







PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 22nd, 2024

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

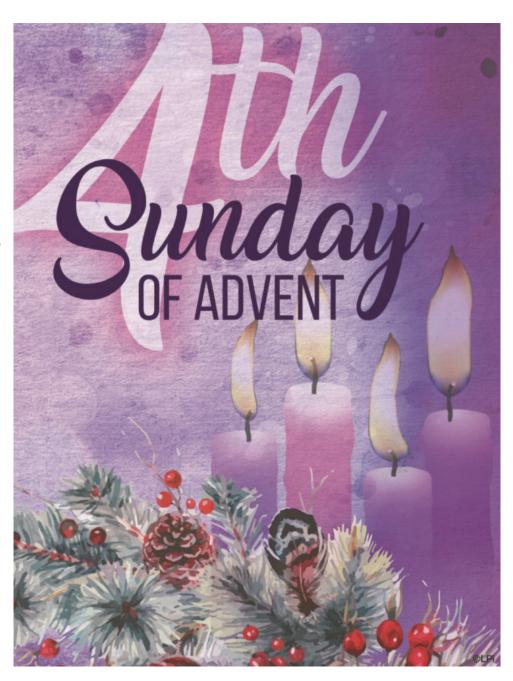
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or contact the Parish Office 308-236-9171 Rectory 308-224-3843

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday 8a.m.-Midnight **Friday** 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fr. Paul Colling

Fr. Paul Colling has served as pastor at Prince of Peace for 12 years assisted by **Deacon Thomas Martin.**



PRAYER & WORSHIP

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 | NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 | MASS 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM

4:00 P.M. FR. TOM MULLOWNEY †

6:30 P.M. DIANNE SHUDA †

9:00 P.M. PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

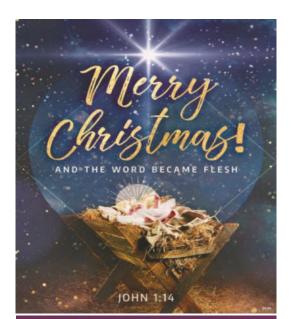
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 | MASS 9:00 AM 9:00 A.M. DONALD, CATHERINE, AND DON KELLY JR. †

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 | NO MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 | NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 | MASS 5:00 PM 5:00 PM STEVE SMITH †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM 8:00 AM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS 10:30 AM MARIJEAN METHE †



SpringFest Leaders Needed!!!

We need 2 couples to co-chair the event with Jason and Tiffany Shuda as well as someone(s) to head the Silent Auction. SpringFest will be on Sunday, April 6th, 2025. Call the office if interested in knowing more!



Little Fish Preschool and Little Fish Preschool North registration for the 2025-26 school year is now open. Please visit the St. James or Prince of Peace website or contact Crystal at littlefishpreschool@gmail.com, 308-224-6507 for a registration form and additional information. We look forward to serving your family!



Chrístmas Flower Offerings

Many thanks to all of you who generously gave to the Christmas Flower Offering to help beautify our church. Some of these donations were made in honor of or in memory of the following people:

2025 Confirmation Meeting: Current High School Juniors & Parents

Sunday, January 12 after 10:30AM Mass at Prince of Peace



Meet downstairs after Mass to register, talk about our class, and ask questions:

Contact Lecta at youthministry-akeamerorinecofpeace.org with any questions

In Memory Of:

Jan Albrecht Veryle Bonney **Carol Brookins** Ruth Cisneros Frank & Mary Colling Paul & Bette Conroy Shawn Czaplewski Dorothy Devine Fr. Jim Gehl Elizabeth Hamik Marvin Houser Louie & Adeline Hurt Don Kaminski Kyle Karschner Richard & Marion McPhillips William D. Neu

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In Honor Of: Virginia Kaminski Mrs. Georgia Unrein



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PLEASE PRAY FOR...

