

PRINCE OF PEACE

CATHOLIC CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday,
December 17th, 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

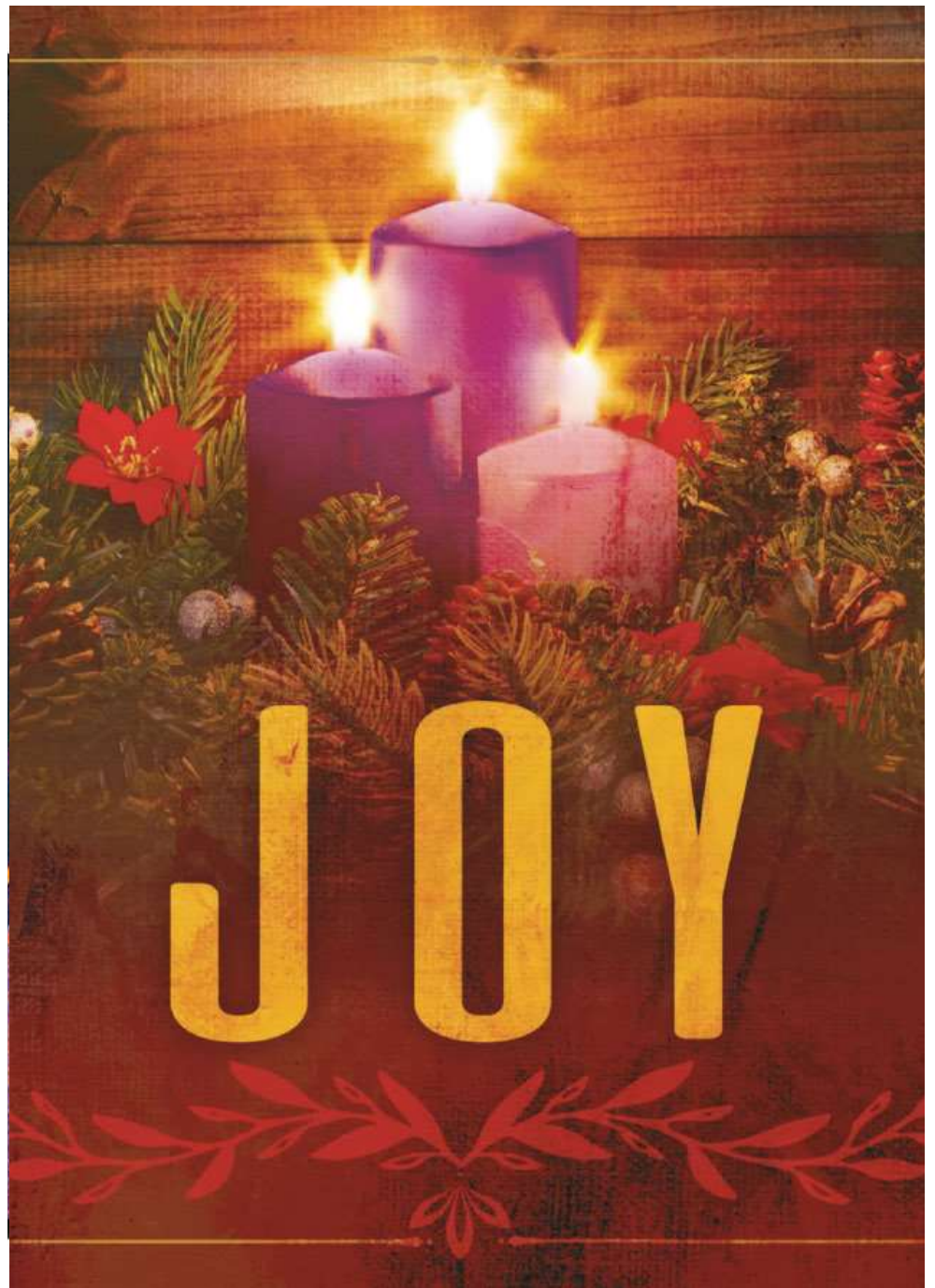
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Fr. Paul Colling

