

# *Prince of Peace Catholic Church*

*2407 W.56th St., Kearney NE 68845*

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020



*Simeon said,  
“Now, Master, you may let your servant  
go in peace, according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation.”*

*Luke 2:29-30*

## Mass/Service Schedule and Intentions

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Intention</u>
<b>The City of Kearney Mask Mandate will be followed.</b>		
Mon., Dec. 28	No Mass	Please Pray On Your Own
Tue., Dec. 29	7:30 AM	Ron Connelly †
Wed., Dec. 30	5:30 PM	Elaine Gehant †
Thu., Dec. 31	5:00 PM	Prince of Peace Parishioners
Fri., Jan. 1	9:00 AM	Rose Pargas, Dan Pargas, Steve Pargas †
Sat., Jan. 2	5:00 PM	Sue Younes Daniel †
Sun., Jan. 3	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Prince of Peace Parishioners Darby & Traci Rung Intention



**\*\*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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### 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.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Office hours:** 9:00am—5:00pm Monday—Thursday  
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**HELPING HANDS:** Helping with our parishioners' needs. Contact Phyllis Stittle: 308-234-3606 or pm.stittle@gmail.com

### 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.

**Our Sacrificial Giving**

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Giving

<b>December Budget</b>	<b>\$ 62,000.00</b>
December 6, 2020 Collections	\$ 19,419.71
December 13, 2020 Collections	\$ 16,063.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 662.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
December Income To Date	\$ 36,169.71

**Opportunities for giving are also available through:  
Electronic Funds Transfer  
the Abundant Giving Mobile App (keyword 73256)  
or on the parish website: princofpeace Kearney.com.**

*Thank you for supporting  
Prince of Peace Parish!*



**Prayer Concerns**

Richard Verbeck (DeAnn Nickel's brother), Pat Morse, 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.

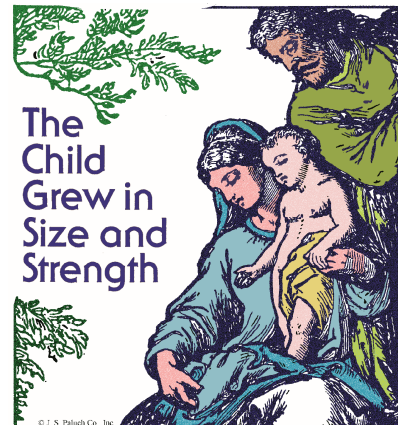
**New this year under the CARES Act:**

Itemized donations allow you to make up to a \$300 cash donation and deduct the value "above-the-line" from your income prior to calculating your adjusted gross income. This deduction is available in addition to the standard deduction and is permanent beginning in 2020.

Non-itemized will allow you to make a cash donation and deduct up to 100% from your adjusted gross income (a change from the usual 60%). This is available for the 2020 tax year only.

More information on these changes can be found at:

<https://www.irs.gov/.../how-the-cares-act-changes...>



**51% of Total Goal!**

**2020-2021 Appeal Information**



**Prince of Peace/Kearney Diocese of Grand Island**

Parish Goal: \$77,709	Goal: \$1,200,000
Total Raised: \$39,629	Total Raised: \$ 639,347
Total Received: \$34,152	Total Received: \$ 564,766
Donor Goal: 205	Donor Goal: 4,191
Current No. of Donors: 123	Current No. of Donors: 2,237

**(Let's try to reach our Donor Goal of 205!)**

Information regarding your donations to the Diocesan Appeal can be requested from the Chancery Office in Grand Island. Amy Scheer: [ascheer@gidiocese.org](mailto:ascheer@gidiocese.org) or 800-652-0004

*thank you*

We are so grateful for the many years of hard work and dedicated service that **Jo Ann Hoffman** and **Heidi LaClair** have given to Prince of Peace Parish.

Jo Ann will be retiring at the end of December and moving to Seward to be close to her daughter and family. We will miss her wisdom, knowledge, and the great care she has for the people of our parish. Thank you Jo Ann and God's blessings!

Heidi is leaving Prince of Peace at the end of December as well. We will miss her energy, willingness to do whatever is needed, and informative ways. Thank you Heidi and blessings!

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 3**

- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Friday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



December 26/27—2020

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

### Opening: The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherd in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Nowell...

3. And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. ...

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest, And thee it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay....

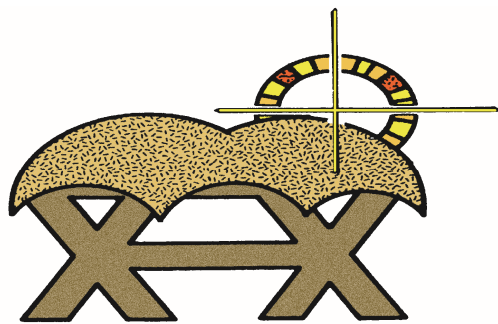
### Offertory: O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting Light: The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

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### Communion: Beyond the Moon and Stars

Refrain: Beyond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our hunger, Lord, to see your light. The sparrow finds her home beneath your wing. So may we come to rest where angels sing.

