



Howard County Catholics

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

April 5, 2026

Congratulations
to those receiving
Easter Sacraments:

Michael Bockmann

Joseph Coufal

Cheri DeMoss

Alexandria Ferebee

Kennadi Findley

Trent Findley

Aiden Lukasiewicz

Brooke Lukasiewicz

Layton Lukasiewicz

Mackenzie Marr

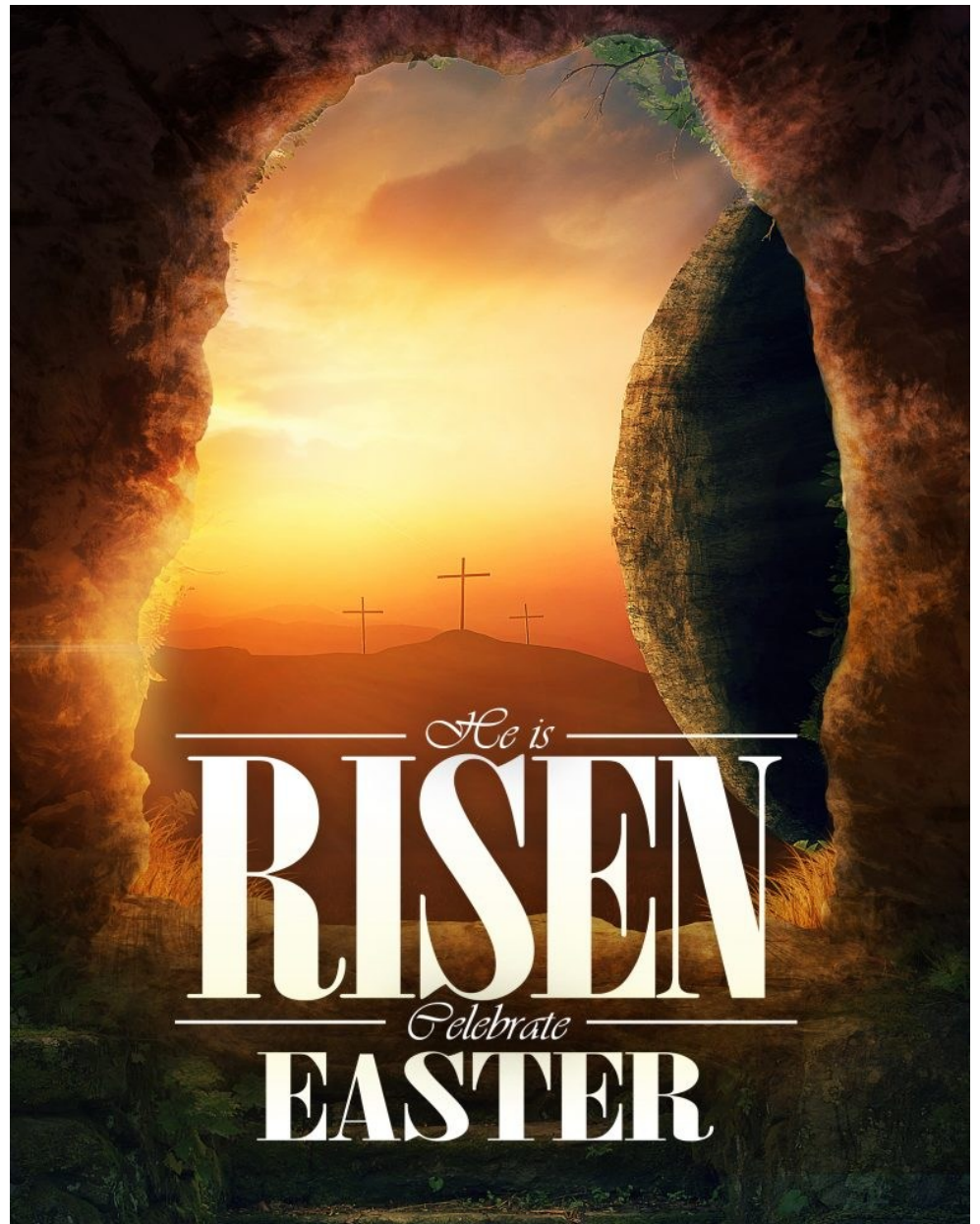
Alisha Nielsen

Joshua Sabata

Meg Sabata

Donald Yutesler

May the Good Lord smile
upon you today & always,
Amen.



