

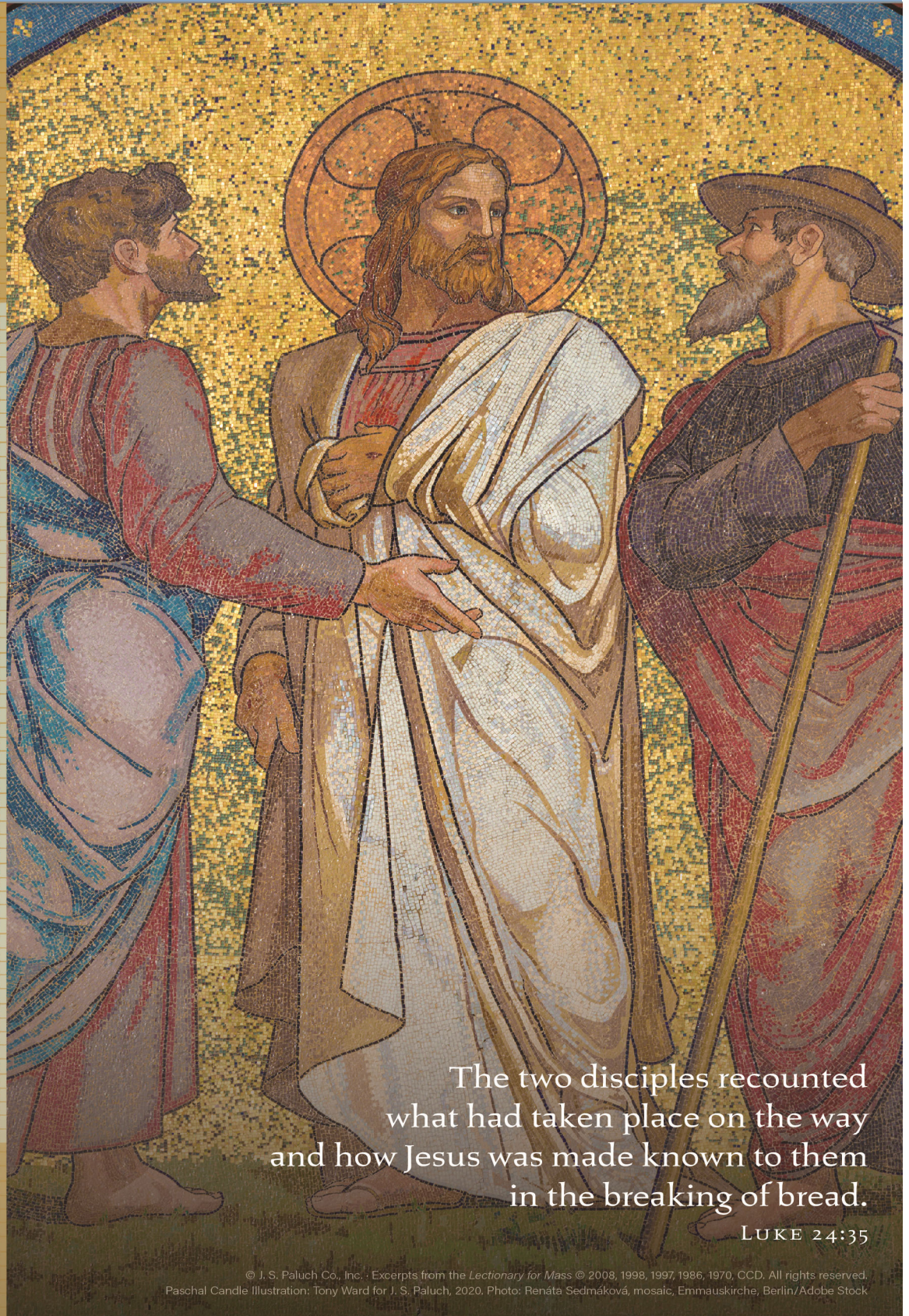
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APRIL
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2020



THIRD
SUNDAY OF
Easter



The two disciples recounted
what had taken place on the way
and how Jesus was made known to them
in the breaking of bread.

