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

August 24, 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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTER THROUGH THE
NARROW GATE

LUKE 13:24



Sts. Peter & Paul
713 Elm Street
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(308)754-4002

Saturday Mass 5:00PM
Sunday Mass 8AM & 10AM

St. Anthony
103 Kearns Avenue
Farwell, NE 68838
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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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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.

Ministry Schedule**AUGUST 30TH & 31ST****SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS****MUSIC:** Julie Dush**GREET:** Meagan Dubas Family**LECTOR:** Todd Paulsen**EM:** Sarah Townsend / Meagan Dubas**SERVE:** Volunteers**SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS****MUSIC:** Farwell Group**GREET:** Chad & Krista Bauder Family**LECTOR:** Betty Roebuck**EM:** Riley Fowler / Reece Fowler**SERVE:** Volunteers**SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS****MUSIC:** Men's Choir**GREET:** Kevin & Tami Reilly Family**LECTOR:** Linda Kezeor**EM:** Bill Gregoski / Tami Reilly /
Mary Jo Serbousek / Todd Peters**SERVE:** Volunteers**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time****NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Someone asked Jesus, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" If you are one of those who is thinking not to be a part of the eternal banquet, read this "diamond story" about Dorothy Day told by a Catholic Worker staff:

A well-dressed woman visited the Worker house one day and gave Dorothy a diamond ring. Dorothy thanked the visitor, slipped the ring in her pocket, and later in the day gave it to an old woman who lived alone and often ate her meals at St. Joseph's. One of the staff protested to Dorothy that the ring could better have been sold at the Diamond Exchange and the money used to pay the woman's rent for a year. Dorothy replied that the woman had her dignity and could do as she liked with the ring. She could sell it for rent money or take a trip to the Bahamas. Or she could enjoy having a diamond ring on her hand just like the woman who had brought it to The Worker. "Do you suppose," Dorothy asked, "that God created diamonds only for the rich?"

Do you suppose that "salvation" is only for a few? I don't think so! Everyone is a diamond! We cannot be sold or exchanged for material things. You and I are like precious glittering diamonds in the eyes of God. Everyone has a unique space in the heart of a loving God. When we sin, he will not abandon us, but Christ will ransom us by his blood, and his mercy polishes us in order for us to shine like a diamond in his protective and loving hands. His grace of forgiveness always brings us hope and peace. The splendor of his healing is joy & love.

In our Eucharistic celebration today, as you come forward during communion time to receive Jesus, remember that the bread you will receive is the same Christ you see stretched out on the cross. He accompanies you to walk in the narrow door of heaven; he will lead you to the eternal banquet; and then invites you to "recline at the table in the kingdom" with him. Treasure then the company of Jesus... be a shining diamond Christian... and be an instrument of salvation for others...

This Week's Schedule**Monday, August 25**

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 26

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †John McIntyre

By Dan, Barbara, & Tom McIntyre

Wednesday, August 27

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Rose Irvine

By Jerry & Barb Sack

Thursday, August 28

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Father Maury Smith OFS

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

Friday, August 29

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)

Intention: †Margaret Thompson &

Bernice Adams by Chuck & Char Schmid

Saturday, August 30

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Bill Sack

By Dan & Barbara McIntyre

Gabriella Jo Townsend Baptism 6pm (SPP)

Sunday, August 31

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Jeff Krzycki

By Family

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes





ADORATION / HOLY HOUR - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH AT 5PM SPP

Hello faith community! My name is Carmen Kosmicki. I grew up going to the Sts. Peter and Paul church from kindergarten until it was time to leave for college. I will be coming back to St. Paul to lead music for a Holy Hour in adoration of our Lord! Please, invite everyone you can think of so we can bring everyone to be in the personal presence of the Lord.

