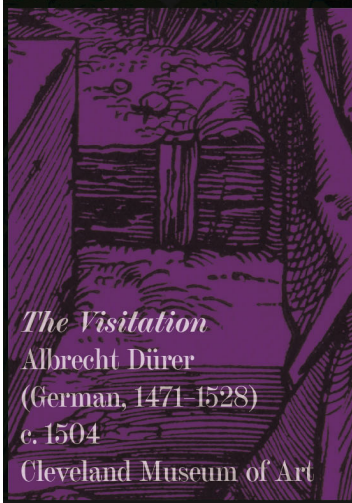


Prince of Peace Catholic Church

2407 W 56th St., Kearney, NE



The Visitation
Albrecht Dürer
(German, 1471-1528)
c. 1504
Cleveland Museum of Art



Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1:41-42*

Fourth
Sunday of

Advent

December 19, 2021

Mass/Service Schedule and Intentions

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Mon., Dec 20	No Mass	Please Pray On Your Own
Tue., Dec 21	7:30AM	Catherine (Gancos) Bals †
Wed., Dec 22	7:30AM	Alfrieda Colling †
Thu., Dec 23	12:05PM	Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie
Fri., Dec 24	4:00PM	Alexander Kaduthodiyil †
	4:00PM (Lower Level)	John & Mary Sickler
	6:30PM	Germaine Cummins †
	9:00PM	Prince of Peace Parishioners
Sat., Dec 25	9:00AM	Don & Kate Kelley and Don Kelley Jr. †
Sun., Dec 26	8:00AM	Prince of Peace Parishioners
	10:30AM	Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt & Priests of the Grand Island Diocese



*Christmas Masses are in red.

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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.

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SACRAMENTS & STEWARDSHIP

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4-4:30 PM. Extra times are listed on the back page or contact the parish office: 236-9171.

MARRIAGE: See Fr. Paul or Kelsey Cooper 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 the parish office at 236-9171.

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.

Meetings and Activities

- Sun. Dec. 19:** St. Ann's (Lexington)
Confessions 3-4pm
Life Teen 7-8:30pm
- Mon. Dec. 20:** Food Pantry 2-4pm
- Tues. Dec. 21:** Confessions 5-6pm
- Wed. Dec. 22:** No Faith Formation
No Edge
- Thurs. Dec. 23:** No Adoration
Posada Skit Practice 5-6pm
Confessions 5-5:30pm
- Fri. Dec. 24:** No Adoration
Office Closes at 12pm
Christmas Eve Masses 4pm,
6:30pm, 9pm
- Sat. Dec 25:** Christmas Mass 9am
No 5pm Mass
- Sun. Dec 26:** No Life Teen
- Mon. Dec 27:** Office Closed



Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th
4:00PM 6:30PM 9:00PM
 Saturday, December 25th
9:00AM

Congratulations
Preston & Hailey
(Lonowski) Johnson
who were married
at Prince of Peace



Welcome

Robert Joseph Lowe
 child of
Alex & Shelby
who was baptized at
Prince of Peace



Year-End Donations & Statements

The final day we will record donations for 2021 will be January 10, 2022 so statements may be completed and mailed before January 31, 2022. Checks must be dated December 31, 2021 or earlier to be included in these 2021 year-end statements.

**Thank you for supporting
 Prince of Peace Parish!**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 20-26

- Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1 25 [18-25]
 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



Prayer Concern

Katie Pecha, Linda Reyes, Jim Bendfelt, Jim Ryan (Amy Prochaska's father), Bill Burns, Delwin Beck (brother-in-law of Lillian Kowalski), Maddie Anderson (Neva Richter's granddaughter) Rick Unrein (Tim Unrein's cousin), Elmer and Rosie Unrein (Tim Unrein's aunt and uncle), Bob & Joyce Ballard (Rose Wathen's brother and sister-in-law), Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie (sister of Jim McKenzie) Shirley Drey and family (Mother of Donna Beam and Merl Drey), Dan Kelley, Rief Family, Ellie Rockey (Mike and Cathy Labun's sister) Marilyn Schachta, Anne DelBene (Jim and Kathleen McKenzie's niece), Marlene Rasmussen, Jason Rowenhorst, Merle Lessig (Mandy Mueting's father), Craig Worm, Linda Giesler, Pat Morse, Mitch O'Neill, Patrick Unrein (Tim Unrein's nephew), Don Davis (Adell Ryan's cousin), Georgia Vak, Karen Warford (Albert Martenson's sister-in-law), Gary Peace (Cal Kelly's nephew), Mary Sahli (Brian Vinton's aunt), Helen Unrein (Tim Unrein's aunt), MaryAnn Wieduwilt, Lorraine Buller (Carolyn Menke's sister), Ann Sucha, Mike Polzin (Dan Kelley's cousin), Carol Torpey (Cathleen Abels' sister-in-law), Alexis Pacheco & Blakely Pacheco, Bob Farquhar, Don Emrick, and all others in need of prayer.



Retrouvaille-Get your Relationship Back on Track

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program. February 11-13, 2022 to register call 1-800-470-2230 Or www.helpourmarriage.com, www.retrouvaille.org last day to sign up January 30th 2022

AUDACITY

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

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**Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.**

— Luke 1:42

Pastor's Notes

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Growing up in McCook I recall counting the Advent candles; one, two, three and now four. When the fourth candle was lite I knew that Christmas would soon be here. In the last few days before Christmas let us take a moment to pause and reflect that the Son of God, Jesus, became man! This is incredible! *"For God so loved the world that He send his only son"* John 3:16.

