November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass Schedule

Saturday:

4:00pm - Saints Peter & Paul

Sunday:

7:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

10:30am - Saints Peter & Paul

Eucharistic Adoration:

First Friday of Every Month 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Confession:

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:30pm

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STEWARDSHIP

Mass Schedule

Saints Peter and Paul

Tuesday: 12:15pm

Wednesday: 12:15pm

Thursday: 12:15pm

Friday: 12:15pm

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30 am

We Live Stream weekend Mass on the parish website:
www.sspeterandpaulplains.com
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

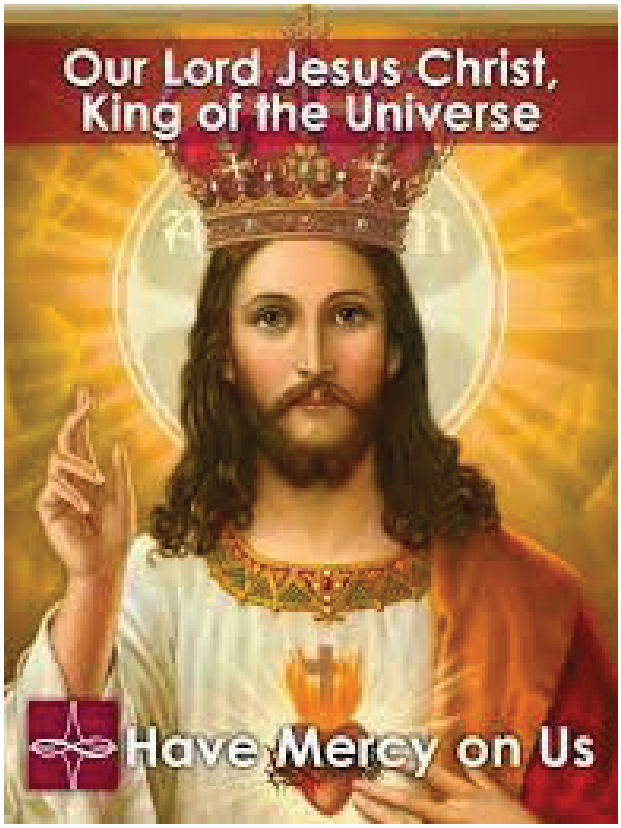
Sunday Stewards

Saturday, November 15 - 4:00pm:
215 people attended
131 envelopes received
Offering: $2,636.00

Sunday, November 16 - 7:30am:
131 people attended
70 envelopes received
Offering $1,416.00

Sunday, November 16 - 10:30am:
226 people attended
97 envelopes received
Offering: $2,592.00

Thank You For Your Generosity.



The Second Collection last weekend for

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

$1,345.00

Our Catholic Ministries Appeal continues.
Please consider being part of the important ministries of our Diocese.
Thank you!

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

Masses This Weekend

Saturday	Nov 22	4:00pm	**Lucille Hannon** by John & Margie Kolanich
Sunday	Nov 23	7:30am	**Francis Goretski** by Wife & Family
		10:30am	**Frank & Anna Tressa** by Ernest & Dolores Tressa
			Ted Mravcak by Joe & Pat

Daily Masses

Tuesday	Nov 25	12:15pm	**Albert Bartoletti** by Wife, Joann & Family
Wednesday	Nov 26	12:15pm	**Ronald Serafin** by Wife, Rosalie & Family
Thursday	Nov 27	**9:00am**	**Thanksgiving Day**
Friday	Nov 28	12:15pm	**No Mass**

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday	Nov 29	4:00pm	**Alice Sennett** by Bob & Linda Carey
Sunday	Nov 30	7:30am	**Michael G. Wanyo** by Wife, Marian Wanyo
		10:30am	**Barbara Wisnewski** by Donald & Dorothy Totino

The Sunday Good News

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Heavenly Father,

I come before You with a heart full of gratitude, thanking You for Your endless love and faithfulness. I am grateful for every blessing, seen and unseen, that You have poured into my life.

Thank You for guiding me, providing for me, and filling my heart with Your peace.

I praise You, Lord, and acknowledge that every good thing comes from You.
In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
Samuel describes how all the tribes of Israel went to David in Hebron and said they were his bone and his flesh and it was he who led them back to Israel. The Lord told David he would be a shepherd to His people. David made an agreement with the elders and was anointed king.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
Paul explains to the Colossians that God has made them fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light and that through the Son we have redemption and forgiveness of sin. He describes Jesus as the image of the invisible God, the head of the church and in Him all things hold together.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43
Jesus is mocked by the crowd as he hung on the cross. Above him was an inscription that read "This is the king of the Jews." One of the men being crucified with Jesus tells Him to save them and Himself, while the other asks that he be remembered when Jesus is in his kingdom. Jesus said in reply, "Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 23, 2025

"As they approached to offer him wine they called out 'If you are king of the Jews, save yourself' Above him there was the inscription that read, 'This is the King of the Jews'... 'Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied to him, 'Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'"

From the earliest gospel teaching we heard Jesus speak of the kingdom. The parables offered us countless examples of what the kingdom is like. As we stand at the cross on Calvary today, we honor the king and identify as members of His kingdom. How often people when viewing a crucifix ask, 'what does INRI mean?'. The gospel text tells us Who it is hanging there in order to save us. Like the repentant thief, we ask that He remember us today, and yearn to hear Him say, 'I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

WORD

Ministry of the Month– November

Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted. For November we will focus on Being Thankful

When we are baptized, we are called to holiness and ministry. While we often think of ministry as a group, ministry is also a deep spirituality with God.