LUKE 24:35



*Due to the coronavirus,
all Masses at the church are suspended
until further notice.*

**Fr. Paul is celebrating Masses
to post digitally online daily:**

- On the Prince of Peace facebook page
- YouTube: Prince of Peace Catholic Church Kearney, Nebraska (Be sure to hit the bell so you can subscribe.)
- Website: princeofpeacekearney.com
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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.

*With gratitude we share
that so many are continuing to Tithe.*

How do I get my tithe to the church?

- Donate online:
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This link can be accessed on our website
- Through the Abundant Giving Mobile App
- Text POPKearney to 73256
- Mail in your contribution
- Use the slot by the confessional at church if you come to pray
- Drop off in the slot at our CPA firm, Hellman Main Coslor & Kathol PC (3519 Second Ave.)

*We are here to support you
and take care of your spiritual needs.
Please let us know what we can do for you.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office hours: 9:00am—4:00pm **Monday - Thursday**
Closed **Friday**

Church phone: 308-236-9171

Fax Number: 308-237-4198

Rectory phone: 308-224-3843

Parish email: office@kearneyprinceofpeace.org

Website: princeofpeacekearney.com

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RECONCILIATION: Watch the parish app for times or contact the parish office 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

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

Annual Ordinary Giving Budget \$ 806,000.00

April Giving Budget	\$ 66,500.00
Easter Budget	\$ 10,000.00
Total April Budget	\$ 76,500.00
April 5, 2020 Donations	\$ 7,627.50
April 2, 2020 Electronic Funds Transfers	\$ 5,210.50
April 12, 2020 Donations	\$ 15,400.00
April 12, 2020 On Line Giving	\$ 1,131.85
Easter Donations	\$ 9,471.25
April 16 Electronic Funds Transfer	\$ 6,322.17
April 19, 2020 Donations	\$ 6,699.47
April 19, 2020 On Line Giving	\$ 2,070.10
April Total To Date	\$ 53,932.84

Donations can now be made through the website:
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
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*Thank you for supporting
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Pray—and Feed Your Soul

The Pope has asked us to pray the family Rosary for the COVID 19 Pandemic everyday at 3 PM CST. If you cannot pray at 3 PM—do it at another time. The Rosary (google 17 minute Rosary) and Stations of the Cross (crsricebowl.org or catholic.org) are wonderful for individual or family meditations.

Confessions

You may make an appointment for Reconciliation by calling the Parish Office, 308-236-9171.

Please note:

Our parish office hours have temporarily changed due to COVID-19. Minimal staff are in the office at this time so we will return messages and emails as soon as possible. If you have an emergency please call the rectory: 308-224-3843.

New Office hours:

Monday—Thursday 9 AM-4 PM
 Friday—Sunday Closed

Prayer Concerns



Denise Tworek (Mary Wagner's niece), Rose & Tony Wathen, Chuck Day (Mary Jane Skala's brother), 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, and all others in need of prayer.



I wanted to let you know that we are streaming a 30 minute conversation with the seminarians from the **Vocation Office Facebook Page** every Sunday night at 630 pm. We will be doing this throughout the rest of the summer (if possible) and we'd love to have you join us!

<https://www.facebook.com/gi.vocations/videos/550297625920725/>

Fr. Neal Hock, Diocesan Vocations Director

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 27-MAY 3, 2020

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10



Pastor's Notes The Gospel for this weekend, the 3rd Sunday of Easter, is the Emmaus story. To briefly summarize it two of the disciples of Jesus were traveling to Emmaus. They had just witnessed the agony of Jesus' death on the cross. Presumably they were leaving Jerusalem before it got really bad. Jesus joined them as they walked although they didn't recognize Him. They were incredulous that he didn't know what had happened in Jerusalem. Then Jesus began with Moses and all the prophets and interpreted to them all the scriptures that referred to Him. They were stopping for the night meal. He acted as if he were going further. They pressed Him to stay to share a meal. It was at the breaking of the bread that they recognized Him.

This story echoes what happens at the mass; we gather, we listen to God's word, then after the Fraction rite: the breaking of the bread, we receive the Eucharist, communion. We encounter Jesus in word and the Eucharist, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus.

