



# PRINCE OF PEACE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

January 1st, 2023

#### 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

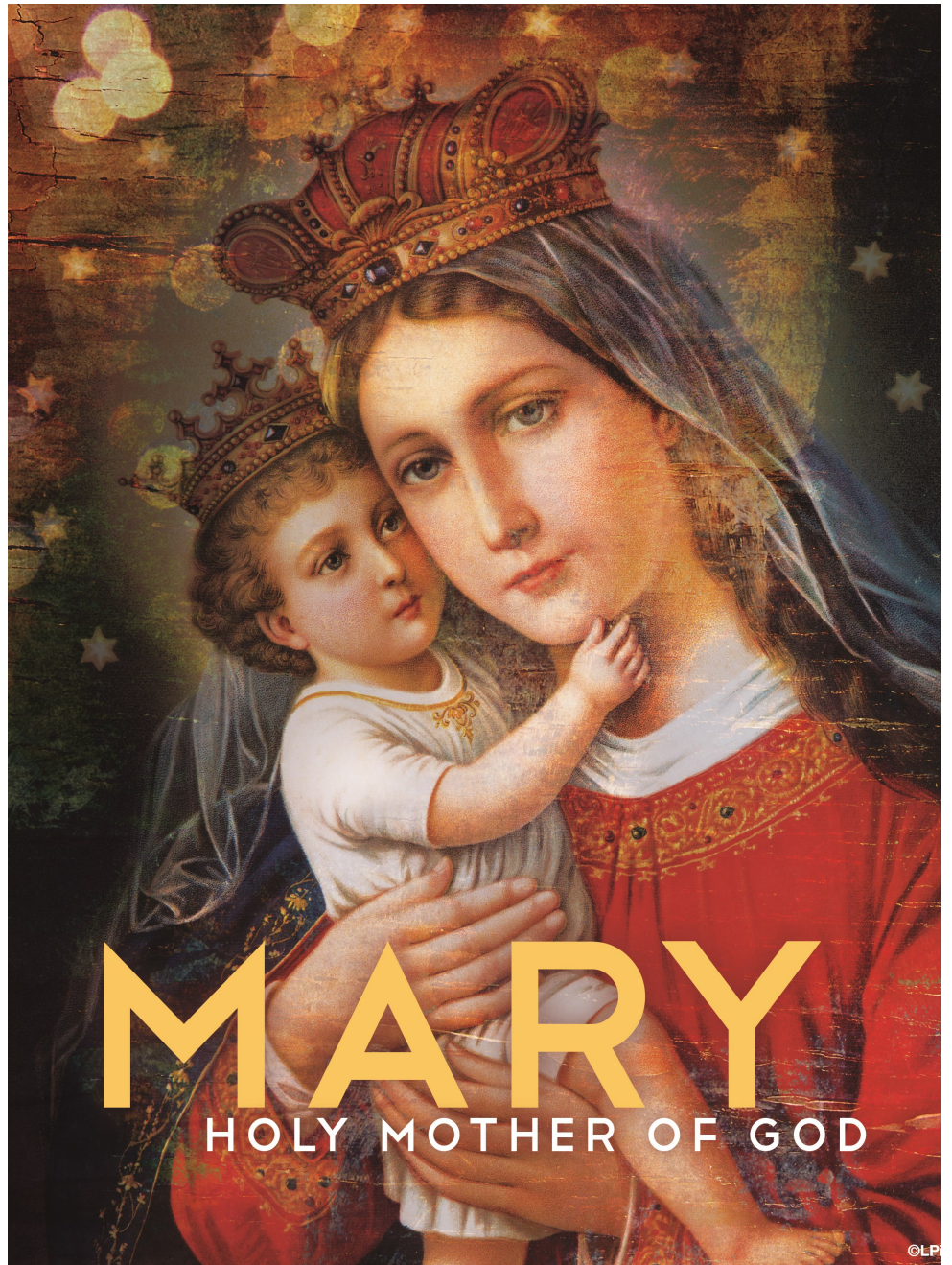
#### RECONCILIATION

**Saturday**

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or contact the Parish Office 308-236-9171

