



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph

April 12, 2026

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Tri-Parish Website:
www.howardcountycatholics.com

Daily Mass Schedule:

Tues/Thurs 8:30am Wed 12:05pm SPP
Friday 9:00am - at Brookfield/Matelyn

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or
by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Sts. Peter & Paul
713 Elm Street
St. Paul, NE 68873
(308)754-4002
Saturday Mass 5:00PM
Sunday Mass 8AM & 10AM

St. Anthony
103 Kearns Avenue
Farwell, NE 68838
(308)336-3351
MASS 1ST SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

St. Joseph
1803 Highway 11
Elba, NE 68835
(308)336-3351
MASS 3RD SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

Liturgical Ministry Directors

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Tri-Parish Media

Facebook:

St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua/Farwell
 St. Joseph Catholic Church
 Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

My Parish App:

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Prayer Chain Contacts

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 St. Paul - Ann Rief (308-380-0619)
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 rebecca.knox@spwildcat.org
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Youth Religious Ed. Classes

Preschool thru 4th Grades:
 Sundays 9:00am – 10:00am
 5th thru 11th Grades:
 Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm
 Classes held at SPP
 Parish Life Center classrooms
 (Confirmation Class at Bed Head Coffee)

Divine Mercy Sunday - Second Sunday of Easter

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

When everything is turning upside down in your life, open your heart to the Lord, and listen to his words from the gospel today. He will whisper into your ears: "PEACE BE WITH YOU... RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT..."

That's how precious we are to Jesus! He loves us. He said once, "No one has greater love than this to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends..." As his friends, he desires to be with us to make sure that his PEACE lives in our hearts.

Henry Nouwen, one of the greatest spiritual writers, illustrated the value of "being-with-a-friend" which perhaps, pictures the friendship of Jesus with us, he said:

"Being with a friend in great pain is not easy. It makes us uncomfortable. We do not know what to do or what to say, and we worry about how to respond to what we hear. Our temptation is to say things that come more out of our own fear than out of our care for the person in pain... (but)... we do not have to play games with each other. We can simply say: "I am your friend, I am happy to be with you." We can say that in words or with touch or with loving silence. Sometimes it is good to say: "You don't have to talk. Just close your eyes. I am here with you, thinking of you, praying for you, loving you."

Jesus doesn't play games with us. He knows when we are in pain; he knows when we need him; he knows that we are longing for his uplifting and healing words. When the disciples locked themselves in because of fear and pain, Jesus came and stood in their midst and told them: "PEACE BE WITH YOU... RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT..." He is a FRIEND that carries and shares his love and life no matter what the cost may be.

Embrace the PEACE of JESUS, and receive the promised HOLY SPIRIT. Connect with people and make friends with everyone. Pass on the PEACE OF JESUS to them... Let that PEACE travel and touch every heart that receives it. Congratulations to all the Second Graders who made their First Communion this weekend! We welcome you to the table of the Lord!

J. Vincent P. Parsons

Ministry Schedule

APRIL 18TH & 19TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

MUSIC: Serbousek Group
GREET: Don & Becky Knox /
 Kim & Troy Johnson

LECTOR: Kathy Hahn
EM: Larry Happ / Kenny Tibbetts
S: Kendyl & Jaxen Fowler

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Farwell Group
GREET: Chris & Terri Townsend /
 Alan & Joleen Lewandowski

LECTOR: Anna Seward
EM: Mike & Jean Thede
S: Owen, Archer, & Easton Shotkoski

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Kezeor Group
GREET: Preschool/ Kindergarten
 Students / Marilyn Schmaljohn
LECTOR: Morgan Meyer
EM: Emma Elstermeier / Ann Rief /
 Michele Killion / Sarah Townsend
SERVE: Emily Schenck /
 Avery & Eli Svoboda

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 13

No Daily Mass
 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm (PLC)

Tuesday, April 14

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
 Intention: †Alta Mostek
 By Carolyn Just

Wednesday, April 15

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)
 Intention: Pat Geiger
 By Tom & Pat Knutson
 Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC Classrooms)
 CONFIRMATION Practice 7pm (SPP)

Thursday, April 16

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
 Intention: †John McIntyre
 By Buzz Welch

Friday, April 17

Daily Mass 9:00am (Brookfield)
 Intention: †Rose Marie Olsufka
 By Bill & Bertha Jerabek

Saturday, April 18

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
 Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP) -
 Intention: †Jeff Welch By Family



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Family Reception 6pm (PLC)
 Weekend Mass 6:30pm (SJ)
 Intention: †William Gregoski Sr.
 By Kathy Carson

