

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

2407 W 56th St., Kearney, NE

JANUARY 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

John said, "I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals."

~ Luke 3:16

Mass/Service Schedule and Intentions

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Mon., Jan 10	No Mass	Please Pray On Your Own
Tue., Jan 11	<u>12:05PM</u>	Thelma Gale †
Wed., Jan 12	7:30AM	Rene Reinke' †
Thu., Jan 13	12:05PM	Bernard Feldt †
Fri., Jan 14	7:30AM	DeAnne Bose †
Sat. Jan 15	5:00PM	Paul Liebig †
Sun., Jan 16	8:00AM	Gary & Kaye Sorensen Family
	10:30AM	Prince of Peace Parishioners



****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
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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. 9:** Parish Breakfast 9am
Life Teen 7-8:30pm
- Mon. Jan. 10:** Food Pantry 2-4pm
Ultreya 7-8pm
- Tues. Jan. 11:** Stewardship Meeting 7:30-9pm
RCIA-Baptism and Confirmation 7pm
- Wed. Jan. 12:** Faith Formation 4 & 5:30pm
Edge 7pm
Parish Council 7pm
- Thurs. Jan. 13:** Adoration 8am-12am
Food Pantry 2-4pm
- Fri. Jan. 14:** Adoration 8am-5pm
- Sun. Jan. 16:** Confirmation Parent Meeting 11:30am
Knights of Columbus Ceremony 2pm
Life Teen 7-8:30pm



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!

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.



Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul? Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change.

They may need your time and attention. Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program. February 11-13 2022 to register call 1-800-470-2230 Or www.helpourmarriage.com, www.retrouvaille.org last day to sign up January 30th 2022

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 10-16

- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



Prayer Concern

Dan Kelley, 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), 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.



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Men: Your New Year's resolution to join us for Watchmen still is not broken! You can keep it that way by joining us at St. James starting Tuesday evening at 7:00 or Thursday morning at 6:15. Breakfast starts by 5:45.

Our Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Giving

December 2021 Budget	\$63,000.00
December 5, 2021	\$20,578.85
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,107.36
December 12, 2021	\$22,515.66
December 19, 2021	\$23,540.99
December 26, 2021	\$46,308.42
December to Date	\$114,051.28
6 Month Over Budget	\$44,849.06
Christmas Budget	\$30,000.00
Christmas Collection	\$36,220.90
Over Budget	\$ 6,220.90

*Thank you for supporting
Prince of Peace Parish!*

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly offers weekend retreats for men and women to grow in their spiritual life, retreats are available in-person and online, see goodcounselretreat.org.



World Marriage Day

In celebration of World Marriage Day, Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt will be presiding at an Anniversary Mass on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 4 p.m., at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. All married couples in the Diocese of Grand Island whose anniversary is divisible by 5 in the years 2021-2022 will be honored at the Holy Mass. Please RSVP to St. Mary's Cathedral, 308-384-2523, or email secretary@stmarysgi.com; or Glenda Stittsworth, 308-379-9325, email glenarch@charter.net, by February 7, 2022.

In addition, the Cathedral Ladies will be serving a lasagna dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on February 12th at Cathedral Square. The meal includes lasagna, garlic bread, salad and dessert. The meal is dine-in or carry-out. A free will offering is requested. Everyone is invited.

Pastor's Notes

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Happy New Year! May the New Year be full of God's blessings for you and your family. It is now 2022! It is difficult to believe.

The last two years have been challenging, yet we have done our best to respond to the needs of the people of Prince of Peace. If you find you want to visit about your personal challenges with the corona virus, Kathy White our pastoral minister, or Fr. Paul Colling are good resources. You may contact us at the office at 308-236-9171

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 realize 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!

Feast of the Baptism of Christ – January 9, 2022

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 we share in the priestly ministry of the church.

In this age more than ever the church is relying on the laity to respond 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.

Before COVID hit we had many volunteers. However, like so many churches, Catholic or not, we have experienced a shortage of volunteers. Many of our volunteers were retired so one can understand that their health needs outweigh their desire to serve the church.

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 brothers 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? We also need Eucharistic ministers & servers.

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 Amber Meusch at the office.



Confirmation

We are blessed to have two great catechists for confirmation. Thank you Dillon Spies and Matthew Duffy for responding to God's call to serve.