#### Fr. Paul Colling

Fr. Paul Colling has served as pastor at Prince of Peace for 10 years assisted by **Deacon Thomas Martin.**

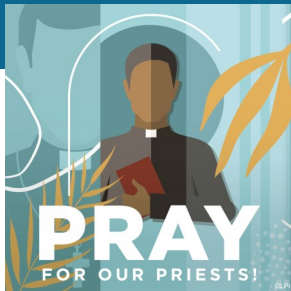


## Serra SPARK

### SERRA FOR PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Let me have the attention of you future leaders of the world; all children of all ages who are wondering how you will labor, where you will labor, and for whom. One thing is certain: you must labor. But, in whose vineyards? Life is a transitory voyage. We all know the point of origin. The point of destination? Well... Whatever trade, profession or other endeavor you follow, remember the words of the psalmist, who prays to God to lead him on his search for his vocation.

*Lord God, you know me.  
You know when I sit  
And when I stand.  
You have me always in your  
heart. I thank you for this,  
Lord. You know the path for  
my life And what will make me  
happy. Show it to me, Lord.  
Bless me, guide and be my  
Lord. So whatever road I  
choose, I may choose it for  
your glory, Amen.*



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2 | NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 | 7:30 AM**

7:30 am Christopher Speirs †

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 | 7:30 AM**

7:30 am Jenna & Darrell Carlson †

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 | 12:05 PM**

12:05 pm Paul J. Diessner

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 | 7:30 AM**

7:30 am Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie †

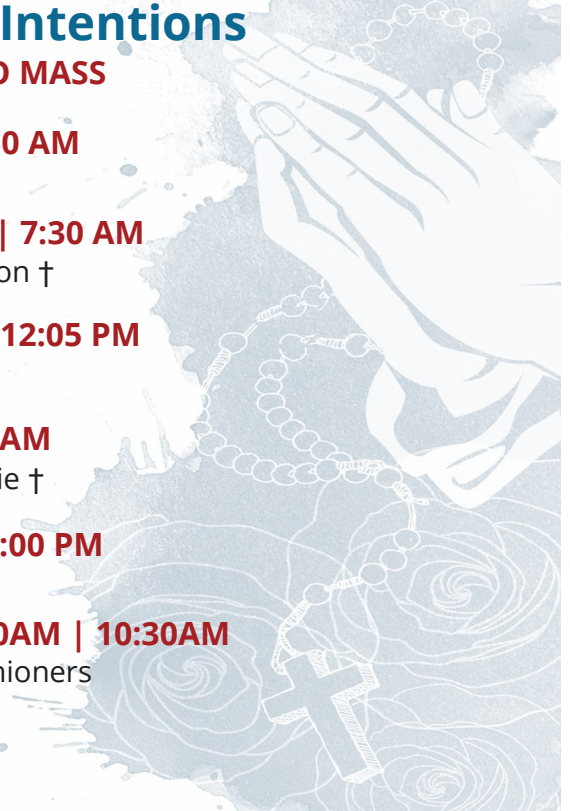
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 | 5:00 PM**

5:00pm Steve Smith †

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | 8:00AM | 10:30AM**

8:00am Prince of Peace Parishioners

10:30 am Richard Muetting †



## Pro-Life Updates

**Jan 14th, 5:00 p.m.—Bishop's Pro-Life Youth Mass and Pilgrim Blessing, Bishop Hanefeldt, Celebrant, Prince of Peace Parish, Kearney**



Jan 15th—Sanctity of Life Sunday

Jan 19-27—9 Days for Life Novena: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

Jan 20—March for Life, Washington DC.

Jan 23—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

Jan 27-28—Nebraska Walk for Life Gala and Event, Lincoln

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the Liturgy of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In this prayer, the celebrant acts in the person of Christ as head of his body, the Church. He gathers not only the bread and the wine, but the substance of our lives and joins them to Christ's perfect sacrifice, offering them to the Father.

