



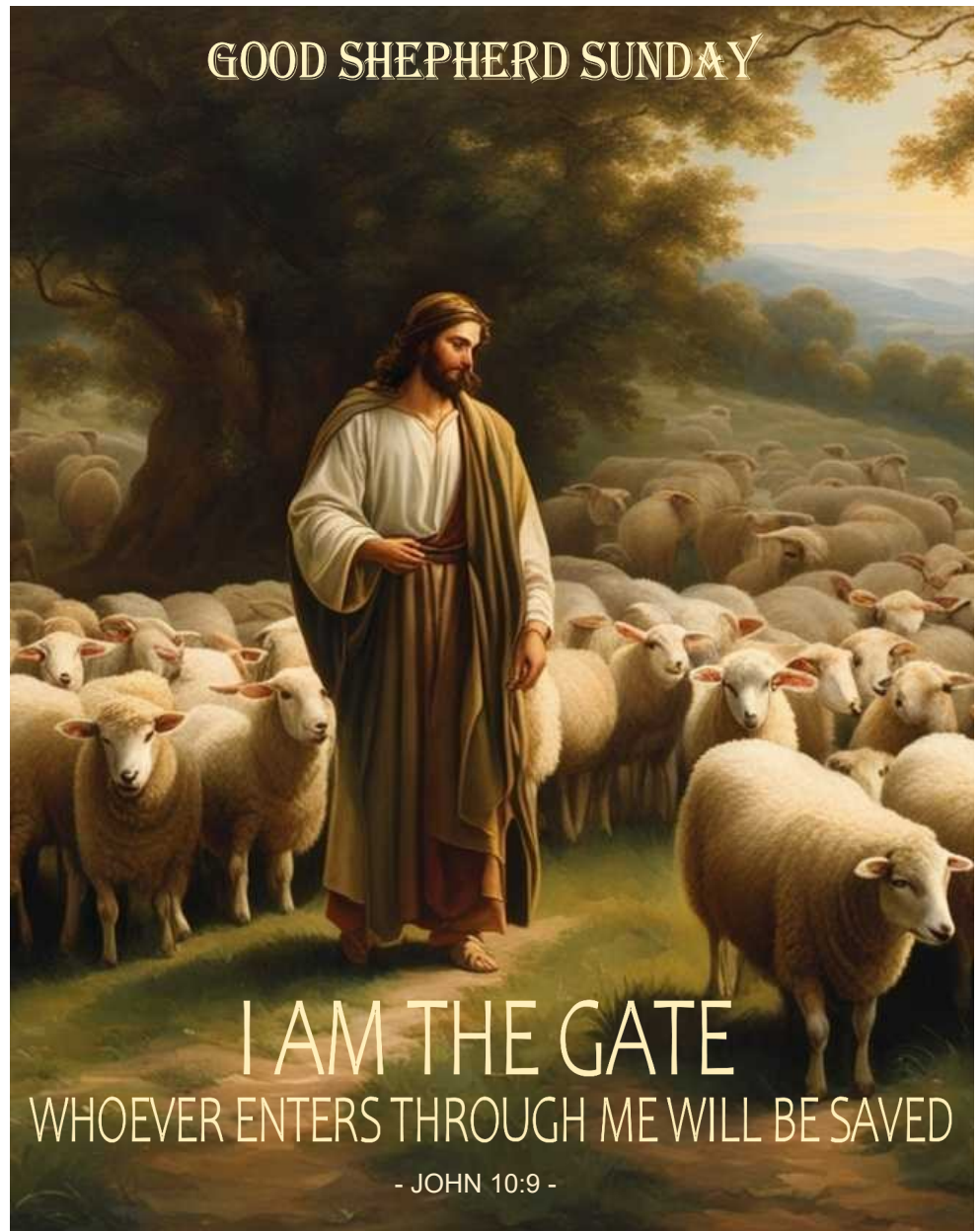
Howard County Catholics

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

April 26, 2026

First Holy Communion

Rae Anderson
Linus Antholz
Clinton Bauer
Pearl Bernt
Elijah Bockmann
Kyle Dubas
Brooklynn Galvan
Rowynn Gorecki
Dexter Gouldie
Addilyn Grabowski
Ellie Haag
Lennon Hake
Sutton Hake
Briggz Headrick
Olyver Hervert
Lincoln Hurt
Paxton Killinger
Kinzley Lynch
Joanna Palacz
Maeve Reilly
Rex Stepanek
Sawyer Svoboda
Ian Sydzyk
Riley Timmons
Jordan Valasek
Reagan Wroblewski



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
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Elba, NE 68835
(308)336-3351
MASS 3RD SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

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St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua/Farwell
 St. Joseph Catholic Church
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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
 (Classes September through April)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

In our gospel today, Jesus ended his discourse with these words: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." His words are expressions of love that lead him to the cross of sacrifice and life. There on the cross, he fulfilled what he said, and he died for you and me because of his unconditional love. Hence, it is inevitable that we should cling to the GOOD SHEPHERD. His heart is our sanctuary where fear cannot snatch us, where evil cannot tempt us, and where violence cannot hurt us. Jesus is truly a "LIFE-GIVER!"

So, be sure that your name is written in the GOOD SHEPHERD's palms, spelled correctly with the righteousness of your Christian character. Be a good shepherd to everyone and be a LIFE-GIVER!
 Today is considered as GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – a DAY OF VOCATION to the priestly and religious life!

Let us consider our homes as a place where the seeds of vocations can be planted. Parents are instrumental, and at the same time a stumbling block, in planting the seed of priestly and religious life in the hearts of their children. Read this story:

