

# February 9, 2025

## Fifth 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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Monday: 8am—4pm

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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, Feb. 01 - 4:00pm:

243 people attended

160 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,575.00

Sunday, Feb. 02 - 7:30am:

119 people attended

67 envelopes received

Offering \$1,081.00

Sunday, Feb. 02 - 10:30am:

223 people attended

105 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,070.00

*Thank You for your Generosity.*



***The Second Collection  
last weekend for  
Care and Education of  
Priests  
\$456.00***

# WORSHIP

## WE REMEMBER

### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

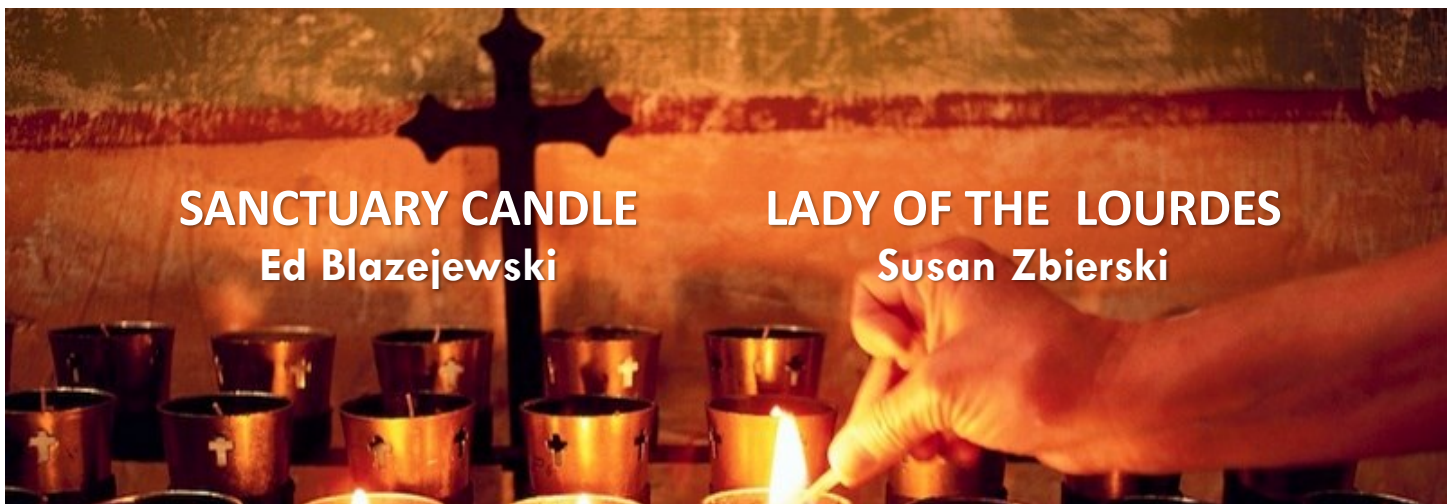
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|----------|--------|-------------------|--|
| Saturday | Feb 08 | 4:00pm            | <b>Zigmund Koshinski</b> by Wife   |
| Sunday   | Feb 09 | 7:30am<br>10:30am | <b>Denise Miller</b> by Leo & Donna Lamooney<br><b>Rita Augustine</b> by Donna Mansfield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

### DAILY MASSES

|           |        |         |   |
|-----------|--------|---------|---|
| Tuesday   | Feb 11 | 12:15pm | <b>Jackson Hendershot</b> by Anna & Dennis Bozinski |
| Wednesday | Feb 12 | 12:15pm | <b>Catherine Pascucci</b> by The Poole Family       |
| Thursday  | Feb 13 | 12:15pm | <b>Alexander J. Kwak</b> by Family                  |
| Friday    | Feb 14 | 12:15pm | <b>Dolores Korecki</b> by Korecki Family            |

### NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

|          |        |                   |   |
|----------|--------|-------------------|---|
| Saturday | Feb 15 | 4:00pm            | <b>Frances Mattiucci</b> by Robert & Nancy Nahill   |
| Sunday   | Feb 16 | 7:30am<br>10:30am | <b>Florence &amp; John Kelly</b> by Kelly Phillips<br><b>Ellen Wallace</b> by Tracy & Daniel Schooley |



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**  
**Ed Blazejewski**

**LADY OF THE LOURDES**  
**Susan Zbierski**



# The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

February 9, 2025

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Isaiah recounts the awe he felt the first time he saw the Lord, who was surrounded by angels. He began to feel despair because he was a man of unclean lips, until an angel touched an ember to his lips and pronounced them clean. The Lord asked who he should send forth, to which Isaiah replied, "Here I am, send me!"

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul reminds the Corinthians that Christ died for us to free us from our sins. He encourages them to remember the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection. He admits that he initially failed to believe, and therefore was very grateful to be called an apostle and preach in the name of Christ.

### Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Luke tells of Jesus preaching to a crowd, then joining Peter who was about to end a fruitless day of fishing. He told Peter to lower his net back in, and a great number of fish were caught. Upon seeing this, Peter and his companions, James and John, immediately abandoned their nets to follow Jesus.

