



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Sunday,
December 14th, 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.

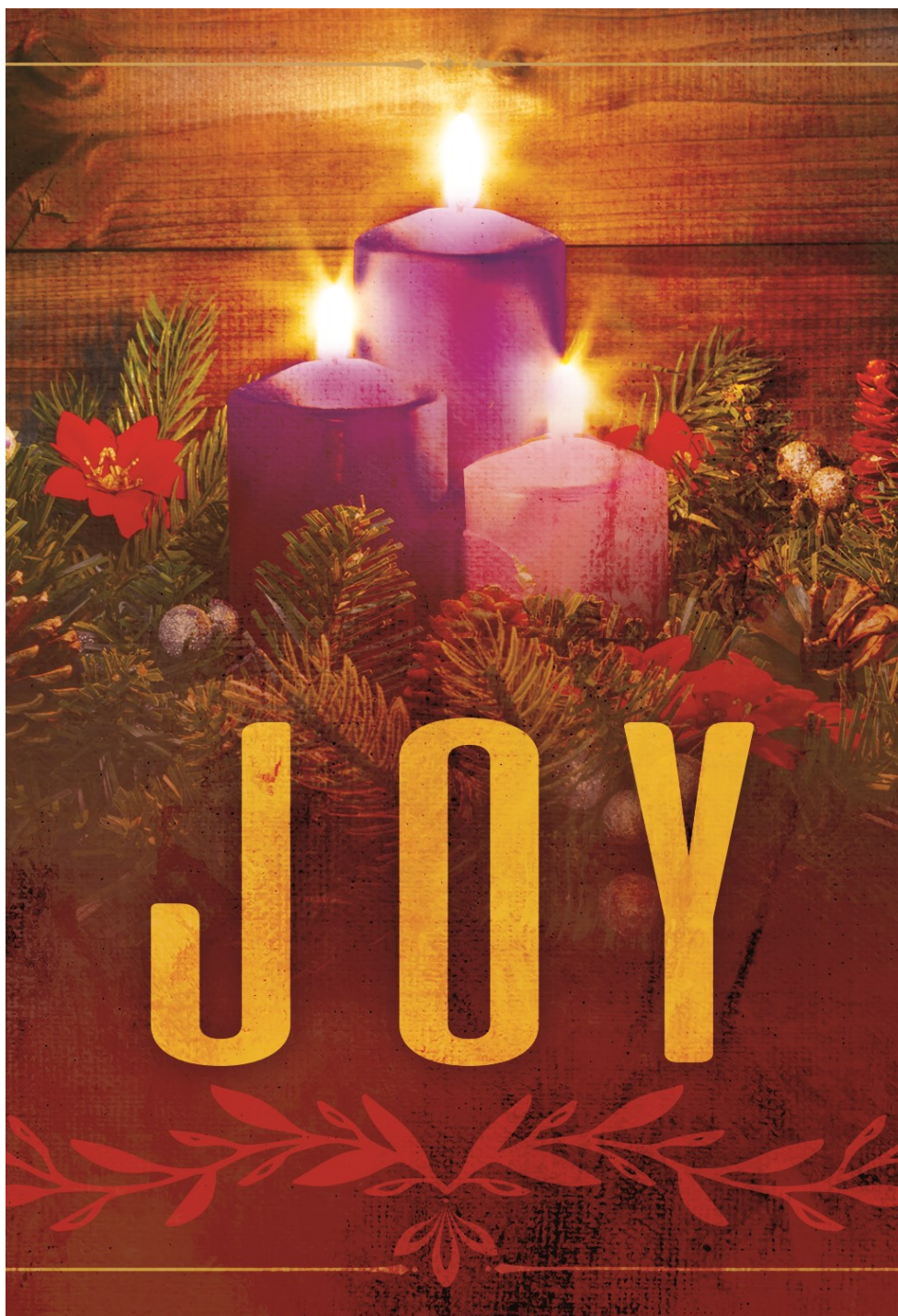
Fr. Scott Harter

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.**



PRAYER & WORSHIP

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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 **

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM DON OBERG †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM SAM & MARGARET ELLEN O'NEILL †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM ANNE SULLIVAN †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 | MASS 12:05 PM

12:05 PM JERRY MENKE †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM KATHY HOCK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 MASS 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM

8:00 AM TERI RAHE †

5:00 PM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

8:00 AM DONNA BIDDLE †

10:30 AM ANGIE BROWN MILLER †

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.

