



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Sunday,
December 21st, 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

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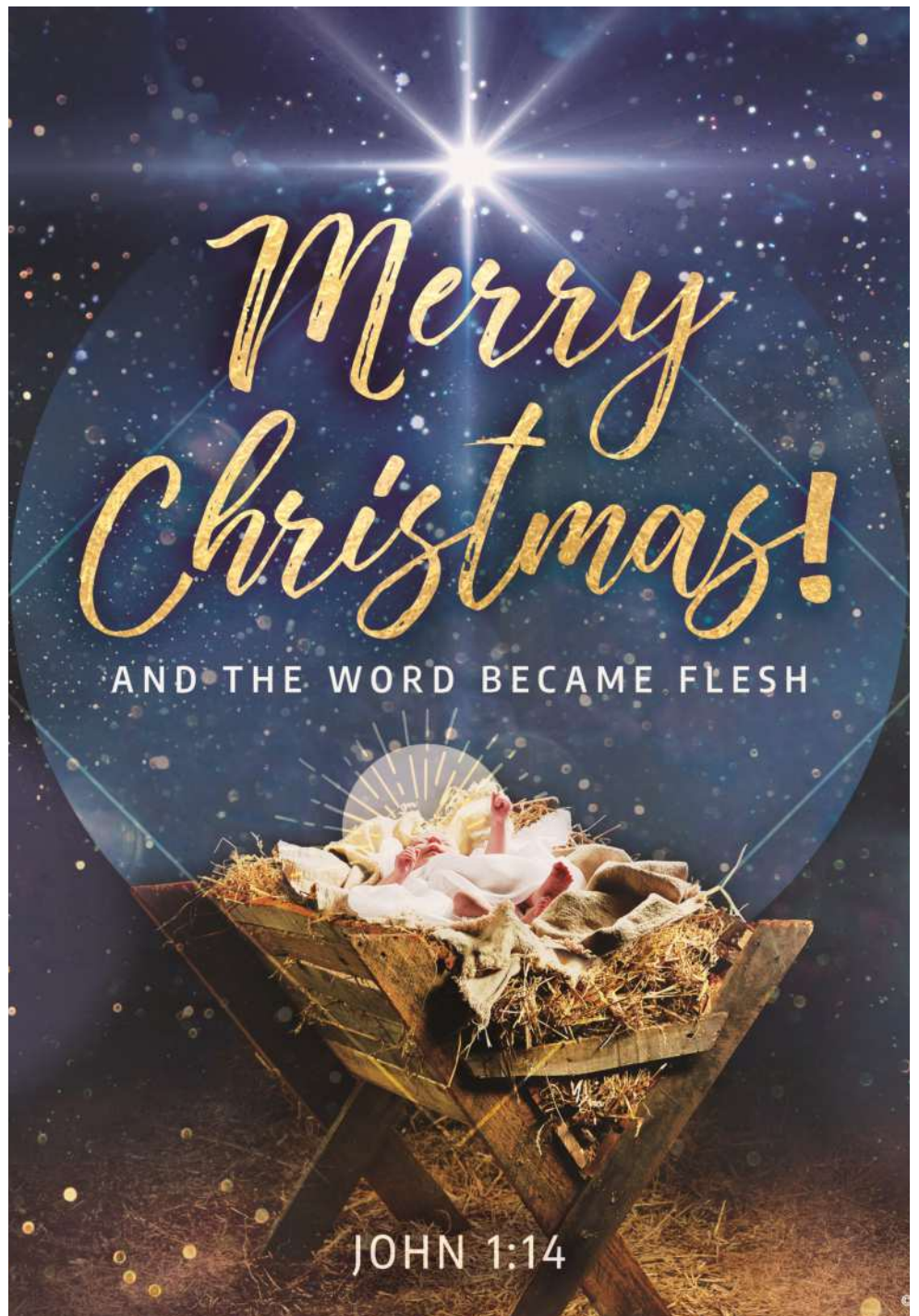
Fr. Scott Harter

