



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

**Sunday,
May 31st, 2026**

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

Thursdays 5 p.m.—6 p.m.

Saturdays 11 a.m. —12 p.m.

or contact the Parish Office 308-236-9171

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays 8 a.m.—Midnight

Fridays 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

Fr. Scott Harter

Fr. Scott Harter was ordained a priest in 2014 and became pastor of Prince of Peace in 2025.

Fr. Lawrence Kawagga

Fr. Lawrence Kawagga was ordained a priest in 2024 and became associate pastor of Prince of Peace in 2025.

They are assisted by **Deacon Tom Martin.**




THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

dozens of
Donuts
*for a dozen years as a priest.
Join us to celebrate Fr.
Scott's 12 years of
priesthood.*

**Sunday, May 31st following the
10:30 Mass**



Wilderness Adventure
THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS

Faith Formation Summer Camp
July 13th-17th 9am-3pm
Students entering 1-6 in the 26-27 school year

Camp Fees: 1st Child \$50.00
2nd Child \$50.00 and each additional child \$25.00

Register by June 15th
Call the parish office at (308) 236-9171 or email Amy Lowe at faithformation@kearneyprinceofpeace.org
Registration forms located in the gathering space of the church and the parish office.



Readings for the week of May 31, 2026

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/ Jn 6:51-58

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, JUNE 1 | MASS 7:30 AM
7:30 AM STEVE CORAM †

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 | MASS 7:30 AM
7:30 AM PAM HOESING †

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 | MASS 7:30 AM
7:30 AM KATHY HOCK †
10:00 AM MASS AT KINSHIP POINTE FOR MARY ANN SCHINZEL †

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 | MASS 12:05 PM
12:05 PM JOANN VRBKA

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 | MASS 7:30 AM
7:30 AM TIM TROMPKE †

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 | MASS 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM
8:00 AM KATHY HOCK †
5:00 PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LOFT TALLMAN FAMILY †

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM
8:00 AM LOREN AND CATHERINE BALS †
10:30 AM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

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IN GOD'S
Providence

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OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026
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DIOCESAN APPEAL
OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026

Parish Goal: \$91,551
Total Raised: \$70,087
Household Goal: 200
Current Households: 172



*Be Still,
AND KNOW I AM GOD*

Midwest Catholic Family Conference

July 31—Aug 2, 2026 Wichita, Kansas
CatholicFamilyConference.org or
316-618-9787





Prince of Peace will be volunteering **construction and lunch** at the

Habitat for Humanity building site at 18th & M Street on **Saturday, June 6**. Work begins at **8:00 AM**. If you plan to work please email the parish office at popoffice@kearneyprinceofpeace.org or call the office with your name and telephone number by Thursday, June 4.

**To donate food and/or help serve the meal, contact Pat Trausch at 308-440-6227 on or before Monday, June 1.

SUMMER SACRED HEART HOLY HOUR & SOCIAL

HOSTED BY THE
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SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH
1:00 - 4:00 CDT

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RSVP

(not required but helpful!)

Scan here to let us know you're able to join us so we can save you a seat!



Fr. Art Faesser's 50 years of priestly ministry celebration
Sunday, June 7th, 2026
Mass 3:00 p.m. with dinner to follow in the parish hall
St. James Catholic Church

M.Y.A.'s FRONT P.O.R.C.H.

Parents Offering Real talk, Community, and Hope

Parent led group for parents with youth/young adult struggling with mental illnesses (My Youth's Ally)

Come join us on the "Front Porch!"
Tuesday, June 9 & June 23
6:30—8:00 PM
at the Midwest Encouragement & Counseling Center
220 W 15th St. Kearney

For questions or to rsvp:
myasfrontporch@gmail.com or
308-233-4404



The Knights of Columbus will be leading the recitation of the rosary after Masses this weekend, the 30th/31st. All are welcome!



The **Legion of Mary Movement** now meets weekly **at 7:00 PM on Thursdays** in the social hall of Prince of Peace. We invite you to join us in praying the Rosary together. Bring your children, friends, & family.

The Building & Grounds Committee is currently searching for new members as they have had several members who have recently retired. This committee oversees the physical assets of the church building and the church grounds. Their primary responsibilities include routine facility maintenance, landscape maintenance, long-term capital planning, and safety compliance. They ensure the church campus remains safe, functional, and welcoming for the congregation and community. Interested? Contact the parish office.

The Four Last Things Please join us for a mini study—created by Catholic scholars Dr. Edward Sri and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow—on heaven, hell, judgment, and the meaning of death.

