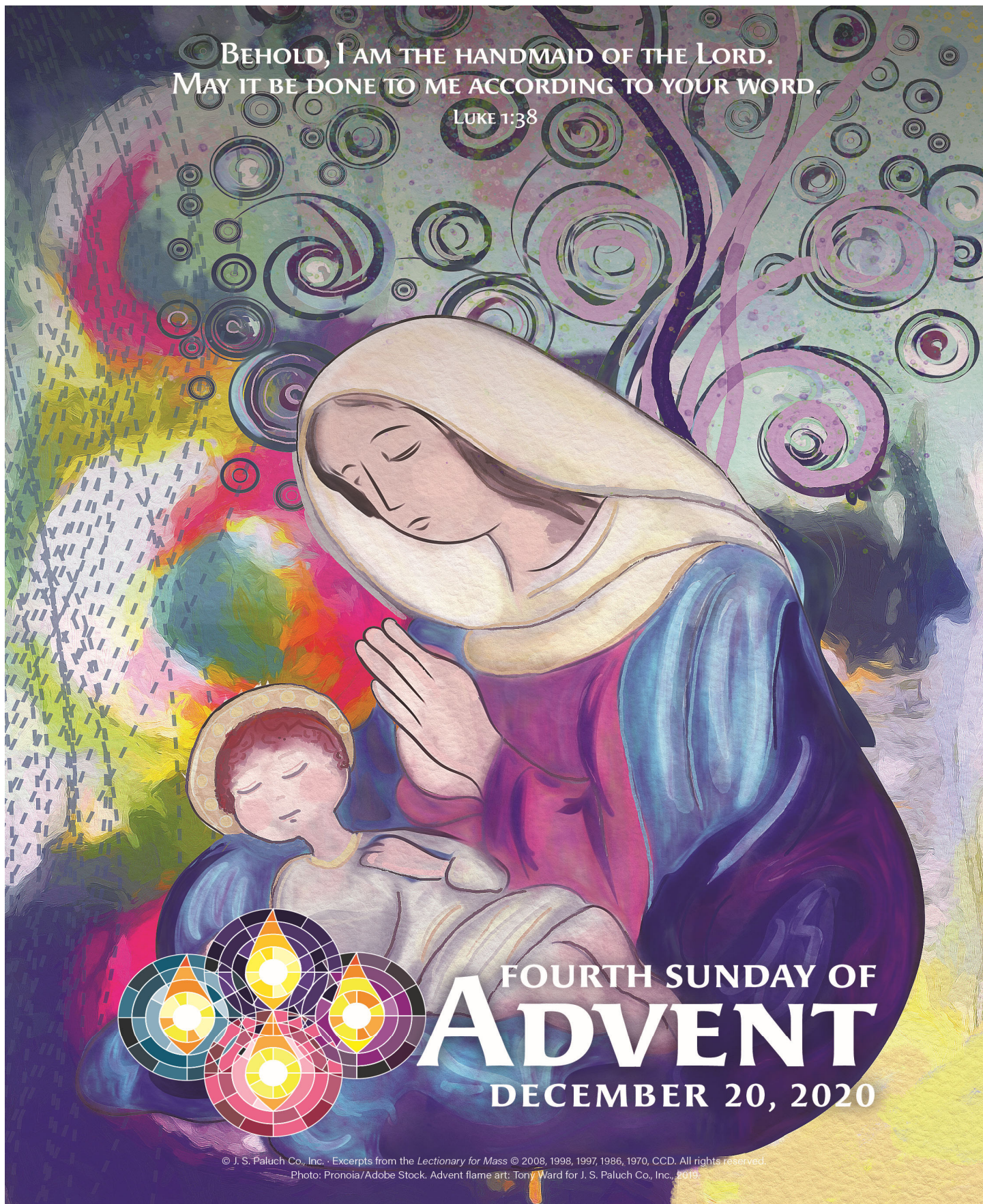


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BEHOLD, I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD.
MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.

LUKE 1:38



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2020



Mass/Service Schedule and Intentions

Day/Date

Time

Intention

The City of Kearney Mask Mandate will be followed.

Mon., Dec. 21	No Mass	Please Pray On Your Own
Tue., Dec. 22	7:30 AM	Mark Zimmerman †
Wed., Dec. 23	5:30 PM	Suheila Younes Daniel †
Thu., Dec. 24	4:00 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM	Berniece Power † Laddie Bicak † (Incense will be used) Prince of Peace Parishioners
Fri., Dec. 25	9:00 AM	Don & Kate Kelley and Don Kelley Jr. † (Incense will be used)
Sat., Dec. 26	5:00 PM	Sam & Margeret Ellen O'Neill †
Sun., Dec. 27	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Andrew & Esther Wilhelm † Prince of Peace Parishioners



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

Please watch the TV stations & the app for possible cancellations. When the weather is bad Masses may be cancelled for safety purposes.

