



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph
August 31, 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Everyone who exalts himself
will be humbled, and
he who humbles himself
will be exalted.

Luke 14:11



Sts. Peter & Paul
713 Elm Street
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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**Facebook:**

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

St. Paul - Dianne Rice (308-571-0039)
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**Directors of Religious Education**

Mrs. Becky Knox - Preschool to 4th
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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.

Ministry Schedule**SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH****SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS**

MUSIC: Lewandowski Family

GREET: Chris Dethlefs / Shelly Johns /
 Brenda Klanecky / Amy Christensen

LECTOR: Glen Killion

EM: Daneecia Sharman / Chris Dethlefs

SERVE: Jaxen & Kendyl Fowler

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Thede Family

GREET: Kirk & Crissy Bader /
 Wyatt Bader / Bob Dvorak

LECTOR: Jalee Haggerty

EM: Tonya Anderson / Crissy Bader

SERVE: Layla & Boston Bowder

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Kezeor Group

GREET: Mike & Judi Baker Family

LECTOR: Bob Gregoski

EM: Amy Brandt / Monte Brouillette /
 Chris & Gina Elstermeier

SERVE: Tyler & Lauryn Brandt

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR**

The prophet Sirach reminds us how to earn the affection of a loving God with these words:

“My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.”

Certainly, the prophet encourages us to practice HUMILITY! “Humility does not mean that we always aspire for the lowest places. Humility does not mean we should be ill-at-ease with the honors given us. Humility is the spirit of detachment.” It is a virtue that charms God’s love. It is the mother of many virtues, because from it knowledge, realism, honesty, strength, and dedication are born. If this desirable quality becomes the heartbeat of our hearts, Jesus promises us: “... the one who humbles himself will be exalted... blessed indeed will you be... you will be repaid at the resurrection...”

Read this story of a rich man who got stuck in a long line at the airport because of security reasons:

The rich man at the head of the line was mad. He screamed at the attendant, “I want to be seated now! I cannot wait in this line. I have first class tickets.” He went on and on. The attendant behind the counter was patiently trying to explain to him the problems but he would not listen. Finally, the rich man shouted, “Do you know who I am?” Immediately, the attendant picked up the microphone and announced, “Attention, we have a gentleman here who doesn’t know who he is. If anyone can identify him, please come to the front desk.”

Most of the time, pride and money, if not guarded well, will lead us to dishonor, shame and humiliation. It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes people become saints. Therefore, let us practice humility in words and deeds. You might ever know, as early as today, you might be on your journey towards sainthood.

Fr. Vincent L. Pasqua

This Week's Schedule**Monday, September 1 - Labor Day**

No Daily Mass / Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Don Smydra

By Shirley Hanisch

Wednesday, September 3 (Office Closed)

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Rose Olsufka

By CCW

Religious Ed. Team Meeting 6pm (PLC)

Thursday, September 4

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Tony Boysen

By Tom & Pat Knutson

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

Friday, September 5

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)

Intention: †Adeline Jonak

By Carolyn Just

Adoration 10am - 5pm (SPP)

Saturday, September 6

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

Weekend Mass 7:00pm (SA)

Intention: †Wysocki Family

By Kevin & Kathy Carson

Sunday, September 7

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: †William Gregoski Sr.

By Family

RELIGIOUS ED. Pre-4th 9am (PLC classrooms)

2ND GRADE Parent Meeting 9am -
 (north classroom)

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Donald Smydra

By Cecelia Smydra & Family

**ADORATION / HOLY HOUR with Carmen
 Kosmicki 5:00pm (SPP)**



Knights of Columbus



NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION (front)

Travis Sydzyk - Grand Knight
Joseph Lukasiewicz - Deputy Grand Knight
Chuck Schmid - Financial Secretary
Joe Hansen - Chancellor
Bernard Danczak - Inside Guard
Ken Hirschman - Outside Guard
(left)
Bill Gregoski Jr. - Treasurer
Terry Eurek - Lecturer,
Don Gorecki - Warden
Joe Smydra - Recorder

Tri-Parish Events & News

RELIGIOUS ED. TEACHERS

God is **SO GOOD...** Morgan Meyer is our new 3rd Grade Catechist, with Helpers Michaela Hurt, Lisa Porter, & Amanda Lawver!!! Welcome to our Religious Ed. Team! We are truly thankful and abundantly blessed - thank you to all that give the great gift of learning our faith to our children!!

RELIGIOUS ED. PARENT MEETINGS

2nd Grade Students & Parents: Sunday, September 7th, 9-10am, PLC
Confirmation Students & Parents: Wednesday, September 10th, 7-8pm at SPP Church.

PIZZA DONATION

Having pizza the first week of class is a great treat for our students - we appreciate any donations put in the Pizza Box in back of Church!

Upcoming Events

Young at Heart Luncheon - Sept. 9, at Noon, PLC Bring a side to share.

Bountiful Bibles Farmers Market - September 20-21 following Masses
5th Grade Religious Ed. fundraiser

FUN BAGS FOR SALE

Sept. 7th after 10am Mass at SPP - 8"x10" zippered bags - just \$15 or free will offering! Use for whatever you need. ALL proceeds go to our Religious Ed. program - by anonymous sewer:)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

September 1 - Happy Labor Day!
Office also closed on September 3.

CWW

Meeting Sept. 10 at 6pm PLC.
JUNK JAUNT Fundraiser Sept. 27-29 at Fair Stand. Please mark your calendars so can sign up to help.

LOST & FOUND

A navy blue backpack diaper bag found under a table in Parish Hall the week of July 21-25. Please stop by the Parish Office to claim.

Eternal Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jamie Smith, of St. Paul. Mass of Christian Burial was August 29, 2025 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Area Events & News

ST. PAUL SENIOR CENTER - SEPTEMBER -

Open Daily 9am - 2pm Coffee & Sweets
Penny BINGO - Tues. & Thurs. 10:30am
Wed., Sept. 3 - Foot Clinic at 9:00 - 11:30am (first 15 people)
Wed. Sept. 10 & 24 - Potluck at Noon
Sept. 19 - Ice Cream & Cake at 10am

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Sept. 19-21 Grand Island, NE

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Learn how to let Jesus be the Lord and Savior of your life and marriage by attending an encounter. Visit www.wwme.org for mor info. Space is limited, reserve early
Contact w/ questions 402-370-5839

Holy Hour

EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration
with Carmen Kosmicki
(optional free will donation)
Sunday, September 7
5:00pm Sts. Peter & Paul Church

RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRAIONS

Get students registered this week to get them on their class list. Forms are in back of Church, online link is on website & Facebook.

OCIA CLASSES

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Have you or someone you know been thinking about finishing your Sacraments or joining the Catholic Church? Contact the Parish Office for information about OCIA. Classes start late September.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
August 18 - 24, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$295.00
St. Joseph	\$185.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$2352.00
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1550.00
Assumption of Mary	\$81.00
Parish Life Center	\$285.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$100.00

JULY Totals as of 8/24/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$13095.95
Online General Fund	\$5308.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$1596.05

Special Collections

PARISH - Clergy Health Insurance - \$405.00

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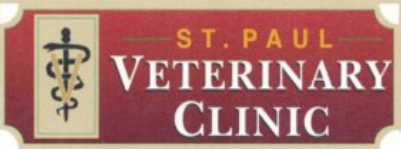
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