I look forward to celebrating the Christmas Masses with you! We can be grateful to all who help make it so special; thank you to all who are helping with the music and all who helped decorate and of course those who kept the church spic and span! If you can help with a ministry, please sign up as soon as possible.

The Christmas Eve Masses are 4 pm, 6:30 pm & 9 pm. Fr. Neal Hock will do a 4 pm Mass in the social hall. Parking is very challenging so I suggest one car per family, come early to drop off the family, and then park the car. We will make room for all...we are one family after all! God Bless you!

Christmas falls on a Saturday, at this time there is no vigil Mass for the Dec. 26 Mass: Holy Family.

Thank you all for the birthday and Christmas cards, kind words, Christmas goodies and gifts! It is kind of you to remember your pastor. Know you are in my daily prayers.

Year-End-Giving:

There are many opportunities to give in our community. The people of Kearney are known for their generosity. Please consider giving towards our assisting us in making our budget. A big line item is the subsidy we send to Kearney Catholic High school; \$22,304.00 per month. We are a very active parish. We have so many young families with lots of children and youth. Our religious formation classes are filled. The Edge and LifeTeen ministries are Eucharistic centered. They help the middle school and high school youth learn their faith and encounter Jesus. Those who are in retirement homes or homebound rave at the ministry they receive from the clergy, staff and volunteers. Our committees assist Fr. Paul in the ministries of the church. Your tithes are put to work at Prince of Peace. Thank you for your generosity! With many people doing what they can we can do it! That is be fiscally responsible.

Capital Campaign:

At press time 12/10/21 I can only say Thank you for all you have already made their pledges. If you haven't made a pledge, please pray fully consider making one: large or small it all helps! Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas

We are looking for 2 couples to facilitate the confirmation program here at Prince of Peace.

If you are interested, please contact the office at 236-9171.



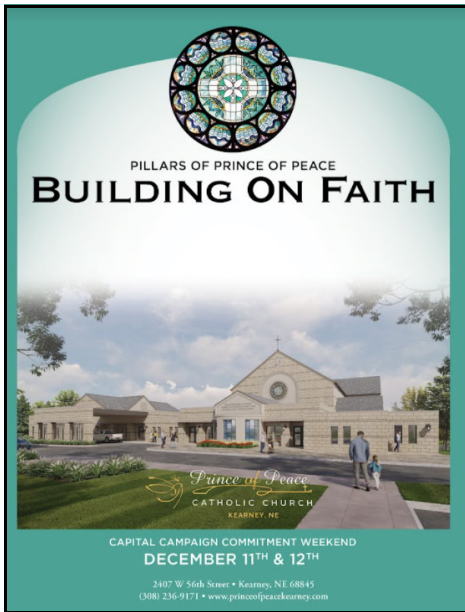
BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Information for the January 2 bulletin is due in the parish office by **10AM on Monday, Dec. 20.** Please email information to:

popoffice@kearneyprinceofpeace.org or drop off/mail to the church office.

Thank you!

Pillars of Prince of Peace: Building On Faith Capital Campaign Update



This past weekend, our Capital Campaign Co-Chairs Mike and Tara Bowman invited each parish family to make a pledge of 3% of their annual income for the next three years, or a one time gift of 3% of their assets to the capital campaign. Go to the parish YouTube channel to see a video from the Co-Chairs, Mike and Jody Heeney, about the parish facility plans.

Good News

Many of our parishioners have already sent their pledge cards for the capital campaign. It would be great if all members made a pledge of any size to the capital campaign.

Christmas Tree Ornament

Two anonymous donors have made it possible for anyone who makes a pledge to the capital campaign to receive a "Prince of Peace" Christmas Tree ornament. We thank those donors for their generosity!



Prayer and Discernment from Fr. Paul

Fr Paul says, "Please pray your way through your decision. It is between you and God." There is a "14 Days of Prayer" guide in your pledge packet. Go to the parish YouTube Channel to see the video from Fr. Paul on discernment.

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.





Merry Christmas from the Prince of Peace Staff. We are praying that God blesses you and your family this Christmas Season and the New Year.



Lay Ministers	December 26, 2021		
Mass Time	5:00pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:30am
Greeters	No Mass	Joe Wheeler Larry Wheeler	Patrick Halpin Darby Runge
Servers	No Mass	Emily Nelson Reed Nelson ? Opportunity to Serve	Edward Mueting Evan Mueting Steven Mueting
Lector	No Mass	Bill Gilbreath	Joe Methe
Eucharistic Ministers	No Mass	Julie Gappa Shirley Gilbreath Amy Eigenberg	Jason Downing Donna Grossart ? Opportunity to Serve
Sound	No Mass	? Opportunity to Serve	? Opportunity to Serve
Coordinator	No Mass	Kathy White	Mandy Mueting
Sacristan	No Mass	Kathy White	Paul Mueting
Homebound- Route 1		? Opportunity to Serve	
Homebound- Route 2		Janine Walker	
Homebound- Route 4		? Opportunity to Serve	
Homebound- Route 5		Ray Hanson	

Please contact the parish office if you would like to be trained for any of these ministries.