MERRY
Christmas

MASS TIMES

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

6:30 pm

9:00 pm

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Christmas Day
9:00 am

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.

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.

Go to www.givocations.org for more information.

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...

BECKY HESLET (SISTER OF TIM UNREIN)

DOUG BIERMAN

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

Roziland Kathleen Marshall
child of Adam & Jennifer Marshall

&

Eleanor Mae Wagner
child of Marcus & Claire Wagner
who were recently baptized at
Prince of Peace.

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Parish Goal: \$91,551
Total Raised: \$40,238
Household Goal: 200
Current Households: 124

This Week

Monday, December 15, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

2:00 PM Food Pantry Open

6:00 PM Knights of Columbus

7:00 PM Life Teen

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

4:00 PM Faith Formation

5:30 PM Faith Formation

7:00 PM Edge

Thursday, December 18, 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 19, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

8:00 AM Adoration through 5 PM

Saturday, December 20, 2025

8:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Confessions until 12 PM

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:00 AM Mass

9:15 AM Deacon Tom's Theology Class

10:30 AM Mass

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;

HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and
7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18,
19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

Thursday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25

Friday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-
17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday:

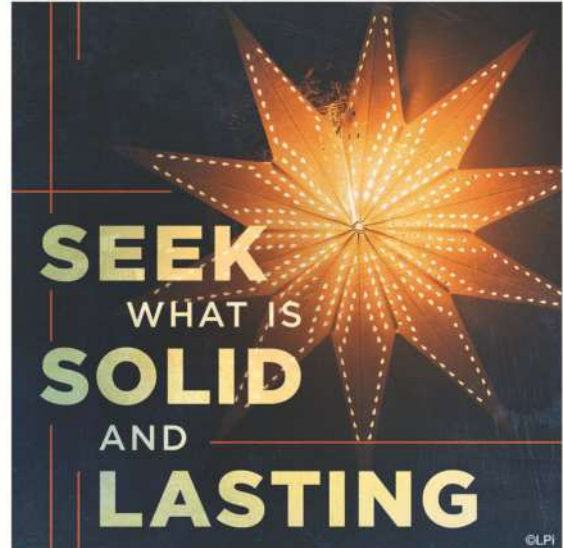
Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday:

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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **"What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7).** He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— *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>		

PRAYER. SILENCE. LECTIO DIVINA.

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST RETREATS

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For a full listing of staff with emails go to
princeofpeacekearney.com/staff

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Like us on facebook & download our Parish App at myparishapp.com

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 20/21	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Adell Ryan Jessica Baer	James Kennedy Carrie Rasmussen	Needs to be filled Patrick Halpin
Servers	Jacob Shuda Kellen Shuda Laney Prochaska	Elaine Albrecht Ben Albrecht Isaac Albrecht	Nolan Lowe Jack Knoell Sam Knoell James Thorngate
Gift Bearer	Brian Vinton	Angelique Bruggeman	Needs to be filled
Lectors	Lisa Schuessler	Bill Wright	Bill Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers	Timothy Schulte Adell Ryan Mitch O'Neill Andrew Prochaska Cathy Emrick Christine Bonk	Stephen Friesell Denise O'Brien Gene Mack Bill Wright Amy Eigenberg Andrew Tellus	Chris Knoell Traci Runge Brooke Ward Paul Mueting Melissa Murphy Carl Speer
Sound	Needs to be filled	Gwen Christner	Mike Bowman
Livestreaming	Mitch O'Neill		
Coordinator	Kathy White	Valerie Fredericksen	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 Diane Stevens Randy Buschkoetter Kathy White Helen Albrecht Pat Trausch	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!

ENCOURAGE is an apostolate which provides pastoral care for families and friends of people who experience same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria. Through Encourage we work together to understand the experiences of loved ones and that it is possible to express love for someone even if we can't support all their choices or actions. We also find spiritual guidance to grow in our relationship with Christ. We walk together to help others know they are not alone on this journey. For guidance and support please send an email to encourage@gidioces.org or call 308-382-6565, ext 201.

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



The Wood River Area Community Choir will be presenting a cantata titled,

***Festival of Christmas* on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 2:30 PM at St. Mary's Catholic Church at**

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<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>

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, December 17th by noon for the December 28th bulletin due to holiday early submission

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