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
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(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

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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

Prayer Chain Contacts

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 St. Paul - Ann Rief (308-380-0619)
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Mrs. Judi Baker - 5th to 11th grade
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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)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Easter to all! May I compliment all the people who were involved in the Holy Week Masses and services? What a wonderful way for all of us to give praise to our God.

A priest explained the Paschal Mystery – the suffering, the dying and the resurrection of Christ to the second grade class. He described the crucifixion in gory detail. The students were aghast. Then he told the rest of the story. The Resurrection. When he came to the empty tomb, he asked the class if they knew the first words that Jesus said when he stepped out of the tomb and took his first breath of fresh air. No one knew what Jesus said. Then a little girl bashfully raised her hand. “Well,” said the priest, “would you stand before the class and tell your classmates what Jesus said as he came out of the tomb?” The little girl stepped to the front of the classroom, turned to her classmates, threw both arms heavenward and shouted in a loud voice, “TA-DA!!” (That’s not exactly what Jesus said. but the little girl had the right spirit of the resurrection.)

The poinsettia plant is the symbol for Christmas. The lily is the symbol for Easter. The lily is mentioned numerous times in the Bible. One of the most famous Biblical references is in the Sermon on the Mount, when Christ told his listeners: “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they do not toil, nor do they spin; and yet... Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”

Lilies are often called the “white robed apostles of hope.” Lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ’s agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprung up where drops of Christ’s sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of agony. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by decorating the altars with beautiful Easter Lilies. The lilies commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

Jr. Vincent L. Parsons

Ministry Schedule

APRIL 11TH & 12TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

MUSIC: Julie Dush
GREET: Larry & Jeanne Happ /
 John & Sandi Mudloff

LECTOR: Alan Lewandowski
EM: Sarah Townsend / Ben Syring
S: Layla & Boston Bowder

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Lewandowski Family
GREET: Glen & Michele Killion /
 Brenda Klanecky / Chris Dethlefs

LECTOR: Amy Scheer
EM: Tonya Anderson / Tim Scheer
S: Reagan & Brogan Grabowski /
 Hallie Bauder

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Kezeor Group
GREET: Jim & Charlene Potter /
 Pat Knutson

LECTOR: Jordan Meyer
EM: Monte Brouillette / Joe Hansen /
 Bill Gregoski / Matt Rief

SERVE: Ike Gawrych / Jace Valasek /
 Tyler Brandt

This Week's Schedule

Monday, April 6

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

Tuesday, April 7

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
 Intention: †Frank Koperski
 By Phyllis Gappa

Wednesday, April 8

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)
 Intention: for Rain
 By: a Parishioner
 CCW Appreciation Meeting 6pm (PLC)
 Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC Classrooms)

Thursday, April 9

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
 Intention: †Marlene Rowley
 By Carolyn Just

Friday, April 10

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)
 Intention: †Vange Obermiller
 By Claralynn Nelson

Saturday, April 11

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
 Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)
 Intention: Jacob Knutson
 By Tom & Pat Knutson

Sunday, April 12

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
 Intention: People of the Parishes
 Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC)
 Religious Ed. Pre/K Class 2 10am (PLC)
 Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
 Intention: †Colleen Brouillette
 By Monte Brouillette & Family
 Tri-Parish Baptism Class 11am (PLC)



Tri-Parish Confirmation 5:00pm Mass - April 18th



Congratulations on your Baptism
JAX GERARD PEDERSEN
 MARCH 28, 2026
 at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
 Pictured with Fr. Vince, Laura & Kevin Pedersen



Fr. Vince presented The Knights of Columbus **Family of the Month** award for March to Tony & Tamy Morrow, pictured with their Granddaughter, Aurora Naylor.

