

September 8, 2024

Twenty-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, Aug 31 - 4:00pm:

193 people attended

122 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,135.00

Sunday, Sep 01 - 7:30am:

119 people attended

87 envelopes received

Offering \$1,596.00

Sunday, Sep 01 - 10:30am:

215 people attended

119 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,007.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

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

\$1,445.00



This year, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its first public Mass. Over the last century, the National Shrine has celebrated more than 800,000 Masses and more than 7,000 Ordinations to the Priesthood, and welcomed the faithful and pilgrims from around the world, including Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Saint John Paul II, and Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The National Shrine is neither a cathedral nor a parish church. For the National Shrine to continue to serve almost one million pilgrims each year, the task of updating its aged infrastructure has become a necessity. Your prayerful and financial support will leave a lasting legacy.

On **September 14th & 15th** our parish will take a special one-time second collection at all Masses to support the renewal project which is underway – and essential to 365-day-a-year ministry. You can also give directly online by visiting nationalshrine.org/centennial

Thank you for your generous support to preserve Mary's Shrine for generations to come!

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

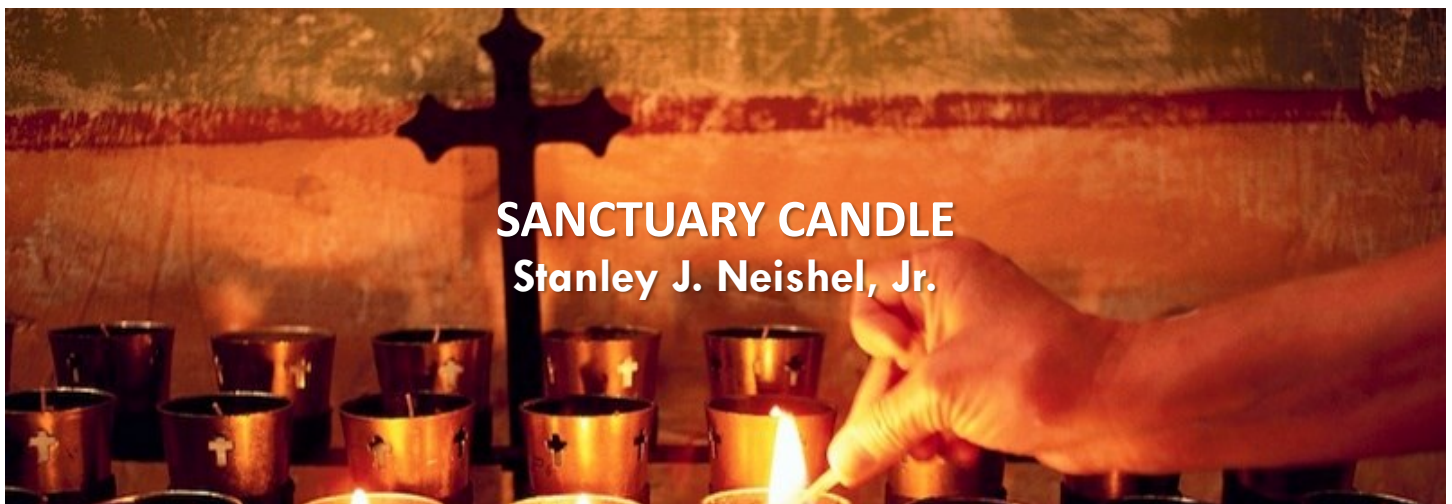
Saturday	Sep 07	4:00pm	William J. Everett by Wife & Children
Sunday	Sep 08	7:30am 10:30am	Richard Kakareka by Wife & Children Karen Cominsky by Sisters & Niece

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Sep 10	12:15pm	Stella A. Dudzik by Jane Evelock
Wednesday	Sep 11	12:15pm	Richard, Sr. & Deborah Pokrifka by Kim Pokrifka
Thursday	Sep 12	12:15pm	Stanley J. Neishel, Jr by Wife
Friday	Sep 13	12:15pm	Vincent Miskewicz by Wife

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Sep 14	4:00pm	Edmund Suchocki by Suchocki Family
Sunday	Sep 15	7:30am 10:30am	Frank Hallas by Jescavage & Hallas Families Rosalie & Albert Jesikiewicz by Children



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Stanley J. Neishel, Jr.

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

September 8, 2024

*Lord,
give me a
non-judgmental
heart.
Help me to love
each person I
encounter with a
holy love and
acceptance.
Help me to have
the charity I
need to correct
their wrongdoing
with kindness
and firmness,
but to also see
beyond the
surface and see
the person You
created.
In turn, give me
the true love and
friendship of
others so that I
may trust and
enjoy the love
You wish me to
have.*

Amen

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.

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

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"And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hands on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put a finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue, then he looked up to heaven and groaned and said to him, 'Ephphatha' - that is, 'Be opened!' And immediately his ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly... 'He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'"

One on one with Jesus, apart from the crowd. Touch, saliva, a spoken word, a cure. At my baptism, the minister repeated these steps saying, 'As Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, so may He open your ears to hear His word and sing His praise.' What would it be like if the people had just passed the person by, leaving him with his impediment? They didn't but begged Jesus to do something.

The next time you see a person signing at a news conference on TV, think about Jesus healing this person. The next time you meet a disabled person, do not pass them by, but pray and consider what you can do to assist him or her. 'Be opened' to the possibility of having one meet the healing Jesus through your hands and care.

