

December 24, 2023

Fourth 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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Thursday: 8am—4pm

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Permanent Deacon



SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

A large, faint watermark of a key and an anchor, symbolizing the parish's identity. The key is positioned vertically, and the anchor is positioned horizontally, with the key's handle pointing upwards and the anchor's head pointing to the right.

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Father Jack and the Staff

*would like to wish everyone a very blessed and
Merry Christmas !*



For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And this will be the sign to you:

You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.

Luke 2: 11-12

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, Dec. 16 - 4:00pm:
243 people attended
141 envelopes received
Offering: \$2,738.00

Sunday, Dec. 17 - 7:30am:
145 people attended
81 envelopes received
Offering \$1,863.00

Sunday, Dec. 17 - 10:30am:
241 people attended
111 envelopes received
Offering: \$2,631.00

Thank You for your Generosity.

Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd- 4:00pm

Sunday, December 24th-7:30 &10:30am

**Must attend one of these Weekend Masses
to fulfill your Sunday obligation
AS WELL AS one of the Masses
below to fulfill your Christmas obligation.**

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve-Sunday,
December 24th- 4:00 & 9:00pm

Christmas Day-Monday,
December 25th– 10:30am

New Year's Day Mass

Monday, January 1, 2024– 10:30am



WORSHIP

WE REMEMBER

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

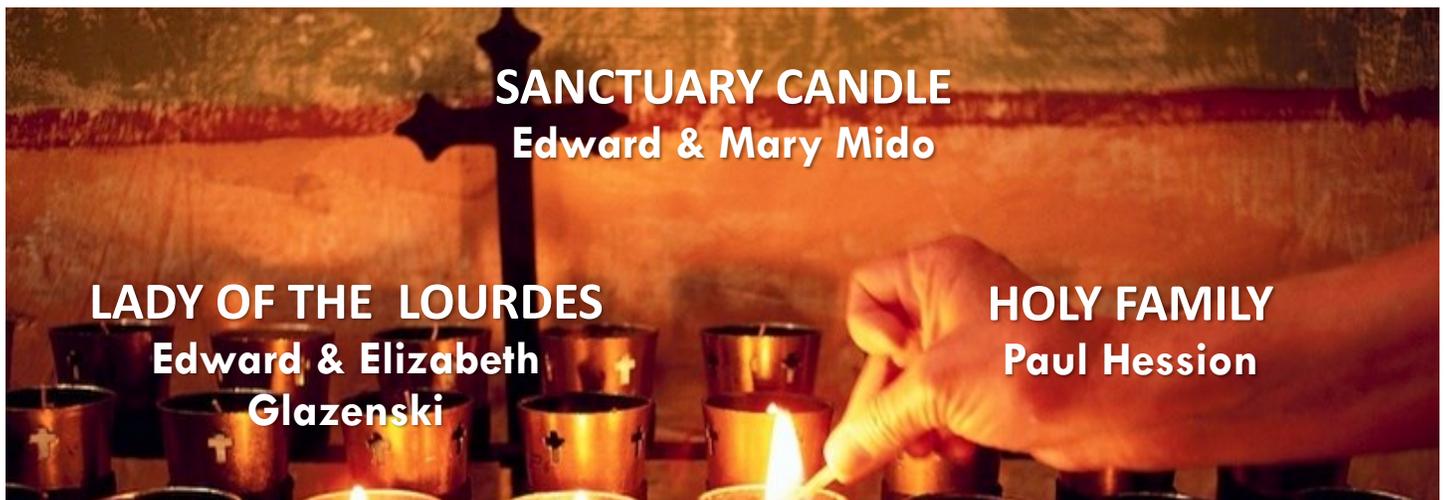
Saturday	Dec. 23	4:00pm	Alfred DeAngelis by Sister & Family
Sunday	Dec. 24	7:30am 10:30am	Living & Deceased Parishioners

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday	Dec. 26	12:15pm	Thomas Nowak by Wife, Mary Lou
Wednesday	Dec. 27	12:15pm	Jankowski Family by Linda, Joann & Michael
Thursday	Dec. 28	12:15pm	William Fender by Women's Society
Friday	Dec. 29	12:15pm	Paul A. Binker, Sr. by Wife Stanley J. Neishel, Jr. by Wife

NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	Dec. 30	4:00pm	Frank Glazenski by Wife, Camille
Sunday	Dec. 31	7:30am 10:30am	Living & Deceased Parishioners



SANCTUARY CANDLE
Edward & Mary Mido

LADY OF THE LOURDES
Edward & Elizabeth
Glazenski

HOLY FAMILY
Paul Hession

The Sunday Good News

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

December 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*O Creator God,
We are bursting in
our preparedness,
for the feast of
Christmas will soon be
here.*

*Everything seems to
be in order: the plans
are agreed to, the tree
is decorated, most of
the gifts are wrapped,
and we think we are
ready.*

*However, Lord,
as we pause to offer
this prayer, we realize
that some things have
been rushed, and, in
the process, some
important things have
been forgotten.*

*In this brief moment
of quiet, help us to be
at least thankful. Help
us to appreciate the
Word that comes to
dwell with us. Help us
to hope in the promise
of His way, truth, and
life. Help us to join
with the angels who
sing your praise.
Grant us the lasting
peace of this great
season of joy.*

*We pray in the name
of our long-expected
Lord.*

Amen

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2023

"And they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace... Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and cried out in a loud voice: 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'"

Micah the prophet tells us the Lord is reaching out to us. We are now at the edge, recalling the great event of salvation, as He comes to us. Advent draws to a close as we celebrate the Savior's birth. But wait!

We meet the third critical person of advent in Mary's visitation to Elizabeth. How frequently we pray the 'Hail Mary', but do we realize we are reciting the very words of scripture? Our prayer is quoting the gospel of Luke. The question of Mary's relative can be ours today – 'Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?' On this eve of Christmas may I ask, 'Who am I that the Savior should come to me?' The answer - I am loved, chosen and blessed by God with those around me.

'Come Lord Jesus.'

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.

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!

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Rom 16:25-27;
Lk 1:26-38

Monday

Vigil: Is 62:1-5;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6;
Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12;
Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10;
Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59;
Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday

1 Jn 1:1-4;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2;
Mt 2:13-18

Friday

1 Jn 2:3-11;
Lk 2:22-35

Saturday

1 Jn 2:12-17;
Lk 2:36-40

December/January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27	28	29	30
31	1 January Happy New Year! Office Closed	2	3	4 <i>Women's Society</i> 6:30pm- Parish Center Dining hall	5 Treasures 10am-12pm	6
7 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	8 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	9	10	11 <i>Parish Council</i> 6:30pm-Parish Center Dining Hall	12 Treasures 10am-12pm	13
14 <i>Faith Formation</i> 9-10am	15 Treasures 5-7pm Rosary 6pm	16	17	18 <i>Food Pantry Prep</i>	19 <i>Food Pantry</i> Treasures 10am-12pm	20

Save the Dates

Night at the Races - March 16th

Purse Bingo - April 21st

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 **canned tuna, cereal and peanut butter.**

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 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

In Memory of Randy Ledsoe

\$50 Wife, Debra

In Memory of Nello Carozzoni

\$100 Family

In Memory of Stanley Zavada

\$100 Family

In Memory of Tom & Jimmy Brice

\$100 Family

\$30 Anonymous

\$30 Magdalene Metzger

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.



Donate Blood In Honor Of **Jessica Mbaye**



Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood. Blood is needed for many different kinds of patients. It could be a young child with a rare blood disorder, a family member fighting cancer, or a friend involved in a car accident. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this special blood drive. You'll feel good knowing you've helped change the lives of patients in need.

Community Blood Drive **St Peter and Paul Parish**

Bernardine Hall
13 Hudson Road
Plains, PA 18705

Friday, January 5, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Come give Jan. 1-5 for a Red Cross T-shirt, ltd. qty & automatic entry for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in Vegas! Includes travel, hotel, \$1,000 gift card, pre-game activities & more! Terms apply; visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.



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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:26-38

BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE, SEE THE LIGHT!

The Angel Gabriel came to Mary with good news. She would give birth to Jesus, and her cousin Elizabeth would give birth to John the Baptist, for nothing is impossible with God.

