



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph
August 10, 2025

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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 Matelyn/Brookfield

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or
by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua/Farwell
 St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Prayer Chain Contacts

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Mrs. Judi Baker - 5th to 11th grade
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CLASSES STARTING SOON

Preschool thru 4th grade

Sunday, September 7th, 9-10am

5th thru 11th Grades

Wednesday, September 10th

from 7- 8pm

All classes will meet at the
 Parish Life Center classrooms.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid... for your Father in heaven is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

Every so often, our possessions define our standards in life and convey our character as a person. And at times, our wealth expresses the way we think of others. Read this story:

One day, a wealthy family man took his son on a trip to the country so he could have his son see how poor country people live. They stayed one day and one night in the home of a very humble farmer who was so hospitable to them. At the end of the trip, when they arrived home to their mansion, the wealthy father asked his son, "What did you think of the trip?" The son replied, "Very nice, Dad." Then the father asked his son again, "Did you notice how poor they were?" The son answered, "Yes." The father continued asking, "What did you learn?" The son responded, "I learned that we have one dog in our house, and they have four. Also, we have a fountain in our garden, but they have a stream that has no end. We have imported lamps in our garden, but they have the stars above them. Our garden goes to the edge of our property, but they have the entire horizon as their back yard." At the end of the son's reply, the father was speechless. His son then said, "THANK YOU, DAD, FOR SHOWING ME HOW POOR WE REALLY ARE!"

There is nothing inherently evil about owning the things we need. However, when we strive to collect possessions beyond our needs, there is always a tendency that we neglect our duty to God, our responsibility to our families and neighbors. Those of us who are blessed with wealth beyond our needs have the moral obligation to share generously with the less fortunate. Remember, the advice of Jesus, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." Use your earthly possessions in the service of love. And when you do, the "kingdom is yours" and that is your eternal treasure. And if you don't, the moral reminder "the love of money is the root of all evil" is then true.

So, today, try to reflect on these questions: Which of your possessions would be the most difficult for you to abandon to pursue the things of Christ? If God should come into your life at this very moment, would you be ready? Do you think of this moment with fear or as a time of joy?

Jr. Vincent L. Parsons

Ministry Schedule

AUGUST 16TH & 17TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

GREET: Betty Roebuck / Riley Fowler /
 Denny & Kathy Hahn

LECTOR: Alan Lewandowski

EM: Reese Fowler / Bill Gregoski

SERVE: Volunteers

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Leo & Gina Haggerty Family

LECTOR: Mike Thede

EM: Rick Harrahill / Mike Thede

SERVE: Volunteers

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

GREET: Vince & Diedre Jensen /
 Jim & Charleen Potter

LECTOR: Bob Gregoski

EM: Ben Syring / Tara Sjuts / Matt Rief /
 Gabe Rief

SERVE: Volunteers

This Week's Schedule

Monday, August 11

No Daily Mass / Office Closed

Tuesday, August 12

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Colleen Brouillette

By Monte Brouillette & Family

Wednesday, August 13

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Anna Dedic

By Todd & Cindy Peters

Thursday, August 14

Assumption Vigil Mass 5:30pm (SPP)

Intention: Jacob Knutson

By Tom & Pat Knutson

Men's Bible Study 6:30pm (Bed Head Coffee)

Friday, August 15 Assumption of Mary

Holy Day Mass 7:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Rose Irvine

by Beth Svoboda

Friday, August 15 Assumption of Mary

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Communion Service 9am (Matelyn)

Holy Day Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Dan Gorecki

By Cody & Cydney Wetzel

Saturday, August 16

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Heather Consola grand-
 daughter of Buzz Welch by Ron Sack

Weekend Mass 6:30pm (SJ)

Intention: †Tiny Chiodo

By Ron Sack

Sunday, August 17

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Marge Wozniak

By Evelyn Dvorak

Bennett Poss Baptism 11am (SPP)



Congratulations
on your Baptism
**KOLTER RIPP
HANSEN**

Pictured:
Godparents: Branson & Kristin
Townsend, Deacon Phil Lukasiewicz,
Kolter with
Parents: Madison & Aaron Hansen

August 3, 2025
St. Anthony Catholic Church



The Catholic Church's August devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is rooted in the prayers of the Fatima children and has been emphasized by Pope Pius XII in 1942. The month is dedicated to seeking solace and intercession from Mary, who is seen as the source of comfort and guidance. It is a time for Catholics to reflect on their relationship with Mary and to seek her intercession for purity of heart and virtue.
Source: catholic365.com

DIOCESAN APPEAL
Together on Mission: 2024-2025 campaign goes through September, & it's only 10% short of the \$1,200,000 goal! You can still contribute, visit: <https://gidiocese.org/diocesan-appeal>

Tri-Parish Events & News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Let's get registered!!! Please fill out a form in the back of Church or online registration is available through the link on our Parish website or on our Facebook post. Preschool to 4th start September 7th at 9am and 4th to 11th start September 10th at 7pm! All classes will start at the Parish Live Center classrooms.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

3rd & 4th grade Religious Ed. teachers are needed for this fall. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time & talents with our students. The Holy Spirit will guide you! A group of 2-3 adults &/or older students is ideal so all have flexibility. Contact a DRE or attend out RE Team Meeting.

Young Men's Bible Study...

will discontinue for now as the young men participating are headed back to college. Thank you to Zachary Hirschman for organizing & facilitating the Bible Study through the summer.

RELIOUS ED TEAM MEETING

Current catechists and those considering helping or teaching please join us for a short meeting at 9am on Sunday, August 17 at the Parish Life Center hall. Agenda: classroom arrangements, upcoming school year tentative schedule, and brainstorming possible teachers and helpers.

FALL BAZAAR

Mark your calendars...October 19th will be our Fall Bazaar!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting August 19th, 7pm at SPP PLC NW Classroom

CCW

Meetings will resume September 10, at 6pm - SPP Parish Life Center
All women of the Parish are invited & encouraged to attend!

Congratulations ...

to JERRY & PAT SCHMIT, who are celebrating **60 YEARS** of marriage at Mass and with their family this Saturday. May the Good Lord smile upon you!

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
July 28 - August 3, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$1585.00
St. Joseph	\$210.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$4321.50
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$801.00
Maintenance	\$30.00
Parish Life Center	\$140.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$1000.00

JULY Totals as of 8/3/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$4321.50
Online General Fund	\$801.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$14877.50

Special Collections
DIOCESE - Peter's Pence: \$25.00
Supports the Pope's worldwide assistance.

Area Events & News

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul
Now accepting applications for 2025-2026 program year! Applications can be found on their website: CLCSTPAULNE.ORG Classes start September 2, 2025 New Teacher - St. Paul native, Mikayla Mrkvicka. See flyer in Gathering Area more info.

STATE FAIR MASSES

Sundays - August 24th & August 31st
During the State Fair in Grand Island, there is a Mass at the fairgrounds at 9:00AM held at the AP stage (located on the south side of the fairgrounds at the end of the "midway") All are welcome to join us for Mass!

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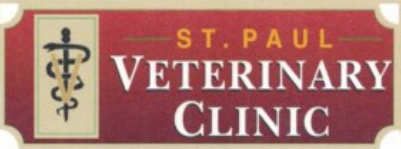
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