After hearing a talk on vocations, there were two different reactions coming from two young boys from two families. The first boy told his mother, "Mom, I want to become a priest when I grow up!" Immediately the mother told him, "Are you out of your mind, son? That is the most terrible thing I have heard from you. Are you going nuts? The life of a priest is terrible, etc., etc., etc." The other boy's mother told him, "Son, you are a good boy. I would be the happiest mother in the world if you will consider becoming a priest when you grow up." The boy answered, "Mom, are you out of your mind? That will be the last thing I will think of becoming when I grow up. I want to be a doctor!"

In the first family, it was the boy who has the dream of becoming a priest; yet, the family environment destroyed that dream. The seed did not grow, the environment was so poisonous. In the second family, it was the parents who were planting the seed of the priesthood in the heart of the boy; yet, the soil was not conducive for planting. No water, no fertilizer, and consequently, the seed died instantly. Is your home and family a place for possible vocations? Cultivate the seeds of vocations in your children's hearts. How blessed you are if one of your children becomes a priest or a religious working in the vineyard of the Lord.

J. Vincent P. Pauma

Ministry Schedule

MAY 2ND & 3RD

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

MUSIC: Lewandowski Family
GREET: Kenny & Sharon Tibbets / Jack Steffes / Brenda Klanecky

LECTOR: Kevin Sestak

EM: Chris Townsend / Betty Roebuck
S: Sophia Hoppes / Jamie Stepanek

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Thede Family
GREET: Bob Dvorak / Rick Harrahill / Ken & Carol Vincik

LECTOR: Rick Harrahill

EM: Chad Bauder / Larry Happ
SERVE: Owen & Archer Shotkoski

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Kezeor Group
GREET: Brandon & Tina Headrick Family

LECTOR: Bob Gregoski

EM: Kerry Townsend / Todd Peters / Chris Elstermeier / Kevin Reilly
S: Aria Sydzyk / Tyler Brandt / Lauryn Brandt

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday, April 28

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
 Intention: †Ann Puncochar
 By Alan & Ketty Puncochar

Wednesday, April 29

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)
 Intention: †Rose Marie Olsufka
 By Catholic Daughters