Today is also the celebration of the birthday of our Blessed Mother. We celebrate three birthdays – the birth of Jesus, the birth of John the Baptist on June 24th and Mary.

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For September we will highlight Religious Education*

All of us know the value of a good education. Knowing the basics of English or Mathematics can lead to a better job, or being able to help our children when they are in school asking questions. The same holds true for our faith. As Jesus and the Apostles spread the Word of God, we must teach it to our children so they will become better people and better Catholics and live and spread their knowledge to future generations. Enrolling your children in our Religious Education program will help to plant those seeds of faith. This year, our parish is proud to announce that Gabrielle Gottlieb is the new Director of Religious Education. Gabrielle is excited to be in this new role, and is a great asset to the team. So if you have not enrolled your child in religious education, please do so as soon as you can.

Finally, like any other piece of our education, it does not stop in the class room. As a parent, grandparent, or guardian, you need to be role models of your faith once your children have their class. As you help them with homework, so too must they be helped outside the home to gain the full effects of what is taught. This simple verse says it all "Hold fast to instruction, never let it go: keep it, for it is your life (Proverbs:13)."

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.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 570-825-6663

WEEKLY READINGS

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Is 35:4-7a;
Jas 2:1-5;
Mk 7:31-37

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8;
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11;
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13;
Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

Nm 21:4b-9;
Phil 2:6-11;
Jn 3:13-17

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 **September** we will collect **tuna 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 **Fall/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

\$120 Anonymous

\$50 Deborah Bronack

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.



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 Faith Formation- 9-10am Purse Bingo- Doors open 12pm Bingo starts 1pm	9 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	10	11	12	13 Treasures 10am-12pm	14
15 Faith Formation- 9-10am	16 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	17	18	19 Food Pantry Prep	20 Food Pantry Treasures 10am-12pm	21
22 Faith Formation- 9-10am	23 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	24	25	26	27 Treasures 10am-12pm	28
29 Faith Formation- 9-10am	30 Prayer Shawl 5pm Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	1 October	2	3 Women's Society 6:30- Parish Center Dining Hall	4 Treasures 10am-12pm	5

Save the Dates

Purse Bingo - September 8th

Toy Bingo— November 17th



Date: September 8th

Tickets are available at the Door
\$30

Doors open at noon

Games start at 1:00pm

20 Regular games and 3 Specials

1 Grand prize

Plus Basket Raffles, 50/50, Food and more!

Call the Parish Office for tickets at 570-825-6663

Don't miss out on this one!!!

Communion Breakfast

The **Women's Society annual Communion Breakfast** will be held on **October 13th after the 7:30am Mass in the Parish Center Dining Hall.**

Cost is \$15.

If interested please call Betty Jean Hession at 570-262-7912 or
Claire Koshinski at 570-826-0313.

Please make your reservation by October 9th.

Rosary will be said prior to Mass

Members of the **Women's Society** will be selling **Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" Shopping Passes** in the vestibule of the church before and after all Masses through October 13th. This **fundraising event** is an opportunity for our non-profit organization to raise funds to benefit our parish. The passes are available for a \$5.00 donation, which entitles you to a 25% discount shopping pass, valid during a one-day event - **Tuesday, October 22nd**. Registered shoppers will also have the opportunity to win a \$100 Boscov gift card - one winner in each store. What better time to begin Christmas gift shopping? Additional passes will be available at the Parish Office during business hours, or contact any member of the Women's Society.

Our Parish is on Instagram

Did you know that our parish is now on Instagram? Our Instagram page is [saintspeterandpaulplains](#). Here you will find pictures of recent events, reminders of Holy Days and upcoming events, and various pictures and quotes throughout the year. Please consider following us! We would be happy to have you join us!

COMMUNITY

The Catholic Choral Society will open its 76th season with a Rehearsal--Organizational Meeting On Tuesday, September 10, at 6:15 PM at the IHM Center on the Marywood Campus. New members are welcome; no auditions are necessary. The performance and rehearsal calendar will be distributed at the opening meeting.

The director of the Catholic Choral Society is Ann Manganiello, Exeter, and the accompanist is Linda Houck, Kingston.

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Gospel Today

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 7:31-37

A man who could not hear or speak well was taken to Jesus for healing. Jesus took pity on him and healed his ears to hear and voice to speak by saying "Ephphatha", be opened! After being healed, the man and his friends went out and told everyone. Through all His healings, many Gentile people believed in Jesus' Divine power.

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Ephphatha! Be Open!

He has done all things well. He makes
the deaf hear and the mute speak.

Mark 7:31

Read the text above and answer the questions below... true or false.

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| 1] The man could not hear or speak well. | T | F |
| 2] The man's friends took him to see Jesus. | T | F |
| 3] Jesus told them to go away. | T | F |
| 4] Jesus took pity on the man and healed him. | T | F |
| 5] The word Jesus used was "Ephphatha", meaning "be open!" | T | F |
| 6] The man went away ungrateful. | T | F |
| 7] The man and his friends proclaimed the miracle Jesus performed. | T | F |
| 8] Many Gentile people believed in Jesus' Divine power. | T | F |



Draw your own picture of Jesus healing the man.
Is the man happy or sad?



Answers:
1] T 2] T 3] F 4] T
5] T 6] F 7] T 8] T

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