



PRINCE OF PEACE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our Mission

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.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday

5:00pm

Sunday

8:00am & 10:30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or contact the Parish Office 308-236-9171

Fr. Paul Colling

Fr. Paul Colling has served as pastor at Prince of Peace for 10 years assisted by Deacon Thomas Martin.



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" - Mt 3:1a, 2

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Serra SPARK

SERRA FOR PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Jesus told His Disciples, "I came to serve, not to be served." A vocation is a call to serve. It is a profession, an urge, a predisposition to undertake a certain kind of work. It is a choice for which you are particularly suited. The central question always is, "How best can I serve my God and others?" If you feel a calling to the married life, there are many Church ministries from which to choose. Whatever you choose, do something that serves others. When you do this, you are serving God. If you feel a calling to priesthood or religious life, ask questions and talk to priests or religious. They can help you through the process of discernment. Above all, start with prayer. Whatever your vocation, if you are good at what you do, it is a gift from God. Only through prayer will you be able to recognize what vocation gift He wants to give to you.



Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 05 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 06 | 11:30 AM

11:30am Everitt Henry †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 07 | 7:30 AM | 6:00 PM

7:30am Fern Shea †

6:00pm Holy Day Vigil Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 08 | 12:05 PM | 6:00 PM

12:05 pm Hedy Doerr †

6:00 pm The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 09 | 7:30 AM

7:30 am Fr. Paul Colling

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 5:00PM

5:00pm Elizabeth Hamik †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 8:00AM | 10:30AM

8:00am Seminarians of the Grand Island Diocese

10:30am Prince of Peace Parishioners

Pro-Life Updates

Nebraska's Three Bishops Issue Statement in Response to the Passage of the "Respect for Marriage Act", November 16th, 2022

"We are deeply disappointed to learn that the U.S. Senate has passed the mistitled "Respect for Marriage Act." Marriage – the only civil institution that protects a child's right to a permanent, stable family life with his or her mother and father – is critical for children's flourishing and foundational for a strong and healthy society. This vote is a failure to acknowledge the reality of marriage and its deep implications for the common good."

Archbishop George J. Lucas, Archdiocese of Omaha, Bishop James D. Conley, Diocese of Lincoln, Bishop Joseph G. Hanefeldt, Diocese of Grand Island

Christmas flower offerings and hymnal insert donations make a great Christmas gift. They are also a great way to honor the memory of a loved one. Contact the parish office to make your donation today in honor of or in memory of a loved one.



Is the Eucharist a symbol?

The transformed bread and wine are truly the Body and Blood of Christ and are not merely symbols. When Christ said "This is my body" and "This is my blood," the bread and wine are transubstantiated. Though the bread and wine appear the same to our human faculties, they are actually the real body and blood of Jesus. gdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival

PRAYER SERVICE

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

BARBARA GRAHAM (FR. PAUL'S SISTER)
ANITA WORTMAN
GREG LAUBY (BROTHER OF CECILIA FICK)
JANE & WALLACE KUCERA
JIM PAXTON (COUSIN OF DEANN NICKEL)
TWILLA REINKE
VERN BRICKNER
GEORGIA VAK
LAURA DRESSSEL (SISTER OF PAT HOUSKA)
HEATHER DELISA (NIECE OF KATHY & MIKE LABUN)
AND ALL OTHERS IN NEED OF PRAYER.

Names will remain for approximately three weeks. Please call the office if you would like a name to remain on the list for longer.



Prayer of the Week

A PRAYER FOR COMPASSION

Oh God, I wish from now on to be the first to become conscious of all that the world loves, pursues, and suffers;

I want to be the first to seek, to sympathize, and to suffer; the first to unfold and sacrifice myself,

To become more widely human and more nobly of the earth than any of the world's servants.

-Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

Our Sacrificial Giving

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 GIVING

November Budget	\$70,000.00
Sunday, Nov 6, 2022	\$17,807.29
Sunday, Nov 13, 2022	\$11,013.30
Sunday, Nov 20, 2022	\$19,680.34
Sunday, Nov 27, 2022	\$19,498.26
November to Date	\$67,999.19
under budget	\$2,000.81



Thank you for supporting Prince of Peace Parish!

Bulletin Holiday Deadlines: Information for upcoming bulletins is due to the parish office by the following dates:

December 7th for the Dec. 18th bulletin.
December 13th for the Dec. 25th bulletin.
December 20th for the January 1st bulletin.
December 30th for the January 8th bulletin.