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

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**"When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have been hard at it all night long and have caught nothing, but if you say so I will lower the nets'. Upon doing this they caught such a great number of fish, that their nets were at the breaking point... At the sight of this, Simon Peter fell at the feet of Jesus saying 'Leave me Lord, I am a sinful man.'"**

Remember when Jesus met the brothers, they were fishermen, destined to be fishers of men. The scene can be easily reproduced – the sea, boats, lapping water, the aroma of fish, but that is not the point. I too, am part of the picture. I'm in the boat, and now?

May we see the boat as our church. May we respond as Simon did and 'lower the net,' reach out to someone who is around us, but not yet responding to our invitation. Drop the net again telling them of what Jesus, the church, the sacraments mean for them. Come on board, Peter the fisherman responded and then began a new mission. We are Simon Peter for others today.

*Heavenly Father,  
we humbly ask that  
you open our hearts  
to your call to follow  
you wholeheartedly.*

*Grant us the courage  
to respond to your  
invitation, to be  
instruments of your  
love in the world,  
and to actively  
share your grace  
with others.*

*May we not be  
afraid to step out in  
faith, leaving behind  
our fears and  
uncertainties, and  
embrace the mission  
you have entrusted  
to us.*

*Guide us to live lives  
of service, reflecting  
your light in every  
action, and  
strengthen us to be  
true disciples of  
Christ.*

*We pray this in  
Jesus' name,*

*Amen*



# 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

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8;  
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11;  
Lk 5:1-11

#### Monday

Gn 1:1-19;  
Mk 6:53-56

#### Tuesday

Gn 1:20—2:4a;  
Mk 7:1-13

#### Wednesday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17;  
Mk 7:14-23

#### Thursday

Gn 2:18-25;  
Mk 7:24-30

#### Friday

Gn 3:1-8;  
Mk 7:31-37

#### Saturday

Gn 3:9-24;  
Mk 8:1-10

# 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

#### In memory of Lauren Dudick

\$200 Zuzelski Family

\$25 Cecelia Phillips

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.



## February/March

| Sunday                                   | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday |
|--|--|---------|-----------|---|---|----------|
| 9<br><i>Faith Formation-<br/>9-10am</i>  | 10<br>Treasures 4-6pm<br>Rosary 6pm                    | 11      | 12        | 13<br><i>Parish Council<br/>6:30pm–<br/>Parish Dining Hall</i>  | 14<br>Treasures-<br>10am-12pm                       | 15       |
| 16<br><u>No Faith Formation</u>          | 17<br>Treasures 4-6pm<br>Rosary 6pm                    | 18      | 19        | 20<br><i>Food Pantry Prep</i>   | 21<br><i>Food Pantry</i><br>Treasures-<br>10am-12pm | 22       |
| 23<br><i>Faith Formation-<br/>9-10am</i> | 24<br>Treasures 4-6pm<br>Rosary 6pm                    | 25      | 26        | 27  | 28<br>Treasures-<br>10am-12pm                       | 1 March  |
| 2<br><i>Faith Formation-<br/>9-10am</i>  | 3<br>Prayer Shawl 5pm<br>Treasures 4-6pm<br>Rosary 6pm | 4       | 5         | 6<br><i>Night at the<br/>Races meeting<br/>6:30pm–<br/>Conference<br/>Room</i><br><br><i>Women's Society<br/>6:30pm-<br/>Parish Dining Hall</i> | 7<br>Treasures-<br>10am-12pm                        | 8        |

## Save the Date

Night at the Races– March 15, 2025



## Women's Society Religious Retreat

Women's Society of Saints Peter and Paul is planning a religious retreat on Saturday, March 15, 2025 in the Church Parish Center Dining Hall from 9:00am-3pm.

Confession-3pm Mass-4pm

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 March 8, 2025.

All are welcome!

## COMMUNITY

### St. Joseph Mareello Parish to host Big Prize Bingo

St. Joseph Mareello Parish, **237 William Street in Pittston**, will hold their annual BIG PRIZE BINGO on **Sunday, March 30, with doors opening at 12:30pm and games beginning at 2pm**, in their Parish Hall. Prizes include home goods, outdoor items, purses and several CASH PRIZES. Tickets for this bingo will cost \$25 when purchased in advance or \$30 if purchased at the door (if tickets are still available). Bingo tickets include entrance and 20 regular games. Special games will be available for purchase, along with additional regular games, Bingo dabbers and other fun extras. Food and beverages will be available for purchase through our kitchen. Tickets are now available: please call the Parish Office at 570-654-6902 to reserve your tickets. We will reserve tables on a first-come, first-served basis for any PARTIES OF 8-10. Seating for parties less than 8 will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 5:1-11

Simon-Peter, James and John were uncertain about another attempt at fishing, since they were out all night and caught nothing. They faithfully obeyed Jesus' command and filled their nets overflowing. With belief and trust in Jesus, they left everything and followed Him.

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Find and write the missing letters  
(from A to Z) **NOT** listed.



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



**“Don’t be afraid;  
from now on you will  
\_\_\_\_\_**  
**for people.”**

LUKE 5:10



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