

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

2407 W 56th St., Kearney, NE

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

Mass/Service Schedule and Intentions

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Mon., Jan 3	No Mass	Please Pray On Your Own
Tue., Jan 4	7:30AM	Rene Reinke' †
Wed., Jan 5	7:30AM	Nicholas Alfred Smit †
Thu., Jan 6	12:05PM	Katie Nickel †
Fri., Jan 7	7:30AM	Elaine Kaas †
Sat. Jan 8	5:00PM	Paul Liebig †
Sun., Jan 9	8:00AM 10:30AM	Prince of Peace Parishioners Gerry & Diane Watley



****The weekday Mass will be cancelled whenever there is a morning funeral.
Please watch the TV stations & the app for possible cancellations.
When the weather is bad Masses may be cancelled for safety purposes.**

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PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome Packets are available at each church entrance. To register, please fill out the green form inside the packet and return it to the parish office. You may also sign up for ministries on the Stewardship form found in the packet.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office hours: 9:00am—4:00pm Monday—Friday
Church phone: 308-236-9171
Fax Number: 308-237-4198
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SACRAMENTS & STEWARDSHIP

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4-4:30 PM. Extra times are listed on the back page or contact the parish office: 236-9171.

MARRIAGE: See Fr. Paul or Kelsey Cooper about marriage and allow at least 6-12 months for preparation.

BAPTISM: Baptism Preparation is offered at 10:00am on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please call the church office to register.

PASTORAL VISITS: Contact the church office for pastoral visits at home or in the hospital. The hospital may not have called the church.

HELPING HANDS: Helping with our parishioners' needs. Contact the parish office at 236-9171.

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Meetings and Activities

- Sun. Jan. 2:** No Life Teen
- Mon. Jan. 3:** Office Closed
- Tues. Jan. 4:** Liturgy Meeting 6:30pm
RCIA-Introduction to Sacraments, RCIA Rites 7pm
- Wed. Jan. 5:** No Faith Formation
No Edge
- Thurs. Jan. 6:** Adoration 8am-12am
- Fri. Jan. 7:** Adoration 8am-5pm
- Sat. Jan 8:** Baptism Prep Class 10am
- Sun. Jan. 9:** Parish Breakfast 9am
Life Teen 7-8:30pm

Baptism Preparation is offered the second Saturday of the month at 10 AM. The next session will be **January 8.**

Please register through the parish office if you plan to attend, 308-236-9171.



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In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage. Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend Program February 11-13 2022 to register call 1-800-470-2230 Or www.helpourmarriage.org, www.retrouvaille.org Last day to sign up is January 30th 2022.

Year-End Donations & Statements

The final day we will record donations for 2021 will be **January 10, 2022** so statements may be completed and mailed before **January 31, 2022**. Checks must be dated **December 31, 2021** or earlier to be included in these 2021 year-end statements.

Thank you for supporting Prince of Peace Parish!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 3-9

