



Howard County Catholics

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

December 7, 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

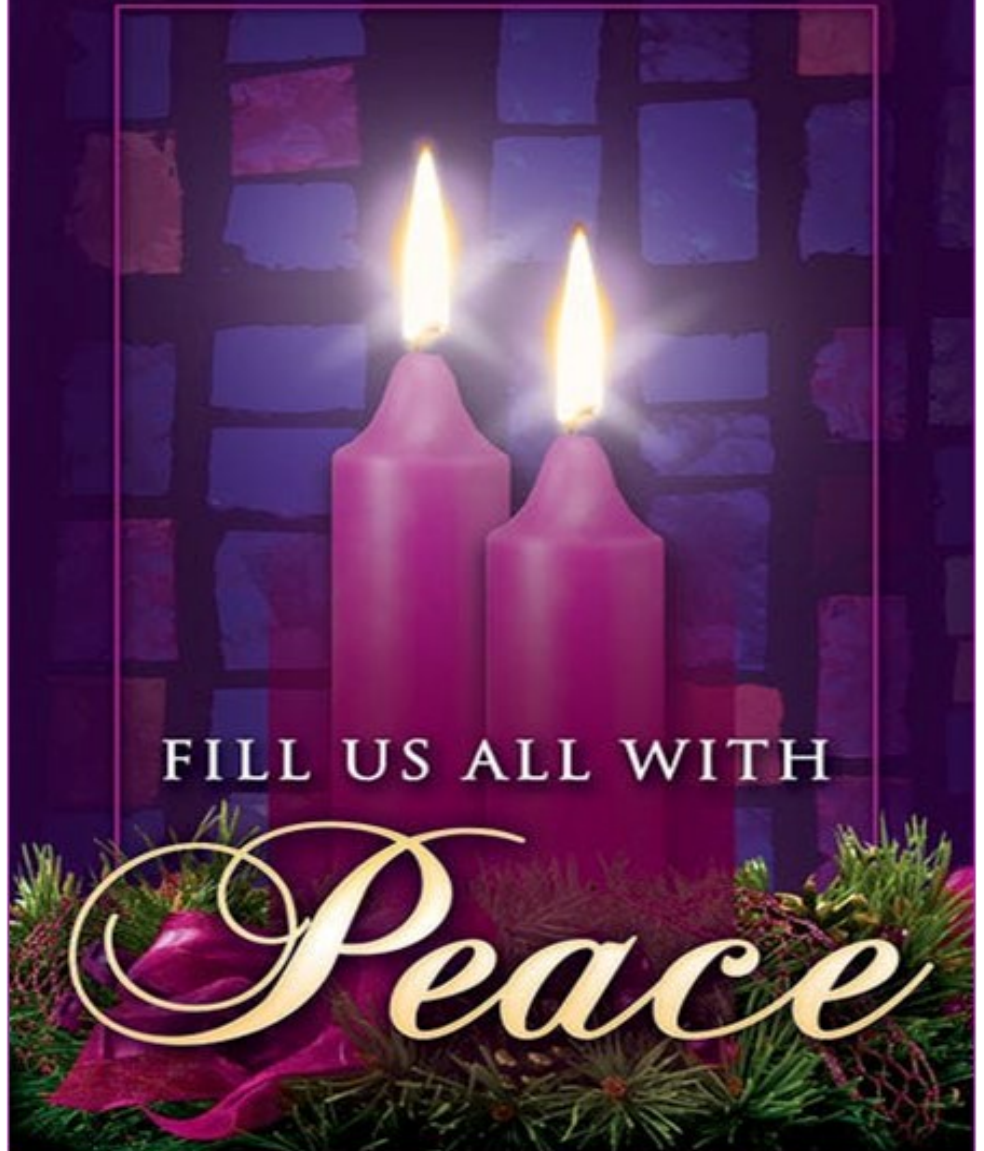
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or
by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



FILL US ALL WITH

Peace



One God
One Family
One Hope

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TONIGHT, December 7 - Vigil Mass 5pm (SPP)

Monday, December 8 - Mass 12:00pm (SPP)

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

St. Paul - Dianne Rice (308-571-0039)

St. Paul - Ann Rief (308-380-0619)

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CLASS TIMES

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT! In our gospel today, John the Baptist challenges all of us with this announcement:

“REPENT! The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!” In order for us to have a taste of the KINGDOM, John the Baptist gave us a spiritual medicine, called: “REPENT!”