Thursday, April 30

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
 Intention: †Repose of the Soul of Tri-Parish Parishioners

Friday, May 1

NO Daily Mass / Parish Office Closed
 Holy Adoration 10am – 5pm (SPP)
 John Ingrahm funeral 10:30am (JGD
 Funeral Home)
 Benediction 5pm (SPP)

Saturday, May 2

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
 Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP) -
 Intention: People of the Parishes
 Weekend Mass 7:00pm (SA)
 Intention: †Wysocki Family
 By Kathy Carson

Sunday, May 3

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
 Intention: Rain
 By Area Farmers
 Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
 Intention: †Jodi Schmaderer
 By Mel & Linda Schmaderer





Tri-Parish Events & News

HEARTFELT THANKS

Thank you to all that give of your time and great talents to help make our First Communion Mass special! Special thanks to Mary Gregoski, Stacey Keller, Linda Kezeor, Glen Killion, Linda Schmaderer, & Mary Jo Serbousek for coming together to provide the beautiful music.

Thank you to Father Vince for making this precious Sacrament possible for our students. Thank you to our Deacons for helping with Mass.

Thank you to Amy Brandt for the many weeks of teaching, caring, and practicing with our students in preparation of this wonderful day!

HOLY ADORATION

Friday, May 1st, 10am to 5pm at SPP, please sign up for a time. Benediction will follow Adoration.

Eternal life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Linda Gawrych, of St. Paul, who passed away on April 17, 2026. Mass of Christian Burial was April 24 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

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MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH!

May 10th, 9-11:30am at Parish Hall, provided by Knights of Columbus.

Eternal life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of John Ingraham, son of Alice Fox. Memorial Service will be held May 1, 2026 at JGD Funeral Home in St. Paul. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Area Events & News

THIS IS THE HOUR

Living the Catholic Faith with Courage, Clarity, and Conviction
Monday, April 27th, 6:00-8:00pm
Blessed Sacrament Church
518 West State Street, Grand Island
You are invited! Speaker Topics: "Go and Make Disciples, the Call to Evangelization" & "This is the Hour, the Urgency of the Gospel"

DIOCESAN FAMILY RETREAT

July 31st - August 2nd, 2026
The Crossing Retreat Center -
Lexington, NE Rate \$380/family
The Heroic Virtue Family Retreat offers 3 days of real-life information, fun, family activities, beautiful liturgies, & worship - empowering families to live out their calling to holiness. More info. - gdiocese.org

CONFIRMED IN CHRIST

April 18, 2026

(front) Rev. Vincent Parsons, Altar Servers Jaxen & Kendyl Fowler, Jenica Silva, Karina Smydra, Jacob Rief, Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt, Shia Rasmussen, Marena Paczosa, Natalie Jarman, & Altar Server Gabe Rief, (middle) Catechist Tara Sjuts, Taelyn McClay, Kaylee Sack, JarahLynn Morrow, Jalee Haggerty, Macy Porter, Uriel Guzman, Eryn Gregoski, Alli Dugan, and Deacon Neil Baquet, (back) MaKenzie Shreve, Madison Klanecky, Zaya Lewis, Piepyr Klinginsmith, Aiden Lukasiewicz, Conner Douthit, Abe Gawrych, Joseph Thede, & Mason Majerus.

Easter Flower OFFERING

In loving Memory of...

Margaret Ann Costello, Ernest Ziola, & Delores Ziola - By Marty & Ladonna Costello

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please join in praying the rosary: 9am - Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays; 11:30am - Wednesdays

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
April 13 - 19, 2026

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$400.00
St. Joseph	\$416.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$7872.50
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1706.80
Maintenance	\$50.00
Parish Life Center	\$10.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$308.00

APRIL Totals as of 4/19/26

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$19773.92
Online General Fund	\$3495.40
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$3269.32

Special Collections

PARISH - Easter Flowers \$45.00
DIOCESE - Catholic Home Missions \$5.00

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