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

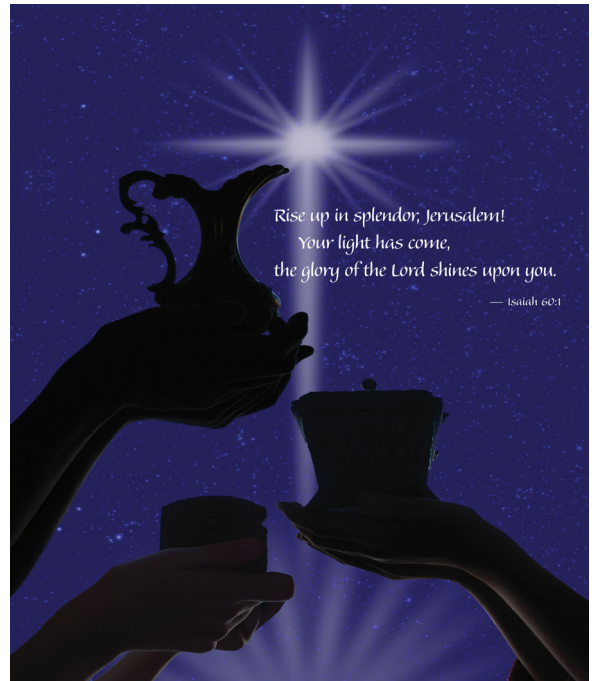


Prayer Concern

Amy Downing, Marge Gardner, Katie Pecha, Linda Reyes, Jim Bendfelt, Jim Ryan (Amy Prochaska's father), Bill Burns, Delwin Beck (brother-in-law of Lillian Kowalski), Maddie Anderson (Neva Richter's granddaughter) Rick Unrein (Tim Unrein's cousin), Elmer and Rosie Unrein (Tim Unrein's aunt and uncle), Bob & Joyce Ballard (Rose Wathen's brother and sister-in-law), Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie (sister of Jim McKenzie) Shirley Drey and family (Mother of Donna Beam and Merl Drey), Dan Kelley, Rief Family, Ellie Rockey (Mike and Cathy Labun's sister) Marilyn Schachta, Anne DelBene (Jim and Kathleen McKenzie's niece), Marlene Rasmussen, Jason Rowenhorst, Merle Lessig (Mandy Mueting's father), Craig Worm, Linda Giesler, Pat Morse, Mitch O'Neill, Patrick Unrein (Tim Unrein's nephew), Don Davis (Adell Ryan's cousin), Georgia Vak, Karen Warford (Albert Martenson's sister-in-law), Gary Peace (Cal Kelly's nephew), Mary Sahli (Brian Vinton's aunt), Helen Unrein (Tim Unrein's aunt), MaryAnn Wieduwilt, Lorraine Buller (Carolyn Menke's sister), Ann Sucha, Mike Polzin (Dan Kelley's cousin), Carol Torpey (Cathleen Abels' sister-in-law), Alexis Pacheco & Blakely Pacheco, Bob Farquhar, Don Emrick, and all others in need of prayer.



Men: Have you made Watchmen part of your New Year's resolutions yet?
 We will start meeting at St. James on Tuesday, 1/11, at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday morning, 1/13, at 6:15 a.m.. Breakfast starts by 5:45.



2021-2022 Appeal Information

Prince of Peace/Kearney Diocese of Grand Island



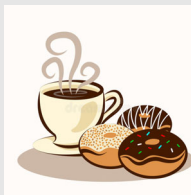
Parish Goal: \$81,568	Goal: \$1,200,000
Total Raised: \$42,876	Total Raised: \$ 796,137
Total Received: \$32,711	Total Received: \$ 689,789
Donor Goal: 195	Donor Goal: 3,980
Current No. of Donors: 96	Current No. of Donors: 2,399

Information regarding your donations to the Diocesan Appeal can be requested from the Chancery Office in Grand Island. Amy Scheer: ascheer@gidiocese.org or 800-652-0004

Saturday, February 12, 2022: Spirit Catholic Radio invites you to our 17th annual Spirit Celebration Dinner, where we will enjoy a meal together and honor keynote speaker and Spirit Award Recipient, **Steve Ray**. Steve has hosted many pilgrimages for Spirit Catholic Radio and is a frequent guest on Spirit Mornings and EWTN Radio. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with the dinner and program beginning at 7 p.m. Only \$50 per seat. Please make your reservation at spiritcatholicradio.com/dinner by February 5, 2022.



Join us for a Continental Breakfast Sunday, Jan 9 following the 8:00 AM Mass. Coffee, juice, donuts and breakfast breads will be served. Enjoy some food and fellowship with your parish family.



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We are looking for couples to assist with the confirmation program here at Prince of Peace. If you are interested, please contact the office at 236-9171.



Pastor's Notes

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Epiphany comes 12 days after Christmas; thus concluding the 12 days of Christmas. Epiphany is when we recall the three magi coming to visit the newborn King, Jesus. All of us are familiar with the song, "We Three Kings"; it is based on Matthew 2: 1-12. The Magi remind us that Jesus came for all people, Jews and Gentiles and that he is the Messiah for the entire world.

Indeed, the Catholic church encompassed people of every race, language and nation on earth. Sometimes we struggle to overcome distances created by cultural and language barriers. In Nebraska this is becoming more of a reality. I have served many multicultural parishes as a priest. Although the challenges with language, the diversity of traditions and customs were challenging they also brought a richness to the parish life.

The Magi came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold is given to symbolize the royalty of Christ, frankincense symbolizing his divinity, and myrrh symbolizing that his death.

Some Catholics have the tradition of dedicating their house to the Lord for the new year by reading John 1:1-3, 14 then using a piece of chalk and writing about the door, "+ 20; then underneath the date, *Christus, Mansionem, Benedicat*, then 22+. The words mean **May Christ bless this house**.

It has been such an exciting process to move forward on the next phase of Prince of Peace facilities. There will be more events to seek the parishioners input as we discern where God is leading us.