There are seven kinds of “REPENT TABLETS” that we need each day of the week to strengthen our spiritual resolve to experience the promised KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. They are the following:

TABLET OF LOVE: “Where there is hatred, let us bring LOVE!” Let our hearts become the

depository of care and kindness for our brothers and sisters.

TABLET OF PARDON: “Where there is injury, let us bring PARDON!” Let us live a reconciling and reconciled life.

TABLET OF FAITH: “Where there is doubt, let us bring FAITH!”

Through our faith, let us become instruments in bringing others to trust God.

TABLET OF HOPE: “Where there is despair, let us bring HOPE!” May our companionship with others fill their hearts with hope.

TABLET OF LIGHT: “Where there is darkness, let us bring LIGHT!” Let us become the spiritual guide for others to journey towards the “LIGHT of EVERLASTING LIFE!”

TABLET OF HOSPITALITY: Where there is rejection, let us bring HOSPITALITY. Let us become God’s compassionate hands to embrace those discriminated in our midst.

TABLET OF PEACE: Where there is violence, let us bring PEACE! Let us become peacemakers in our violent world.

If the TABLETS are taken religiously, indeed, harmony will emerge in every heart. And I believe that the KINGDOM of HEAVEN will be in our hands. So, my prescription to all of you during the SEASON of ADVENT is this: “TO DRIVE TEMPTATION AWAY TAKE ONE TABLET A DAY!”

Jr. Vincent L. Parsons

Ministry Schedule

DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

MUSIC: Julie Dush

GREET: Bob & Janelle Morgan /
Don & Bev Sack

LECTOR: Glen Killion

EM: Becky Knox / Virginia Schenck

S: Emily Schenck / Verah Paulsen

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Farwell Group

GREET: Al & Janet Wemhoff /
Ken & Carol Vincik

LECTOR: Rick Harrahill

EM: Don Gorecki / Chad Bauder

S: Hallie Bauder / Hayes Mottl

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Kezeor Group

GREET: PreK /Kindergarten Religious
Ed. / Marilyn Schmaljohn

LECTOR: Ann Rief

EM: Monte Brouillette / Carrie Vech /
Nancy Psota / Kerry Townsend

S: Blake Reilly / Avery & Eli Svoboda

This Week's Schedule

Monday, December 8 - HOLY DAY

Mass 12:00pm (SPP) Immaculate

Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

Intention: Dedic Family

By Carolyn Just

OCIA Class 6pm (PLC - NW Classroom)

Women's Bible Study 6:30pm (PLC)

Tuesday, December 9

NO Daily Mass

Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm (PLC)

Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm (PLC)

Wednesday, December 10

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Marlene Rowley

By Randy & Debbie Mason

Advent Reconciliation Service 7pm (SPP)

Religious Ed. attend Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 11

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Henry Kusek

By Nancy Psota

Decorating Church 6:30pm (St. Joseph)

Friday, December 12

Daily Mass 9:00am (Brookfield)

Intention: †Joann Janc

By Carolyn Just

Paige Nowak Baptism 6:30pm (SPP)

Saturday, December 13

First Reconciliation for First

Communion Class 10am (SPP)

Hot Cocoa & Cookies to follow (SPP)

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Jeff Welch By Family

Sunday, December 14

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Ernie Kosmicki

By Rich & Marlene Kosmicki

Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC)

Religious Ed. Pre/K Class 2 10am (PLC)

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

Calvin Wernsman Baptism 11am (SPP)

Christmas Program Practice - Religious

Ed. 1st to 6th grades 11am (PLC)



December 17th, 7pm Sts. Peter & Paul

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

In preparation for Advent Reconciliation, let us pray as a family...

