



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Sunday,
February 22nd, 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

5:00pm

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

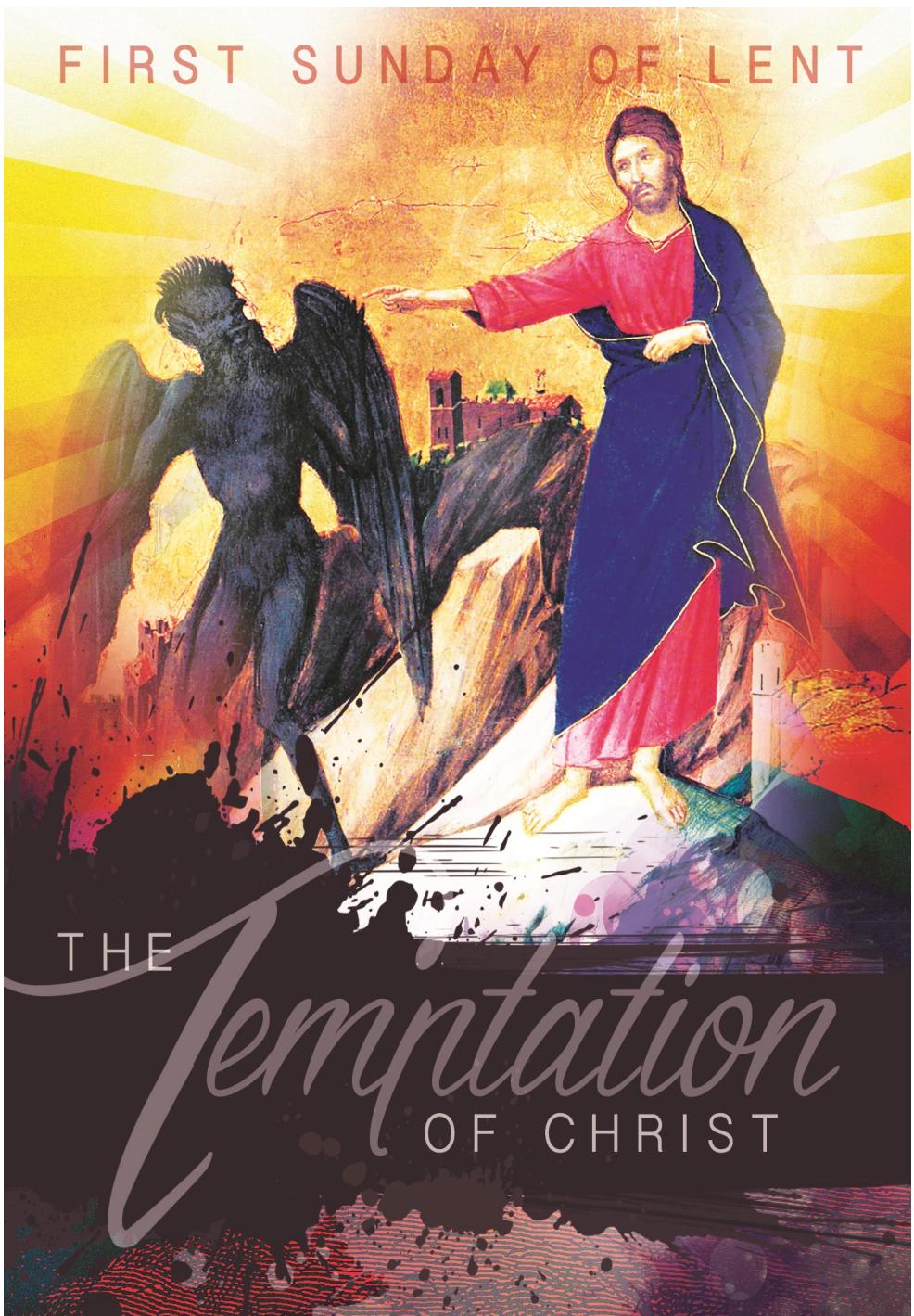
Fr. Scott Harter was ordained a priest in 2014 and became pastor of Prince of Peace in 2025.

