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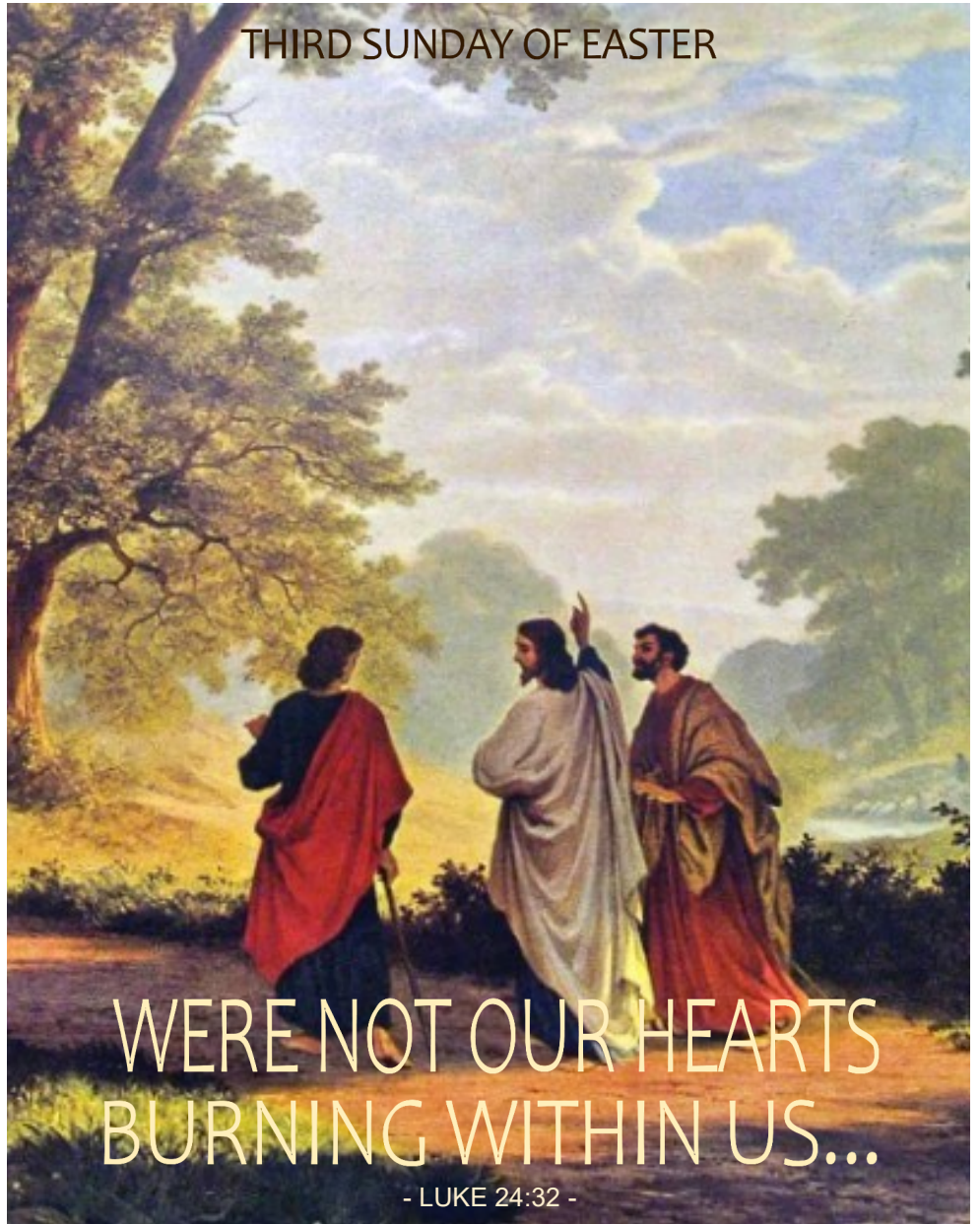
Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph

April 19, 2026

Confirmed in Christ

- Conner Douthit
- Alli Dugan
- Abraham Gawrych
- Eryn Gregoski
- Uriel Guzman
- Jalee Haggerty
- Natalie Jarman
- Madison Klanecky
- Piepyr Klinginsmith
- Zaya Lewis
- Aiden Lukasiewicz
- Mason Majerus
- JarahLynn Morrow
- Taelyn McClay
- Marena Paczosa
- Macy Porter
- Shia Rasmussen
- Jacob Rief
- Kaylee Sack
- MaKenzie Shreve
- Jenica Silva
- Karina Smydra
- Joseph Thede

Come Holy Spirit



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WERE NOT OUR HEARTS
BURNING WITHIN US...

