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August 3, 2025

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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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Parable of THE RICH FOOL

- Luke 12 -



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

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MASS 1ST SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

St. Joseph
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MASS 3RD SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

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TEACHERS NEEDED

3rd & 4th grade Catechists 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 and works well for all. Contact a DRE to discuss the possibilities!

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Today's first reading from Ecclesiastes sounds rather negative — not like very good news — but it points to the road to joy. Qoheleth recognizes that most of what we spend our lives chasing has little ultimate value. It's a message that is echoed in today's Gospel passage: "Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

Too often such a message is heard as negative, as a condemnation of our desires. A better way to understand such teaching is that it points us to a deeper and richer life, a more lasting joy, and true fulfillment. The problem is that we so often live on the surface of life. Especially in our consumer-driven culture, we are brainwashed to think that buying and acquiring things will bring us happiness. So we often devote much of our time and energy in pursuit of things that do not last and do not satisfy. What Qoheleth and Jesus both want us to understand is that there is a deeper meaning to life and that our happiness depends on going deeper. When we go beneath the surface, we often find that things look much different. Note Paul's words to us today: "Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self." Then he goes on to insist, "Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all." On the surface, people may look and sound very different, but if we go deeper, we see that all are human, all are loved by God, all are brothers and sisters. And if we go deep enough, we find Christ there, "in all." Those charged with preparing and leading worship can also fall into the trap of staying too much on the surface. There is a need to pay attention to the manifold details of the liturgy, but if we spend our time and energy only on getting the rituals right, we may be missing the richness that lies within and under those ritual words and actions. We need to constantly remind ourselves that the liturgy is a means to encounter the living God and make sure that all our activity does not keep us from that encounter. And we need to be constantly seeking ways to help the whole assembly move deeper into the meaning of what we do together at worship.

J. Vincent L. Parsons

Ministry Schedule**AUGUST 9TH & 10TH****SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS**

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

GREET: Schmit Family

LECTOR: Schmit Family

EM: Schmit Family

SERVE: Schmit Family / Volunteer

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Chris Dethlefs / Bob Dvorak /
 Brenda Klanecky / Rick Harrahill

LECTOR: Al Wemhoff

EM: Brandon Townsend /
 Kerry Townsend

SERVE: Volunteers

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

GREET: Brandon & Tina Headrick

LECTOR: Jordan Meyer

EM: Heather Valasek / Michele Killion /
 Paulette Hansen / Gina Elstermeier

SERVE: Volunteers

This Week's Schedule**Monday, August 4**

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 5

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Randy Zeleski

By Roger & Annett Ogard

Wednesday, August 6

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Anna Dedic

By Joanne & Jacob Krieg

Thursday, August 7

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Emily Wysocki

By Kevin & Kathy Carson

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

Friday, August 8

Daily Mass 9am (Brookfield)

Intention: †Marge Wozniak

by Emily Gregoski

Saturday, August 9

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: Jerry & Pat Schmit

By Family

Sunday, August 10

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Joseph & †Victoria Radke
 & Family By Shirley Hanisch

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes
 Young Men's Bible Study 7pm (PLC)

THE ASSUMPTION
 OF THE BLESSED
 VIRGIN MARY
 Holy Day of Obligation

HOLY DAY MASS
 Thursday, August 14, 5:30pm
 Friday, August 15
 7:00AM & 12:05PM
 Sts. Peter & Paul Church

YOU ARE GOD'S *masterpiece* EPHESIANS 2:10

TRI-PARISH YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Let's get Registered!

PAPER FORMS IN BACK OF CHURCH OR **CLICK** ON THIS IMAGE ON OUR WEBSITE
RETURN COMPLETED FORMS & TUITION TO CHURCH OR PARISH OFFICE

Tri-Parish Events & News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2025- 2026 Registration is OPEN! Please fill out a form and return it to the Parish office or online registration is available through the link on our Parish website. Register TODAY so we are sure to have enough supplies for all of our students!

Classes start Sunday, September 7th, from 9am to 10am and Wednesday, September 10th from 7pm to 8pm! All classes will meet at the Parish Life Center.

Teaching a Religious Ed. Class is a special way to help teach your children/grandchildren the importance of learning about our Catholic faith! Prayerfully consider making this a part of your life... Third & Fourth grade Catechist are needed for this fall!

Mass for Deacons

You're invited to a special Mass in appreciation for the Deacons of our deanery. Bishop Hanefeldt will be celebrating this Mass on Thursday, August 7th, 5:15pm at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island.

ASSUMPTION OF MARY HOLY DAY

Vigil Mass will be on Thursday, August 14 at 5:30pm, Mass on Friday, August 15 will be at 7am & 12:05pm. All at Sts. Peter & Paul.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting - Tuesday, August 19th, 7pm in Parish Life Center north-west classroom.

FALL BAZAAR

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

CCW

Reminder - No meeting this month. Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 10, 6pm at PLC. Junk Jaunt fundraiser is on the agenda, it will be September 26-28.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Reminder - No meeting this month. Next meeting - September 16.

Eternal Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Koperski, Jr., of Farwell, who passed away July 27, 2025. Mass of Christian Burial was July 31 at St. Anthony's in Farwell. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Area Events & News

ST. PAUL SENIOR CENTER - AUGUST

Open 9:00am - 2:00pm

BINGO - Tues. & Thurs. 10:30am
Wed., August 6 - Foot Clinic at 9:00 - 11:30am (first 15 people)
Wed., Aug. 13 & 27 - Potluck at Noon
Aug. 13, 20, & 27 - Hospital at 10:30am
Aug. 22 - Ice Cream & Cake at 10am

ST. LEO'S BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Sunday, August 10th 11:45am-2pm
Fun for the Whole Family!
Basket Raffle - tickets sold thru Aug. 10th contact St. Leo's in GI.
Meal provided by the Knights of Columbus, Outdoor games & Inflatables for all ages. Proceeds for faith-building events at St. Leo's.

Happy
60TH
Anniversary
JERRY & PAT SCHMIT

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops is inviting Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until Oct. 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life — especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving

July 21 - July 27, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$355.00
St. Joseph	\$165.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$3210.62
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1425.00
Religious Education	\$130.00
Parish Life Center	\$395.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$170.00

JULY Totals as of 7/27/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$12516.37
Online General Fund	\$4997.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$2486.63

Special Collections

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH - BRAZIL MISSION
APPEAL Collection: \$135.00

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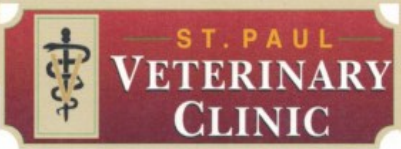
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