







PRINCE OF PEACE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 10th, 2023

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

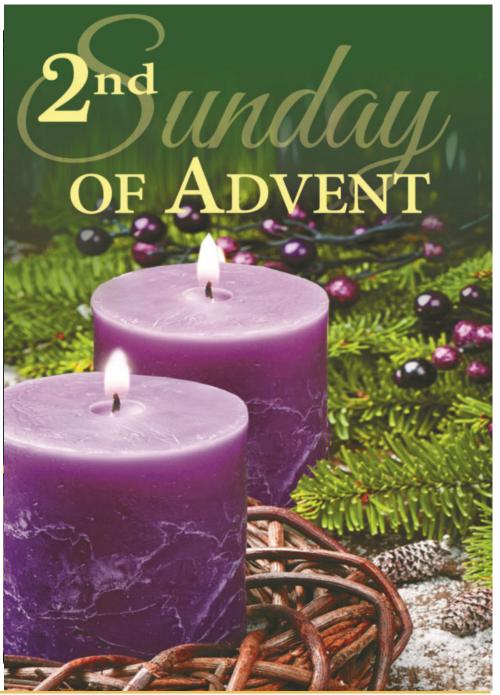
RECONCILIATION

Saturday

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or contact the Parish Office 308-236-9171 Rectory 308-224-3843

Fr. Paul Colling

Fr. Paul Colling has served as pastor at Prince of Peace for 11 years assisted by **Deacon Thomas Martin.**



PRAYER & WORSHIP

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Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is available for all high school Confirmation juniors. Please fill out a

registration and return to the parish office. There will be a parent information meeting on Sunday January 7th following the 10:30 Mass. Contact the parish office with any questions.

Registration forms can be found on our website www.princeofpeacekearney.com /confirmation or call the office and we can email you a form.

Mass Schedule & Intentions MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 | MASS 7:30 AM 7:30 A.M. FERN SHEA †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 | MASS 7:30 AM 7:30 A.M. PATRICIA SAYLOR †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 MASS 12:05 PM 12:05 P.M. PHILIP COLLING & FAMILY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 A.M. CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT 2007 (MEMBERS BOTH LIVING & DECEASED)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 | MASS 5:00 PM 5:00 P.M. PHYLLIS SHEPPARD †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 | MASS 8:00 AM | MASS 10:30 AM

8:00 A.M. ELIZABETH HAMIK †

10:30 A.M. PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

Worship Supplement Name Plates

Purchase a name plate in honor of your family, friends, or loved ones. It will be placed in the front cover of the new worship supplement hymnals. Cost is \$20 per hymnal which will go towards the cost of the worship supplement books. Call the office with any questions at (308) 236-9171.

Bulletin Deadline:

Information is needed by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12th for the Dec. 24th bulletin due to an early holiday submission schedule.



Prince of Peace and the Adult Spiritual Enrichment Team are offering a "Blue **Christmas**" prayer service on **Sunday**, **December** 10th, 2023 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.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Soup—Sandwiches—Desserts Sunday, December 10th following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the parish hall.

loin us for warm food and fellowship.

(Sponsored by the POP Social Committee)





ADVENT RETREAT

Sponsored by Prince of Peace & ASET

Chosen, Blessed, Broken and Shared, our Eucharistic Celebrations Shape our Discipleship"

Offering Prayers, Scripture Readings, Questions & Discussion

Presenter: Fr. Damian Zuerlein

Saturday, Dec 16, 2023 9 AM-12:00 Noon Registration is 8:30 — 9 AM **Prince of Peace Parish Hall** All Are Welcome!!

Sweet rolls, fruit, juice, & coffee provided. Advance reservations are appreciated but not required. Call Marlene Rasmussen: 575-574-8183

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

MICHELLE LEWIS (DAUGHTER OF LINDA GIESLER)

BRENNEN GIESLER (SON OF LINDA GIESLER)

DON PERSINGER (FRIEND OF BARRY JEFFS)

RITA JEFFS (SISTER-IN-LAW OF BARRY JEFFS)

MRS. RAE PALMER

DON & MIKE SOUCHEK (COUSINS OF MARG & GARY LITTLE)

DAN O'DEA

TIM UNREIN

DAVE HOBAN

FR. MARTY EGGING

HEATHER EDWARDS (DAUGHTER OF ROGER & JUDY WALKER)

ASHLI HOOS (NIECE OF SHELLIE BERRY)

CAROLYN (RAY) MENKE (SISTER-IN-LAW OF JERRY & CAROLYN MENKE)

AND ALL OTHERS IN NEED OF PRAYER.

PLEASE CALL HELEN AT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE 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.