This class will be meeting every Monday in June, starting June 1st at 1:00 pm, in the upstairs room of the church gathering space. All can join us. It will be a 30-minute video followed by discussion.



Star Bright After School Academy, located at St. James, has very limited openings for the 2026-27 school year. If you are interested in a faith based after school program that takes care of transportation, tutoring, snacks and virtue training, contact Crystal Vanderbeek at 308-224-6507 or starbrightacademykchs@gmail.com.

Join the Prince of Peace Video & Podcast Team!

Prince of Peace is looking for volunteers to help with our weekly video livestream and podcast ministry. Each weekend, we livestream Mass on YouTube and Facebook so members of our parish community can participate from home. We also share an audio podcast of the weekly homily. If you have an interest in media, technology, or simply want to help share this important ministry with our parish, we would love to have you join the team! Please contact **John Stritt** at john.stritt@gmail.com or call the office.

Join us in Seoul, South Korea!

World Youth Day 2027

AUGUST 1 - 10, 2027

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WHAT IS AN OFFERTORY? The term “offertory” comes from the Latin word ‘offerre’, meaning “to bring forward” or “to present”. In a church context, it refers to the portion of a worship service when the congregation presents **financial gifts, symbolic offerings, or the bread and wine for the Eucharist.**

Catholics offer gifts and financial support to the Church as an act of worship, gratitude, and charity toward God. These offerings are not meant to “buy” blessings or salvation. Rather, they support the life and mission of the Church.

A GIFT FROM HONEST WORK: The offering given in church is meant to come from honest labor and sincere generosity, **which represents:** Gratitude to God, Sacrifice, Trust in divine providence, Love for the Church

SUPPORTING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCH: Church offerings help maintain the physical church and its daily needs, electricity and water, repairs and construction, liturgical items, church programs, evangelization efforts, etc..

Helping the needy: some of the Offertory is given out to help the poor and the needy remembering the words of Jesus; **“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)**, this is identified in: **Food for the hungry, aid for widows and orphans, medical assistance, education support, and help during emergencies and disasters.**

SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH: E.G, Missionary work, seminaries and priestly formation, catechism and youth programs, religious communities, outreach and evangelization. Through these contributions, the faithful participate in the Church’s mission throughout the world.

THE HEART MATTERS MOST: God looks not at the amount given, but at the sincerity of the giver. Like the widow in the Gospel who offered two small coins, even a small gift given with faith and love is precious before God.

St. Cyprian, martyred in Africa in 258, encouraged the faithful to give offertory; he said **“You are wealthy and rich”**, and whenever we come to the Lord’s supper, we take a share but it is unfortunate that we come with nothing, and we end up taking the share from the poor and needy.

An admirable exchange: **St Augustine** called this an “admirable exchange” for their gifts God gave back Jesus. The prayer over the gifts from the sixth day in the octave of Christmas uses Augustine’s language:

“Lord, receive our gifts in this wonderful exchange: from all you have given us we bring you these gifts, and in return, you give us yourself.”



IS IT SOMETHING NEW IN CHURCH? “From the very beginning, Christians have brought, along with the bread and wine for the Eucharist, gifts to share with those in need” (ccc 1351). Tithing and almsgiving are acts of worship (2 Cor 9:10-15) and express not only our desire to help those in need but also our generosity to God. Catholics continue this spirit of giving not because God needs money, but because generosity forms the heart in love and detachment from selfishness.

MADE BY HAND: When we give our offertory, we do it with our hands. We choose from what we have and what God has given us and we offer him back. Bread and wine symbolize a wonderful cooperation between God and humans. We lay upon the altar not only creation’s goods but ours, too. The gifts are not mere wheat and grapes, but “the work of human hands.” Symbolically, that’s us on the altar, offering ourselves to God. In the Eucharistic prayer, we will ask God to send the Spirit to change the gifts and change us as well.

The gift of ourselves is never easy, and the Church, knowing that, treats our offerings with great care. **The priest places them in a dignified place on the altar, incenses them reverently, and asks God to receive them to himself.**

“Pray, sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice” not only bread and wine, but what they symbolize: **our work, struggles, joys, money, our very lives “may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.”**

Sources: The Catholic Jerusalem Bible, Catechism of the Catholic Church & Ignatius Catechism

If you have any questions about your faith, please email me!

