







# PRINCE OF PEACE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday, December 24th, 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

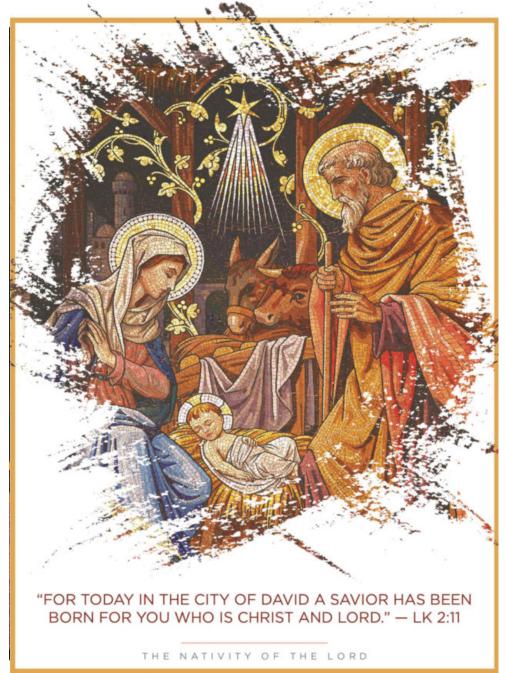
#### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday

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

#### Fr. Paul Colling

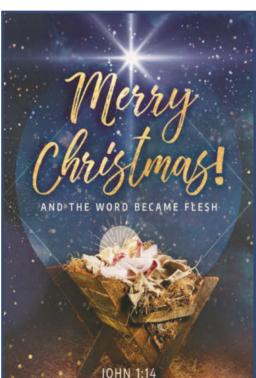
Fr. Paul Colling has served as pastor at Prince of Peace for 11 years assisted by **Deacon Thomas Martin.** 



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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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## Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 | MASS 9:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00 AM DONALD & CATHERINE KELLEY †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 | MASS 12:05 PM 12:05 PM BRANDON BABCOCK †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 | MASS 7:30 AM 7:30 AM THERESA OGORSOLKA † AND FAMILY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 | NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 | MASS 5:00 PM 5:00 PM STEVE SMITH †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 | MASS 8:00 AM | MASS 10:30 AM | VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM

8:00 AM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS 10:30 AM Fr. DONALD J. O'BRIEN † AND FAMILY 5:00 PM DAWSON STUTZ

#### **Contribution Statements**

2023 donations will be recorded until January 12, 2024. Checks dated in December of 2023 and received before or by January 12th will be recorded as 2023 contributions.

Contribution statements will be postmarked no later than January 31, 2024. <u>Bulletin Deadline:</u> Information is needed by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27th for the Jan. 7th bulletin.

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Christmas Flower Offerings

# In Memory of:

Charlotte V. Bakken
Lorraine Book
Rynie L Pat Cimfel
Ruth Cisneros
Paul L Bette Conroy
Shawn Czaplewski
Jack L Adeline Freeling
Ray L Mary Fuhrer
Albert L Mary Gancos
Elizabeth Hamik
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Louie & Adeline Hurt
Kyle Karschner
Lloyd Kelly
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Richard Kowalski
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James & Alma Mack
The Menke Family
William D. Neu
Fr. James Novakowski
Duane & Kathryn Ray

Patricia Saylor
Isadore L Nellie Schachta
Tom Sluti
Gene L Agnes Smedra
Glen L Artist Stengel
Jackson James Stott
Jim L Maxine Thatcher
Lee L Betty Trumm
Leonard L Elinore Warner
Bruce White
Vernon L Mary Lou White
Jeanette Wozniak
Lee Zeman

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT| DECEMBER 24, 2023



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**ERIC PULLIAM** (COUSIN OF ADELL RYAN)

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 IEFFS** (SISTER-IN-LAW OF BARRY IEFFS)

MRS. RAE PALMER

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

DAN O'DEA

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.



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://nebraskapregnancycarealliance.org/

Jan 21 Sanctity of Life Sunday

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

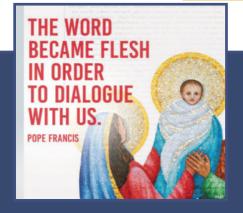
Jan 26 Nebraska Right to Life Gala, Lincoln. https://nebraskarighttolife.org/

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.



#### The Angelus

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord R. Be it done unto me according to thy

word. Hail Mary...

our Lord. Amen.

V. And the word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy mother of God, R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Hail Mary... Let us pray, Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts that, we to whom the incarnation of Christ, thy son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ



Registration for Little Fish
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open! To register your child
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Vanderbeek at
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littlefishpreschool@gmail.com.

This year Advent ends the weekend of December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. We still have the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. Yet, later on Sunday afternoon, at 4 pm, we begin the Christmas season.