We begin and end the month of November with two holidays of gratitude. The first is Veteran's Day, when we honor those who sacrificed themselves for our freedom. Thanksgiving, at the end of the month, is more widely known. Thanksgiving is traditionally associated with family dinners, turkey, and pumpkin pie. But taking the word apart, we are giving thanks. Please spend time during the month of November in prayer, thinking about what you are thankful for. While some focus on what they don't have when it comes to objects, contemplate the deeper thanks to give God. Even if you feel you don't have much to be thankful for, please always remember this- God is always there for you. You are never alone. With God all things are possible. So this month, please make it your goal to spend more time in prayer and thanks. If you do, this month, (including Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving), will create a deeper and more personal relationship with God in thankfulness.

This cannot be said too many times – a Parish needs a vibrant community to survive. So take the opportunity in reflective silence and seriously consider being an active Lay Ministry participant. This will lead you to a life of deeper and strengthening faith.

Love. Grow. Serve.

Weekly Readings

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday

2 Sm 5:1-3;
Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43

Monday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20;
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Dn 2:31-45;
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Dn 6:12-28;
Lk 21:20-28 or, for Thanksgiving Day, any

readings from the Mass "In Thanksgiving to God"

Friday

Dn 7:2-14;
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Dn 7:15-27;
Lk 21:34-36

SERVICE

We are Called to Serve...

"Do you understand what I just did for you? You address me as 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and fittingly enough, for that is what I am. But if I washed your feet—I who am Teacher and Lord—then you must wash each other's feet. What I just did was to give an example: as I have done, so you must do."

(John 12:2-15)

Loaves and Fishes

For the month of **November** we will collect **canned vegetables, mashed potatoes (boxed).**

Food Pantry

Anyone in the Plains, Miners Mills, and Parsons area in need of food can **contact Pauline at 570-472-1646 to register. Food is distributed to the community on the third Friday of every month.** ***Non perishable*** food donations are always accepted. Please place them in the basket in the vestibule of the Church.

Treasures

We are now accepting clothing donations.

Prayer Shawls

can be given to anyone for many reasons! Comfort, illness, occasions, friendship & joy. If there is anyone that would like to receive a shawl or request one for someone, please contact the Parish Office

Saints Peter & Paul Parish Ministries

Pauline Makowski, *Food Pantry*
Mary Jo Marek, *Prayer Shawl*
Laura Rudloff, *Treasures*
Kathy Grinaway, *Hospitality*
Claire Koshinski, *Women's Society of Saints Peter & Paul*

Memorial Donations

The following donations/memorials have recently been given to our parish to support: Food Pantry; Bernardine Hall; Parish Scholarships; and General donations.

Food Pantry

$125 Anonymous

$100 Latinski Family

$50 Katherine Conahan

$50 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gupko

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Paciga

$50 Ann Paciga

In memory of Robert Ostopick

$100 Kathryn Jenkins

In memory of Raymond Corcoran

$100 Hugh Corcoran & Family

$100 John & Marie Spagnuolo & Family

$100 Roberta Corcoran & Family

$100 John & Marilyn Corcoran & Family

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and loved ones in our prayers.

Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:00am.
There will be no 12:15 Mass this day.

No Mass on Friday, November 28th.

Food Pantry

With Thanksgiving approaching, these are the items the Food Pantry can use for distribution.

Canned Yams
Turkey Gravy
Pie Crust Mix
Chicken Broth
Corn Muffin Mix
Turkey Stuffing Mix
Evaporated Milk
Canned Pumpkin
Mashed Potatoes (box)

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Treasures has found a new home at 25 Hudson Road in Plains, (St. Peter and Paul School)

We open our doors for shopping on December 5th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon.
We will be closed on Mondays until further notice.

To enter the store, please use the side entrance located between the school and the church.

Parking is available across the street or in the back lot behind the school.

Kindly bring a shopping bag, as there will be a $1.00 charge if you don't have one.

U.S. Bishops Issue "Special Message" on Immigration

November 12, 2025

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

Thank you!

Ceil Rock would like to thank everyone for making her 107th birthday so special! She couldn't get over all the cards, gifts, birthday wishes and prayers sent her way. May God bless all of you for your generosity and kindness.

KID'S KORNER

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Gospel Today

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / Luke 23:35-43

As the crowd was teasing Jesus about being King of the Jews, one of the criminals believed the truth of who Jesus was, and that He was innocent of any crime. Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." *Luke 23:42*

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From the Sacred Heart of Jesus love is passed to the hearts of all who accept Him. The Kingdom of God continues to expand through the love of His believers.

Write the alphabet letters **NOT** found on the plate.

_____

Unscramble the letters above and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____.

Luke 23:42

November/December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 *Faith Formation* *9-10am*	*24* Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	25	*26* *Office closes at 12 noon*	*27* *Thanksgiving*	28 *Office Closed*	*29*
30 *No Faith Formation*	*1 December* Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	2	*3*	*4* *Women's Society 6:30pm– Parish Dining Hall*	5 Treasures- 10am-12pm	*6*
7 *Faith Formation* *9-10am*	*8* Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	9	*10*	*11*	12 Treasures- 10am-12pm	*13*
14 *Faith Formation* *9-10am*	*15* Prayer Shawl 5pm Rosary 6pm	16	*17*	*18*	19 Treasures- 10am-12pm	*20*

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