Sunday, April 19

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
 Intention: †Alozy Spotanski
 By Dennis & Kathy Hahn
 Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC)
 Religious Ed. Pre/K Class 2 10am (PLC)
 Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
 Intention: People of the Parishes
 Adaline Goodner Baptism 11am (SPP)
 Ellie Roehrs Baptism 11am (SPP)
 Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm (PLC)



Sacraments were celebrated at the Easter Vigil! Pictured: Alter Server- Reed Coufal, Aiden, Layton, & Brooke Lukasiewicz, Cheri DeMoss, Alisha Nielsen, Kennadi Findley, Alexandria Ferebee, Mackenzie Marr, Altar Server - Henry Coufal, (back) Deacon Neil Baquet, Meg & Josh Sabata, Donald Yutesler, Joseph Coufal, Trent Findley, Michael Bockmann, & Father Vince Parsons

Easter Flower OFFERING

In loving Memory of...
O'Hare Family ~By Kathy Lewandowski

...with prayers to God our Father



Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament

BLESSED SACRAMENT DEVOTION

The Church traditionally encourages the month of April for increased devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The Church in the course of the centuries has introduced various forms of this Eucharistic worship such as adoration of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed, which are ever increasing in beauty and helpfulness. Catholic365.com

Tri-Parish Events & News

ST. ANTHONY ITALIAN NITE

Thank you to all that helped and/or brought desserts, and of course, to all that came! We are pleased to report, our profit was \$2,167.00 with only \$261.42 in expenses. Thankful to all that joined us from near and far!

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Thank you to our Religious Ed. families for selling & delivering Eileen's Cookie Dough! All together our students sold 434 tubs of cookie dough. Due to your efforts our Total Net Profit is over \$4,000! Proceeds go to help pay for Religious Ed. supplies, food for students, and our registration fee for Totus Tuus.

COMBINED COUNCILS MEETING

Parish Council & Finance Council meeting on Sunday, April 19th at 6:30pm, Parish Life Center.

Anne Alt Scholarship

This is the final weekend to apply for the Anne Alt Scholarship for graduating seniors & college attendees. Please visit: www.howardcountycatholics.com for more information. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS ED. SCHEDULE

- April 15 - Confirmation Candidate Practice 7pm, SPP Church
- April 18 - CONFIRMATION 5pm (Candidates arrive 4pm Parish Hall, Sponsors 4:30pm to Church)
- April 19 - Last Sunday Class
- April 22 - Last Wednesday Class
- April 22nd - First Communion Practice 6pm, SPP Church
- April 25 - FIRST COMMUNION 5pm
- April 26 - SENIOR MASS 10am w/ cap & gown, be 15 minutes early

TOTUS TUUS 2026

We are thankful to be hosting a team from the Lincoln Diocese - June 27th to July 3 - please mark your calendars!

TRI-PARISH MEDIA

Stay informed... follow on Facebook & log onto My Parish App - see names listed in the left column of page 2 of the bulletin.

Young at Heart Luncheon

Tuesday, April 14th, Noon - Parish Life Center. The main menu will be pizza, please bring a side dish to share! The Police Chief or Deputy will be there to discuss how to avoid some of the recent scams.

PLEASE OR WRITE IN AMOUNT

<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
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COLLECTION ENVELOPES

THANK YOU for checking the amount & type of contribution on your envelope, it saves our collection counters a lot of time:)

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
March 30 - April 5, 2026

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church \$1198.00
St. Joseph (+\$30 for HEAT) \$240.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund \$8163.00
OSV On-Line General Fund \$1281.80
Maintenance \$30.00
Parish Life Center \$80.00
Restoring Our Father's House \$365.00

APRIL Totals as of 4/5/26

Monthly Budget \$20000.00
Actual General Fund \$8163.00
Online General Fund \$1281.80
Monthly Surplus (Deficit) \$10555.20

Special Collections

Good Friday HOLY LAND - \$480.00
DIOCESE - CRS Rice Bowls \$298.24

THANK YOU
for your continued support!

Area Events & News

MASS FOR HEALING & REPARATION

Thursday, April 16th, 2026 at 5:15pm
St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island
Celebrant Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

PRO LIFE MEETING

April 16, 6:30pm Gathering Room -
St. Leo's Church, Grand Island
Speakers: Joey Ruff & Mike Kube
South Main Doors, about 50 min.

FRIENDS OF PAPLIN THANK YOU

...deepest gratitude to everyone who generously donated their time and or talents, or helped in any way to make our Palm Sunday Breakfast a total success. Your support makes the event memorable and directly contributes to our mission to Repair, Restore, & Preserve the Historic Paplin Church Property.

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