Such an extraordinary year...yet, wasn't Jesus birth such an extraordinary birth? Indeed it was!

Imagine how inconvenient it was for Holy Mary and St. Joseph to travel to Bethlehem while Mary was very pregnant! Imagine how difficult it was not to find room in an inn and to give birth to a child in a stable. Imagine how amazed they were at this extraordinary birth...while the choirs of angels sang to the infant Jesus. Yes, it has been an extraordinary year for us in the Mass cycle but with extraordinary rewards.

Let us be grateful for our beautiful parish family. So many of you have done so much to make our church special with the art and environment, the beautiful singing and playing your musical instruments (only to be out done by the choirs of angels). All of you who are so dedicated to God and church have

We have had a very short Advent season. dressed in your finest to worship our new born King.

> 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, to all who helped decorate, and of course to those who keep the church spic and span! If you can help with a ministry please sign up as soon as possible. God bless you!

Thank you all for the birthday and Christmas cards, family pictures, kind words, goodies and gifts! It is kind of you to remember your pastor. I appreciate your kindness! You are in my daily prayers! Merry Christmas!





# **Our Sacrificial Giving**

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 GIVING

December Budget	\$87,500.00
Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023	\$17,083.29
Immaculate Conception	\$ 837.00
Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023	\$15,917.56
Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023	\$
Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023	\$
Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023	\$
December to Date	\$33,837.85



We were blessed to have the Carlos Acutis display of Eucharistic Miracle Boards here at Prince of Peace. You can find more on Carlos Acutis and Eucharistic Miracles at www.miracolieucaristici.org



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.



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:

"'Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me:

your throne shall stand firm forever." (2 Sm 28:16)

#### Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

#### Second Reading:

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. (Rom 16:25-26)

#### Gospel:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,

and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say "Yes, Lord" — and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours.

# Observances for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Wednesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve



#### Saint of the week

Servant of God Michelle Christine Duppong worked as a FOCUS missionary and a lay parish minister in the early 2000's. Her life was a testament to her commitment to God and social justice work. She died at age 31 in 2015 but her legacy lives on today in those whose lives she touched.

## Prayer

Jesus, I praise and thank you for the life of your servant Michelle Duppong. in her life and suffering, she joined you in your thirst for souls and embraced the cross offered to her. Following her example, I ask for the special grace of [personal intercession] and, if it brings you greater glory, that she be honored by your Church. Jesus, I ask this in your Holy Name.

Amen.

-With ecclesiastical approval of Bishop David D. Kagan, Diocese of Bismarck

(Prayer Source: https://bismarckdiocese.com/prayer-of-intercession)

# **PARISH INFORMATION**

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#### **Contact Us**

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**Meetings & Activities** The full calendar is available on the website & app. Monday, December 25th Merry Christmas!! No Food Pantry Tuesday, December 26th No classes today Wednesday, December No classes today Thursday, December 28th No Adoration No Food Pantry Friday, December 29th No Adoration Saturday, December 30th 4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Confession Sunday, December 31st Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. January 1st is the Solemnity Of Mary, The And Holy Day Mass on Holy Mother of God. January 1st at 9:00 a.m. Happy New Year's!

Dec 30/31	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Adell Ryan Jessica Baer	Kimberly Gewecke James Kennedy	Quinton Speer Marge Aten
Servers  Lectors  Eucharistic  Ministers	Cooper Feltz Madisyn Kaslon ???  Darleen Schulte Andrew Tellus Deb Straka Carolyn Menke Brad Greisen	Jackson Pandorf Emma Stickney Rowan Ostrander  Valerie Fredericksen Gracie Triplett Inga Yendra Bridget Nore William Wright	Charlotte Nicholson Sebastian Petrackis Jack Binderup Michael Heeney Deb Stocker Tara Bowman Ken Vyvlecka Michele Friesen
	Mitch O'Neill Ellen Gitt	Amy Eigenberg Darren Yendra	Michael Bowman Brian Lowe
Sound	Kurt Schmidt	Robert Hock	James Friesen
Coordinator	Kathy White	Kathy Knapp	Amy Johnson
Sacristan	Kathy White	Butch Knapp	Ken Vyvlecka
Homebound Route 1 Route 2 Route 4 Route 5	Please use Ministry Scheduler to request a substitute if you can't fulfill your assignment.	Pat Trausch Janine Walker James Rowling Raymond Hanson	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!

# **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. Register at Creighton.edu/ retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats.



- ♦ Christ gave us a great gift of Himself on Christmas. He calls us to give of ourselves to everyone, especially our spouse.
- ◆ Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn how to be the best gift you can be for your spouse.
- Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: February 9-11, 2024 in Lincoln, NE
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wwme.org



**EVENTS** 

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.

\*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 programs which value their active participation.





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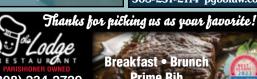
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