-Fr. Lawrence Kawagga lkawagga@gidiocese.org

Contact Us

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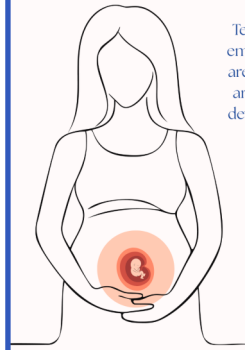
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Mary's Journey - Theotokos

Mary's Pregnancy in weeks 10-12.



Terms used for Baby's development change from an embryo to a fetus. At 12 weeks most of Baby's systems are fully formed. The average heart rate at this time is around 150 to 170 bpm. Fingers and toes continue to develop and nails start to form. His bones are starting to form and His muscles start to develop.

Baby grows another inch during these three weeks and will be around the size of a lime by 12 weeks.



Mary may be feeling more tired, may have heartburn and indigestion or experience occasional headaches or dizziness.

Getting some exercise, using pillows to stay elevated while sleeping, and using a cold compress could help alleviate Mary's symptoms.



Gianna Molla

Ministry:

Providing meals to mothers of newborns. If you'd like to volunteer to bring a meal or know of a new mother who could use some meals, please contact Tessa Donohue at (308) 440-6095.



Natural Family Planning

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Dr. Matthew & Abbie Wecker
matt.abbie.wecker@gmail.com

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Dr. Kyle & Julie Myers
juliepmyers@gmail.com

June 6/7	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Raymond Panowicz Needs to be filled	Larry Wheeler Matthew Wecker	Julie Weir Angelique Bruggeman
Servers	Elijah Lacy Clare Lacy Needs to be filled Needs to be filled	Owen Wheeler Parker Welch Emma Stickney Cade Stickney	Nolan Lowe Mason Vavra Needs to be filled Needs to be filled
Gift Bearer	Needs to be filled	Joe Wheeler	Sean Donohue
Lectors	Needs to be filled	Valerie Fredericksen	Cecelia Davis
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Schulte Darleen Schulte Le Spencer Cathy Emrick Ashley Wiggins Bev Schumacher Needs to be filled	Kathy Knapp Shellie Berry Shirley Gilbreath Isaac Wheeler Kathy White Bill Gilbreath Matthew Wecker	Paul Mueting Amy Johnson Sara Homan Bridget Nore Ken Vvylecka John Ostermann Carl Speer
Sound	Needs to be filled	Needs to be filled	James Friesen
Livestreaming			
Coordinator	Judy Walker	Kathy Knapp	Amy Johnson
Sacristan	Mitch O'Neill	Butch Knapp	Chris Knoell
Homebound Route 1 Route 2 Route 3 Route 4 Route 5 Route 6	Please use Ministry Scheduler to request a substitute if you can't fulfill your assignment.	Lily Solomon Diane Stevens Raymond Hanson Greg Welch Leroy Korus Pat Trausch	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!

Diocesan Family Retreat
The Crossing Retreat Center - Lexington, NE
July 31 - August 2, 2026

Blessed are the pure in heart
FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD
(Matthew 5:8)

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This retreat invites families into three grace-filled days of encountering God's love through joyful activities, talks, prayer, sacraments and rest. Guided by devoted priests, religious, and lay leaders, families are equipped and empowered to live out their vocation on the path to holiness.

Friday, July 31- Sunday, August 2, 2026

Standard Rate \$380 per family

(includes Food and Accommodation) **Registration closes June 2.**

Contact the family retreat team for more information at (308) 382-6565 or vocations@gidiocese.org

Discere Retreat (July 25) The Discere retreat is a free, one-day event hosted by the vocation's office aimed at helping young single Catholics to pause, pray, and discern their future path. Saturday July 25, 2026 at St Theresa Newman Center, Kearney, 10:00am - 3:00pm for Catholics (aged 16 and over) **Cost:** Free (A light lunch and snacks are provided)

Fathers & Sons Retreat (July 11-12) Fathers & Sons Retreat (ages 11-17) at St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, NE, July 11-12. The weekend includes talks, prayer, reconciliation, Mass, Adoration, Benediction, game night, water balloon fight and much more! Visit www.FathersAndSonsTogether.org for more information.

Nebraska Retrouvaille Weekend (August 7-9) Nebraska Retrouvaille weekend in Schuyler, NE, August 7-9, 2026. Visit HelpOurMarriage.org for more information.

Bulletin Deadline: Friday, June 5th for the June 14th bulletin.

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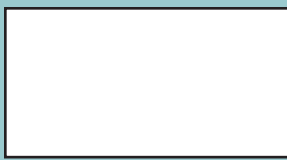
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