



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

**Sunday,
December 28th, 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.

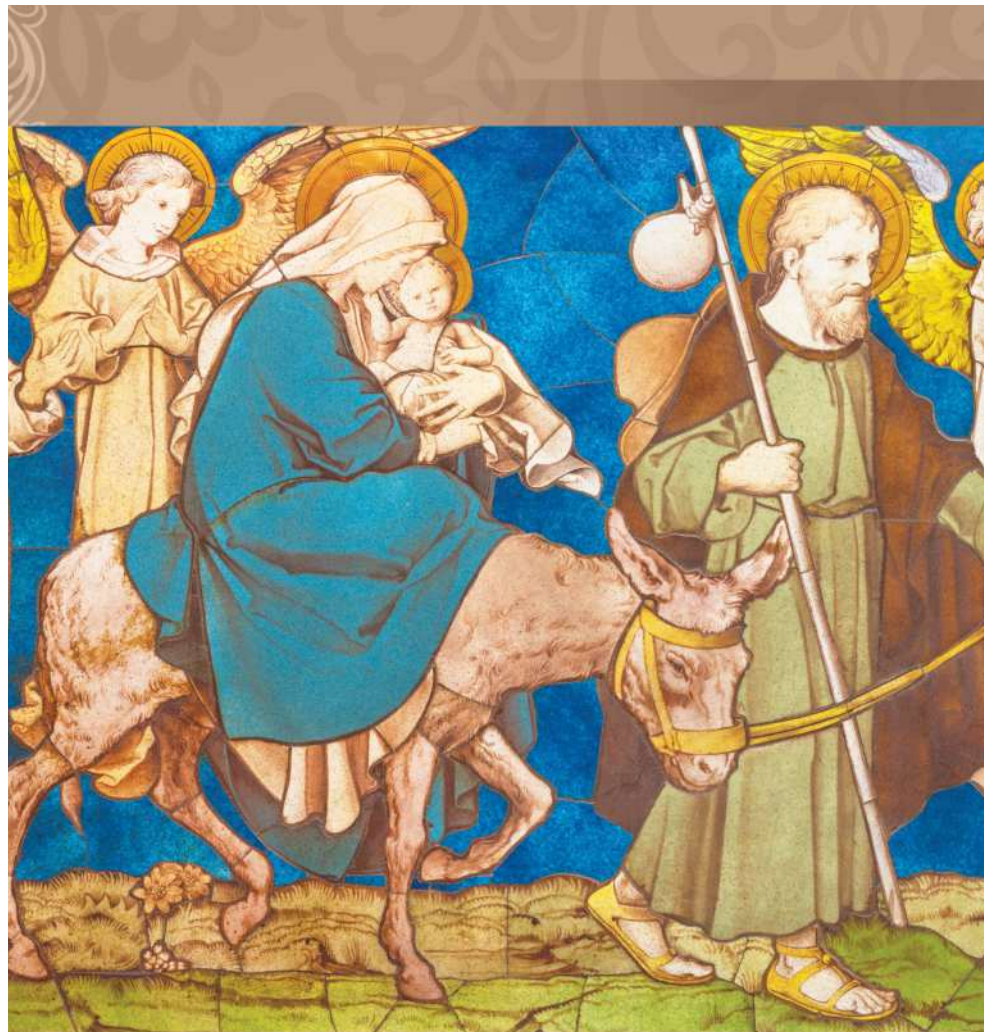
Fr. Scott Harter

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.

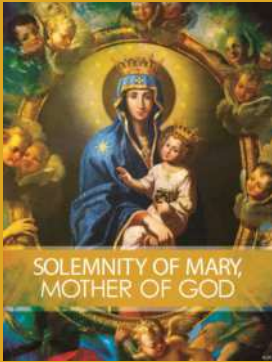
They are assisted by **Deacon Tom Martin.**



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt." - Mt 2:14

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Mass Times for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31st 6:00 PM Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1st 10:00 AM Mass

Thursday, January 1st Confessions 5:00-6:00 PM

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM SCOTT ROSKOWSKI †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM CAROLYN O'BRIEN †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 | MASS 7:30 AM | MASS 6:00 PM

7:30 AM ED O'BRIEN †

6:00 PM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 | HOLY DAY MASS 10:00 AM

10:00 AM ED O'BRIEN †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM TOM SICKLER & FAMILY †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 | MASS 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM

8:00 AM GLADYS SICKLER †

5:00 PM TERI RAHE †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

8:00 AM DONNA BIDDLE †

10:30 AM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS



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

BBQ & Bazaar Leaders Needed!!!