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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.

How Can This Be?

Words of a visiting angel: Do not be afraid; God has this plan; you are full of grace. Mary speaks aloud what we all are thinking: "How can this be?" God makes it possible because God makes us holy!

- What should I stop fearing?
- What is God's plan for me just for this day?
- What will I do this week as God's holy person that benefits someone else?



Christmas Blessings

We're praying that God will bless each of you and your families this coming Christmas Season and fill 2021 with peace, love, and joy, as well as health in body, mind and spirit.
From the Prince of Peace Parish Staff



Prayer Concerns

Richard Verbeck (DeAnn Nickel's brother), Mitch O'Neill, Macala, Patrick Unrein II/Tuey (Tim Unrein's nephew), Delwin Beck (Lillian Kowalski's brother-in-law), Matt Brass and Don Davis (Adell Ryan's cousins), Georgia Vak, Linda Giesler, 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), Carolyn Menke (Carolyn & Jerry Menke's sister-in-law), Rhonda Wadzinski (Lillian Kowalski's niece), Jennifer Wilford & Annette Coon (Ellen Nickel's sisters), Marge & Lynn Gardner, Alexis Pacheco & Blakely Pacheco, Bob Farquhar, Charles Wieduwilt, Paul Liebig, Don Emrick, and all others in need of prayer.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21-27, 2020

- Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Friday:**
 - 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]
- Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

December 19/20—2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gathering—Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem

Refrain: Your light will come, Jerusalem; for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord, and all nations will walk in your light, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Christ is the light of the world, a light dispelling the darkness. May we, his body, reflect that holy light.
2. His light is mercy and peace, a peace surpassing all telling. May we, his body, be instruments of peace.
3. His light is justice and truth, and love which casts out all hatred. May we, his body, prepare the reign of God.

Text: Refrain based on Isaiah 60:1,3; Dedication of a Church and an Altar.©1978, ICEL. Music and verses text© 2000, 2003, Bob Hurd. Published by OCP.

Offertory—Waiting in Silence

1. Waiting in silence, waiting in hope; we are your people, we long for you, Lord. God ever with us, Emmanuel, Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha!
2. Waiting in silence, waiting in hope; we are your people, we trust in your love. O Sun of Justice, true Prince of Peace, Come with your justice, Lord, Maranatha!
3. Waiting in silence, waiting in hope; we are your people, Lord, we seek your truth. Wisdom Incarnate, teach us your way; Show us the path of life, Maranatha!
4. Waiting in silence, waiting in hope; we are your people, we long for new life. O Key of David, open our hearts. Give us new vision, Lord, Maranatha!
5. Waiting in silence, waiting in hope; we are your people, our hearts thirst for you;. Flower of Jesse, bloom in our midst. Make us your garden, Lord, Maranatha!

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Communion—Holy is His Name

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit exults in God my Savior. For he has looked with mercy on my lowliness, and my name will be forever exalted. For the mighty God has done great things for me, and his mercy will reach from age to age. And holy, holy, holy is his name.

2. He has mercy in every generation. He has revealed his power and his glory. He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance, and has lifted up the meek and the lowly. He has come to help his servant Israel; he remembers his promise to our fathers. And holy, holy, holy is his name.

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Lo, How a Rose

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came, a flower bright, Amid the cold of sinter, when half spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, This Rose I have in mind, With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, She bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

3. O Flow'r whose fragrance enter With sweetness fills the air, Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God, From sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

Dismissal—O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1. O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, who ord'rest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

3. O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all humankind; Bid thou our sad divisions cease, And be thyself our Prince of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!



December 19/20—2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent! Nathan answered the king, “Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you.” But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: “Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?

“It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever.”

Responsorial —Psalm 89

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to me gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.” Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and
invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son
of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true
God,

Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from
heaven.

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
And became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the
third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

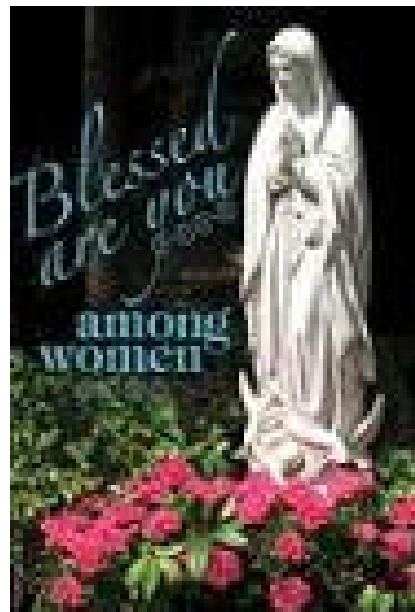
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our
defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O
Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust
into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about
the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



Pastor's Notes

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Attending Mass during Advent, I remember counting the Advent candles; one, two, three, and now four. When the fourth candle was lit I knew that Christmas would soon be here. In the business of preparing for Christmas...the shopping, the decorating, the parties, the wrapping of presents, the sending of cards...we might take a moment to pause and reflect on what we are celebrating. The Son of God, Jesus, became man! This is incredible! "For God so loved the world that He sent his only son..." John 3:16.