1. Our eyes have longed to see your loving face, to live within your courts for all our days.

2. Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross desert sand. We place our hopes and dreams within your hand.

3. Upon our darkness, Lord, a light has shone. You chose to swell with us in flesh and bone.

4. With shining star at night, and cloud by day, you brought us here to see your love's display.

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### Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time, behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! The herald angels sing.....

3. Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth. Hark! .....

### Dismissal: Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; Let us our songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

# December 26/27—2020

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: “Fear not, Abraham! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great.” But Abraham said, “O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?” Abram continued, “See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir.” Then the word of the LORD came to him: “No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir.” The Lord took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

### Responsorial—Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

The LORD remembers his covenant forever.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

### Gospel: Luke 2:22, 39-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
We give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### 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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On December 27th, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. During the Christmas season we can have romantic ideas of what life was like for the Holy Family. St. Mary and St. Joseph indeed received special graces to raise their unique child. Nevertheless, they still lived in our world and without the modern conveniences of today.

St. Joseph had to work to sustain his family, and I imagine that sometimes it might have been challenging. St. Mary had to cook, clean, and haul the water for drinking, bathing, and washing. It wasn't easy. St. Joseph taught Jesus the trade of carpentry. Jesus attended school. They experienced the joys of life such as weddings and birthdays, and sorrows such as the death of loved one. In fact, if it wasn't for Jesus, the family of St. Mary and St. Joseph would not have been remembered. It is Jesus who took that ordinary family and made it extraordinary.

On December 8, Pope Francis formally instituted a year for St. Joseph, which will run until December 8, 2021. The decree outlined several instances in which the faithful will be able to obtain a plenary indulgence in relation to the Year of St. Joseph, provided they meet the usual conditions of going to confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the intentions of the pope.

According to the document, a plenary indulgence will be available under these conditions:

- To those who meditate on the Our Father prayer for at least 30 minutes or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
- To those who perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy.
- To families or engaged couples who recite the rosary together.
- To those who entrust their daily work to St. Joseph and those who ask St. Joseph to intercede for the unemployed.
- To those who recite a prayer to St. Joseph for the relief of Christians persecuted both inside and outside of the Church.
- To the faithful who recite, "any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph," with an encouragement to do so on the feasts of St. Joseph and the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, St. Mary and Joseph.
- To the elderly, sick, dying and those legitimately unable to leave the house, who recite an act of piety to St. Joseph under his title of Comfort of the Sick and Patron of a happy death, provided they offer their discomfort to God and fulfill the conditions for the indulgence "as soon as possible."

On the Feast of the Holy Family I encourage you to make Jesus the center of your family life. Pray together, attend Mass together; read the Holy Bible together, and your family can become extraordinary because of Jesus our Savior. With Jesus in our midst, our families can be holy families.

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 Ruth Cisneros

Leona Hershiser  
 Francis Hershiser  
 Judy Holz  
 LaVere Lyman  
 Mike & Loretta Troshynski  
 Mrs. Georgia Unrein  
 Mr. Richard J. Unrein  
 Sir Jake of Hershey  
 Michael Brian Unrein  
 Anne Sullivan  
 Jim Hamik  
 Patricia Saylor  
 Father James Novakowski

Robert Hoffman  
 Covalt Family  
 Dutko family  
 Ed & Pauline Macke  
 Paul Little  
 Goldie Little  
 Laddie Bicak  
 Bruce White  
 Michael Heater  
 Dennis & Martne Ballard  
 Charles & Pauline Wathen  
 Tom Sluti

***Catholic Community Food Pantry at Prince of Peace Church***

Thank you for your great support! We worked with the Jubilee Center to keep people in their homes - safe and warm. In November you helped 7 families with \$ 800.27 for utilities. You helped 4 families pay \$429.19 in rent. "Food from Farmers" started delivering again in November and it was great to give out fresh produce. Our pantry gave \$500 to "Hot Meals USA" for the Thanksgiving Day meal in Kearney. Thank you for sharing your blessings!

**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.

**Meetings and Activities**

Sun. Dec. 27 No Faith Formation Classes  
 No LifeTeen  
 Tue. Dec. 29 No RCIA  
 Wed. Dec. 30 No Faith Formation Classes  
 No Edge  
 Thu. Dec. 31 No Adoration  
 Fri. Jan. 1 No Adoration  
 Parish Office is closed  
 Sun. Jan. 3 No LifeTeen  
 Tue. Jan. 5 RCIA 7pm  
 Liturgy Committee 7pm  
 Wed. Jan. 6 No Faith Formation Classes  
 No Edge  
 ASET 6:30pm

***Thank you to O'Brien-Stratmann Funeral Home and Horner-Lieske-McBride & Kuhl Funeral/Cremation Services for the 2021 calendars. Be sure to take them home!!***



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

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

***Welcome***

William Peters  
 child of Kyle & Kayla  
*who was baptized at Prince of Peace*

