students for Life. Donations fund a scholarship for pregnant women on campus.

Listen to "It's Real Life" on Spirit Catholic Radio Recently, Mike and Linda Kube were honored to be interviewed on Spirit Radio for the "That's Real Life" podcast. This podcast airs weekly on Wednesdays at 11:30 am and Saturdays at 5:00 pm and is sponsored by the Nebraska Pregnancy Care Alliance. You can listen to Mike and Linda's interview here: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/0QHvXgysWm7b6MvXYU0EHJ>

To find the PHO Pregnancy Help Organization in your area, go to: <https://nebraskapregnancyalliance.org>

'Be Not afraid!' Have the courage to be a witness and evangelist for the Gospel of Life By Bishop James Conley, October 31, 2025 Read Bishop's Letter here: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/op-ed/bishop-s-column/19190-be-not-afraid-2>

Pro-Life Calendar

Dec 6 Visitation Banquet, UNK SFL Charity Event, Kearney

Dec 29 Holy Innocents Mass for Healing, Cathedral (5:15 PM) Celebrant: Bishop James Golka (invited)



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Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, December 3rd by noon for the December 14th bulletin due to holiday early submission deadlines.

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