We need a couple to co-chair the event along with Jason and Amy Downing. BBQ & Bazaar will be held on Sunday, April 19th, 2026. Call the office if you're interested in knowing more!

VOCATION PATHWAYS

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.



Seminary Visits

March 6-8, 2026 & April 17-19, 2026

Weekend retreats hosted by seminaries in or near the state of Nebraska.

Visitation Banquet held in Kearney

A big "Thank You!" to UNK Students for Life in hosting the 2nd Annual Charity event to raise funds for scholarships for pregnant moms on campus. It is not too late to make a year-end donation to the scholarship fund.

Mail Donations: Send checks payable to "Ann Sucha" (ATTN: UNK Students for Life) to: 811 West 27th Street, Kearney, NE 68845.

Contact: Email studentsforlifeunk@gmail.com for questions or to find sponsorship links.

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.



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

Want to hear it again? Listen to Fr. Scott's homilies on our podcast:
<https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-87yy3-192c2e4>

Or watch a streaming of the weekend Mass on our YouTube channel:
<http://www.youtube.com/@princeofpeacecatholicchurc9605>

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH | DECEMBER 28, 2025

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PRAYER SERVICE

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

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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.



This Week

Monday, December 29, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

6:00 PM Holy Day Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2025

Parish Office Closed **Happy New Year!**

10:00 AM Holy Day Mass

5:00 PM Confessions

Friday, January 2, 2025

Parish Office Closed

7:30 AM Mass

Saturday, January 3, 2025

8:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Confessions until 12 PM

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, January 4, 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.**



Parish Goal: \$91,551
Total Raised: \$44,538
Household Goal: 200
Current Households: 129

Stewardship

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

DECEMBER BUDGET	\$84,400.00
SUNDAY, DEC 7, 2025	\$23,645.62
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$ 1,138.74
SUNDAY, DEC 14, 2025	\$29,393.73
SUNDAY, DEC 21, 2025	\$
SUNDAY, DEC 28, 2025	\$
DECEMBER TO DATE	\$54,178.09

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/
Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28

Saturday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: **"Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20)**. First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence

— 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

Rick Gewecke
Ruth Gewecke
Elizabeth Hamik
Francis & Leona Hershiser
Virgil & Judy Holz
Marvin Houser
Rita Howe
Kyle Karschner
Don Keaschall
Wilma Keaschall
Kurt Keaschall
Donald W. Kelly
Lloyd C. Kelly
Arnold & Dorothy Kirwan
Richard & Marion McPhillips
James & Alma Mack

Pat Mahony
Ken Main
Jerry Menke
Mark Meyer
Harold & Alice Nelson
Rev. Father Jim Novakowski
Elaine Richter
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Tom Roth
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Jackson James Stott
Lee & Betty Trumm
Deb Wagner
Neil & Evelyn Whetstone
Lee & Bob Zeman



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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:



Jan 4/5	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Jerry Brown Mitch O'Neill	James Kennedy Gary Sorensen	Tom McCann Bill Vosik
Servers	John Lungrin Max Lungrin Needs to be filled	Jackson Pandorf Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Grady Thome
Gift Bearer	Andrew Prochaska	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled
Lectors	Lisa Schuessler	Kathy Knapp	Randy Buschkoetter
Eucharistic Ministers	Vivian Brown Robert Schulte Darleen Schulte Judy Walker Tracy Ray Marlene Rasmussen	Bill Gilbreath Shirley Gilbreath Carrie Rasmussen Valerie Fredericksen Amie Eigenberg Deb Straka	Joel Berrier Ken Vvylecka Randy Buschkoetter Kim Buschkoetter Halie Groth Carl Speer
Sound	Joel Lungrin	Steve Benesch	Needs to be filled
Livestreaming			
Coordinator	Judy Walker	Kathy White	Amy Johnson
Sacristan	Robert Schulte	Kathy White	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.	Larry Castillo Butch Knapp Greg Welch James Rowling Leroy Korus	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!

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

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FEAST OF THE Holy Innocents

29 DECEMBER 2025 AT 5:15 PM

MASS
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
GRAND ISLAND, NE

Many families struggle from miscarriage, stillbirth, 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 their suffering.

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. A Mass for Holy Innocents will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Monday, Dec 29 at 5:15 PM.**

This Mass is also offered to bring hope and healing to the many families who struggle with miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or even abortion. 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 to be remembered during the Mass, please call the Cathedral Office at 308-384-2523 or email mkube@gidiocese.org by 4:00 PM on December 23.**

Bulletin Deadline: Friday, January 2nd for the January 11th bulletin.

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