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, FEBRUARY 23 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM ED O'BRIEN †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM BISHOP & PRIESTS OF THE G.I. DIOCESE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | MASS 7:30 AM

6:45 AM MERLE LESSIG †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | MASS 12:05 PM

12:05 PM VERN BRICKNER †

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM THE DAN & TERESA SORENSEN FAMILY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | MASS 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM

8:00 AM THE BILL & LINDA VOSIK FAMILY

5:00 PM STEVE SMITH †

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

8:00 AM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

10:30 AM CAROL HOBAN †

Fr. Scott's Lenten Parish Mission
February 22nd, 23rd, and 24th at 7:00 PM
Prince of Peace Church



Lenten ADORATION

EVERY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THROUGH
LENT

**DAY HOURS
(8:30 AM-4:00 PM)**

YOU CAN COME AT ANY TIME FROM
8:30 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. ON
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USE THE SIGNUPGENIUS QR CODE
BELOW OR CALL LINDA MARTIN AT
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ENTERING DURING NIGHTTIME HOURS.



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Readings for the week of February 22, 2026

Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/ Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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PRAYER SERVICE

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

DAN KELLEY (FRIEND OF TIM UNREIN)
BECKY HESLET (SISTER OF TIM UNREIN)
TOM SCHACHTA
CONNER MILLER (NEPHEW OF SHELLIE BERRY)
RITA JEFFS (SISTER-IN-LAW OF BARRY JEFFS)
BEN JEFFS (BROTHER OF BARRY JEFFS)
MARY LOU KOENIG (FRIEND OF TIM UNREIN)
KATHY HOCK
EMILY BRACHEL
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 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.



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.

He will baptize
with the
Holy Spirit



*Welcome
Peregrine Alistaire Dorr
child of Marshall & Jaydn Dorr
who was recently
baptized at Prince of Peace.*



We now have consecrated low-gluten hosts available in the tabernacle during Mass. If you need a low-gluten host, please notify the Eucharistic minister of your line and they will get it from the altar or tabernacle. If you have questions, please call the parish office.



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.



Diocesan Appeal
October 2025-September 2026
Parish Goal: \$91,551 Total Raised: \$52,393
Household Participation Goal: 200
Current Households: 157



Monday, February 23, 2025

7:30 AM Mass
7:00 PM Life Teen
7:00 PM Lenten Parish Mission-Fr. Scott

Tuesday, February 24, 2025

7:30 AM Mass
7:00 PM Lenten Parish Mission-Fr. Scott
7:00 PM Nazareth School at St. James

Wednesday, February 25, 2025

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

Thursday, February 26, 2025

8:00 AM Adoration all through the night
12:05 PM Mass
5:00 PM Confessions until 6 PM
7:00 PM BBQ & Bazaar Planning Meeting
7:00 PM POP-In

Friday, February 27, 2025

7:30 AM Mass
8:00 AM Adoration until 5 PM
5:00 PM Fish Fry at Old Town Hall
5:15 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28, 2025

8:00 AM Mass
9:00 AM First Reconciliation (2nd Graders)
11:00 AM Confessions until 12 PM
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, March 1, 2025

8:00 AM Mass
9:15 AM Deacon Tom's Theology Class
10:30 AM Mass
4:00 PM OCIA
5:00 PM Confirmation Class

Stewardship

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

FEBRUARY BUDGET	\$84,400.00
SUNDAY, FEB 1, 2025	\$38,475.70
SUNDAY, FEB 8, 2025	\$37,132.78
SUNDAY, FEB 15, 2025	\$18,021.39
SUNDAY, FEB 22, 2025	\$
FEBRUARY TO DATE	\$93,629.87

FELLOWSHIP & STEWARDSHIP

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The St. James Knights of Columbus Council 1728 is sponsoring two \$1,000.00 scholarships. To be eligible the student's father must be a third or fourth degree member of Council 1728. Applications may be obtained from school guidance counselors or from Clint Witte (308-234-9792), scholarship chairman. Deadline for entry is April 15, 2026.



A card shower is requested for:

Georgia Unrein

Turning 101 on March 8th
410 East 33rd Street
Kearney, NE 68847

Marge Aten

Turning 85 on March 19th
520 W 44th Street Pl
Kearney, NE 68845



Taizé Prayer Service

Sunday, March 22nd at
7:00 PM
Prince of Peace

A Taizé prayer service is a peaceful, contemplative

gathering featuring simple, repetitive songs (chants), Scripture readings, and long periods of silence, designed to foster a meditative encounter with God through simplicity and community.

