

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

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, Jan. 04 - 4:00pm:

235 people attended

138 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,225.00

Sunday, Jan. 05 - 7:30am:

108 people attended

62 envelopes received

Offering \$1,325.00

Sunday, Jan. 05 - 10:30am:

237 people attended

97 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,006.00

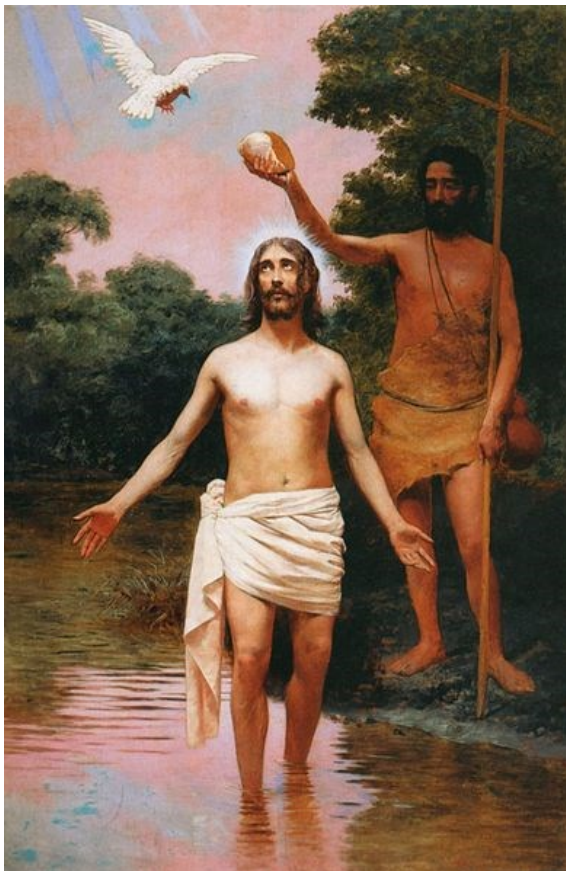
Thank You for your Generosity.

Christmas Eve

And

Christmas Day

\$22,500.00



***The Second Collection
last weekend for
Care and Education of
Priests***

\$1,631.00

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Jan 11	4:00pm	Robert Lorusso by Lora Mirigliani
Sunday	Jan 12	7:30am 10:30am	Gregory & Florence Baczmarga by Marion Serafin John Shea by Parents

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Jan 14	12:15pm	Joseph Bronack by Tom & Sharon Segeda & Family
Wednesday	Jan 15	12:15pm	Rita Augustine by Joann Brague & Jack Keeley
Thursday	Jan 16	12:15pm	Andrew Serniak by The Gottlieb Family
Friday	Jan 17	12:15pm	Walter Krokos by Mr. & Mrs. Dave Nat & Family

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Jan 18	4:00pm	Gloria Antosh by Bernard Antosh Family
Sunday	Jan 19	7:30am 10:30am	Patrick Sr. & Patrick Jr. Bonomo by Family Gerald Vissotski by Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Stanley J. Neishel

BLESSED MOTHER
Beth Bonn

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

January 12, 2025

*Eternal Father,
you have given us
your only-begotten
Son
to take our nature
upon him,
and revealed him
to us
at his baptism in
the River Jordan,
grant that we,
who have been
born again of
water and the
Holy Spirit,
and made your
children by
adoption and
grace,
may daily be
renewed by your
Holy Spirit,
through Jesus
Christ, our Savior,
who is alive with
you,
in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and
for ever.*

Amen

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

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

Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

"The people were full of anticipation, wondering in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all by saying: 'I am baptizing you in water, but there is one to come who is mightier than I...' When all the people were baptized. and Jesus was at prayer, after likewise being baptized, the skies opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in visible form like a dove."

Last week the Epiphany, today a theophany, a revelation of God. We meet Jesus in a special moment, as Luke states, He was at prayer. From this first moment of His public ministry He is immersed in prayer. As we fast forward in the gospel we will find Jesus at prayer, In His priestly prayer for us in the gospel of John, in the garden of Gethsemane in His passion and His prayer to the Father.

