



PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sunday,
January 18th, 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.**



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the
Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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Parish Christmas Wish List

White Altar Cloth \$250.00 ✓ donated
 MyParish App Annual Subscription \$420.00
 Black Vestments \$489.00 ✓ donated
 K-5 Summer Camp Program \$600.00
 SEEK donations —All amounts welcome
 Rectory Window Replacement TBA
 Rectory Flooring Replacement TBA
 Incense Censer Stand \$1,135.00
 Formed Annual Subscription \$3,000.00

2026 Confirmation Meeting for High School Juniors & Their Parents

Sunday, February 1st, 2026
 following the 10:30 Mass
 Meet downstairs after Mass to register, talk about
 the class, and ask questions. Contact Leeta at
youthministry@kearneyprinceofpeace.org with any
 questions.

Keenagers Potluck Social

Thursday, January 29th following the 12:05 PM
 Mass. Please join us in the social hall. Bring a side
 dish or dessert to share. The main dish will be
 provided.



The Social Committee would like to sincerely
 thank our parish family for always willingly
 and graciously saying "yes" when contacted
 for food donations for social events, various
 gatherings, retreats and
 celebrations. Families share and support
 one another and you surely respond when
 called upon. Thank you all so very much and
 may God bless you all. Sincerely, The Social
 Committee



Basketball Free Throw Contest

Prince of Peace and St. James Knights of
 Columbus Councils are sponsoring our
 annual Free Throw contest on Tue., Jan. 20th
 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kearney Catholic old gym.
 Doors open at 6:00 p.m.. Competition is
 open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Any
 questions contact Clint Witte 308-234-9792.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY, JANUARY 19 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM DON OBERG †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM ED O'BRIEN †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM CONNIE FREEMAN & FAMILY †

10:00 AM LORIN DOWNING † (MASS AT BROOKESTONE GARDENS)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 | MASS 12:05 PM

12:05 PM LARRY DIESSNER †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 | MASS 7:30 AM

7:30 AM BISHOP HANEFELDT & PRIESTS OF THE G.I. DIOCESE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 | MASS 8:00 AM | 5:00 PM

8:00 AM ED O'BRIEN †

5:00 PM JERRY MENKE †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 | MASS 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

8:00 AM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISHIONERS

10:30 AM BARRY & SUSAN FELDNER

Pope Leo XIV's intention for the month of January: For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for
 our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to
 build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Pray to Our Lady

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE
 PRAYING THE ROSARY THE LAST WEEKEND
 OF EVERY MONTH. PLEASE JOIN THEM
 JANUARY 24TH /25TH FOLLOWING MASSES
 IN THE MARIAN CHAPEL.



Beacon Tom Martin's

THEOLOGY CLASS

Join us as we delve into *Rerum Novarum*, the
 encyclical of Pope Leo XIII. Please get a copy of
 the encyclical for the class. You can find it on

Amazon at

<https://a.co/d/921kx12>

Please feel free to join us in this class as your
 schedule allows.

Sunday
 mornings in
 the social hall

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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PRAYER SERVICE

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

CONNER MILLER (NEPHEW OF SHELLIE BERRY)

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

BEN JEFFS (BROTHER OF BARRY JEFFS)

MARY LOU KOENIG (FRIEND OF TIM UNREIN)

KATHY HOCK

EMILY BRACHLE

TAYA MOSELEY

BOB & KAY BRASS (COUSIN OF ADELE RYAN)

RICK PULLIAM (COUSIN OF ADELE RYAN)

HEATHER EDWARDS (DAUGHTER OF ROGER & JUDY WALKER)

CAROLYN (RAY) MENKE (SISTER-IN-LAW OF 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 a friend are hospitalized or shut-in (short or long term) please let us know by calling the parish office at (308) 236-9171.



Little Fish Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2026-27 school year. We look forward to serving your family.

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CRYSTAL VANDERBEEK: 308-224-6507
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Holy Spirit



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Welcome

Campbell Scott Quinn

child of Hunter & Allie Quinn
and

Kiri Agnes Sasse

Child of Timothy & Sherridan Sasse
who were recently baptized at

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Diocesan Appeal

October 2025-September 2026

Parish Goal: \$91,551 Total Raised: \$45,998

Household Participation Goal: 200

Current Households: 139

This Week

Monday, January 19, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

6:30 PM Knights of Columbus

7:00 PM Life Teen

Tuesday, January 20, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, January 21, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass at Brookestone Gardens

