

January 26, 2025

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. 18 - 4:00pm:

269 people attended

151 envelopes received

Offering: \$3,228.00

Sunday, Jan. 19 - 7:30am:

121 people attended

64 envelopes received

Offering \$1,469.00

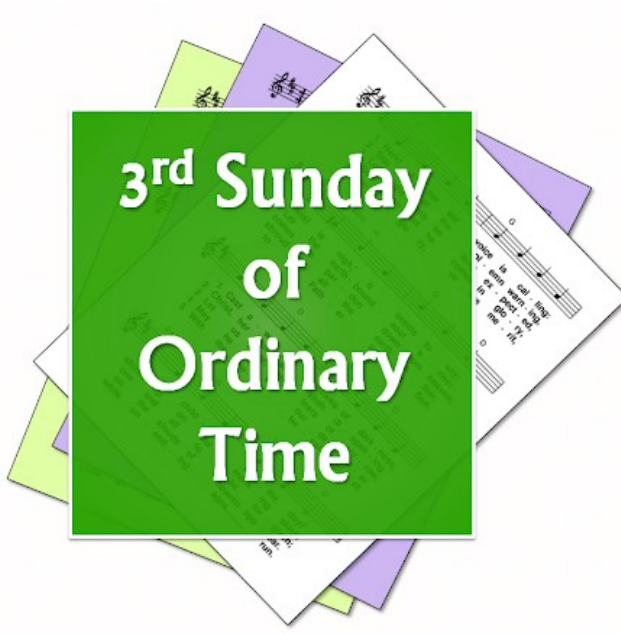
Sunday, Jan. 19 - 10:30am:

154 people attended

77 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,976.00

Thank You for your Generosity.



**3rd Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time**

The Second Collection this weekend is for the fire victims in Los Angeles

The Second Collection next weekend will be for Care and Education of Priests

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

| | | | |
|----------|--------|-------------------|---|
| Saturday | Jan 25 | 4:00pm | Beth Bonn by Family |
| Sunday | Jan 26 | 7:30am 10:30am | Ronald Marchak by Valeski Family Dorothy Nestorick by Mary Ann, Paul & Gabrielle |

DAILY MASSES

| | | | |
|-----------|--------|---------|---|
| Tuesday | Jan 28 | 12:15pm | Shirley Cook by Sister, Mary Ann |
| Wednesday | Jan 29 | 12:15pm | Helen Lavinia by Food Pantry Volunteers |
| Thursday | Jan 30 | 12:15pm | Paul O. Binker, Jr. by Family |
| Friday | Jan 31 | 12:15pm | Arlene Zielinski by Marie Lalko & Family |

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

| | | | |
|----------|--------|-------------------|---|
| Saturday | Feb 01 | 4:00pm | Ronald J. Klem & Klem Family by Wife, Emily & Daughters |
| Sunday | Feb 02 | 7:30am 10:30am | Katie Kane by Kevin & Mickey Kane Bernadine Herold by Son, David |



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Albert Janerich

LADY OF THE LOURDES

Julia Wardle

BLESSED MOTHER

Paul O. Binker, Jr.

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

January 26, 2025

*Dear God,
as we come before
you today, we lift up
our hearts to you,
asking that you
watch over each of
us and our loved
ones.
May we be mindful
of one another's
burdens and
struggles, and grant
us the compassion to
offer support and
understanding
where needed.
Guide us to be
present for each
other, to listen with
open hearts, and to
speak words of
encouragement.
In times of need, let
us be a source of
strength and
comfort, reflecting
your love through
our actions.
We pray for your
healing touch on
those who are
hurting, and for
your guidance as we
navigate life's
challenges together.*

Amen

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted the law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.

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

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"He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.'"

We meet Saint Luke describing the good news of the gospel, tracing the life of Jesus from the beginning of His ministry. The homecoming of Jesus, His return, finds Him using Isaiah to reveal His ministry and mission. Look again at special words: anointed, sent to proclaim liberty, to open eyes, and assure freedom for those unjustly burdened as hostages or those caught in the many addictions which control us. The needs of His day are perhaps even greater today.

We are celebrating a jubilee year, a year of hope in a tested world. May we see the mission of Jesus to be our task, the mission of the church in 2025.

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10;
1 Cor 12:12-30 or

12:12-14, 27;
Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Monday

Heb 9:15, 24-28;
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Heb 10:11-18;
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Heb 10:19-25;
Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39;
Mk 4:26-34

First Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19;
Mk 4:35-41

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

\$125 Anonymous

\$90 Plains Senior Citizens

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.





**Saints Peter and Paul Church will hold a Night at the Races in
Bernardine Hall on Saturday, March 15th.**

Doors open at 5:30pm –Post Time is 7:00pm.

Admission is \$10.00– and includes Food (Haluski, Ziti, Pierogies, Hot Dogs,
Mac n Cheese, Chicken Fingers and Pizza) and Refreshments.

Must be 21 years of age to enter.

\$10.00 per horse - \$100.00 per Sponsor per Race.

**Horses and Admission Tickets will be sold after all Masses and at the
Parish Office.**

We recommend you buy tickets in advance, as last year we sold out.

If you would like to donate, we need the following items:

**Spirits (for Basket of Cheer), Salads (Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad), &
Desserts.**

**Please call the Parish Office (570-825-6663) if you are going to donate any of
these items OR if you would like to purchase a ticket or horse.**

We hope everyone contributes to this Church fundraiser by buying a horse and
attending this fun night out!

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

If you would like to volunteer for the Night at the Races, we are looking for
kitchen help.

If interested, please call MaryAnn at the office at 570-825-6663.

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 Cathedra (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

**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 |

January/February

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--|---|------------|
| 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 |
| 9 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i> | 10 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm | 11 | 12 | 13 <i>Parish Council 6:30pm- Parish Dining Hall</i> | 14 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i> | 15 |
| 16 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i> | 17 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm | 18 | 19 | 20 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i> | 21 <i>Food Pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm</i> | 22 |

Save the Date

Night at the Races– March 15, 2025



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