**Welcome
Hendrik Hayes
Behrendt**

Child of Mitch & Brooke
Behrendt who was
baptized at Prince of
Peace.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

- Sunday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
- Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

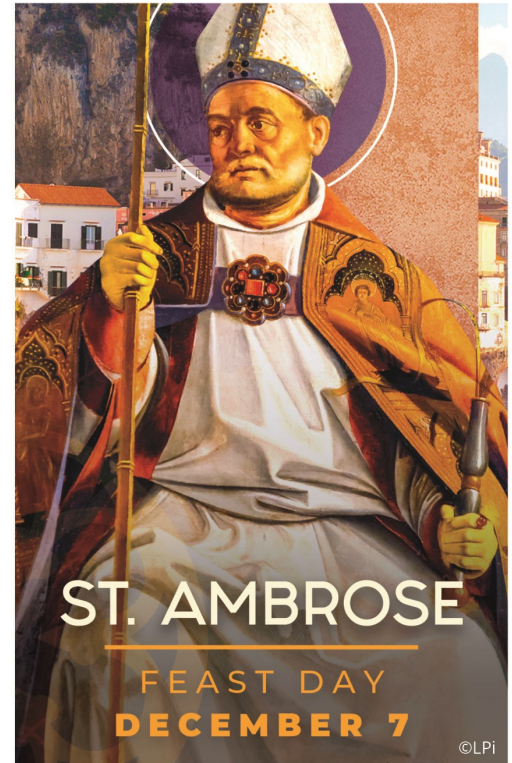
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop
- Wednesday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
- Saturday:** Our Lady of Loreto
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent; St. Damasus I, Pope

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The God in whom we believe is “the God of endurance and encouragement.” Have you ever thought about God in those terms? Our sight can become limited by the concerns of the world and our individual lives. We can look to the past and see what is happening in the present, but the future is primarily left to our imaginations. God has a clear vision for the future. It is one where the “wolf shall be a guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.” It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one. We can see the complete picture of life in God. We see what we may be, what may come, and who we can become. Preparing the way for the Lord means moving beyond the limitations of ideology, time, space, preference, and self-focused concern so that we can see as God sees. God will give us what we need to endure whatever comes, and the encouragement we need to get where we can be.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Ambrose was born to an aristocratic Roman Christian family in 339 in what is now Trier, Germany. One popular legend tells of a swarm of bees alighting on the infant Ambrose's face and leaving behind a drop of honey which his father took as a sign that Ambrose would be an eloquent speaker with a 'honeyed tongue.'

Ambrose was educated in law and rhetoric in Rome. Like his father, he went into public service and was made governor of Liguria and Emilia about 373. In the second year of his governorship, he went to moderate the election of the bishop of Milan because the heretical Arians were challenging the succession. Unbaptized and untrained in theology, Ambrose was called by popular acclamation to be bishop. Though he attempted to flee, he was found and within a week he was baptized, ordained, and consecrated bishop on December 7, 374.

As bishop Ambrose studied scripture and the writings of Church fathers, he gave his property and wealth to the poor, and became an impactful orator, hymn writer, and renowned teacher. He highly praised consecrated virginity, likely influenced by his sister who took the veil. A contemporary with St. Martin of Tours, he also defended the faith against the Arian heresy (which questioned Christ's divinity), and against the state. Ambrose required Emperor Theodosius do public penance after the massacre of Thessalonica. His classic education contributed to his writing and sermons which attracted and converted Saint Augustine of Hippo who Saint Ambrose baptized.

Saint Ambrose is one of four original doctors of the Church. He died in 397 in Milan, Italy. His remains can be seen today at the Basilica di Sant'Ambrogio, where he lays with Saint Gervasius and Saint Protasus.

"On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry..." is the beginning of a hymn that we hear in Advent. The second Sunday of Advent we hear of St. John the Baptist calling us to repent! We know that we have a need to repent of our sins. Repentance is not just feeling sorry for the sins we committed but a commitment to have "*metanoia*". This a Greek word which is often translated to repentance but really means to change our direction in life...if we are moving away from the Lord...to change our lives to move towards God.

Many have given up on the sacrament of reconciliation, but is a wonderful sacrament. We not only receive absolution for our sins, but we can also receive God's healing grace. It is amazing what God can help us do if we only open our hearts to his loving forgiveness and healing. I encourage you to come back to the Lord and receive this powerful sacrament!

Sunday, December 18th at 3 pm at St. James's Church we will have our annual communal penance CCK service. Please join us. There are also other services scheduled before Christmas. Please consult the bulletin.

One of the gifts of my sabbatical was "time". What I mean by that is that my "time" wasn't so filled with the business of life. Advent can be an opportunity for us to carve out some time for God and ourselves to prepare us spiritually, physically, and mentally for the celebration of Christmas. I suggest that all of us look at our schedules and try to subtract something instead of add. So many people decorate their homes so beautifully. I suggest that we all turn off the TV, cell phones, and computers and savor the beauty. Let us be creative with this "time" and use it as quality time for family and friends.

Since Christmas falls on a Sunday we have four full weeks of Advent. The Catholic church prepares a bit differently than the rest of the world. We don't launch into Christmas until Christmas Eve. Then, we celebrate the season after Christmas until the Baptism of the Lord. Let Advent be a gift of renewal for us that we may be ready for the coming of Jesus's birth at Christmas.

December 9th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Juan Diego. He had a vision of Our Lady near Mexico City in 1531. Before Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego very few of the natives of Mexico converted to Christianity. After the apparition there were thousands of conversions. It is also my 65th birthday. Thank you for the birthday wishes and cards.

Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day is December 12th. She is dearly loved by the Mexican people as well as many Hispanics and Caucasians too. She brought Christ and hope to the Mexican people. On December 11th at 12:30 pm in the Kearney Catholic gym, St. James Hispanic community will have a Spanish Mass. After the Mass there will be an authentic Latin American meal with entertainment. All are welcomed to attend.

-Fr. Paul J. Colling



Advent Reconciliation Days and Times

- Dec. 11th—11 AM St. John Capistran Church, Amherst
- Dec. 14th—7 PM Immaculate Conception, Elm Creek
- Dec. 14th—7 PM Holy Rosary, Overton
- Dec. 18th—3 PM St. Ann's, Lexington
- Dec. 18th—3 PM St. James, Kearney

Fr. Paul's Birthday is December 9th!!!



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Marriage Ministries

VOLUNTEER FOCUS FACILITATORS NEEDED

FOCCUS Marriage Ministries has launched a new training program for those wishing to become facilitators. FOCCUS will be conducting this trainer certification virtually over several weeks. This certification is being offered free of charge, except for the materials & shipping.

Toll free: 877-883-5422

<https://foccusinc.com/training-become-a-facilitator.aspx>

2022/23 Diocesan Appeal Update as of 11/21/2022

PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH/ KEARNEY

Parish Goal:	\$73,464
Total Raised:	\$27,290
Household Goal:	185
Current Households:	76



If you have any questions regarding this information: Please call Greg or Amy at the chancery, 308-382-6565 or email diocesanappeal@gidiocese.org.

Contact Us

Office Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm

Monday-Friday

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Welcome packets for new parishioners available at each church entrance.

Meetings & Activities

MONDAY, DEC 05

Food Pantry 2:00-4:00 p.m., Young Adults Game Night 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC 06

Keenagers after 11:30 a.m. Mass, OCIA 6:45-8:15 p.m., Watchmen 7:00-8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 07

Faith Formation 4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. & Edge 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC 08

Watchmen 5:45-7:15 a.m., Adoration 8:00 a.m.-Midnight, Food Pantry 2-4 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC 09

Adoration 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.,

SATURDAY, DEC 10

Baptism Preparation Class 10 a.m., Confession 4:00-4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC 11

Catechism with Deacon Tom 9:15 a.m., Christmas Lunch 11:30 a.m., Blue Christmas 3:00 p.m., Platte River Singers Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.

December 10 & 11, 2022	Sat 5:00 PM	Sun 8:00 AM	Sun 10:30 AM
Greeters	Jerry Brown Wendell Dubbs	Larry Wheeler Kimberly Gewecke	David Hoyt Elizabeth Vvlecka
Servers	Solomon Wiens Madisyn Kaslon Opportunity to Serve	Clay Rasmussen Rowan Ostrander Sullivan Ostrander	Alec Knoell Sam Knoell Isaac Albrecht Elaine Albrecht
Lectors	Randy Buschkoetter	Carrie Rasmussen	William Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Vinton Amy Vinton Vivian Brown Timothy Schulte Brad Greisen Kim Buschkoetter	Julie Gappa Amy Eigenberg Darrell (Gene) Mack Valerie Fredericksen Jane Sheldon Opportunity to Serve	Julie Hoyt Michael Heeney Deb Stocker Katy Zavadil Ben Knoell Opportunity to Serve
Sound	Kurt Schmidt	Denise O'Brien	Helen Albrecht
Coordinator	Marlene Rasmussen	Kathy Knapp	Melissa Murphy
Sacristan	Marlene Rasmussen	Butch Knapp	Chris Knoell
Homebound Route 1 Route 2 Route 4 Route 5		Brad Greisen Pat Trausch Opportunity to Serve Shirley Gilbreath	<i>Please contact the parish office if you would like to be trained for any of these ministries.</i> <i>Thank you for serving the Lord!</i>



Platte River Children's Chorale Winter Concert

Under the direction of Dr. David Bauer

Sunday, Dec. 11th
7:00 pm

Prince of Peace Parish
Free & Open to the Public.

Prince of Peace and the Adult Spiritual Enrichment Team are offering a **"Blue Christmas" prayer service on Sunday afternoon, December 11th, 2022 at 3:00 PM.** The Christmas Season can be a difficult holiday season when a person is mourning the loss of a loved one, going through a significant life style change, or loved ones are not able to be with you. You are invited to join us as we pray, sing and share our memories. This prayer service is open to anyone who is in need of comfort during the Christmas season.



Christmas Lunch

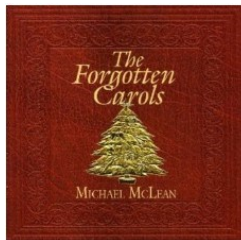
December 11th, 2022

Following the 10:30 Mass

Soups, Sandwiches, & Desserts!

Sponsored by the Social Committee

The Kearney Dawn Rotary Presents ...



December 14, 2022
2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Free to the public at The World Theatre

Free will donation to the Kearney Goodfellows for presents for kids.

Keenagers Dinner

Tuesday, December 6th

Following the 11:30 am Mass

Please bring a dish
for a

potluck-style meal.