May we who celebrated the birth of Jesus so recently, learn by His example of the role of prayer, and seek the same Holy Spirit in our lives as baptized Catholics, in this new year.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - JANUARY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For January we will focus on Resolutions*

January is the month of resolutions. So many of us resolve to give up items such as junk food or alcohol for "Dry January". But resolutions can also include doing something we do not normally do. One of the most popular ones in our culture is more exercise. But let's look deeper, more into our souls. Now is a good time to look at the past few months and reflect on how it can affect what resolutions we make for 2025.

November was all about giving thanks. Being thankful for what we have, all of us needed time to think about being grateful for Jesus and how much He means to us. December focused on gifts. Not the physical gifts under the tree, but the gifts we are given at Baptism from the Holy Spirit. For January, we could take the thanks we have to God and the gifts we are given to make a resolution to use our gifts to show thanks to God. For example, if we realize that one of the gifts we have received is a love of speaking, we could use this gift to give thanks to God by becoming a lector or an usher. Or if one of our gifts is the need to help others, give thanks to God by volunteering at the Food Pantry or Treasures. Like to sing? Think about joining the choir. Encourage your children to be altar servers.

This does not mean you cannot make one of the usual resolutions, such as exercising more or becoming more healthy. God wants us to be happy. But this year, take your resolutions and go a little deeper. Use the gifts you have been given and resolve to use them for the good of others. If you can do that, you will have a truly happy 2025

Happy New Year to everyone and may this be a blessed year for all of you!

WEEKLY READINGS

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday

Is 40:1-5, 9-11;

Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7;

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday

Heb 1:1-6;

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12;

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18;

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14;

Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11;

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16;

Mk 2:13-17

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 **January** we will collect peanut butter and canned meats.

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 clean, gently used **Winter clothing** for men, women, and children. Donations may be dropped off at 155 Austin Ave in Parsons during business hours only.

Mondays 4pm-6pm & Fridays 10am-12 pm.

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

\$30 Deborah Bronack

In Memory of Kim McGinley

\$100 Michael McGinley

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.



January/February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	13 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	14	15	16 <i>Food Pantry Prep Night at the Races Planning Meeting- 6:30pm- Parish Center Dining Hall</i>	17 <i>Food pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	18
19	20 Office Closed	21	22	23	24 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	25
26 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	27 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	28	29	30	31 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	1 February
2 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	3 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	4	5	6 <i>Women's Society 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall</i>	7 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	8

Save the Date

Night at the Races– March 15, 2025



Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedralricum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the **increase** or **decrease** in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an **increase** in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.

This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.


**Parish Financial Report
Saints Peter and Paul - Plains
TREND ANALYSIS**

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Revenue					
Collections	806,364	756,339	665,462	536,496	514,447
Faith Formation Fees	6,328	9,349	2,443	1,650	4,604
Fundraising/Development	16,062	172,333	72,686	59,899	172,868
Other Income	46,454	39,581	105,356	114,389	81,107
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	43,743	-	37,000	43,813
Diocesan Special Collections	67,269	6,183	4,153	1,476	14,209
Total Revenue	942,477	1,027,527	850,100	750,910	831,048
Expenses					
Administration	284,698	305,557	216,921	150,879	173,471
Rectory	40,693	30,079	5,790	2,286	115,367
Liturgy	33,420	22,184	51,197	65,107	89,310
Faith Formation	24,018	14,347	31,839	40,587	58,121
Social Justice	-	75	-	10,495	(2,500)
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	290,422	389,439	280,997	227,481	176,264
Fixed Expense	68,692	78,582	94,762	45,972	42,254
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	45,554	2,800	52,191	-	154,870
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	-	80,824	22,711	-	37,019
Catholic School Assessment	115,404	106,986	109,821	117,962	85,756
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	34,591	-	-	15,056	1,373
Total Expense	937,492	1,030,871	866,229	675,825	931,305
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	4,985	(3,344)	(16,129)	75,085	(100,257)
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	**(SEE NOTE)**				
	(24,895)	62,502	(35,959)	(13,210)	1,010
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(19,910)	59,158	(52,088)	61,875	(99,247)
NOTE					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	24,895	-	62,502	26,543	13,333
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	-	62,502	26,543	13,333	14,343
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	(24,895)	62,502	(35,959)	(13,210)	1,010
Diocesan Loan/Debt	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Night at the Races Planning Meeting