Pope Leo XIV's intention for the month of February: For Children with Incurable Diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) 5:15 PM in the nave (main body of the church)



The Kearney Knights of Columbus will again be hosting Fish Fries on Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday). Serving will be from 5:00-7:00 at the Old Town Hall at 1900 Central Ave starting Friday, Feb. 20th. Menu features Baked Fish (Cod), Fried Fish (Pollock), Fried Shrimp, Cole Slaw, choice of Baked Potato or Mac-n-Cheese. The Catholic Daughters are making desserts available for a free will donation. Cost is \$15 per plate with a \$6 fish & mac -n-cheese plate available for kids. Beer will be available for separate purchase.

For Carry Out call 308-237-4255.



The parish BBQ & Bazaar is April 19th. Preparations will soon be underway to plan this great event. If you'd like to join the various planning committees please contact Chairs Jason and Amy Downing at downing.family5@yahoo.com or the parish office.

NAZARETH SCHOOL OF PRAYER

A 6-Week Lenten Series presented by Fr. Josh and Fr. Scott who will offer each week a new way of deepening our experience of prayer. Topics include: Contemplative Prayer, Lectio Divina, guided meditation, relational prayer, and much more! Please join us for this wonderful and powerful experience of living as Jesus did, in the Nazareth School of Prayer.

Tuesdays, February 24th through March 31st
6:30 pm St. James Parish Hall

Childcare available No supper—but will have snacks.
Please register with QR code, paper registration or call/
text Mary Bowman at
308-627-5024



Do you have a green thumb or enjoy working on landscaping projects? The Prince of Peace Building and Grounds Committee is currently in search of a volunteer/s who would like to assume responsibility for our beautiful landscape. Duties would include seasonal maintenance of the flower beds and managing plans and updates to the surrounding grounds. This might be a great opportunity for a husband and wife team that enjoys outdoor activities such as this.

In addition, the committee is also searching for new members as we have several that have recently retired. If either of these opportunities sound interesting to you, please contact the office for further details.

HOW DO I CONFESS A SEXUAL SIN?

As we begin this lent period, one may ask themselves what to confess and how to have a perfect confession. Most times there are some sins which feel strange to say before a priest. **Here is a guide on how you can go about them.**

Confession is a powerful sacrament of healing, offering God's mercy and grace to those who repent. Among the sins people struggle with, **sexual sins** can be particularly difficult to confess due to shame or fear. However, **God's love is greater than any sin**, and He invites us to seek His forgiveness with a sincere heart.

Sexual sins fall under the Sixth and Ninth Commandments: "You shall not commit adultery," and, "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife." These sins involve actions or thoughts that misuse the gift of human sexuality, which God designed for marriage.

Some of the most common sexual sins:

1. Lust: Lust is the disordered desire for sexual pleasure outside of God's plan. It turns people into objects for gratification rather than respecting them as people made in God's image.

2. Pornography: Viewing or consuming pornographic content distorts the purpose of sexuality, promotes impurity, and can lead to addiction, damaging relationships and ones view of love.

3. Masturbation: This act involves seeking sexual pleasure alone, which contradicts the self-giving nature of love that sexuality is meant to express. The Catechism acknowledges factors that may reduce guilt (like habit or immaturity), but it remains a sin.

4. Premarital Sex (Fornication) : Sex outside of marriage goes against God's design for intimacy to be a total self-giving within the sacrament of matrimony. It often leads to emotional and spiritual wounds.

5. Adultery: Being unfaithful to one's spouse violates the sacred bond of marriage and breaks trust, harming families and relationships.

6. Homosexual Acts: While the Church teaches that persons with same-sex attraction must be treated with dignity and love, engaging in homosexual acts is considered sinful because they are not open to life and the complementarity of male and female.

7. Contraception: The use of artificial means to prevent conception separates the unitive and procreative aspects of marital love, contradicting God's plan for sexuality.

8. Prostitution: Selling or buying sexual services reduces the dignity of the person to an object of pleasure, exploiting human weakness.

9. Rape and Sexual Abuse: These gravely sinful acts violate human dignity and cause deep trauma to victims. Justice and reparation must accompany confession in such cases.

10. Impure Thoughts and Desires: Entertaining sexual

fantasies or desires that are not directed toward one's spouse in marriage can be sinful when done deliberately.

HOW TO CONFESS SEXUAL SINS? Confessing sexual sins requires **sincerity, humility, and trust** in God's mercy.



1. Examine Your Conscience Reflect on your thoughts, words, and actions. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal sins you may have forgotten.

2. Be Honest and Sincere: Tell the priest your sins honestly without unnecessary details or excuses. If you struggle with a habitual sin, mention it so the priest can give guidance.

