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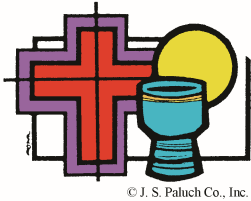
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THE POOL  
OF SILOAM  
JERUSALEM

I was blind and now I see.  
JOHN 9:25

MARCH 22  
2020

fourth Sunday  
OF LENT



**Please  
Note:  
IMPORTANT  
UPDATE!**

*Unfortunately,  
due to the coronavirus,  
**all Masses are suspended**  
until further notice.*

**CHARITY**

*If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.*

—St. Vincent Ferrer

**STAY UPDATED!**

Since everything is changing so quickly, day to day and hour to hour, we ask that you keep updated:

**at [princeofpeacekearney.com](http://princeofpeacekearney.com)  
on the parish app  
and on facebook**

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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—5:00pm Mon. - Thur.  
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**SACRAMENTS & STEWARDSHIP**

- RECONCILIATION:** 4:00-4:45pm on Saturday before Mass. Other times may be arranged by contacting Fr. Paul at 236-9171.
- MARRIAGE:** See Fr. Paul or Deacon Thomas 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 Phyllis Stittle: 308-234-3606 or [pm.stittle@gmail.com](mailto:pm.stittle@gmail.com)

**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.

## Our Sacrificial Giving

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Giving

<b>Annual Ordinary Giving Budget</b>	<b>\$ 806,000.00</b>
March Giving Budget	\$ 77,500.00
March 1, 2020 Collection	\$ 21,342.96
March 2, 2020 Electronic Giving	\$ 5,210.50
March 8, 2020 Collection	\$ 13,776.97
March 15, 2020 Collection	\$ 5,860.94
March 16 Electronic Giving	\$
March 22 Collection	\$
March 29, 2020 Collection	\$
<b>Total for March</b>	<b>\$ 46,191.37</b>

Donations can now be made through the website:

[princeofpeacekearney.com](http://princeofpeacekearney.com)

**Electronic Funds Transfer is available:** Please contact Jo Ann Hoffman if you are interested in signing up or if you would like to make a change to your current EFT:

[jhoffman@kearneyprinceofpeace.org](mailto:jhoffman@kearneyprinceofpeace.org)  
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*Thank you for supporting  
Prince of Peace Parish!*

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Information for the March 29 bulletin should arrive in the parish office by 10 AM on **Monday, March 23th.**

Please email information to:

[deann@kearneyprinceofpeace.org](mailto:deann@kearneyprinceofpeace.org)  
or drop off/mail to the church office.

**Thank you!!**

### 2019-2020 Appeal Information



### Prince of Peace/Kearney Diocese of Grand Island

Parish Goal:	\$74,781.31	Goal:	\$1,150,000.00
Total Raised:	\$65,848.00	Total Raised:	\$ 937,362.00
Total Received:	\$63,648.00	Total Received:	\$ 881,834.00
Donor Goal:	183	Donor Goal:	4,453
Current No. of Donors:	<b>164</b>	Current No. of Donors:	3,233

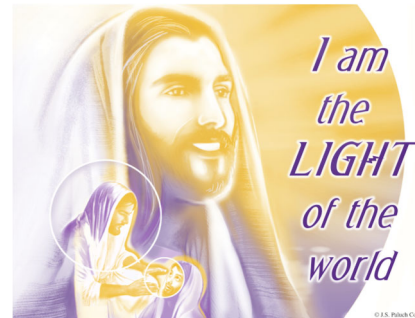
**(Let's try to reach our Donor Goal of 183!)**

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

## Prayer Concerns



The family of Mary Ann Gerten, The family of Morten Johnson, The family of Doris Murray, The family of Raul Vasquez (Annelle Rowedder's father), Chuck Day (Mary Jane Skala's brother), Doris Fitzgerald, Carol Torpey (Cathleen Abels' sister-in-law), LaVon Buettner, Kate Iwan (Ginger Weides' sister), Robert M. Fitzgerald, Carolyn Menke (Carolyn & Jerry Menke's sister-in-law), Ramona Cook (Fr. Paul's cousin), Tim Unrein, Rhonda Wadzinski (Lillian Kowalski's niece), Arlene Hoarty (Scott Hoarty's mother), Don Sluti, James Fitzgerald, Kristi Habe (Phyllis Stittle's cousin), Taylor Grace, Catherine Bals, Jennifer Wilford & Annette Coon (Ellen Nickel's sisters), Karen Verraneault, Bill Christen (Rose Hemmingsen's brother), Marge & Lynn Gardner, John McGuire, Matt Brass (Adell Ryan's cousin), Theresa Andrews, Alexis Pacheco & Blakely Pacheco, Ken Rezac (Lori Keller's father), Georgia Vak, Bob Farquhar, Charles Wieduwilt, Lavonne Kinyon (Don Frank's mother), Paul Liebig, Bailey Redwine, Don Emrick, Kate Hearne, Mary Ann Gerten, and all others in need of prayer.