JULIANA PASSARINI (FAMILY OF HELEN ALBRECHT)

TAYA MOSELEY

GEORGIA UNREIN (MOTHER OF TIM UNREIN)

STAN & CLAUDINE NEBEN

PAT BAKER (NEPHEW OF LILLIAN KOWALSKI)

TAMI REESE (DAUGHTER OF LILLIAN KOWALSKI)

DAN KELLEY

BARRY JEFFS

CAROL JEFFS (MOTHER OF BARRY JEFFS)

SHERRY FROM HYVEE (FRIEND OF TIM UNREIN)

DON PERSINGER (FRIEND OF BARRY JEFFS)

RITA JEFFS (SISTER-IN-LAW OF BARRY JEFFS)

BEN JEFFS (BROTHER OF BARRY JEFFS)

MAYCEE NEWSOME (NIECE OF MIKE & CATHY LABUN)

BOB & KAY BRASS (COUSIN OF ADELE RYAN)

RICK PULLIAM (COUSIN OF ADELE RYAN)

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 FOUR WEEKS. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME TO REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR LONGER.



Ministry to the Homebound: If you, a relative or friend are hospitalized or shut-in (short or long term) please let us know by calling the parish office.



A baptism preparation class is offered the 2nd Saturday of every month. The next class is Saturday, December 14th at 10 AM. Please call the office to register at (308) 236-9171.

Parish Support

Our Sacrificial Giving

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 WEEKLY BUDGET: \$18,500.00

December Budget \$92,500.00

Sunday, Dec 1, 2024 \$21,721.93 Sunday, Dec 8, 2024 \$18,866.92 Sunday, Dec 15, 2024 \$ Sunday, Dec 22, 2024 \$

Sunday, Dec 29, 2024 \$

December to Date \$40,588.85

Contribution Statements

2024 donations will be recorded until January 8, 2025. Checks dated in December of 2024 and received before or by January 8th will be recorded as 2024 contributions. Contribution statements will be postmarked no later than January 31, 2025.



Parish Christmas Wish List

- Family Room Chair \$500.00
- SK-5 Summer Camp Program \$600.00
- 6-12 Youth Summer Activities \$600.00
- Rectory Dishwasher \$1,000.00
- Formed Annual Subscription \$2,200 (\$1,000 has been donated)
- 🌑 Deacon Altar Chair \$1,500.00

Holy Innocents Mass of Healing on Friday, December 27 5:15 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island On

December 28, Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs, in remembrance of the children slaughtered by King Herod in his quest to kill the newborn Jesus. Many families struggle with miscarriage, still birth, infant death or even abortion. This Mass of healing and hope is to pray with families to celebrate the brief lives of these children, and to seek God's mercy and hope in our suffering. All are invited to attend this Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby. If you would like your baby or loved one remembered during the Mass, please call the Cathedral Office at 308-384-2523 no later than 3:00 PM. December 23.



ENCOURAGE is an apostolate which provides pastoral care for families and friends of people who experience same-sex attractions and/or gender dysphoria. In many cases, their loved ones have adopted the LGBTQ label, and may have

moved away from actively practicing their faith. If you know someone who has samesex attraction, it can be difficult to accept their choices and accept the Church's teachings without making them feel alienated. **Know that you are not alone.**

For guidance and support, please send us an email. We will put you in touch with someone who can help you. Email *encourage@gidiocese.org* or **call 308-382-6565 ext. 201** to receive help and encouragement to understand the experience of your loved ones more deeply. You can also go to *couragerc.org* for more information and resources.

Growing up in McCook, I recall counting the to work at Prince of Peace. Thank you for your Advent candles; one, two, three and now four. When the fourth candle was lit, 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. Please consider attending the 6:30 pm, the 9 pm on Christmas Eve or 9 am Mass on Christmas day. You are welcome to attend the 4 pm on Christmas Eve but it is always very 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. Please consider assisting us in making our budget. A big line item is the subsidy we send to Kearney Catholic High school; \$24,325.00 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 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 generosity! With many people doing what they can, we can do it! That is be fiscally responsible.

Pillars campaign: We get to enjoy the new space for this Christmas! What until you see the decorations in the narthex! Now that winter has arrived, it is wonderful that we can gather in this warm space to visit and to wait for anyone to do a quick drop off or pick up.

It is exciting to tell you that we had \$108,900 in new pledges or one-time gifts before commitment Sunday, December 15th. This will really help us take down the debt.

There are a few of you who haven't finished your first pledge. Please do so as soon as possible. Let's get this debt taken care of.

And some great news: A parishioner will loan us \$300,000 at 4.5% saving us approximately \$23,000 over the life of the loan!

