



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Son of Man has come
to seek and to save
what was lost.

Luke 19:10

31 **ST SUNDAY**
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Mass/Service Schedule and Intentions

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Mon., Nov. 4	7:30am	Robert Boswell †
Tue., Nov. 5	7:30am	Jerry & Donna Grossart Family Intention
Wed., Nov. 6	7:30am	Max Burroughs †
Thu., Nov. 7	7:30am	Nancy & Tom Cunningham Intention
Fri., Nov. 8	7:30am	Sean Nealon †
	12 Noon	at Good Samaritan Hospital Milo Eugene Horn †
Sat., Nov. 9	5:00pm	Mike & Marga Dutco †
Sun., Nov. 10	8:00am	Prince of Peace Parishioners
	10:30am	Seminarians of the Grand Island Diocese
	5:30pm	Jacob Lowe Intention



****The daily Mass will be cancelled whenever there is a morning funeral.**

Please watch the TV stations for possible cancelations. 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—5:00pm Mon. - Thur.
 9:00am—4:00pm Fri.

Church phone: 308-236-9171

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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

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
October Giving Budget	\$ 62,000.00
October 2, 2019 Electronic	\$ 5,068.83
October 6, 2019	\$ 15,282.99
October 13, 2019	\$ 10,717.12
October 16 2019 Electronic	\$ 5,278.00
October 20, 2019	\$ 7,825.92
October 27, 2019	\$ <u>9,868.93</u>
October Total	\$ 54,041.79
Year to Date Budget	\$ 263,500.00
Less Year to Date Giving	\$ <u>260,809.71</u>
Under Budget Year to Date	\$ 2,690.29

Prince of Peace Wish List

2019 is counting down and some of you may want to reduce your income tax burden. Prince of Peace has the following special projects that are not funded in the operating budget.

Lower Level Handicap Entrance	\$ 8,000.00
Caulk Parking Lot Expansion Joints	\$ 25,000.00
Change Parking Lot Lights to LED	\$ 2,500.00
Security System	\$4000--\$5000

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
or 308-236-9171

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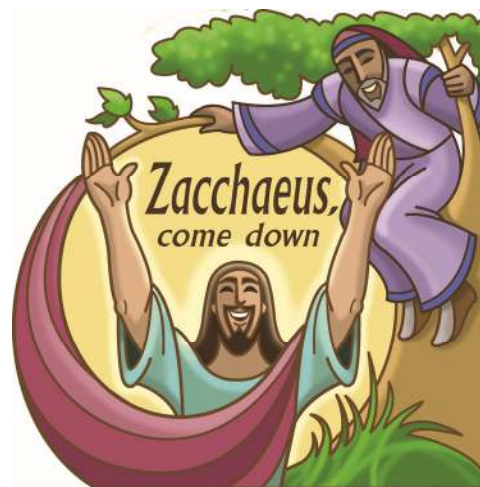
BEGIN WITH ARDOR

If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new ardor.

--St. Charles Borromeo

Prayer Concerns

Tim Unrein, Rhonda Wadzinski (Lillian Kowalski's niece), Arlene Hoarty (Scott Hoarty's mother), Don Sluti, Ruth Schmitz, Fred Gleason, Charles Bill, James Fitzgerald, Dave Ishii (Christine Bonk's uncle), Barbara Graham (Fr. Paul's sister), Kristi Habe (Phyllis Stittle's cousin), Taylor Grace, JoAnn Arrants, Catherine Bals, Annette Coon (Ellen Nickel's sister), Hayden Staab, Karen Verraneault, Bill Christen (Rose Hemmingsen's brother), Lynn Gardner, John McGuire, Matt Brass (Adell Ryan's cousin), Herb Andrews, Alexis Pacheco & Blakely Pacheco, Ken Rezac (Lori Keller's father), Georgia Vak, Bob Farquhar, Charles Wieduwilt, Lavonne Kinyon (Don Frank's mother), Carolyn O'Brien, Kevin Reinke, Nancy Cunningham, Steve Berry, Paul Liebig, Bailey Redwine, Doris Fitzgerald, Don Emrick, Kate Hearne, Mary Ann Gerten, and all others in need of prayer.



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Information for the November 10th bulletin should arrive in the parish office **by 10 AM on Monday, November 4.**

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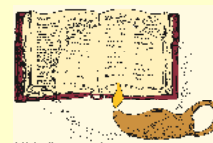
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or drop off/mail to the church office.

Thank you!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4-10, 2019

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 -- 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]



Grand ISLAND DIOCESE SEMINARIANS

Please support our seminarians by sending cards, letters, etc. Your prayers and support are very much appreciated!

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"I am often asked, especially by young people, why I became a priest. Maybe some of you would like to ask the same question. Let me try briefly to reply. I must begin by saying that it is impossible to explain entirely. For it remains a mystery, even to myself. How does one explain the ways of God? Yet, I know that, at a certain point in my life, I became convinced that Christ was saying to me what he had said to thousands before me: 'Come, follow me!' There was a clear sense that what I heard in my heart was no human voice, nor was it just an idea of my own. Christ was calling me to serve him as a priest.

And you can probably tell that I am deeply grateful to God for my vocation to the priesthood. Nothing means more to me or gives me greater joy than to celebrate Mass each day and to serve God's people in the Church. That has been true ever since the day of my ordination as a priest. Nothing has ever changed this, not even becoming Pope."

Pope Saint John Paul II

In the academic year 2019/2020, the diocese has seven young men in priestly formation. They are listed in the left column of this page. We outsource the formation of our men to various seminaries in the region. The cost of this for each man in formation is \$40,000 per year. Thank you for your generosity in contributing to the formation of our men!