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.**



PRAYER & WORSHIP

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MERRY Christmas

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve
4:00 pm
(both upstairs and downstairs)

Christmas Day
9:00 am

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Parish Christmas Wish List

White Altar Cloth \$250.00
MyParish App Annual Subscription \$420.00
Black Vestments \$489.00
K-5 Summer Camp Program \$600.00
SEEK donations —All amounts welcome
Rectory Window Replacement TBA
Rectory Flooring Replacement TBA
Incense Censer Stand \$1,135.00
Formed Annual Subscription \$3,000.00

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM TERI RAHE †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM JERRY MENKE †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 | MASS TIMES:

4:00 PM ANDREW & ESTHER WILHELM † (UPSTAIRS)

4:00 PM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS (DOWNSTAIRS)

6:30 PM EVELYN TURK †

9:00 PM JAN ALBRECHT †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 | MASS 9:00 AM

9:00 AM DONALD, CATHERINE, & DONALD JR. KELLEY †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM KATHY HOCK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 MASS 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM

8:00 AM JAN ALBRECHT †

5:00 PM STEVE SMITH †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

8:00 AM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

10:30 AM JOHN & PAM HOESING †

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.



The Knights of Columbus will be leading the recitation of the rosary after Masses next weekend, the 27th/28th. All are welcome!



TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE MONDAY, DEC 22ND AT 7:00 PM

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.



Welcome

Carter William Lockhorn
child of Kalem & Alexis Lockhorn

&

Lucy Marie Thorngate
child of Phillip & Kathryn Thorngate
who were recently baptized at Prince of Peace.

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PRAYER SERVICE

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

RITA JEFFS (SISTER-IN-LAW OF BARRY JEFFS)

BEN JEFFS (BROTHER OF BARRY JEFFS)

MARY LOU KOENIG (FRIEND OF TIM UNREIN)

BECKY HESLET (SISTER OF TIM UNREIN)

DOUG BIERMAN

CINDY MACK

TOM & MARILYN SCHACHTA

KATHY HOCK

EMILY BRACHLE

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.

2026 Confirmation Meeting for High School Juniors & Their Parents

Sunday, February 1st, 2026
following the 10:30 Mass

Meet downstairs after Mass to register, talk
about the class, and ask questions.

Contact Leeta at youthministry@kearneyprinceofpeace.org
with any questions.





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OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



Parish Goal: \$91,551
Total Raised: \$40,678
Household Goal: 200
Current Households: 125

This Week

Monday, December 22, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

7:00 PM Taizé Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Parish Office Closed

4:00 PM Mass Upstairs

4:00 PM Mass Downstairs

6:30 PM Mass

9:00 PM Mass

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Parish Office Closed

9:00 AM Mass **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Friday, December 26, 2025

Parish Office Closed

7:30 AM Mass

Saturday, December 27, 2025

8:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Confessions until 12 PM

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 28, 2025

8:00 AM Mass

9:15 AM Deacon Tom's Theology Class

10:30 AM Mass

Contribution Statements

**2025 donations will be recorded until
January 9, 2026. Checks dated in
December of 2025 and received before
or by January 9th will be recorded as
2025 contributions. Contribution
statements will be postmarked no later
than January 31, 2026.**

Stewardship

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

DECEMBER BUDGET	\$84,400.00
SUNDAY, DEC 7, 2025	\$23,645.62
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$
SUNDAY, DEC 14, 2025	\$
SUNDAY, DEC 21, 2025	\$
SUNDAY, DEC 28, 2025	\$
DECEMBER TO DATE	\$23,645.62

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday:

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps
89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
(2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or
1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
(Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and
8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly ten years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20).** When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir

Christmas Flowers In Memory Of:

Jan Albrecht
Charlotte V. Bakken
Loren & Catherine Bals
Joseph & Eva Beran
Laddie Bicak
Carol Brookins
Ruth Cisneros
Paul & Bette Conroy
Shawn Czaplewski
Dorothy Devine
Bill Fisher
Marvin & Cindy Fisher
Robert & Margaret Fisher
Steve Gancos
Peter & Mary Gancos

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Ruth Gewecke
Elizabeth Hamik
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Virgil & Judy Holz
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Lee & Betty Trumm
Deb Wagner
Neil & Evelyn Whetstone
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For a full listing of staff with emails go to princeofpeacekearney.com/staff

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Welcome packets for new parishioners available at each church entrance.