As we have prepared our outer world the Church invites us to prepare our inner world through taking advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are extra reconciliation times listed in the bulletin and on December 20th from 3 pm to 4 pm., Fr. Hock, Fr. Sorensen, and I will be in the church for private confessions.

The Blue Christmas celebration was a wonderful moving celebration. Please hold in prayer those people who have difficulty with Christmas and New Year's as they miss a loved one who has died or have had a loss such as a divorce or the loss of job.

This Christmas will be so different. Masks will be required for all Masses. Please register for the Mass you and your family would like to attend by going to Sign-up Genius or calling the office. If you choose not to attend due to health or other concerns, a recorded Christmas Mass will be available on Facebook, and the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass will be live-streamed. If you would like to attend Mass in your car by listening to it on your mobile device and then receive communion, please let me know by calling my office and leaving a message.

We can be grateful to all who help make it so special. Thank you to all who are helping with the music, all who helped decorate, and of course those who keep the church spic and span! If you can help with a ministry, please sign up as soon as possible. There are matching white cloth masks with a dove on it available for those ministering at Mass. Please speak with Fr. Paul if you'd like one. Please consider attending the 6:30 pm Mas, the 9 pm Mass, or Mass on Christmas Day as the 4 pm is always full. We will make room for all...we are one family after all! God Bless you!

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. We have had many extra expenses that have stretched our budget: boiler issues, need for computer and computer program up-grades, the purchase of a new camera for recording Masses, extra sanitation materials, as well as purchasing masks. Some people are economically challenged and others are not. Let's prayerfully consider how we might return to the Lord for all He has given us.

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No RCIA
- Wed. Dec. 23 **No Faith Formation Classes**
Confession 6:30-7pm
No Edge
- Thu. Dec. 24 No Adoration
Parish Office closes at Noon
Christmas Eve Masses:
4pm, 6:30pm, 9pm
- Fri. Dec. 25 No Adoration
Christmas Mass 9am
- Sun. Dec. 27 **No Faith Formation Classes**
No LifeTeen



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- Sun., Dec. 20** 3-4pm (3 priests available)
- Tue., Dec. 22** 12-12:30pm and 5-5:30pm
- Wed., Dec. 23** 6:30-7pm



Christmas Mass Schedule
Masks required for all Masses.

Thursday, December 24th
4:00 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM

Friday, December 25th
9:00 AM

(Incense will be used at the 6:30pm & 9am Masses)

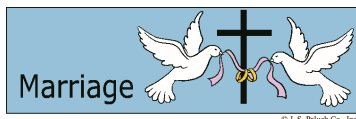
It is our desire to keep all who attend the Masses safe and accommodate as many people as possible.

Therefore, we ask that you reserve your Mass time.

Reservations can be placed through Sign-Up Genius at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44adab29a3f8c61-christmas>
or by calling the parish office.

Christmas Eve Mass at 4 PM will be live streamed.



Congratulations

*Kole & Samantha (Menard) Kluver
who were married
at Prince of Peace*



Holy Day of Obligation
Mary, the Mother of God
Mass Schedule

December 31
5:00pm
January 1
9:00am

THE DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY MASS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION REMAINS IN FORCE

(you are not obligated to attend Mass)

The Mass is still available for praying/viewing on the parish website, the YouTube parish channel, and Facebook.

Please stay home if you are sick, have a fever, are in the health-risk category, care for someone who is sick or vulnerable or have been exposed to COVID-19. Gathering in a public space, including our church, poses a risk of acquiring or transmitting the virus..

Procedures For Attending Mass

- ◆ **The Emergency Ordinance No. 8457 of Kearney states: Facial covers are required.** Please bring your own facial covering or mask.
- ◆ The restrooms are available for you at your own risk. We ask that only one person or one adult & child go at a time. Please use the restroom before you come to church.
- ◆ Use the 6-foot distancing rule; every other pew is used. The pews are marked to allow you to visualize the 6 foot sections. Families may sit together.
- ◆ There are baskets near the doors for your offering or you may take advantage of the on-line giving.
- ◆ If you choose to hold hands during the Our Father, you may do so only with your family.
- ◆ The sign of Peace will be done only with your family. You may give a symbol of peace or wave to those around you if you choose.
- ◆ Please wear a facial covering to receive communion on the hand.

Not Too Much

If you have too much to do,
with God's help you will find time to do it all.
—St. Peter Canisius