## Catholic Community Food Pantry

The pantry is still open - for now. We are taking extra precautions to protect all who seek help and are willing to help those less fortunate! Protect us from this pandemic, Lord Jesus, as we come to do your will! Amen!

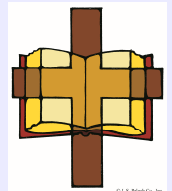
**Urgent Needs:** *pasta sauces, pasta, ramen noodles or mac n cheese, toilet paper, canned fruits, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna or chicken, canned beans (no green beans needed).*

**Most asked for items:** *bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo, tooth paste and brushes, laundry soap, Kleenex, paper towels, hand sanitizers, kid snacks, beans, cereal, canned carrots and peas.*

Donations can be made through the church supplied envelope or make out a check to Prince of Peace Church and mark the envelope Catholic Community Charities.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16-22, 2020

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



# From the Pastor

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To the faithful Prince of Peace family and members of the Diocese of Grand Island.

Bishop Hanefeldt, after deep prayer and consideration, has suspended all Masses, weekday, and Sunday until further notice. He will reevaluate to see if the Palm Sunday Masses might be offered along with other special services for Holy Week and Easter.

He writes: Effective immediately, and consistent with the Archdiocese of Omaha and the Diocese of Lincoln, all public Masses and other communal celebrations of the Sacraments or other liturgies are temporarily suspended throughout the Diocese of Grand Island. In other words, there will be no public funeral services, weddings, Lenten Penance services, Confirmations, retreats, Parish Missions, or the Chrism Mass until further notice.

## SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)

March 23

*In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying conquistadores—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio."*

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**CRS Rice Bowl** is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through

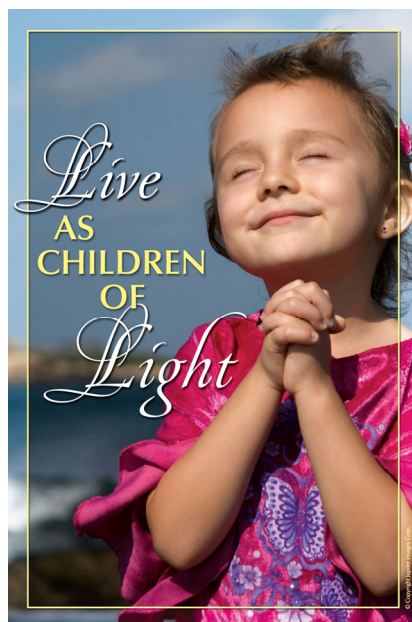
CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million.

**Rice Bowls may be turned in on Palm Sunday.**

## LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

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## FILL US

Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration.

—Christina Rossetti



Give your spouse a special gift: Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. For more information call Pat & Janelle Benson at 308-940-1105 or visit [WWME.org](http://WWME.org).

*Deadline to register is one month prior to the date of the weekend.*

### Upcoming dates:

August 28, 2020: *Quality Inn, Ogallala, NE*

October 2-4, 2020: *Immaculate Monastery, Norfolk, NE*

**MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES**

- Sun. March 22 **CANCELLED** Symbolon study  
**CANCELLED** Faith Formation classes  
**CANCELLED** First Communion Mass  
**No Confirmation class**  
**No Life Teen**
- Tue. March 24 RCIA 7pm  
**CANCELLED** Liturgy Committee
- Wed. March 25 **CANCELLED** Keenagers Mass & Potluck  
Financial Peace University **TBD**  
**Confession 4:30-5:30pm**  
**No Faith Formation or Edge**
- Thu. March 26 Adoration 8am until 5pm on Friday  
**No Mother's Adoration and Fellowship**  
**"CANCELLED** Mary" Lenten Study
- Fri. March 27 Adoration until 5pm  
**CANCELLED** Stations of the Cross
- Sun. March 28 **POSTPONED** SpringFest  
**CANCELLED** Symbolon Study  
**No Faith Formation classes**  
**No Confirmation class**  
**No Life Teen**
- Tue. March 31 RCIA Retreat **TBD**
- Wed. April 1 Faith Formation classes **TBD**  
**Confessions 4:30-5:30pm**  
Financial Peace University **TBD**  
Edge **TBD**  
ASET **TBD**

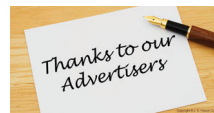
**Adoration Is Suspended For Now**

*There will be no exposition of the Eucharist for now but, You are invited to come pray in the sanctuary from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

Please contact Tom or Linda Martin (236-6728/martinl@unk.edu) or the parish office if you have questions regarding Adoration.