We also have two young women in formation for religious life from our diocese:

Maria Glaser with the Missionaries of Charity
Mary Irvine with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist.

Please help us reach our parish's Diocesan Appeal Goal. Make out your check to the Diocese of Grand Island and mark Diocesan Appeal on the memo line.

Thank you for your generous support that helps with the formation of seminarians and women preparing to enter religious life!

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

- Sun. Nov. 3 Symbolon study 9:10am
Faith Formation classes 9:20am
Confirmation class 5pm
Life Teen 7pm
- Mon. Nov. 4 Watchmen 7pm
- Tue. Nov. 5 RCIA 6:30pm
SpringFest meeting 6pm
- Wed. Nov. 6 Women's Bible Study 9:30am at St. James
Faith Formation classes 4pm & 5:30pm
Edge 7pm
ASET 6:30pm
- Thu. Nov. 7 Watchmen 5:45am
Adoration 8am-Midnight
Mother's Adoration & Fellowship 9:30am
- Fri. Nov. 8 Adoration 8am-5pm
- Sat. Nov. 9 **Baptism Preparation 10am**
Hot Dog Meal 6pm
- Sun. Nov. 10 Symbolon Study 9:10am
Faith Formation classes 9:20am
Confirmation Rehearsal 4pm
Youth Mass 5:30pm
Life Teen 7pm



Baptism Preparation is offered the second Saturday of the month at 10 A.M. The next session will be November 9th. Please register through the parish office if you plan to attend, 308-236-9171.

HOT DOGS (with lots of toppings), chips, veggies and dessert.

Next Saturday, November 9 following the 5:00 PM Mass in the Prince of Peace Social Hall

Come one, come all!
Relax and enjoy a meal as a parish family.

Sponsored by Social Committee





Youth Mass
Sunday, November 10
5:30 PM
All are welcome!

Are you missing any items?

LOST & FOUND



Check out the Lost & Found Box under the bulletin board in the lower level of the church. We've collected coats, hats, toys, books, shoes, etc. In the office we've also collected sets of keys, reading glasses, sun glasses, a Bible, jewelry, and more!

Encounter with God's Call Weekend

Fall 2019: November 16-18
Spring 2020: March 28-30

FREE of Charge

Encounter with God's Call at Conception Seminary College is an opportunity to further discern the call to priesthood and learn about college seminary life. Throughout the weekend, we pray, meet, and relax with seminarians and other young men discerning the priesthood. Together we all seek to listen for God's voice and our call.

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Book of Remembrance

You are welcome to continue writing the names of any of your deceased loved ones in the *Book of Remembrance*, located in the sanctuary. They will be remembered at all liturgies during the month of November.

You are invited to request Mass Intentions for deceased loved ones or for anyone's intention.

Suggested donation is \$5-\$10 per Mass. Contact DeAnn in the church office for more information or to schedule your intention:

deann@kearneyprinceofpeace.org or 236-9171

Mass Intentions



Mass Time	5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30am
Greeters	Pat & Adell Ryan Ray & Mary Panowicz ? Opportunity to Serve	Pete & Mary Beth Ludowese Greg Hynes family ? Opportunity to Serve	Jerry & Tami Hellman Lanny Carlson family Lillian Kowalski
Servers	Hailey Dzingle ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve	Taya Moseley Mason Hynes ? Opportunity to Serve	Emily Jeffs Christopher Feldner Mackenzie Cochran
Lectors	Robert Schulte Darleen Schulte	P.J. O'Neill Valerie Fredericksen	Regina McCann Kristina Cates
Eucharistic Ministers	Adell Ryan Greg Daake Ed Rief ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve	Marg Little Adam Liess Bridget Nore Stephanie Gomez Deb Straka ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve	Deacon Thomas Martin Julie Hoyt Janine Walker Martha Stribling Joel Berrier ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve ? Opportunity to Serve
Gift Bearers	Phyllis Mauler	Aaron Moseley family	Ty Strawhecker family
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If you are not receiving ministry e-mails, please send a current e-mail address to:
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Please contact the parish office if you would like to be trained for any of these ministries.

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*He does not come down from Heaven each day
to stay in the (Tabernacle).
He comes down to find another Heaven
He cherishes infinitely more than the first,
the Heaven of our souls,
made in His image, living temples of the Most Blessed Trinity!*
-- St. Therese of Lisieux



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please contact Tom or Linda Martin (236-6728/martinl@unk.edu)
for more information as the door is locked at 5:00 p.m.

Catholic Community Food Pantry at Prince of Peace

Thank you for your wonderful gifts to the Soup and Sock campaign again this year. Those struggling in this cold weather have been blessed! We appreciate your great support!

- Urgent Needs:** pasta sauces, ramen noodles, toilet paper, canned tuna, cheeses, and canned fruits.
- Needed Items:** personal care items, bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, hand sanitizers kid snacks, mac n cheese, beans, cereal, peanut butter and jam, canned corn and peas.

Donations can be made through the church supplied envelopes or a check made out to Prince of Peace marked "Catholic Community Charities".



The "Soup and Sock" campaign continues through the end of November.

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The great work of God is cultivated within.

Bl. Francisco Palau
19th-century Spanish Carmelite priest who founded a congregation that serves the less fortunate around the world

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November 7

**Before the Lord
the whole
universe
is as a grain
from a balance
or a
drop of dew
come down
upon the earth.**

Wisdom 11:22

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A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the LORD of the whole universe." Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.

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