

# February 2, 2025

## The Presentation 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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Tuesday: 8am—4pm

Wednesday: 8am—2pm

Thursday: 8am—4pm

Friday: 8am—Noon

*\*Closed daily Noon—12:30pm\**

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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](http://www.sspeterandpaulplains.com)  
as well as on the parish Facebook page.

## Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Jan. 25 - 4:00pm:

239 people attended

151 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,697.00

Sunday, Jan. 26 - 7:30am:

122 people attended

67 envelopes received

Offering \$1,262.00

Sunday, Jan. 26 - 10:30am:

217 people attended

119 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,445.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*

***The Second Collection last  
weekend for the fire  
victims in Los Angeles***

***\$3,690.00***

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



# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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

### DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Feb 04	12:15pm	<b>Joseph E. Bronack</b> by Janice & Tracey Canterini
Wednesday	Feb 05	12:15pm	<b>Sandra Bronack</b> by Janice & Tracey Canterini
Thursday	Feb 06	12:15pm	<b>Ted Toloczko (A)</b> by Daughter, Sandy
Friday	Feb 07	12:15pm	<b>Joseph Slabinski, Sr.</b> by Daughter

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Feb 08	4:00pm	<b>Zigmund Koshinski</b> by Wife
Sunday	Feb 09	7:30am 10:30am	<b>Denise Miller</b> by Leo & Donna Lamooney <b>Rita Augustine</b> by Donna Mansfield



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**Zigmund Koshinski**

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
**Hilda Kalinowski**



# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

February 2, 2025

*Heavenly Father,  
in this moment of  
temptation,  
I turn to you for  
strength and  
guidance.*

*Please grant me  
the wisdom to  
discern the right  
path and the  
courage to resist  
the allure of sin.*

*Remind me of  
your love and  
grace, and help  
me to choose  
what is good and  
righteous in your  
eyes.*

*I pray for your  
protection and  
deliverance from  
evil, in Jesus'  
name,  
  
Amen*

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

The prophet Malachi speaks to us about God sending a messenger "to prepare the way" and that God will suddenly come and appear at the temple. Malachi continues by telling us the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to God.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

Jesus became like us. He shared fully in our humanity. By his death he freed us from the fear of death. Because Jesus was tested by suffering, he is able to help those who are also tempted.

### Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

According to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. They offered a sacrifice according to the law, "a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons." Simeon, a holy and righteous man, took the child into his arms and praised God. Simeon then spoke to Mary. He told Mary that Jesus "is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel." Anna, a prophet of great age, praised God and spoke of the child who came for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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

### Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2025

**"The Lord God said: 'Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming says the Lord.'... For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed, displayed for all the people to see: a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel."**

How many different names are associated with the celebration of this day – the Presentation, the Purification, Candlemas. It is forty days since we celebrated the birth of Christ, and today we too come to the temple.

We meet Simeon, who takes Jesus into his arms, he speaks in prayer filled words, the joy of his meeting the Lord. Consider for a moment the countless number of people, babies included, who frequented the temple that day. How special, that Simeon recognized Jesus, the light from all others.

May we seek the Lord, recognize His presence in the Eucharist, in our parish family, and become His light for others to recognize.



# WORD

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.  
For February we will focus on love of neighbor*

One of the most cherished days we celebrate in February is Valentine's Day. Through adds, emails, and texts, we are bombarded with gift ideas. While receiving a gift is certainly wonderful, it is the love coming from that gift that is most important. We love so many people in so many different ways- spouses, children, friends, pets, and relatives, to name a few. But we are bound by God to love all creatures. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them" (Luke 6:32). Jesus loves us always, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is this love we need to imitate.

Now, we can take this love and perform it through church ministry. Donate food to the Food Pantry, or some of the extra clothing you have to Treasures. Sacrifice to God by attending mass every Sunday, or, if able, at one or more of the daily Masses each week at 12:15. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Become an usher or a lector. If you enjoy giving praise to God through song, consider signing up for the choir. These are just a few suggestions, and I am sure you can think of even more!

So you can see how love and ministry are bound together. Pray on this, and you may discover much in your heart this month.

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

### The Presentation of the Lord

#### Sunday

Mal 3:1-4;  
Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

#### Monday

Heb 11:32-40;  
Mk 5:1-20

#### Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4;  
Mk 5:21-43

#### Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15;  
Mk 6:1-6

#### Thursday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24;  
Mk 6:7-13

#### First Friday

Heb 13:1-8;  
Mk 6:14-29

#### Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21;  
Mk 6:30-34

# 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 **February** we will collect Canned Soups.

### 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

\$100 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Gerrity

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
<b>Revenue</b>					
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
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>942,477</b>	<b>1,027,527</b>	<b>850,100</b>	<b>750,910</b>	<b>831,048</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
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
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>937,492</b>	<b>1,030,871</b>	<b>866,229</b>	<b>675,825</b>	<b>931,305</b>
<b>Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis</b>	<b>4,985</b>	<b>(3,344)</b>	<b>(16,129)</b>	<b>75,085</b>	<b>(100,257)</b>
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	**(SEE NOTE)**				
	(24,895)	62,502	(35,959)	(13,210)	1,010
<b>Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(19,910)</b>	<b>59,158</b>	<b>(52,088)</b>	<b>61,875</b>	<b>(99,247)</b>
<b>**NOTE**</b>					
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

## February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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>No Faith Formation</i>	17 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	18	19	20 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	21 <i>Food Pantry Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	22
23 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	24 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	25	26	27	28 <i>Treasures- 10am-12pm</i>	1 March

## Save the Date

Night at the Races– March 15, 2025





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