*Extra Confessions are scheduled on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm (except Holy Week)*



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Keenagers  
**Mass & Potluck Lunch**  
**CANCELLED**  
**THIS MONTH**



The First Communion Mass has been postponed until **Sunday, April 26th** at 2:30 PM due to COVID-19.

**Colorectal Cancer Screening**

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**March 16-27**

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Watchmen is **suspended** through March 26 due to the restrictions associated with the coronavirus. Please be watching for updated information.

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[princeofpeacekarney.formed.org](http://princeofpeacekarney.formed.org)

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

**HEALING FOR COMMUNITY**

It is helpful to observe that our Gospel passage from John, the healing of the blind man, is the first part of a longer episode. When Jesus' words end Chapter 9 in today's passage, he goes on speaking in the discourse on the Good Shepherd in Chapter 10. The healing of the blind man was not only a demonstration of God's power, giving him the physical capacity of sight. It was even more than the awakening of the man's personal faith in Jesus. The image of the Good Shepherd confirms that the man was liberated from the social isolation of his blindness and became a member of Jesus' flock. All of Jesus' powerful actions of healing were intended as gifts, not only to individuals, but for the building up of the community of faith.

**HUMILITY AND ACTION**

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the LORD looks into the heart." In our first reading, Samuel draws conclusions about who God will choose as king based on his assumptions of what a proper king looks like. But God sees a deeper reality. How easy it is to miss our own blindness. How frequently we are unaware of our own flawed assumptions about others and about ourselves. We often need a deeper humility about the limitations of our perceptions and our convictions.

Yet, as the letter to the Ephesians encourages, there are times to expose the "fruitless works of darkness", to speak out, especially when persons or groups are suffering from abuse or oppression. We are called to live within a tension that these scripture passages convey. We are to seek God's guidance in prayer with genuine openness. We are then to speak and act forcefully against wrongdoing, even as we maintain humility about how much we know, or what is the best action to take. We are called to bring God's wisdom and mercy to all.

Today's Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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# POSTPONED!!

## Prince of Peace SpringFest 2020

**SPRINGFEST HAS BEEN POSTPONED** due to the COVID-19 virus and the recommendations of Bishop Hanefeldt. We DO NOT have a date set for our event yet. We will let everyone know as soon as we set up a new date set. Thank you for your support and prayers. The SpringFest Committee

### Scholarship Opportunities

The Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus Council is offering a \$250 college scholarship. Applicants must be a son or daughter of an active or deceased member in good standing of Prince of Peace Council 10923. Eligible applicants include current high school seniors and college students that will be attending any college or university in the fall of 2020. Please contact Pete Ludowese, Scholarship Chairman, for additional information and an application, 308-293-0100. **Deadline for entry is April 10, 2020.**

St. James Knights of Columbus Council 1728 is again offering two \$1000.00 scholarships. Applicants must be a son or daughter of a 3rd or 4th degree knight in the St. James Council. **Applications are due by April 15th.** For applications, see your school counselor or contact Clint Witte (234-9792), scholarship chairman.



*Let's continue to pray for one another as we do all that needs to be done to protect ourselves and those around us. Christ is with us.*

**Basic protective measures against the coronavirus. Take care of your health and protect others by doing the following:**

- \*Wash your hands frequently
- \*Maintain social distancing: at least 3 feet distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- \*Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- \*Practice respiratory hygiene: Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- \*If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early. **Stay home if you feel unwell**

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH



**Attention middle school students** currently in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. **Higher Ground Extreme Faith camp** registration is open now. This retreat is a fun week and a great opportunity to grow stronger in your faith while making new

friends from around the diocese. Ask Stephen Friesell, Prince of Peace Youth Minister Coordinator, about this opportunity. Register today at [highergroundretreats.org](http://highergroundretreats.org) and save with the Early Bird rate of \$229.

**Attention high school sophomores, juniors and seniors.** **Higher Ground** registration is open now This retreat is an incredible opportunity to grow stronger in your relationship with Christ, while getting to know your peers from around the diocese. By the end of the retreat you will have a greater love for God and a new community of faith. Ask your Pastor and youth leader about this opportunity. Register today at [highergroundretreats.org](http://highergroundretreats.org)

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Those who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless.

**St. Oscar Romero**

Outspoken Archbishop of San Salvador martyred while celebrating Mass. He was canonized in October of 2018.

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