4:00 PM Faith Formation

5:30 PM Faith Formation

7:00 PM Edge

Thursday, January 22, 2025

8:00 AM Adoration until midnight

12:05 PM Mass

5:00 PM Confessions until 6 PM

7:00 PM POP-In

Friday, January 23, 2025

7:30 AM Mass

8:00 AM Adoration until 5 PM

Saturday, January 24, 2025

8:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Confessions until 12 PM

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, January 25, 2025

8:00 AM Mass

9:15 AM Deacon Tom's Theology Class

10:30 AM Mass

Stewardship

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 WEEKLY BUDGET:
\$21,100.00

JANUARY BUDGET	\$84,400.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$ 2,063.76
SUNDAY, JAN 4, 2025	\$23,802.26
SUNDAY, JAN 11, 2025	\$17,376.76
SUNDAY, JAN 18, 2025	\$
SUNDAY, JAN 25, 2025	\$
JANUARY TO DATE	\$41,179.03

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-
11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34).** That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— *Father John Muir*

“As the family goes,
so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”
ST. JOHN PAUL II



Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children

This Wednesday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: respectlife.org/january-22.



Her Plan Event

You're invited to our Nebraska South Central Leaders Community Kick-Off. Gather with key

community leaders, service providers, faith leaders, advocates, and community champions to identify critical needs and gaps in care for women, babies, and families in our area. Thursday, January 22nd 6PM at the Legacy Event Center, 16 W 21st St Kearney, NE 68845. Our hope is to gather our community and listen to one another, identify where our pro-life safety net is strong—and where gaps still exist. RSVP to Gina at gtomes@herplan.org

BISHOPS' PRO-LIFE MASS

JANUARY 31, 2026

9:00 AM | LINCOLN

St. Mary's Catholic Church



Celebrant & homilist Archbishop
Michael G. McGovern of the
Archdiocese of Omaha



Thank you to our Walking with Mom's in Need group who recently donated items to *Mary's Cradle*. In the past 18 months, Mary's Cradle has helped more than 120 moms most single and a few families in crisis.

There were four single dads, two grandparents and a great-grandparent they also helped. Mary's Cradle is a completely volunteer ran non-profit located in Grand Island at St Mary's Cathedral Square. To learn more about this wonderful resource in our diocese visit:

<https://gidiocese.org/news/marys-cradle-opens-at-st-marys-cathedral-square>.

You can also check out their video here:

https://youtu.be/xhCMDGiXzN0?si=SHhTL25Ok_bD4Q7G

NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE



Following the Bishops' Pro-Life Mass, join thousands for the annual **Nebraska Walk for Life at 10 AM**, hosted by Nebraska Right to Life. Meet at the north steps of the State Capitol Building.

Contact Us

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For a full listing of staff with emails go to princeofpeacekearney.com/staff

Helping Hands: Offering temporary help & support to parishioners in need. Call or email the parish office.

Like us on facebook & download our Parish App at myparishapp.com

Welcome packets for new parishioners available at each church entrance.



Next week we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit

www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Jan 24/25	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeters	Open for Catholic Schools Week Volunteers	Open for Catholic Schools Week Volunteers	Open for Catholic Schools Week Volunteers
Servers	Open for Catholic Schools Week Volunteers	Open for Catholic Schools Week Volunteers	Open for Catholic Schools Week Volunteers
Gift Bearer			
Lectors	Denise O'Brien		Randy Buschkoetter
Eucharistic Ministers	Ashley Wiggins Brian Vinton Bev Schumacher Cathy Emrick Denise O'Brien Le Spencer	Stephen Friesell Gracie Triplett Shellie Berry Amy Eigenberg Valerie Fredericksen Bryce Riessland	Julie Hoyt Paul Mueting David Hoyt Brooke Ward Carl Speer Sara Homan
Sound	Dale Brummer	Steve Benesch	Jason Downing
Livestreaming			
Coordinator	Kathy White	Kathy Knapp	Amy Johnson
Sacristan	Kathy White	Butch Knapp	Brian Lowe
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.	Brad Greisen Janine Walker Butch Knapp James Rowling Kathy White Lily Solomon	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!

YOUTH EVENTS

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Attention current high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Higher Ground registration opens February 1, 2026. Join us for an unforgettable

retreat designed to deepen your relationship with Christ and connect you with other high-school students from across the diocese. Through prayer and meaningful experiences, you will grow in faith and discover a community of faith that will walk with you. By the end of this retreat, you'll leave with a renewed love for God and friendships that last. Register today at highergroundretreats.org and save with the Early Bird rate of \$325 until February 8, 2026.

Calling all high school students currently in grades 9-12! Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville of the Rockies June 19-21, 2026, to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us. Find out more at gidiocese.org/Steubenville. Registration opens February 1, 2026, with an early bird rate of \$399 through February 8, 2026.



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Bulletin Deadline: Friday, January 23rd for the February 1st bulletin.

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