The introductory dialogue establishes that this prayer is the prayer of the baptized and ordained, is offered in the presence of God, and has thanksgiving as its central focus. Following this dialogue, the celebrant begins the Preface, which consists of four different Eucharistic Prayers. After these prayers, communion is then given. [gidiocese.org/eucharistic-revival](http://gidiocese.org/eucharistic-revival)



## PRAYER SERVICE

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

ASHLEY JEFFS  
MIKE & CHRIS KELLY (FAMILY OF MARY WIEDUWILT)  
BARBARA GRAHAM (FR. PAUL'S SISTER)  
ANITA WORTMAN  
GREG LAUBY (BROTHER OF CECILIA FICK)  
JIM PAXTON (COUSIN OF DEANN NICKEL)  
VERN BRICKNER  
LAURA DRESSEL (SISTER OF PAT HOUSKA)  
HEATHER DELISA (NIECE OF KATHY & MIKE LABUN)  
AND ALL OTHERS IN NEED OF PRAYER.

Names will remain for approximately three weeks. Please call the office if you would like a name to remain on the list for longer.



### Prayer of the Week

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2021-01-01>



### U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

Respect for the Dignity of persons is a Principle of Catholic Social Teaching and one ignored by traffickers who treat persons as commodities. Join us in abolishing this horrific crime.

**U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131  
[sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

## Our Sacrificial Giving

### FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 GIVING

December Budget	\$70,000.00
Sunday, Dec 4, 2022	\$19,832.75
Sunday, Dec 11, 2022	\$19,516.93
Sunday, Dec 18, 2022	\$21,812.77
Sunday, Dec 25, 2022	
December to Date	\$61,162.45
monthly under budget	\$8,837.55



**Year-End Donations & Statements** The final day we will record donations for 2022 will be January 9th, 2022. Year-end tax statements will be completed and mailed before January 31, 2022. Checks must be dated December 31, 2022 or earlier to be included in these 2022 year-end statements.

**Thank you for supporting Prince of Peace Parish!**



**Baptism preparation is offered 10 a.m. on the 2nd Saturday of every month.**

The next class is January 14th. Call the church office to register.

## WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023

**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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

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

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023

**Sunday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day

**Monday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

**Tuesday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Wednesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

**Thursday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop

**Friday:** St. André Bessette, Religious

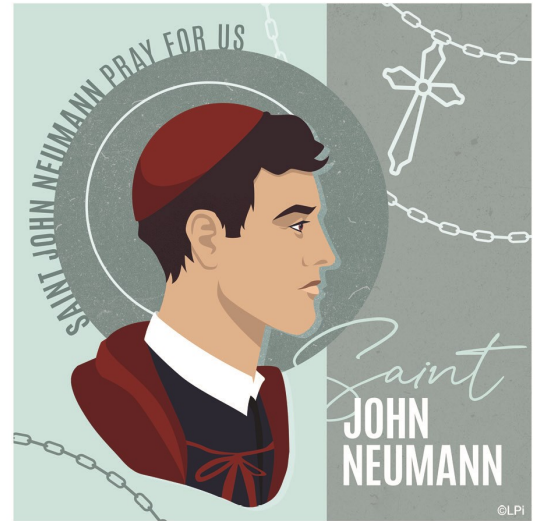
**Saturday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

**Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord

## LIVE THE LITURGY

## Inspiration for the week

The shepherds returned from Bethlehem "glorifying and praising God." They were affected deeply by the sight of the infant Messiah and the message of the angels. What would the world look like, if we allowed ourselves to be likewise impacted by the word of God?



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Neumann, patron saint of educators, immigrants, and sick children, was the first male saint to be canonized from the USA. An immigrant himself, he expanded Catholic education in his region from 2 schools to 100 & ministered in 6 different languages!

## PRAYER

Prayer for St. John Neumann's intercession

O St. John Neumann, your ardent desire of bringing all souls to Christ impelled you to leave home and country; teach us to live worthily in the spirit of our baptism which makes us all children of the one Heavenly Father and brothers of Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the family of God.

