

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

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.

Confessions will be heard on the
following Mondays during Advent.

December 16th and 23rd
from 5-7pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve— 4pm & 9pm

Christmas Day— 9am

New Year's Eve— 4pm

New Year's Day-10:30am

Sunday Stewards

Saturday, Dec. 07 - 4:00pm:

231 people attended

118 envelopes received

Offering: \$2,044.00

Sunday, Dec. 08 - 7:30am:

120 people attended

74 envelopes received

Offering \$1,497.00

Sunday, Dec. 08 - 10:30am:

210 people attended

92 envelopes received

Offering: \$1,992.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

***The Second Collection last
weekend for
Retirement Fund for
Religious
\$1,646.00***

WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	Dec 14	4:00pm	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Figel by Stanley & Michalene Zurek
Sunday	Dec 15	7:30am 10:30am	Joseph & Violet Mond by Daughter, Margaret Dorothy Luchetti by George & Ann Webster

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Dec 17	12:15pm	Patricia Waslin by Sheeder Family
Wednesday	Dec 18	12:15pm	Andy Wanat by Jack Kostrab
Thursday	Dec 19	12:15pm	Frank Glazenski by Wife
Friday	Dec 20	12:15pm	Stanley Miskiewicz, Jr. by Grandchildren

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Dec 21	4:00pm	Theresa Luchetti by Luchetti Family
Sunday	Dec 22	7:30am 10:30am	Stanley J. Neishel, Jr. by Wife Angelo & Genevieve Stella by Daughters, Pat & Sandra Stella Jackson Hendershot by Emily Zimmerman & Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Edward & Mary Mido

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Canterini Family

BLESSED MOTHER
Paul A. Binker, Sr.

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 15, 2024

Lord Jesus,

*Master of both the
light and the
darkness,
send Your Holy
Spirit upon our
preparations for
Christmas.*

*We who have so
much to do and seek
quiet spaces to hear
Your voice each day,
We who are anxious
over many things
look forward to Your
coming among us.
We who are blessed
in so many ways
long for the complete
joy of Your kingdom.
We whose hearts are
heavy seek the joy of
Your presence.*

*We are Your people,
walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To you we say,
"Come Lord Jesus!"*

Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

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

Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

"On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love'... 'Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.'"

The word of God focuses on reasons for joy, encouraging us to continue to make progress as we prepare for the coming of our Savior. Yes, Jesus has come and we recall His birth, but He comes again, daily, to hearts that are prepared to welcome Him. The need of our waiting world is so great that we can forget today, and only look back to the Bethlehem coming. By prayer and petition, we ask Him to fill us, our home, our family, our world with His redeeming presence. The Baptist's warning and invitation today 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'

WORD

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER

*Each month, a Ministry of the parish is highlighted.
For December we will focus on Gifts*

Everyone seems so busy in December! There are decorations that are placed both inside and outside, Christmas trees decorated, traditional and non-traditional foods prepared, and of course gifts. The month of December is filled with the anticipation of both receiving and giving Christmas gifts. This is all wonderful and has created some happy memories for generations. But this December, let's also take time out to contemplate the Gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit.

As Christians, ministry is not a choice, but a call, a privilege, and a responsibility. Our gifts are very closely tied to this calling. The following is a quote from *Christifideles Laici*, from Pope Saint John Paul II, that "The Holy Spirit pours out gifts which make it possible for every Christian man and woman to assume different ministries and forms of service that complement one another and for the good of all". These gifts are sitting inside each one of us, waiting to be used to help the Church grow. Many are not aware of the gifts that they possess, and all of us need to spend time to deeply look into ourselves. Through prayer and discernment you will find them. When you see the Church, attend Mass, or choose a gift from the Giving Tree, please remember it is only possible through the many ministries that volunteer to decorate, sing, serve at the Masses, or give food and gifts to those less fortunate. Maybe next year you could participate too?

Enjoy this Advent and Christmas season! Meet with friends, share meals, send Christmas cards, and buy and receive Christmas presents. God intends for us to enjoy life! In this spirit, also spend good, quality time in prayerful consideration of the gifts you received at Baptism and how you can best use them.

Merry Christmas to all!

WEEKLY READINGS

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday

Zep 3:14-18a;

Phil 4:4-7;

Lk 3:10-18

Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10;

Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday

Jer 23:5-8;

Mt 1:18-25

Thursday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;

Lk 1:5-25

Friday

Is 7:10-14;

Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;

Lk 1:39-45

The Giving Trees at Saints Peter and Paul were placed in the Church decorated with gift tags. *Anyone wishing to participate in this Christmas project* is asked to take a tag, purchase a gift for the person, wrap the present, **attaching the tag on the outside of the wrapped gift** and ***return it to the Church by December 15th***. The gifts will be distributed through our Food Pantry on December 20th. Anyone wishing to donate gloves, socks, scarves, hats etc.. (for children infant to 12) may drop them off at the Parish Office by December 15th.



Christmas Wafers/Oplatki

Are now available after all Masses or
at the Parish Office during office hours.

Donations are appreciated.

BLOOD DRIVE

Community Blood Drive

Bernardine Hall

Friday, January 3, 2025

12:00pm to 5:00pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit REDCROSSBLOOD.org
and enter: STPPPLAINS to schedule an appointment.