I have two intentions for this Holy Hour: 1. I have come to greatly appreciate adoration; it is a true gift! It forces us to pull ourselves away from the busy world and to just be with God. He doesn't ask us to come ready to give confession, or bring a book, or occupy our time. He invites us to just be with him. It really is that simple. This is what I want to invite everyone to. I will be providing prayerful music to help direct our hearts and minds to God, and to sing along to if that is your style or you feel moved to just praise God for who he is and how he works in your life. Additionally, our Lord has blessed me with the ability to sing, and I want to share this gift more with others, including where my faith was nourished! 2. I have the privilege of travelling to Mexico City through my school to sing at the Mass of the Americas!

It will be a six-day trip including touristy things, but I am most excited to sing at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, especially during this jubilee year! I have already been so blessed to know people in this parish who want to help me with my different faith trips. So, if you are willing I will have a donation box set up, but I also would love it if you would come to adoration and include me in your prayer! Know that I am praying for all of you, God Bless!

Tri-Parish Events & News

MONTHLY FRIDAY ADORATION

September 5, 10am-5pm SPP.
Come spend some personal time with our Lord.

DESIGNER BAGS FOR SALE

Come check it out - September 7th following the 10am Mass at SPP - a colorful variety of 8"x10" bags in every fun design you can imagine - just \$15 or free will offering! Can be used for school supplies, make-up, medicine, yarn or thread, ... whatever you need. ALL proceeds go to our Religious Ed. program - thanks to a very talented and generous anonymous Parishioner.

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEONS

Back again! Tuesday, September 9th at noon, SPP Parish Life Center. Main dish will be provided, please bring a dish to share.

Parish Events!

Junk Jaunt Fundraiser - Sept. 27-29 at Fair Grounds
HOLY SMOKE Cook Off - Oct. 4th at SPP Parish Life Center
Fall Bazaar - Sunday, October 19, at SPP Parish Life Center

RELIGIOUS ED. TEACHERS

We are so happy and so very blessed to now have Catechists for our 4th grade students... Heather Valasek with Helpers Tina Headrick & Heather Seaman!!! Welcome to our Religious Ed. Team! We are still working on 3rd Grade, please let us know if you can help out!!!

RELIGIOUS ED. PARENT MEETINGS

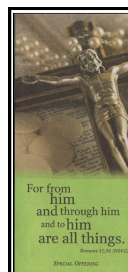
2nd Grade Students & Parents: please meet during first class on Sunday, September 7th, 9-10am, in the far north classroom.
Confirmation Students & Parents: please meet during first class on Wednesday, September 10th, 7-8pm at SPP Church.

RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATIONS

Let's get them finished up, find the link on our Website & Facebook.

Eternal Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Marlene Rowley, wife of Mike Rowley. Mass of Christian Burial was August 24, 2025 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.



CLERGY HEALTH INSURANCE SPECIAL OFFERING

Contributions made in these envelopes or ones you designate as Clergy Health Insurance help our Parish pay Father Vince's Health insurance.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
August 11 - 17, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$295.00
St. Joseph	\$564.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$2770.00
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1436.00
Assumption of Mary	\$706.00
Parish Life Center	\$90.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$618.00

JULY Totals as of 8/17/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$10743.95
Online General Fund	\$3758.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$5498.05

Special Collections

PARISH - Clergy Health Insurance

Area Events & News

CHI HEALTH CLINIC:

The Secrets To Understanding Medicare - August 28 at 6:30pm
CHI Health St. Francis Conf. room 2/3
Presented by: Mary Santin
FREE community education session provided by Nebraska Heart Institute in collaboration with CHI Health St. Francis

CENTRAL NE POLISH HERITAGE September 7 - Ashton, NE

Memorial Mass 10:30am, Polish Buffet 11am - 1pm Kielbasa, sauerkraut & dumplings, pierogi, ethnic soups & more! Dance to Urkoski's 1-4pm. Bid at Silent auction & enter homemade quilt & cash raffles, Visit country store & Polish Museum for kolaches, etc. Visit Polish Heritage Center Inc on FB

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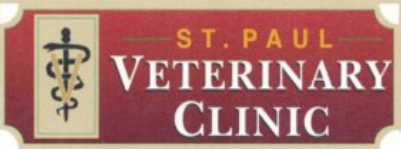
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