Easter Flower OFFERING
In loving Honor of...
Josephine Horky ~ By John Horky
In loving Memory of...
Edwin & Lucille Gappa, Norman Gappa, Anton & Evelyn Roschynialski, Dorothy Goc, Virgil & Lorraine Silva ~ By Mary Gappa
Veterans of the Parishes
 ~ By Chris & Terri Townsend
Cy & Minnie Nagorski
 ~ By Keith & Rona Christensen
Patrick Steenson ~ By Janice Steenson
Fred & Marge Wozniak
 ~ By Roger & Annette Ogard
Eldon Geiger ~ By Pat Geiger
Joann Janc, Jackie Synowski, Stetson Hoos, & Owen Synowski ~ By Carolyn Just
Joan Anderson & Carol Oseka
 ~ By Adam & Tonya Anderson Family
Lorraine Swinarski, Joe & Marylu Swinarski, and Bert & Alta Whalen
 ~ By Jim Swinarski
Victor, Ellen, & Mary Ellen Goerl and George & Pauline Sack
 ~ By Jerry & Barbara Sack
Patrick Steenson ~ By Janice Steenson
Dan Svoboda, Anton, Barbara, & Della Jurzenski ~ By Helen Svoboda & Family
Jerry Becker, Deceased member of the Scarborough Family ~ By Connie Becker
Kelly Hoppes & Kenny Wilson
 ~ By Cameron & Stacy Hoppes Family
Jim Wieck, Leonard & Rita Stepanek
 ~ By Matt & Christj Stepanek Family
Elizabeth Jean Rose ~ By Jim & Judy Rose
Melvin Woitalewicz, Harold & Alyce Dethlefs, Carol Hall, Charlie & Maria Skorupa ~ By Neal & Chris Dethlefs
Bill & Russ Sack, George & Pauline Sack, Albert & Clara Schwenk
 ~ By Jan Sack & Family

Tri-Parish Events & News

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Thank you to all our CCW ladies who provided food and helped serve the Palm Sunday Breakfast, and for the beautiful Easter Baskets we raffled off!! It was a huge success!! Thank you as always, we have the best parishioners!! - CCW Officers

FISH FRY TOTALS

Total Net Profit = \$6,536.98!
 As planned, proceeds will be split, just over \$2,000 will go to each:
 -> SPP Parish Life Center,
 -> SPP Religious Education, and
 -> CCW / Knights of Columbus (split)
 Special thanks to Charlene Potter for organizing and facilitating this big fundraiser. Thank you to the men that take care of frying the fish. Thank you to all however able to contribute. The food was great & the fellowship was priceless.

CCW Appreciation Meeting

April 8th at 6pm, Parish Life Center Appreciation Gathering for all CCW ladies - cheese and crackers with drinks to celebrate all that we have done and goals we look forward to in the upcoming year!

MANY THANKS

Thank you to Abe Gawrych & all who helped put the new landscape rock around Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Job well done!

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

Sunday, April 12th, 11am-12pm SPP Parish Life Center

DIOCESE YOUTH MINISTRY NOTE

HIGHER GROUND RETREATS - Attention high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. We still have availability for Higher Ground week 2, May 31- June 5, 2026. Throughout the week you will deepen your relationship with Christ and learn what it means to live as His disciple in everyday life. You will leave the retreat renewed in faith and supported by a new community with this shared experience. Find out more and register today at <https://www.gdiocese.org/hgr>

Congratulations!

Twelve candidates have completed the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults program and celebrate their Sacraments this Holy Saturday! We are so thankful that their faith journey has brought them to the Catholic Church. Welcome!!!

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
March 23 - 29, 2026

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$531.00
St. Joseph	\$150.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$3878.70
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1539.80
Maintenance	\$10.00
Parish Life Center	\$405.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$90.00

MARCH Totals as of 3/29/26

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$18610.27
Online General Fund	\$6875.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$5485.27

Special Collections
 PARISH - Easter Flowers \$130.00
 DIOCESE - Catholic Relief Services \$424.75

THANK YOU
 for your continued support!

Area Events & News

iDeall RELATIONSHIPS

Spirit Catholic Radio, app or podcast - starts April 6, 8pm on 91.5FM Catholic perspective on Christ-centered relationships. Focuses on building strong, faith-filled relationships, emphasis on dating, marriage, & navigating real-life challenges through a Catholic lens.

DIOCESE SPRING SPIRITUAL GALA

Registration due April 15, \$40 to Justina Benscoter 40156 Goose Creek Road - Valentine, NE 69201 Gala -> April 20, 2026 Holy Spirit Church in North Platte 9am-3pm Hotel: Avid Hotel 308-221-7100 mention GIDCCW gala \$79/room Contact: Sandy Eggert 308-645-7058

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