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 **December** we will collect tuna and canned fruit.

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 Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Paciga

\$100 Ann Paciga

\$1,000.00 Plains Lions Club

\$100 Anonymous

\$20 Victoria Hunzer

\$100 Mr. & Mrs. Phillip B. Latinski

\$120 Anonymous

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.



Thank you to the Plains Lions Club for donating the Christmas turkeys again this year! God bless them for all they do for the food pantry and our community.

December/January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	16 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	17	18 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	19 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	20 <i>Food Pantry</i> Treasures- 10am-12pm	21
22 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	23 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	24 Office Closed	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27	28
29	30 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	31 Office Closed	1 January <i>Office Closed</i>	2 <i>Women's Society</i> 6:30pm- <i>Parish Dining Hall</i>	3 Treasures- 10am-12pm	4
5 <i>Faith Formation- 9-10am</i>	6 Treasures 4-6pm Rosary 6pm	7	8	9 <i>Parish Council</i> 6:30pm- <i>Parish Dining Hall</i>	10 Treasures- 10am-12pm	11

Christmas Mass Schedule

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John the Baptist was a powerful teacher, and led many to be baptized. When questioned if he were The Messiah, he answered, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with The Holy Spirit and Fire." *Luke 3:16*

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WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

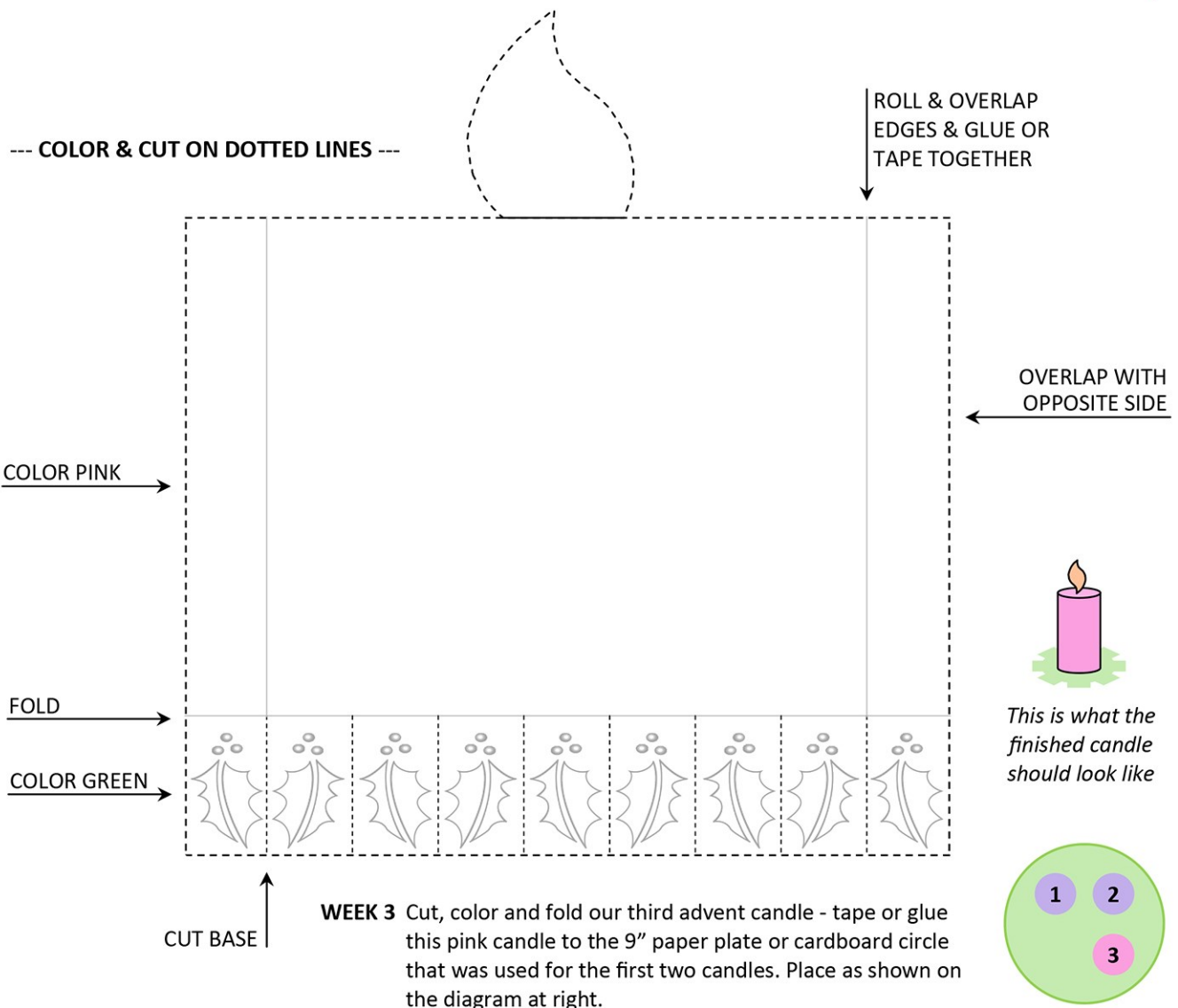
Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

— GAUDETE SUNDAY —



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