Our annual Night at the Races will be held on March 15, 2025.
We will have a planning meeting on **Thursday, January 16th at 6:30PM in the Parish Center Dining Hall.**

If anyone would like to volunteer at this event, please join us!



Gospel Today

The Baptism of the Lord | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

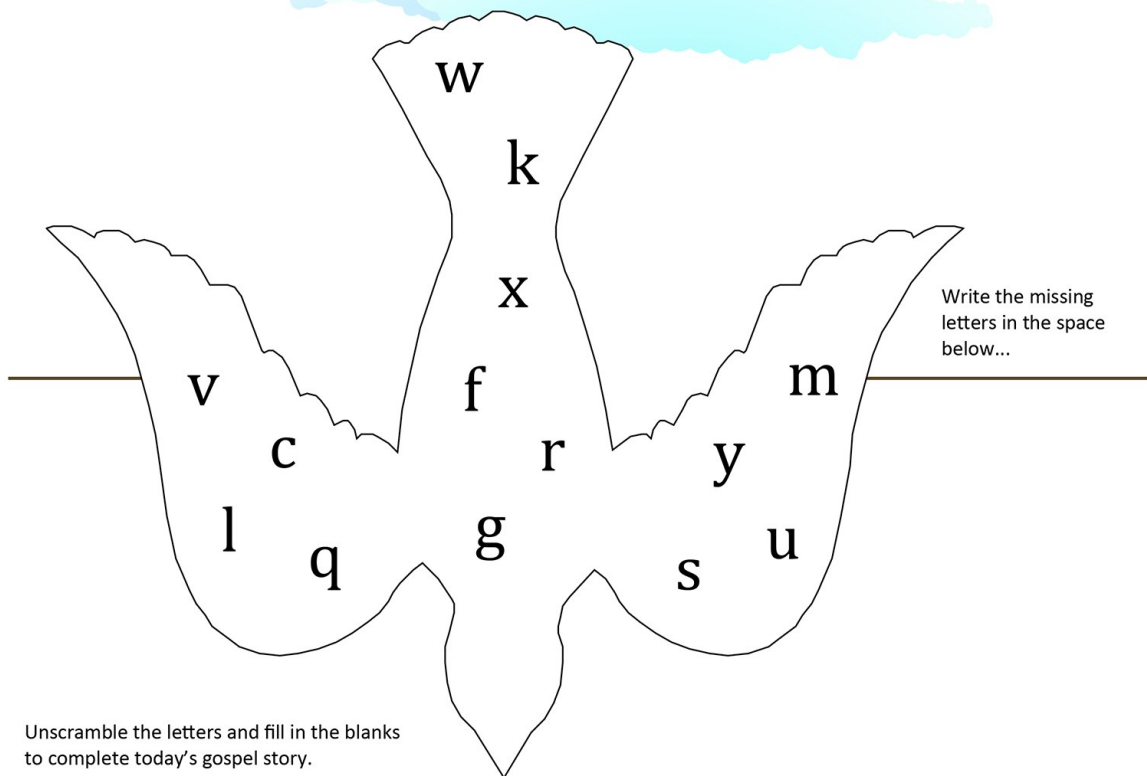
After Jesus was baptized by John, and while He was praying, the Heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove.

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Year C

*And a voice came from Heaven,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."*

Luke 3:22



Write the missing
letters in the space
below...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks
to complete today's gospel story.

Note: There are two words, use each letter one time.

_____ many
people, including Jesus.

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