St. Johns GSS Nursing Home is in need of volunteers! Whether it be for visiting, Bible studies, or whatever your talents may be; they would love to have you. Contact Amber at 308-236-4044 or email agraham4@good-sam.com "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" 1 Peter 4:10

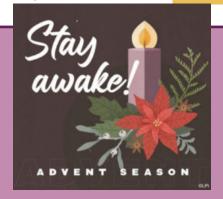
Nebraska Catholic Conference

A pro-abortion ballot initiative that will endanger the lives of babies and moms is underway. And we're ready to fight for human dignity.

Pro-abortion groups will soon begin circulating petitions and gathering signatures to inject a right to abortion up to birth in the Nebraska Constitution.

This ballot initiative threatens to completely de-regulate abortion in Nebraska, making it easier and cheaper for the abortion industry to exploit our vulnerable neighbors in difficult circumstances. But the pro-life movement in Nebraska is ready to defeat these efforts and save lives. When you see petitioners, politely take up their time to keep others from engaging and signing and decline to sign.

We need you to get involved in the effort. Join our network at NECatholic.org/TakeAction to learn about volunteer opportunities.



Catholic Community of Kearney Communal Reconciliation Service

Sunday, December 17th 6:00 p.m.

St. James Catholic Church There will be several priest available to hear confessions.

We were blessed to have the Carlos Acutis display of Eucharistic Miracle Boards here at Prince of Peace. Thank you to Darlene Schulte & DCCW for organizing the exhibition. You can find more on Carlos Acutis and Eucharistic Miracles at http://www.carloacutis.com/en/association/mostra-miracoli-eucaristici



Welcome

Oliver George Hranac child of Philip & Kelly Hranac who was recently baptized at Prince of Peace.

PASTOR'S NOTE

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Greetings! Sunday begins the second Sunday of Advent. The readings this weekend are powerful. In the Gospel of St. Mark, John the Baptist reminds us, "to prepare the way of the Lord." Many people are preparing for Christmas through decorating, buying gifts, and festive parties. This is part of our American way of life. Yet, deep inside us, there is a longing for something more that goes beyond the exterior. There is a longing for us to know the Lord. There is a longing to know that God is present to us in these days of shorter nights and colder days.

We are blessed to have Advent to assist us in our spiritual preparation. While the world is merrily singing Christmas carols, in the church we are singing songs that reflect this longing, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Or, "Come Thou Long expected Jesus." Or, "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's Cry".

The scriptures speak about going to the desert. The desert reminds me of barrenness, emptiness, and a place that is dry. Perhaps this might describe someone's spiritual life. Yet, it is in the desert we can find life: blooming cactus, wild birds, and animals that not only survive but also thrive there.

In our world that is full of activities, news, music, tweets, texts, instant messenger, and Facebook, perhaps we can carve some quiet time out for

ourselves so we can bring life to the desert of our soul. We can do this through reading the Advent scripture of the day, being still and observing nature, participating in Eucharistic Adoration, or journaling.

For those who find the Advent/Christmas season challenging due to a remembrance of a loss of a loved one or other factors, there is the Blue Christmas prayer service offered December 10 at 3:00 pm. It is an opportunity to have time of remembrance and prayer.

The Advent Retreat, December 16, "Chosen, Blessed, Broken and Shared, our Eucharistic Celebrations shape our Discipleships." Fr. Damian Zuerlein will be our presenter. This is an opportunity for us all to step back from our busy world to have some time of reflection. Please think about attending.

I also encourage you to use these weeks of Advent to nourish the deep longing in your heart by reading the Bible or the little blue book daily, maybe spending some time in the church in front of the tabernacle, the Blessed Sacrament, and carving out some quiet time in your home.

St. John the Baptist's call still applies today, "Prepare the way of the Lord." -Fr. Paul Colling

Parish Support

Our Sacrificial Giving

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 GIVING

November Budget \$70,000.00 All Saints Day Mass \$ 1,269.00 Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 \$22,213.83 Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 \$16,513.28 Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023 \$29,104.36 Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023 \$13,831.36 November to Date \$82,931.83 **Mothly Over Budget** \$12,931.83 2023 donations will be recorded until January 16, 2024. Checks dated in December of 2023 and received before or by January 16th will be recorded as 2023 contributions. Contribution statements will be postmarked no later than January 31, 2024.





Are you or someone you know struggling after an abortion? It's time to find hope and healing with **Hearts Restored**. This post-abortion healing ministry will accompany you on your unique healing journey, offering mentorship, counseling, retreats, spiritual support, and more. Call the Hearts Restored hotline at 402-783-HOPE (4673) or email the confidential, secure inbox at FindPeace@HeartsRestoredNebraska.org Learn more about Hearts Restored: **HeartsRestoredNebraska.org**.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

(Is 40:3)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in.

Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope

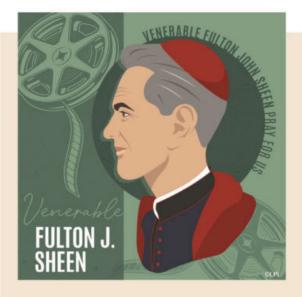
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Venerable Bishop Fulton John Sheen was a prominent American Catholic bishop, theologian, and media personality. Considered one of the first televangelists, his charisma and defense of the faith made him a household name for American Catholic families.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people.

If it be according to Your will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Prayer Source: https://celebratesheen.com/prayers-2/)

PARISH INFORMATION

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Contact Us

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Cecilia Fick (Finance Manager): finance@kearneyprinceofpeace.org **Website:** princeofpeacekearney.com For a full listing of staff with emails please go to the website at

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Welcome packets for new

parishioners available at each

church entrance.

Meetings & Activities

The full calendar is available on the website & app.				
Monday, December 11th	2:00 p.m4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m7:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Small Group Study		
Tuesday, December 12th	7:00 p.m8:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m8:30 p.m.	Watchmen OCIA		
Wednesday, December 13	4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m8:30 p.m.	Faith Formation Classes Edge		
Thursday, December 14th	5:45 a.m7:15 a.m. 8:00 a.mMidnight 2:00 p.m4:00 p.m.	Watchmen Adoration Food Pantry		
Friday, December 15th	8:00 a.m5:00 p.m.	Adoration		
Saturday, December 16th	9:00 a.m12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m4:30 p.m.	Advent Retreat Confession		
Sunday, December 17th	6:00 p.m7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m8:30 p.m.	Reconciliation Service Life Teen		

Dec 16/17	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Jerry Brown Raymond Panowicz	Jerry Pecha Matthew Wecker	Walt Fick Matt Arens
Servers Lectors	Cooper Feltz Joel Lungrin Madisyn Kaslon Mary O'Rourke	Isaac Wheeler Kaylee Nelson Reed Nelson Cecelia Davis	Teddy Berrier Jack Binderup ??? Bill Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers	Vivian Brown Robert Schulte Darleen Schulte Brad Greisen Mary O'Rourke Ellen Gitt	Mike Labun Valerie Fredericksen Julie Gappa Denise O'Brien Jane Sheldon ???	Ken Vyvlecka Kim Buschkoetter Joel Berrier Paul Mueting Randy Buschkoetter Katy Zavadil
Sound	Mitch O'Neill	Robert Hock	Alan Fick
Coordinator Sacristan	Judy Walker Mitch O'Neill	Cathy Labun Mike Labun	Melissa Murphy Paul Mueting
Homebound Route 1 Route 2 Route 4 Route 5	Please use Ministry Scheduler to request a substitute if you can't fulfill your assignment.	Brad Greisen Diane Stevens Pat Trausch Ellen Gitt	Please contact Tiffany Shuda or Kathy White at the parish office if you would like to be trained for any of these ministries. Thank you for serving the Lord!

EVENTS

3 Day Silent Directed Retreats

Come away to the quiet and be present to what God wants to offer you. Creighton University Retreat Center, located one hour east of Omaha in Griswold, IA is offering 3 Day Silent Directed Retreats at the times listed below. Retreats begin at 6 p.m. with supper the first day and end at 3 p.m. on the last day. The cost is \$375 for room, meals and oneon-one spiritual direction sessions. Register at creighton.edu/retreatcenter/ scheduleofretretreats

Available dates:

- Thurs-Sun Jan 18-21, 2024
- Thurs-Sun Mar 21-24, 2024
- Thurs-Sun May 2-5, 2024





Advent with **Spirit Catholic**

How are you celebrating Advent this vear? The four weeks of Advent are meant to give us hope and reassurance that the Lord is coming, and also the opportunity to give hope to those around us. This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Follow us on social media, subscribe to our enewsletter, The Halo, and visit https:// spiritcatholicradio.com/advent/as we share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings 7-9AM, during our Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. Tune in on Sundays for special Advent programming from EWTN. More info at https://spiritcatholicradio.com/.



2024 SEEK Conference lanuary 1-5. 2024 in St. Louis MO.

Are you a young adult age 21-39:

- Who is being called into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church?
- Who wants to experience truth, beauty, and goodness?
- Who is interested in connecting with peers who journey together?

Check out the opportunity to take part in the 2024 ŚĖEK Conference @ https://www.gidiocese.org/youngadults.





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