

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. 13 - 4:00pm:

250 people attended

139 envelopes received

Offering: \$4,158.00

Sunday, Jan. 14 - 7:30am:

130 people attended

69 envelopes received

Offering \$2,215.00

Sunday, Jan. 14 - 10:30am:

207 people attended

105 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,374.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

Thank you to the
Women's Society of
Saints Peter and Paul
who raised 3,159.00 from the
Harvest Tea.



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WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Jan. 20	4:00pm	Dorothy Vearling by Husband
Sunday	Jan. 21	7:30am 10:30am	Lillian & Stanley Wilk by Great Grandchildren Bernadine Herold by Son

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Jan. 23	12:15pm	Harold Golomb by Bernard Antosh & Family
Wednesday	Jan. 24	12:15pm	Shirley Cook by Sister, MaryAnn
Thursday	Jan. 25	12:15pm	Dorothy Nestorick by MaryAnn, Paul & Gabrielle
Friday	Jan. 26	12:15pm	Randy Ledsome by Wife, Debra

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Jan. 27	4:00pm	Paul & Mary Antosh by Son, Paul & Shirley Julia Wardle by Daughter, Marsha
Sunday	Jan. 28	7:30am 10:30am	Katie Kane by Kevin & Mickey Kane Beth Bonn by Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Dorothy Nestorick

LADY OF THE LOURDES

Shirley Cook

HOLY FAMILY

Harry & Viola Donini

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

January 21, 2024

*Dear Father in heaven,
we come before you
and thank you with
all our hearts.
You know all that
we are thankful for.
Continue to sustain
us, we pray, and
give us strength for
the paths on which
you lead us.
Even when we must
suffer and fight
long, hard battles,
we know that
everything has its
right purpose and
will still lead us to
your goal.
For all this we
praise and thank
you.
Protect us in mind,
heart, and spirit.
Keep us courageous,
and lift us above all
discouragement
through your Spirit,
who will renew our
lives forevermore.

Amen.*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become "fishers of men." They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.

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

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"Jonah had gone but a single day's walk announcing, 'Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed.' When the people of Nineveh believed God they proclaimed a fast... When God saw their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil he had threatened... Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God, 'This is the time of fulfillment, the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.'"

Two preachers, the same message. The people of Nineveh repented. Jesus called the Galileans to repentance. The message is the same for us today. Are we listening? Our world burdened by hate, war, promiscuity, family breakdown, is perhaps worse than was Nineveh and Galilee. If we all would respond by our own prayer and fasting things could be quite different. Our problem as we read the scriptures today is our own indifference.

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- food, alcohol, and cigarettes are some of the more popular ones. But resolutions can also include doing something we do not normally do. Now is a good time to look at the past few months.

November was all about giving thanks. Being thankful for what we have, all of us needed time to think about being grateful for Jesus. Advent began in November, so it was a perfect time to reflect upon our gratefulness to God for giving us a Savior. 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.

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 2024

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

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Jon 3:1-5, 10;
1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20

Monday

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn

Children Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV

"Mass for Peace & Justice", nos. 887-891

Tuesday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-17;
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22;
Mk 16:15-18

Friday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17;
Mk 4:35-41

January/February

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

Save the Dates

Night at the Races - March 16th

Purse Bingo - April 21st

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 **cereal, tuna, peanut butter.**

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 5pm-7pm & 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*

Sister Madonna, *Outreach to Homebound*

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

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Paciga

\$100 Ann Paciga

In Memory of John & Anna Krokos & Family

\$150 Lillian McGrady & Richard & Diane Krokos

\$20 Victoria Hunzer

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.



Women's Society Religious Retreat

Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul is planning a religious retreat on Saturday, February 24, 2024 in the Church Parish Center Dining Hall at 9:00am.

Presenter: Father Brogan Ryan, C.S.C. Director of Campus Ministry King's College

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$30

Make reservations by calling Claire Koshinski at (570) 479-3671 or Sandy Toloczko at (570) 823-5918

Reservations, with check payable to Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul, are due by February 17, 2024.

All are welcome!

Purse Bingo

Date: April 21st

Tickets are now available

\$30 in Advance- \$40 at Door

Tickets can also be purchased on website.

If anyone would like to volunteer and be on the Purse Bingo Committee, please call the office and we will add your name to the list. We will call you if needed.

We would also greatly appreciate any monetary or basket donations.

Parish Financial Report
Saints Peter and Paul - Plains
TREND ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Revenue					
Collections	756,339	665,462	536,496	514,447	532,304
Faith Formation Fees	9,349	2,443	1,650	4,604	6,628
Fundraising/Development	172,333	72,686	59,899	172,868	109,205
Other Income	39,581	105,356	114,389	81,107	86,802
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	43,743	-	37,000	43,813	26,450
Diocesan Special Collections	6,183	4,153	1,476	14,209	19,829
Total Revenue	1,027,527	850,100	750,910	831,048	781,218
Expenses					
Administration	305,557	216,921	150,879	173,471	202,889
Rectory	30,079	5,790	2,286	36,010	16,161
Liturgy	22,184	51,197	65,107	89,310	54,039
Faith Formation	14,347	31,839	40,587	58,121	42,885
Social Justice	75	-	10,495	(2,500)	325
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	389,439	280,997	227,481	176,264	141,069
Fixed Expense	78,582	94,762	45,972	42,254	39,715
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	2,800	52,191	-	154,870	144,966
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	80,824	22,711	-	37,019	1,193
Catholic School Assessment	106,986	109,821	117,962	85,756	175,219
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	-	-	15,056	1,373	7,558
Total Expense	1,030,871	866,229	675,825	851,948	826,019
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	(3,344)	(16,129)	75,085	(20,900)	(44,801)
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	62,502	(35,959)	(13,210)	1,010	90,619
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	59,158	(52,088)	61,875	(19,890)	45,818
NOTE					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	-	62,502	26,543	13,333	14,343
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	62,502	26,543	13,333	14,343	104,962
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	62,502	(35,959)	(13,210)	1,010	90,619
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 Cathedricum (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.

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