For many weeks, Catholics have not been allowed to participate in the Mass. Many have been so appreciative of the on-line Masses that have been provided for you from Prince of Peace. It is an honor ministering to you in this virtual way. However, this is far from the ideal. Even under the threat of persecution the early church met, broke open the word of God, and celebrated the Eucharist in community. We too are meant to meet as a community of believers and celebrate the Mass together...not via Facebook or YouTube.

Pope Francis celebrated Mass April 17, 2020, in the chapel of his Vatican residence, the *Domus Sanctae Marthae*. In his homily, he said that forced isolation devised to stop the pandemic was presenting the danger of people living the faith only for themselves—detached from the sacraments, the Church, and the people of God. Pope Francis said "Online Masses and spiritual communion do not represent the Church. This is the Church in a difficult situation that the Lord is allowing, but the ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the sacraments — always."

Celebrating the Mass with one or two people is a valid Mass but the church longs for her people...and for the most part I believe many of you of Prince of Peace long to be in the pews again. While it is pleasing to know that the online/livestreaming Masses have been a positive outreach I am concerned that we might be normalizing this way of worship. The Mass is meant to be experienced in community, with our sisters and brothers in Christ beside us. Therefore, let us not let this feel like the norm...for it is a poor substitute for the real thing...the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Perhaps this might be a time for us to study the Mass and its parts. The ritual of the Mass is appealing to us as it is a natural rhythm of our community prayer. As a presider of the Mass, I can tell you that from the beginning to the end of Mass there is a different feel, the many become one before Mass ends. Let us take this time as an opportunity for us to reflect and study our understanding of the real presence of the Eucharist that is so wonderfully laid out in the Gospel of St. John chapter 6.

While it is true many people are certainly understanding the domestic church due to the crisis but we cannot ignore that our parish churches are built out of love for us to gather as a community of faith.

Until we can gather in our church I pray that we hunger not only to gather with our Prince of Peace family, but we hunger to receive the Eucharist and know the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Prayers of your Pastor, Fr. Paul

As a priest I have made a commitment to daily prayer as well as praying the Mass. I have received many prayer requests and I am lifting them up at the Masses I celebrated. It is my prayer that you are all in good health as well as your families. We continue to pray for a cure and a vaccine for this virus. Our heartfelt love and prayers go out for those who have been afflicted with it and their families. We pray for those who have died. And with a grateful heart, we pray for all health care givers, those who care for the elderly, and those who are first responders. We pray for our Pope and all the leaders of the church, ordained and lay leaders, as well as our national, state and local leaders, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit. As Jesus said to the disciples in the upper room so I say to you: "Peace be with you".

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SpringFest Raffle Drawing To Be Held!!



*Our Lord has risen from the dead, Alleluia!
To all, we must push ahead
His joy and hope are ours too
So in May we will see this RAFFLE through
Our SpringFest is still postponed
Onward to the drawings we go
Pentecost Sunday will soon be here
Please sign your tickets and have NO FEAR
The cash, the beef, the grill and the lawn care
The Solid Rock, the jewelry and quilt are all still there
Send your tickets to the Church right away
We will draw for the prizes on the 31st of May!*

*****SpringFest Raffle Drawing*****

Date: **May 31, 2020**
Place: **Prince of Peace Social Hall**
Time: **After the 10:30 AM Mass**



Do not fear: I am with you;
do not be anxious:
I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
I will help you,
I will uphold you.
- Isaiah 41:10

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Catholic Community Food Pantry

To protect the pantry and church staffs, we are **temporarily closing the Food Pantry at Prince of Peace**. We will continue to help people with rent and utilities by partnering with the Jubilee Center. In addition, we are donating some funds to Hot Meals USA, working out of the MONA parking lot, so they can continue feeding 1,000 people a day. **Your food donations can be dropped off at the Jubilee Center or the Salvation Army, rather than the church.** Thank you for your continued support. Hygiene items are especially needed now.



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Please Note:

**The first week of High Ground has been cancelled.
Other sessions are still scheduled at this time.**

Attention middle school students currently in 6th, 7th, & 8th 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 and save with the Early Bird rate of \$229.

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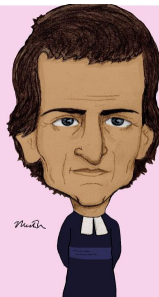
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St. Louis de Montfort
18th-century French priest and preacher known for his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the rosary.

April 28

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