Obtain for us that complete dedication in the service of the needy, the weak, the afflicted, and the abandoned which so characterized your life. Help us to walk perseveringly in the difficult and at times painful paths of duty, strengthened by the Body and Blood of our Redeemer and under the watchful protection of Mary our Mother. May death still find us on the sure road to our Father's house, with the light of living faith in our hearts.

Prayer Source: <https://stjohnneumann.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Prayers-to-St.-John-Neumann.pdf>

Happy New Year! May the New Year be full of God's blessings for you and your family. It is now 2023! It is difficult to believe.

A New Year can be an opportunity for hope. Our God is a God of hope and optimism. In the days to come I invite you to take some time in quiet prayer to reflect on your blessings. When we reflect on our blessings, we see that we are so much more blessed and fortunate than we might have realized.

Again, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who helped make the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses so special. It is simply amazing what so many do! Thank you to all who did the outdoor lighting, the inside decorating, the liturgical ministers, coordinators, and sacristans, the sound crew, and all those who help with the music at the Mass....so beautiful. We appreciate the Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus 10923 who got volunteers to help park cars. And a big thank you to the Prince of Peace Staff; they work so hard to help make sure all is well.

Indeed, we are blessed. I am blessed to be your pastor. Thank you for all the Christmas cards, notes, gifts and goodies! May you have a healthy, prosperous, and blessed New Year!

Mary is called Theotokos, or God bearer, Mother of God. It was an important title derived from logic. This title helped the church deal with Nestorianism that preached that Jesus had two distinct and separate natures; a human and divine. Whereas the church teaches, he is one nature: God-Man, fully human and fully divine. Therefore, Mary had to be conceived without sin, the Immaculate Conception. And by bearing Jesus as her son, she became the Theotokos, or God-bearer, Mother of God. St. Thomas Aquinas in the Summa stated: If God could do something and it is fitting that he should, therefore he did it.



January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. This title was defined at the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD.



### Feast of the Baptism of Christ - January 9, 2023

We celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany.

**Responding to our Baptismal Call:** During the ritual of baptism, we are anointed priest, prophet and king. We are to remember that we are God's royal people, God's sons and daughters. Prophetic in the sense that we live our Catholic faith which is counter cultural to the world, and share in the priestly ministry of the church.

In this age more than ever, the church is relying on the laity to respond and to share in the priestly ministry of the church. This could be through assisting at Mass, serving on a parish committee, serving a funeral dinner, teaching religious formation, leading a small group, helping with Prince of Peace food pantry, or volunteering in so many ways.

Now, more than ever, the church, Prince of Peace, is in need of your help. This is especially true at the Mass. One way to get to know your brother and sisters in the parish is to be a greeter at one of the doors. A friendly face goes a long way in welcoming someone to our church. Won't you please consider being a greeter twice or three times a year?

For lent, it is our desire to have some small group discussions. Please consider helping out on the team.

We are also in need of help with funeral dinners.

We are blessed with so many volunteers. If you are not volunteering in some area, please consider doing so. If interested in any of these suggestions, please contact Fr. Paul or Tiffany Shuda at the office.

## Christmas Flower Offerings



### IN MEMORY OF...

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Mr. Richard J. Unrein     | Leland & Eileen Elliott | Charlotte Bakken        | Bruce White                                     |
| Shawn M. Czaplowski       | Jim & Jean Peters       | Mary Houser             | Betty Hamik                                     |
| DeRoy & Donna Palmer      | Ruth Cisneros           | Father James Novakowski | Patricia Saylor                                 |
| LeRoy & Buschkoetter      | Michael Heater          | Dorothy Devine          | Intention of Bob Buettner                       |
| Isadore & Nellie Schachta | Ed & Pauline Macke      | Jackson James Stott     | Geraldine Saylor                                |
| Leonard & Elinore Warner  | Paul Little             | Jim Ryan                | Glen & Artist Stengel                           |
| Laddie Bicak              | Kyle Karschner          | Fritz & Leona Hershiser | Jim & Maxine Thatcher                           |
| Robert & Margaret Fisher  | Paul & Betty Conroy     | Virgil & Judy Holz      | <b>&amp; IN HONOR OF Mrs. Georgia E. Unrein</b> |

## Contact Us

**Office Hours:** 9:00am-4:00pm  
Monday-Friday

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Welcome packets  
for new parishioners available  
at each church entrance.