FORMED: like Netflix for Catholics

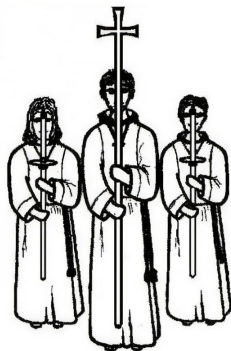
It's **FREE** for everyone in our parish! In the midst of a busy culture, people everywhere are turning to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) and finding the peace and joy that can only come from God.

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](https://princeofpeace Kearney.formed.org)

Youth Opportunity!

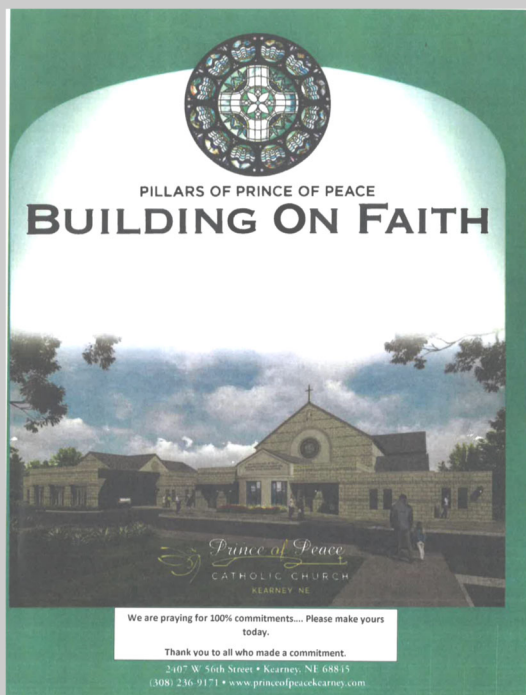
If you have been an altar server in the past or have ever thought of becoming an altar server, contact the church office to learn how to get started. We could use the help!



Catholic Community Food Pantry at Prince of Peace Church

In December we received many gifts from parishioners and have a good start to our food supply needs for January. The Lord is pleased! We had one utility bill for \$100, several miscellaneous items and purchased meat twice for \$349.00, a car repair for \$150.00, medication for one of our parishioners for \$80.00, and one night's stay at a motel for \$45.69. We were blessed with the Give Where You Live campaign as we will receive \$8,000+ in early January. God bless all of you helping those less fortunate. Happy New Year!

Dear Members of Prince of Peace Parish,



We are working towards the next step of what we started 10 years ago, and are preparing for the next phase of our facility plan. This is a marathon, not a sprint. We will not begin working on our facilities until our architectural plan is fully developed. There will be more events scheduled as needed to get further input from you. Those who did come provided us with some great information. It is joyous work, and our parish is flourishing.

The new facility will benefit all members of our faith community, and it would be great if we had 100% of all members make a pledge at any amount. If you have not yet made a pledge, please pick up a pledge card in a pew or in the parish office. Please ask God how you might be a conduit for God's blessings at this time.

Campaign Update

In the three weeks since our capital campaign Commitment Sunday we have received pledges totaling over \$1.8 million from over 200 families. We are looking good so far. Our goal is to have 100% of all families join with a pledge of any amount.

Construction Plans

In March we will conduct a series of town hall meetings to begin working towards developing specific construction plans. The outcome of the meetings that were held this fall was a clear set of priorities: a) new gathering space and b) renovation of the lower level into classrooms. We need to move the current offices to a new location adjacent to the new gathering space in order to allow the renovation of the lower space.

Blessings for 2022,
Fr. Paul

BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus.

Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

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Lay Ministers	January 16, 2022		
Mass Time	5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30am
Greeters	Brian Vinton ? Opportunity to Serve	Larry Wheeler ? Opportunity to Serve	Tom McCann Lanny Carlson
Servers	? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve	Bryson Lynn ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve	Steven Mueiting Evan Mueiting Edward Mueiting
Lector	Judy Walker	Lynda Daake	William Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers	Bev Schumacher ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve	May Jo Widdowson Darren Yendra Inga Yendra	Julie Hoyt Walt Fick ? Opportunity to Serve
Sound	Mitch O'Neill	Robert Hock	David Hoyt
Coordinator	Marlene Rasmussen	Kathy White	Melissa Murphy
Sacristan	? Opportunity to Serve	? Opportunity to Serve	? Opportunity to Serve
Homebound- Route 1		? Opportunity to Serve	
Homebound- Route 2		Janine Walker	
Homebound- Route 4		James Rowling	
Homebound- Route 5		Gwendolyn Luth	

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