Christmas Eve & Day Masses—Lay Ministers Needed!

	4:00 PM-Up	4:00 PM-down	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 AM
Greet	Mike Bowman Chris Knoell	Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Larry Wheeler Bill Burns
Gift Bearer	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Brian Vinton	Needs to be filled	Needs filled
Servers	Adam Binderup Jack Binderup Grady Thome	Nolan Lowe Zack Lowe Max Lungrin	Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Needs filled Needs filled Needs filled
Lectors	Sean Donohue	Amy Lowe	Paul O'Neill	Greg Welch	Val Fredericksen
EM's	Le Spencer Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Brian Lowe Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Butch Knapp Kathy Knapp Denise O'Brien Brian Vinton Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Ken Vyvlecka Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Cathy Emrick Val Fredericksen Ken Vyvlecka Needs filled Needs filled
Sound	Needs to be filled	Joel Lungrin	Steve Benesch	Needs to be filled	Needs filled
Coordinator	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Kathy White
Sacristan	Chris Knoell	Brian Lowe	Butch Knapp	Ken Vyvlecka	Kathy White

Dec 27/28	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Jerry Brown Joel Lungrin	Joe Wheeler Larry Wheeler	Jason Shuda Walt Fick
Servers	Laney Prochaska Chase Feltz Cooper Feltz	Owen Wheeler Emma Stickney Cade Stickney	Charlotte Nicholson Sebastian Petrakis Needs to be filled
Gift Bearer	Needs to be filled	Joe Wheeler	Kevin Donohue
Lectors	Christine Bonk	Andrew Tellus	Alyssa Clay
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Schulte Brian Vinton Larry Castillo Darleen Schulte Judy Walker Andrew Prochaska	Julie Gappa Jane Sheldon Chris Downey Darren Yendra Inga Yendra Valerie Fredericksen	Sara Homan Randy Buschkoetter Mary Wagner Mike Bowman Jason Downing Tara Bowman
Sound	Luke Lacy	Robert Hock	Jason Downing
Livestreaming	Mitch O'Neill		
Coordinator	Judy Walker	Kathy White	Mary Wagner
Sacristan	Robert Schulte	Kathy White	Brian Lowe
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.	Leroy Korus Janine Walker James Rowling Kathy White Mike Labun Butch Knapp	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!

Are you Looking for a Gift for Someone Special?

Reverend Vidya Sagar Arikotla of Holy Spirit Church in North Platte and Monica Kramer, a former educator and current counselor, have written a book of virtues for adults and children. It would be a great gift for children, grandchildren, God children, nieces, nephews, friends, classrooms, and even yourself.

Books are available from Amazon by typing Virtues Monica Kramer or by calling the Holy Spirit church office at 308-534-6623.

All proceeds will be used for the faith development of children.

Holy Innocents Mass of Healing on Monday, December 29 5:15 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island On December 28, Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs, in remembrance of the children slaughtered by King Herod in his quest to kill the newborn Jesus. Many families struggle with miscarriage, still birth, infant death or even abortion. This Mass of healing and hope is to pray with families to celebrate the brief lives of these children, and to seek God's mercy and hope in our suffering. All are invited to attend this Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby. **If you would like your baby or loved one remembered during the Mass, please call the Cathedral Office at 308-384-2523.**

Want to hear it again? Listen to Fr. Scott's homilies on our podcast:

<https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-87yy3-192c2e4>

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