## Meetings & Activities

Monday, Jan. 2nd		Office Closed No Food Pantry
Tuesday, Jan. 3rd	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	OCIA
Wednesday, Jan. 4th	4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Faith Formation Faith Formation Edge
Thursday, Jan. 5th	8:00 a.m.-Midnight 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Adoration Food Pantry
Friday, Jan. 6th	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Adoration
Saturday, Jan. 7th	4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Confession

### Jan 7th-8th

### Sat 5:00 PM

### Sun 8:00 AM

### Sun 10:30 AM

<b>Greeters</b>	Michael Teahon Jerry Brown	Butch Knapp Kenneth Marisch	Darby Runge Jason Shuda
<b>Servers</b>	Solomon Wiens Jonas Wiens Adria Wiens	Rowan Ostrander Sullivan Ostrander Jackson Pandorf	Darby Jr. Runge Edward Mueting Evan Mueting
<b>Lectors</b>	Darlene Schulte	William Wright	Regina McCann
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Kelli Teahon Mary O'Rourke Paul O'Neill Clint Witte Brad Greisen Deb Straka	Kathy Knapp Gene Mack Jane Sheldon Inga Yendra Jane Foutch	Joel Berrier Jason Downing Katy Zavadil Walt Fick
<b>Sound</b>	Trista Tool	Steve Benesch	Brian Lowe
<b>Coordinator</b>		Kathy White	Melissa Murphy
<b>Sacristan</b>	Robert Schulte	Kathy White	Paul Mueting
<b>Homebound</b>			
<b>Route 1</b>		Linda Martin	
<b>Route 2</b>		Diane Stevens	
<b>Route 3</b>		Jane Foutch	
<b>Route 4</b>		Sandra Hanson	

# MISCELLANEOUS

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Join us.....

**Continental Breakfast:**  
Coffee, Juice, Donuts, Breakfast Breads,  
and Fellowship with your Parish Family.  
Sunday, January 8th  
following the 8:00 am Mass  
Sponsored by the Parish Social Committee

## Confirmation Registration NOW OPEN!!

Registration is open to all high school juniors. Pick up a registration form in the parish office or online and return to the parish office with the necessary documents. Contact Makayla Irwin with any questions.



**WATCHMEN**

## Men: Mark your calendars for Watchmen!

The Spring semester for Watchmen will be held at St. James Church. First sessions: Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 PM and Thursday, January 12, at 6:15 AM with breakfast starting by 5:45. We hope you are making Watchmen part of your New Year's Resolutions.

**Theology on Tap** is a gathering of young adults who are in their 20's & 30's. Join this Young Adult Community on January 8th, 7:00 PM at Kinkaiders Brewing Co., 316 N Pine St., Grand Island. Bishop Hanefeldt will open the 2023 lineup with a presentation on Eucharistic Amazement.



**Theology on Tap** will meet the first Sunday of each month through May 2023. These gatherings are sponsored by the Diocese of Grand Island Office of Young Adult Ministry. Check out the 2023 Spring lineup at [gdiocese.org/young-adults](http://gdiocese.org/young-adults).

**Bulletin Deadlines:** Information for upcoming bulletins is due to the parish office by the following dates: January 9th for the January 15th bulletin.

## 2022/23 Diocesan Appeal Update as of 12/19/2022 Prince of Peace

Parish Goal:	\$73,464
Total Raised:	\$34,182
Household Goal:	185
Current Households:	86



If you have any questions regarding this information: Please call Greg or Amy at the chancery, 308-382-6565 or email [diocesanappeal@gdiocese.org](mailto:diocesanappeal@gdiocese.org).