- LUKE 24:32 -



One God
One Family
One Hope

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

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Tri-Parish Media

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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

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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)

Third Sunday of Easter

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Two disciples of Jesus were traveling from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Jesus joined them in the journey but they did not recognize him. Along the way, Jesus opened to them the Scriptures. And when it was nearly evening, they told him, “Stay with us...” He stayed with them; and while with them he offered them a “meal” that opened their hearts. But once they recognized him, that was the moment he vanished from their sight and they said to one another: “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Like the disciples, we easily forget Jesus in our life: too often we don't recognize him when he speaks to us through people who love, encourage and help us; we do not recognize his voice when he cries out to us in the poor, the weak, the hungry, the lonely and abandoned. Like the disciples, we might be so empty that nothing will give us spiritual strength. But when we are desperate, empty, and ready to give up, God's love touches our barren hearts, and like the disciples, we pray: “STAY WITH US, LORD!” The phrase “STAY WITH US” is the cry of our faith to renew and relive our covenant with Jesus. And Jesus comes! “God wants to be as close to us as our breath. God wants to breathe in us, so that all we say, think and do is completely inspired by God... Thus God's covenant reveals to us how much God loves us.” And when this encounter happens, we will be like the disciples, and faithfully say to each other: “WOW! GOD'S LOVE IS BURNING IN OUR LIFE!” GOD'S LOVE and LIFE are closely experienced at the table of the EUCHARIST. This “table is one of the most intimate places in our lives.” It is at the table where Jesus made himself known in the breaking of bread. “Around the table we become family, friends, community, yes, a body.” That is the power of the RESURRECTION! That is the power of LOVE! We become LIFE FOR EACH OTHER! When you are around the Eucharistic table and ask Jesus, “Stay with me, Lord,” he will definitely answer you with these words: “I will be with you until the end of time!” God's LIFE is for you forever... So, during this EASTER SEASON let us gather around the table of our Lord and celebrate the gifts that God freely gives us – most assuredly, eternal life! Have a great week. Congratulations to the newly Confirmed!

J. Vincent L. Parson

Ministry Schedule

APRIL 25TH & 26TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

MUSIC: Kezeor Group
GREET: Adam & Tonya Anderson /
 John & Lisa Stepanek

LECTOR: Tina Headrick
EM: Ron Turek / Tina Headrick /
 Tami & Reegan Reilly

S: Reagan & Brogan Grabowski / Aria
 Sydzyik / Macie Bockmann

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Farwell Group
GREET: Clint & Wanda Nilson /
 Al & Janet Wemhoff

LECTOR: Carol Vincik
EM: Chris Townsend /
 Kerry Townsend

SERVE: Reed & Henry Coufal /
 Hallie Bauder

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Kosmicki Group
GREET: Vince & Deidre Jensen /
 Jim & Charlene Potter

LECTOR: Sarah Townsend
EM: Tristan Thomas / Tara Sjuts /
 Matt & Ann Rief

S: Jamie Stepanek / Brennen Shreve

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 20

No Daily Mass
 Robert Rother Funeral 10am (SPP)
 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm (PLC)

Tuesday, April 21

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
 Intention: †John McIntyre
 By Dan, Barbara, & Tom McIntyre
 Catholic Daughters Meeting 7pm (PLC)
 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm (PLC)

Wednesday, April 22

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)
 Intention: †Bill Sack
 By Jerry & Barb Sack
 First Communion Practice 7pm (SPP)
 Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC Classrooms)

Thursday, April 23

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
 Intention: †Frank Koperski
 By Norma Selichnow
 St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting (Elba)