-Fr. Paul Colling

Phase II Mortgage Pledges 900,000 Total Debt: 900,000 (Narthex, parking, lower level remodel, & offices) 600.000 Pillar 2025 pledged 319,900 \$108,900 Original Building on Faith: Pledges to be collected \$211,000

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading:

"Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God." (Heb 10:7)

Gospel:

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:43)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Blessed are you who believed," Elizabeth tells Mary. Do we believe? When we hear the voice of God whispering in our heart, do we listen — or do we ignore, out of fear and uncertainty? This last week of Advent, follow Mary's example, and believe.

Observances for the week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Tuesday: Christmas Eve

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord
Thursday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Friday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Saturday: The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Next Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve



Saint of the week

St. Margaret Clitherow (1556-1586), the pearl of York hid priests and allowed Mass to be celebrated in her home, a criminal offence at the time. She was pressed to death. Margaret was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of 40 martyrs of England and Wales.

Prayer for Advent Joy

Dear Jesus.

The news of your coming was met with boundless joy — fill us anew with the wonder of your presence. You are Emmanuel, God with us.

Amen.

Contact Us

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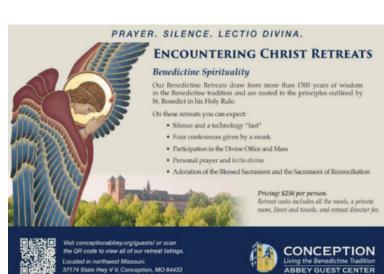




Welcome packets for new parishioners available at each church entrance.

	Christmas Eve & Day Masses—Lay Ministers Needed!						
	4:00 PM-Up	4:00 PM-down	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	9:00 AM		
Greet	Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Jessica Baer Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Bill Burns Raymond Panowicz		
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EM's	Andrew Prochaska Brian Lowe Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Le Spencer Denise O'Brien Mary Wagner Darren Yendra Inga Yendra Dan Javins	Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Amy Eigenberg Needs filled Needs filled		
Sound	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Steve Benesch	Needs to be filled	Needs filled		
Coordi nator	Needs to be filled	Mandy Mueting	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Needs filled		
Sacrist an	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Needs filled		

Dec 28/29	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Paul O'Neill	Butch Knapp	Chris Knoell
	Bo Feltz	Carrie Rasmussen	Jason Shuda
Servers	Oliver Greisen	Kaylee Nelson	Jacob Shuda
	Needs to be filled	Reed Nelson	Sam Knoell
	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Jack Knoell
Gift Bearer	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	Kevin Donohue
Lectors	Lisa Schuessler	Luke Huddleston	Regina McCann
Eucharistic	Sharon Brummer	Gene Mack	Brian Lowe
Ministers	Brian Vinton	Jane Sheldon	Mike Bowman
	Cathy Emrick	Brooke Ward	Ken Vyvlecka
	Mary O'Rourke	Valerie Fredericksen	Jason Downing
	Tracy Ray	Bridget Nore	Chris Knoell
	Andrew Tellus	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled
Sound	Andrew Tellus	Steve Benesch	Brian Lowe
Coordinator	Judy Walker	Cathy Labun	Amy Johnson
Sacristan	Marlene Rasmussen	Mike Labun	Ken Vyvlecka
Homebound Route 1 Route 2 Route 3 Route 4 Route 5	Please use Ministry Scheduler to request a substitute if you can't fulfill your assignment.	Larry Castillo James Kennedy Raymond Hanson Leroy Korus Ellen Gitt	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!





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A Lenten Retreat March 13-16, 2025

This retreat invites you into a deepening of relationship with God as you enter the Lenten

journey. These three days of prayer and reflection will center on God's meeting Abram and three of His Apostles as they are. No pointing of Divine Fingers but more the invitation to experience God's fidelity to our human fears and questions. It is not a focus of changing our behavior, rather time will be spent in being who we are in God's loving gaze rather than preparing to do what we should. It is a preached retreat with Fr. Larry Gillick that will include opportunities to celebrate the Eucharist, meet with a spiritual director and participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Meals as well as the rest of the day will be in prayerful silence.

The retreat cost is based on single occupancy and includes meals-\$425

Check in Thursday between 3:00—5:00 p.m. Retreat concludes Sunday at 2:30 p.m. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is requested at registration. Register by calling CURC at (712) 778-2466 or online.





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bulletin due to

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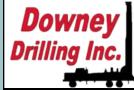


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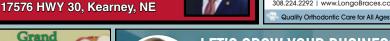
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