



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, JULY 20 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM RENEE BOX † AND FAMILY

TUESDAY, JULY 21 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM LEE WEATHERWAX †

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS (BOTH LIVING & DECEASED)

THURSDAY, JULY 23 | MASS 12:05 PM

12:05 PM STEVE CORAM †

FRIDAY, JULY 24 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM GABRIELLE FELDNER HOLMES

SATURDAY, JULY 25 | MASS 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM

8:00 AM KATHY HOCK †

5:00 PM ED KEEL †

SUNDAY, JULY 26 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

8:00 AM GARY & KAYE SORENSEN (In Honor of Their Anniversary)

10:30 AM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sunday,
July 19th, 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**.

Fourth Sunday Food Trucks after the 10:30 Mass on July 26th!

Prayers for Healing:

Emily Brachle	Taya Moseley	Barry Jeffs	Georgia Unrein
Bob Buettner	Siena Bonk	Kim Buschkoetter	Le Spencer
Ryan McCracken	(brother of Dana Kaslon)		
Janean McCracken	(mother of Dana Kaslon)		
Craig Ostermeyer	(friend of the parish)		
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)		
Francis Dickerson	(Relative of Marge Gardner)		

And all others in need of prayer.

This Week

Monday, July 20, 2026

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

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. Middle School Water Day

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, July 23, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. High School Pilgrimage Mass
- 8:00 a.m.-Midnight Adoration
- 12:05 p.m. Mass
- 2:00 p.m. Food Pantry
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Confessions
- 7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary

Friday, July 24, 2026

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

Saturday, July 25, 2026

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

Sunday, July 26, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 11:45 a.m. Food Truck Sunday!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
WATER DAY
JULY 21, 1-3 AT POP**

Picnic at the Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
4:30-5:30 pm- Socializing & Kid's Activities
5:30 Meal is Served

POT LUCK

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Join us for our annual parish picnic in the lower level of the church. 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.

Join us for a picnic at the church and enjoy a good time with your parish family!

High School Church Pilgrimage for Incoming Sophomores-

Graduated Seniors July 23-25 Cost \$300

Register with Leeta: popfaithformation612@gmail.com

Readings for the Week of July 19th, 2026

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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	
	Sunday, July 26, 2026	
	July to Date	\$42,840.49

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.



Designed by God Guided by Love Open to Life

Rev. Msgr. Robert R. Cannon

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The natural beauty of creation has the power to draw us into the mystery of God. We can see, feel, smell, and sense God's creative handiwork in so many ways. Consider when we pause to savor the burst of colors in a sunset or the rhythmic sound of waves rolling upon a beach. It might be in the playful antics of a kitten or a child's first step. Everything reflects and proclaims God's glory and love. The Church teaches that through natural revelation, "even before revealing Himself to man in words of truth, God reveals Himself ... in the universal language of creation, the work of His word, of His wisdom" (CCC, 2500).

The Church teaches that through "natural reason, man can know God...on the basis of His works" (CCC, 50). When we allow ourselves to be attentive to the wonder of creation, we begin to see that creation is not random or accidental, but ordered and purposeful. God has established laws within creation on which humanity can rely with confidence, laws that are to be respected by the stewardship of men and women (see CCC, 346).

Designed by God

In creating man and woman in His image and likeness, God enables us to share in His own life (see CCC, 225). Human dignity flows from this divine design. And, because God is love, divine love is inscribed in the human body itself. St. John Paul II taught that the body has a "spousal meaning" (see General Audience, April 14, 1982), as God has written into human nature the vocation and responsibility of love and communion (see FC, 14). It is found in every man and woman, expressed in sexuality and fertility, marriage, and procreation. And here is where the modern methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) stand ready to help. NFP supports the

Creator's sublime design for marriage, guided by love, and open to life.

God's creation of male and female is not incidental but intentional. Sexuality, therefore, is purposeful. It draws people out of isolation and toward communion. It affects "every aspect of the human person" and it allows man and woman to unite in the unique communion of persons called marriage (see CCC, 371–372; 2332–2335). Flowing from this reality of community, marriage reflects God's own inner life—a communion of love that is both life-giving and faithful.