Friday, April 24

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)
 Intention: †Margaret Thompson &
 †Bernice Adams By Chuck & Char Schmid

Saturday, April 25

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
 Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP) -
 Intention: People of the Parishes

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Sunday, April 26

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
 Intention: †Jeff Krzycki
 By Family

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
 Intention: †Greg Flaherty
 By Mark & Mary Jo Serbousek

Honoring GRADUATING Seniors!
 Light Reception following Mass (PLC)



Tri-Parish Events & News

WITH GRATITUDE
 Thank you to all that generously gave of their time & talents to help make our Confirmation Mass special. We appreciate the extra time & efforts by Mary Jo Serbousek, Lisa Jerabek, Benjamin Syring, Christi Stepanek, & Sherry Kosmicki to provide beautiful music for the Mass.
 Thank you to Father Vince for providing the gift of his guidance and for making the celebration of this special sacrament possible. Words really cannot say enough, special thanks and deep gratitude to Tara Sjuts for giving her time each week all year to teach and guide our Confirmation Class! The heart she put into these students is priceless and may the Good Lord bless her and all of her students today and always.

Upcoming Meetings
Catholic Daughters - April 21st, 7pm at SPP Parish Life Center, Northwest Classroom
Knights of Columbus - April 21st, 7pm at SPP Parish Life Center, Classroom

RELIGIOUS ED. SCHEDULE
 April 19 - Last Sunday Class
 April 22 - Last Wednesday Class
 April 22nd - First Communion Practice **7:00pm**, SPP Church (please note updated time)
 April 25 - FIRST COMMUNION 5pm (Communicants arrive by 4:30pm)
 April 26 - SENIOR MASS 10am w/ cap & gown, be 15 minutes early
TOTUS TUUS 2026
 June 27th to July 3 - pencil it in!
STUDENTS HELPING WITH MASS
 Sincere thanks to our Catechists, Parents, Parish Community, & Father Vince for supporting & helping our students learn to be Liturgical Ministers. We were able to have each class help 2 times during the school year. Please continue to foster the joy of helping with Mass to our youth.

Eternal Life
In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Rother, formerly of Wolbach. Rosary & visitation are April 19th at JGD Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be April 20, 10am at Sts. Peter & Paul. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Area Events & News


HOWARD COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY
 SPRING LUNCHEON - APRIL 27
 11:00AM to 1:00PM
 United Methodist Church
 1320 Baxter Street St. Paul, NE
 \$6.00 - SALADS, DESSERTS, ROLLS, BEVERAGES, RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES Support your local Hospital, Everyone is Welcome!

WORLD YOUTH DAY
Pilgrimage to Seoul South Korea
 August 1-10, 2027 by Diocese of GI
ZOOM Info. Meeting April 23, 2026,
 7:30pm Young adults age 19+ are invited to register & partake in the ZOOM->register gidiocese.org/WYD. WYD is a pilgrimage that celebrates the Universal Church & brings young people together in hope.



TOP SELLERS OF COOKIE DOUGH for our Religious Ed. Fundraiser:
Lainey & Jack Meyer ~ 40 sold
Ava Rathman ~ 27 sold
Paislee Call ~ 24 sold
 Great work to all our students!

PANS & DISHES
 Thank you for bringing salads and desserts for funerals & Parish events. Please stop the Parish Hall kitchen to see if your pan or dishes might still be in there.

AED **HEALTH NOTICE**
 Automated External Defibrillator

 An Automated External Defibrillator, to be used in case of an emergency, is located in the coat area near the south west Church entrance.
ON SITE

Finance Corner
 Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
April 6 - 12, 2026

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba	
St. Anthony Church	\$675.00
St. Joseph	\$680.00
The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul	
Actual General Fund	\$3738.42
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$506.80
Maintenance	\$35.00
Parish Life Center	\$167.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$5155.00

APRIL Totals as of 4/5/26

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$11901.42
Online General Fund	\$1788.60
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$6310.38

Special Collections
 DIOCESE - Home Mission \$5.00
 DIOCESE - CRS Rice Bowls \$25.00

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