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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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-GAUDETE SUNDAY | DECEMBER 17, 2023

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM THERESA OGORSOLKA & FAMILY †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM BISHOP HANEFELDT & PRIESTS OF THE G.I. DIOCESE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 | MASS 12:05 PM

12:05 PM MICHAEL ARTHAUD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM BRANDON BABCOCK †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 | MASS 5:00 PM

5:00 PM FR. DONALD J. O'BRIEN † & FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 | MASS 10:30 AM | MASS 4:00 PM |
MASS 6:30 PM | MASS 9:00 PM

10:30 AM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

4:00 PM ANDREW & ESTHER WILHELM † (upstairs) & DAWSON STUTZ (downstairs)

6:30 PM DONNA BIDDLE †

9:00 PM SEMINARIANS OF THE G.I. DIOCESE

Bulletin Deadline: Information is needed by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19th for the Dec. 31st bulletin due to an early holiday submission schedule.



Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. (upstairs & downstairs)
6:30 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass

Monday, December 25th
9:00 a.m.

COME,
Lord Jesus!



Registration for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** is available for all high school juniors. Please fill out a registration form and return it 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.



We have a parishioner who needs a ride to the 8:00 A.M. Mass. She lives in the east central area of Kearney. Please call the church office if you can help her out with a ride to Mass.



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ADVENT RETREAT

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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 SERVICE

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

DAN O'DEA

FAMILY OF JOANN JOHNSON

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

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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.



Catholic Community of Kearney Communal Reconciliation Service

Sunday, December 17th

6:00 p.m.

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

Contribution Statements

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.



Dec 28 Feast of Holy Innocents, 5:15 PM Mass, Cathedral in G.I.

Jan 5-6 NE Pregnancy Alliance, Dinner and Conference, Lincoln. <https://nebraskapregnancyalliance.org/>

Jan 21 Sanctity of Life Sunday

Jan 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

Jan 26 Nebraska Right to Life Gala, Lincoln. <https://nebraskarighttolife.org/>

Jan 27 Pro-Life Mass and Walk for Life, Lincoln

Feb 17 Pro-Life Coffee, Grand Island

Mar 6 Catholics at the Capitol, Lincoln

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. 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. Join our network at NECatholic.org/TakeAction to learn about volunteer opportunities.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

The third Sunday of Advent is called Rejoice Sunday or *Gaudete*. In Latin the full phrase is *Gaudete in Domino semper* or *Rejoice in the Lord always*. The liturgical color for the day is rose to signify joy and hope. The time of waiting is almost over and Christmas will soon be here.

This year the fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24th. As we know one of the precepts of the Church is: *You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor*. We must, "sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord," (Sunday), as well as the principal feast days, known as Catholic holy days of obligation. This requires attending Mass. **December 23rd will be the Mass of anticipation at 5 pm and Sunday, December 24th, there will only be a 10:30 am Mass.**



December 25th, Christmas is also a holy day of obligation but most people desire to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

The Christmas Eve schedule; 4 pm; 6:30 pm and 9 pm; Christmas day at 9 am. Our hope is that everyone who wants to attend Christmas Eve can do so comfortably. This won't work if everyone decides to attend the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. I make a plea to all of you to consider 6:30 pm Mass or 9 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Each Mass will have special music that will enrich our worship. Christmas Day at 9 am is a wonderful Mass to attend.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all for the birthday wishes, and Christmas goodies. Thank you all for the cards, kind words and special gifts. I do appreciate them all. Thank you!

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

DIOCESAN APPEAL

OCTOBER 2023 - SEPTEMBER 2024



Parish Goal: \$73,464
 Total Raised: \$34,518
 Household Goal: 185
 Current Households: 103

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



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:

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

Psalm:

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

Second Reading:

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel:

"I baptize with water;
but there is one among you whom you do not
recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
(Jn 1:23)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God sends a John the Baptist into every person's life — someone who prepares His way, who calls out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life. Pray you can be this person for someone else.