Guided by Love

Guided by love means to be directed toward the good of the other. Love, by its nature, is relational. St. John Paul II powerfully expressed this truth when he wrote that man cannot live without love; without it, life becomes senseless and incomprehensible (see RH, 10).

Of all creatures, only human beings can know and love God and consciously participate in His life. St. Paul teaches, "we are created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance" (Ephesians 2:11). To be guided by love is to participate in God's creative plan and to help build a culture of life and love (see EV, 77).

Marriage is neither a social invention nor a product of chance. "It is ... the wise...institution of God the Creator, whose purpose was to effect in man His loving design" (HV, 8). Because of this divine origin, the Church teaches that married love is freely given, faithful, permanent, and fruitful (see HV, 9). Marital love reflects God's own love!

When a man and a woman freely exchange consent, they establish a covenant for "the whole of life" that is

“ordered by its very nature to the good of the spouses and to the procreation and education” of children (see Canon 1055). God Himself is present within this union. When the spouses are baptized Christians, marriage becomes a sacrament, receiving its strength and permanence from Christ Himself.

Open to Life

A unique gift and responsibility contained in the marital vocation is stewardship over the powers of life. God calls husband and wife to embrace their shared fertility as a gift. The Lord God created marriage to be the home of the family. Spouses give “themselves to one another” and at the same time give beyond themselves to the reality of “children, who are a living reflection of their love, a permanent sign of conjugal unity” (see FC, 14).

As stewards of the gift of fertility, married couples are invited to seek God’s will together in a spirit of trust and humility. It is in this spirit that God helps them make prudent decisions about welcoming children. It is within this discernment that NFP finds its proper place.

NFP methods are evidence-based approaches to fertility education that can assist couples in identifying when fertility is at its peak so that couples can attempt to achieve or postpone pregnancy. When avoiding pregnancy, no drugs or devices are used that can harm God’s gifts. NFP differs fundamentally from contraception. Rather than interfering with God’s design for married couples, NFP respects the integrity of married love and the gift of life.

When pregnancy has been attempted and a child is conceived, parents speak of the great joy and gratitude that they have. They also say that the time of childbirth is one of the most meaningful moments in their lives. Mothers will speak of God’s presence when first holding their newborn baby. Fathers proudly admit they finally understand the meaning of fatherhood when looking into their newborn’s eyes. This self-realization is due to the natural and “the fundamental task of family,” which is “to serve life, to actualize...the original blessing of the Creator ...of transmitting by procreation the divine image from person to person” (see FC, 28).

The fruitfulness of spousal love is not limited to the gift of children. Some couples, despite their desires, are unable to conceive. In this case, a married couple’s openness to life can be expressed in other ways through adoption, foster

care, or generous service to the Church and community. The vocation of marriage is wide—it calls all married couples to create homes where love is shared and others are nurtured. They are all called to mirror God’s love.

All of creation proclaims the glory of God and the handiwork of His love! Whether single or married, every person is created in God’s image and likeness, given the capacity to love, and invited to share in His life. Within the arms of God’s love, marriage stands as a unique gift to humanity—a sacred communion in which husband and wife live the fullness of human sexuality and become stewards of life. Marriage is not merely for the good of husband and wife, but for the good of the world. Truly, marriage is designed by God, guided by love, and open to life!

Reference guide with links

CCC: Catechism of the Catholic Church (see <https://usccb.ccll.org/Catechism-of-the-Catholic-Church2>)

EV: Evangelium vitae, St. John Paul II, 1995 (see https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25031995_evangelium-vitae.html)

FC: Familiaris consortio, St. John Paul II, 1980 (see https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_19811122_familiaris-consortio.html)

HV: Humanae vitae, St. Pope Paul VI, 1968 (see https://www.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae.html)

RH: Redemptio hominis, St. John Paul II, 1979 (see https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_04031979_redemptor-hominis.html)

To learn about the Church’s teaching about married love and the gift of life and the ethical methods of NFP, see www.usccb.org/nfp

Questions? Contact nfp@usccb.org



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