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FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

1ST Day of Winter even in the short daylight hours

We See the Light!

4 bright candles – Jesus is coming soon...

WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer

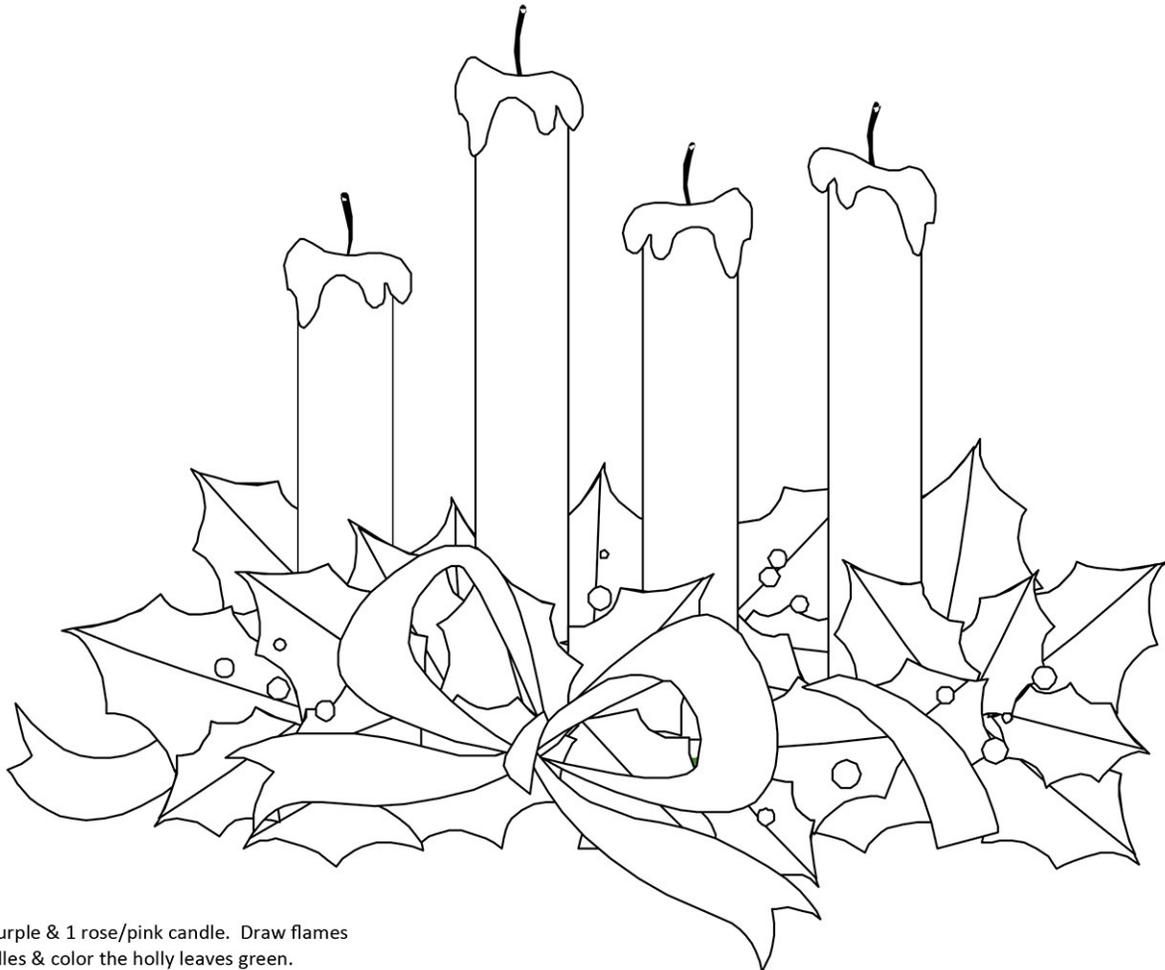
Prayer said by Father or head of household

“O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”.

Father or head of household lights all the candles.

**We are Aware, We are Prepared,
We Rejoice, We see the Light!**

Christ, Light of the World.



Color 3 purple & 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 4 candles & color the holly leaves green.

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