Observances for the week of December 17, 2023

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Thursday:** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve



Saint of the week

Blessed Maria Franziska Schervier was a German Catholic nun who devoted her life to serving the poor and the sick. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Aachen and began chapters in the United States where she and her sisters also founded a number of hospitals.

Prayer

Almighty, just and merciful God, Blessed Frances Schervier spent her whole life giving back to You all the gifts that You had given her. She cared for the poor and the sick and radiated Your loving presence to all that she met. We beseech You now to glorify your servant, Frances. Give her the honor of sainthood if it is in accordance with Your will.

We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

(Prayer Source: http://franciscansisters-en.sfp-poor.org/images/stories/2016/PDF_2016/pr_canoniz_en.pdf)

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For a full listing of staff with emails please go to the website at

princeofpeacekearney.com/staff

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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 18th	2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Knights of Columbus
Tuesday, December 19th	7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	OCIA Little Fish performing at Brookestone Gardens
Wednesday, December 20th	4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Faith Formation Classes Edge
Thursday, December 21st	5:45 a.m.-7:15 a.m. 8:00 a.m.-Midnight 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Watchmen Adoration Food Pantry
Friday, December 22nd	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Adoration Posada Practice
Saturday, December 23rd	4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Confession
Sunday, December 24th		



The Pope's Intention for December 2023: For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Dec 23/24	5:00 PM	10:30 AM	4:00 PM Upstairs	4:00 PM Downstairs	6:30 PM	9:00 PM
Greeters	Wendell Dubbs ???	???	???	Katie Schelling ???	???	???
					Nancy Stritt	Beth Vvylecka
Servers	???	Quinton Speer	Josie Prochaska	Eddie Mueting	Hunter Key	Rowan
	???	???	Charlotte	Evan Mueting	???	Ostrander
	???	???	Nicholson	Steven Mueting	???	Sullivan
			???			Ostrander
						Grady Thome
Lectors	???	???	Sean Donohue	Paul Mueting	Kathy Knapp	Andrew Tellus
Eucharist	???	Shellie Berry	Brian Lowe	Mary O'Rourke	Butch Knapp	Ken Vvylecka
Ministers	???	Gene Mack	Andrew	???	???	???
	???	???	Prochaska	???	???	???
	???	???	Valerie	???	???	???
	???	???	Fredericksen	???	???	???
	???	???	???	???	???	???
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Sound	???	???	Brian Lowe	???	Steve Benesch	???
Coordinator	Judy Walker	???	???	Mandy Mueting	???	???
Sacristan	???	Ken Vvylecka	???	Paul Mueting	Butch Knapp	Ken Vvylecka

3-Day Silent Directed Ignatian Retreat

Creighton University Retreat Center

If you are looking for a more personal retreat experience, consider one of the dates below. These retreats start with check-in between 4-5 p.m. for the 6 p.m. supper and conclude at 3 p.m. the final day. You would be assigned a spiritual director who you would meet with each day. Directors are guided with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Thurs-Sun Jan 18-21, 2024
 Thurs-Sun March 21-24, 2024
 Thurs-Sun May 2-5, 2024
 Sun-Wed July 14-17, 2024

The cost is \$375 for room, all meals and private sessions. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 would be requested at registration.



Catholic Community Food Pantry at Prince of Peace Church

In November, your donations paid 10 utility bills totaling \$1,170, and assisted nine families with rent amounting to \$1,125. We spent \$499.86 on food and other items for the pantry, and also helped someone in need partially pay for a mattress. We have started our Advent calendar and are receiving your gifts as you bring them. People in need come to us for help. We bless them with your gifts. Thank you, Jesus!



2024 SEEK Conference January 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 SEEK Conference @ <https://www.gidiocese.org/young-adults>.

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