3. Use Clear, Simple Language and). **Do not sugarcoat your sin.** Rather than vague statements like, "I was impure," specify what sin you committed (e.g., "I watched pornography," "I engaged in premarital sex"). There is no need to go into explicit detail. **Mortal sins do not expire.**

An unconfessed mortal sin in your soul becomes a weakness that evil can exploit, attacking you with the same habitual sin. This prevents you from moving forward and finding liberation.

4. Express Contrition Be truly sorry for your sins, not just because of guilt but because they offend God and harm your soul.

5. Accept Your Penance: The priest will give you penance, which helps repair the effects of sin. Do it promptly and prayerfully.

6. Trust in God's Mercy: Once the priest grants absolution, believe that you are forgiven. **Do not dwell on past sins** but move forward in God's grace.

7. Avoid Occasions of Sin: Make concrete efforts to avoid temptations. This may include **installing accountability software, setting boundaries in relationships, or deepening your prayer life.** Confessing sexual sins may be difficult, but God's mercy is always greater. Approach the sacrament with **humility, sincerity, and trust.** The grace of confession will strengthen you to live a life of purity and holiness, drawing you closer to God's love.

For further reading: Mathew 5:17-37, Holy Moments (Mathew Kelly) seven pillars of the catholic spirituality (Mathew Kelly) CCC (1849-1853)

If you have any questions about your faith, please email me!

-Fr. Lawrence Kawagga lkawagga@gidiocese.org

Contact Us**Office Hours:** 9am-4pm Mon-Friday**Office Phone:** 308-236-9171**Parish Office Email:**

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Welcome packets for new parishioners available at each church entrance.

**Ignite Your Spirit: Women's Lenten****Pilgrimage 2026 ✨****Saturday, March 21****7:30 AM – 7:30 PM**

Embark on a soul-stirring journey of faith, beauty, and connection! Join a vibrant community of women for a day-long retreat as we explore a variety of beautiful Catholic churches in our diocese.

Discover Sacred Beauty: Our journey begins at the Prince of Peace Mary Chapel, and takes us to churches dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

Deepen Your Faith: Experience a powerful day of prayer, reflection, and quiet contemplation. **Build Sisterhood:** Share laughter, stories, and an included lunch with a community of incredible women.

Ready to say "Yes"? Scan the QR code below to secure your spot, or call **Kathy Niedbalski** at **308-440-0943** for more details.



Feb 28/Mar 1	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Joel Lungrin Brian Vinton	Butch Knapp Larry Wheeler	William Burns Tom McCann
Servers	John Lungrin Max Lungrin Cooper Feltz Chase Feltz	William Friesell Rowan Ostrander Sullivan Ostrander	Liam Thorngate Sebastian Petrackis James Thorngate Declan Donohue
Gift Bearer	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Kevin Donohue
Lectors	Lisa Schuessler	Lori Schulte	Ken Vyblecka
Eucharistic Ministers	Ashley Wiggins Carolyn Menke Denise O'Brien Le Spencer Christine Bonk Bev Schumacher	Kathy Knapp Stephen Friesell Deb Straka Chris Downey Andrew Tellus Julie Gappa	Sara Homan Adam Schapmann Carl Speer Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled
Sound	Joel Lungrin	Jacob Solomon	James Friesen
Livestreaming			
Coordinator	Kathy White	Kathy Knapp	Melissa Murphy
Sacristan	Mitch O'Neill	Butch Knapp	Chris Knoell
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.	Brad Greisen James Kennedy Diane Stevens James Rowling Butch Knapp 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!

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Honoring Excellence in Catholic Education

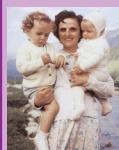
Kearney Catholic High School is grateful to share the establishment of the *Marylin and Charlie Bicak Award for Excellence*, a new endowed award created in gratitude for the dedicated teachers who form students in faith, character, and knowledge each day.

Through their generosity, the Bicaks have chosen to annually honor a Kearney Catholic educator whose commitment reflects the mission and values of Kearney Catholic High School educators who go above and beyond in shaping young lives. Members of our parish community are warmly invited to take part in this celebration of excellence by submitting nominations. Parents, alumni, parishioners, and friends of Catholic education often witness the quiet, faithful moments that make a lasting difference.

More information about the award and nomination process can be found using this QR code.



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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Dr. Matthew & Abbie Wecker
matt.abbie.wecker@gmail.com

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Dr. Kyle & Julie Myers
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Bulletin Deadline: Friday, February 27th for the March 8th bulletin.

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