I hope and pray the New Year bring you many blessings! I am so grateful for the cards, Christmas goodies and other foods, the gifts and the kind words. You are a blessing to me! Happy New Year!!!

FORMED: like Netflix for Catholics

It's **FREE** for everyone in our parish! In the midst of a busy culture, people everywhere are turning to formed.org and finding the peace and joy that can only come from God.

You can stream hundreds of Catholic films, life-changing talks, and dramatic stories of the saints. The parish pays for this account and all you have to do is follow the link below and set up your own free profile:

princeofpeacekearney.formed.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Information for the January 9 bulletin is due in the parish office by **10AM on Monday, Jan. 3**. Information for the January 16 bulletin is due by **10am on Jan. 6**. Please email information to: popoffice@kearneyprinceofpeace.org or drop off/mail to the church office.

Thank you!



The Christmas Spirit at Prince of Peace Parish!

Every member of the parish who makes a gift of any type to the church capital campaign will receive a “once in a lifetime” Prince of Peace Parish Christmas Tree ornament. It is adorned with an image of one of our stained glass rose windows. Come on by the parish office to pick yours up today.

Hallelujah! The capital campaign is going great. Only a few weeks into our time of collecting pledges, over 200 families have made pledges of over \$1.8M. We are well on our way to fully funding the next step in our facility expansion. The new spaces will allow us to significantly increase the ministry we provide to our current and future members.

100% We are all in this together, it would be great if every single member of our parish joined the capital campaign with a gift of any size. Please pick up a pledge card in the back of any pew or in the church office and join us today with a pledge, gift and/or prayers.

Improvements Underway

At this moment we are well underway in planning to implement two of our highest priorities for facilities improvements: a) a new sign out front, and b) the hearing loop. The parish staff is working diligently to finalize plans with contractors to begin action right after Christmas. We hope to have these improvements completed by March. Thank you for your generous contributions to the parish to fund these improvements.

Prayer and Discernment

As you think through making a pledge to the capital campaign, first enter into a time of prayer and discernment. The prayer guide that was included in your pledge packet will be a wonderful resource. Take time each day for several days to thank God for all that you have been blessed with, then ask God with all sincerity, “Dear God, what would you do through me, right now, to be a conduit for your blessings, to serve your church, in this capital campaign.” Take time in silence to seek alignment and service.

Fr. Paul has a few simple thoughts to help you seek God’s will in your life. Visit the Parish YouTube Channel to see the video.

PRO-LIFE CALENDAR

***Our Beautiful Poinsettias
Were Given in Honor of or
in Memory of the Following
Loved Ones:***



James & Alma Mack
Betty Trumm
H. Lee Trumm

Jan-Mar Pro-Life Youth Contests

Jan. 15 5:00 p.m. Pro-Life Youth Mass & Pilgrim Blessing
by Bishop Hanefeldt at St. James, Kearney

Jan 19-27 9 Days for Life

Jan 22 10:00 a.m. Adoration & Rosary St. Mary's, G.I.
for National Day of Prayer for Unborn

Jan 29 9:00 a.m. Pro-Life Mass at Cathedral, Lincoln
Jan 29 10:00 a.m. NE Walk for Life at Capital, Lincoln

Visit <https://www.gdiocese.org/pro-life> for more information.

Lay Ministers	January 9, 2022		
Mass Time	5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30am
Greeters	Wendell Dubbs ? Opportunity to Serve	Kim Gewecke Jerry Pecha	Jason Pierzina ? Opportunity to Serve
Servers	Jonas Wiens Eden Wiens ? Opportunity to Serve	Karter Killion ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve	Jacob Lowe Nolan Lowe ? Opportunity to Serve
Lector	Darleen Schulte	Valerie Fredericksen	Randy Buschkoetter
Eucharistic Ministers	Le Spencer Bev Schumacher ? Opportunity to Serve	P.J. O'Neill ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve	Michael Heeney Kim Buschkoetter ? Opportunity to Serve
Sound	? Opportunity to Serve	Denise O'Brien	Brian Lowe
Coordinator	Marlene Rasmussen	Cathy Labun	Melissa Murphy
Sacristan	Robert Schulte	Mike Labun	? Opportunity to Serve
Homebound- Route 1		Linda Martin	
Homebound- Route 2		Diane Stevens	
Homebound- Route 4		Stephanie Gomez	
Homebound- Route 5		Todd Herges	

*Please contact the parish office
if you would like to be trained
for any of these ministries.*

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