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having Offended You,
and I detest all my sins, because I dread
the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all,
because they offend You, my God,
who are all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace,
to confess my sins, to do penance,
and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Tri-Parish Events & News

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION -

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass Times: Vigil at 5pm Sunday, December 7th, Noon Mass on Monday, Dec. 8th, both at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. The **Immaculate Conception** refers to the belief that from the moment of her conception, Mary was preserved by God from original sin. This doctrine is a cornerstone of Catholic theology and emphasizes Mary's unique role in salvation history as the mother of Jesus Christ. (Catholic.com)

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

On Wednesday, December 10th, several Priests will be at SPP to offer the healing Sacrament of Reconciliation. Service starts at 7pm. Religious Ed. students please attend with your family.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve:
4:00pm Sts. Peter & Paul - St. Paul
5:30pm St. Joseph - Elba
7:00pm Sts. Peter & Paul - St. Paul
10:00pm St. Anthony - Farwell
Christmas Day:
9:00am Sts. Peter & Paul - St. Paul

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY SIGN UP

Please sign up to be Liturgical Ministers for a Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day at Sts. Peter & Paul in the back of Church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Extra envelopes are in back of SPP Church. If you prefer to bring a plant, please put a note of who its from & who it is in memory of.

ST. ANTHONY

Thank you to all for the food & the \$413 donated at the Thanksgiving Mass for the Food Pantry. Also, for the additional donations: Bazaar - \$200.00 & Maintenance- \$1000.00! Please pick up your new box of envelopes in the back of Church.

ST. JOSEPH CHRISTMAS PREP

HELPERS NEEDED - Thursday, December 11th at 6:30pm - please, if you can, come join in putting up the trees & decorating our Church!

Religious Education

December 10 - Attend Reconciliation
Dec. 13 - First Reconciliation *2nd grade*
December 14 - Program Practice, 1st-6th grades, **11am at Parish Hall**
December 17 - **Christmas Program**
Preschool to 6th grade, 7pm SPP
(No Class night of program 7th-10th)

Area Events & News

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES OF ST. PAUL - PRESENTS -

NIGHT OF THE NATIVITY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025
Come experience the Christmas story on a guided tour through the woods. Dress warm & bring a flashlight. Free will donation.
Tours: 6pm, 6:45pm, 7:30pm & 8:15pm
820 Kimball Road, St. Paul

WIGILIA (Polish Christmas)

December 7th - Ashton, NE
Polish Heritage Center: 1-4pm
St. Francis Parish Hall: Refreshments 4-6pm, 5 Course Meal 6pm
Fr. Dave Rykwald narrate as Santa
Call Sandi for reservations by Dec 1 at 308-750-6439. Free Will Offering
Sponsored by Polish Heritage Center

Advent Penance Service

Get the gift of forgiveness ...
ST. PAUL: December 10th, 7pm
GREELEY: December 10th, 7pm
BLESSED SACRAMENT (G.I.):
December 14th 7pm
ST. LEO'S (G.I.): Dec. 15th, 7pm
ST. MARY'S (G.I.): Dec. 16th, 7pm
RESURRECTION (G.I.):
December 17th, 6pm
... as we prepare for the coming of Christ our Savior!



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Special Offering - donations in these envelopes help support elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, addressing their retirement and healthcare needs.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
November 24 - 30, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$506.00
St. Joseph	\$165.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$6542.47
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$836.80
Maintenance	\$5.00
Parish Life Center	\$185.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$130.00

NOVEMBER Totals as of 11/30/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$21694.06
Online General Fund	\$12010.80
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$13704.86

Special Collections

DIocese - Military Archdiocese - \$20
PARISH - Christmas Flowers Offerings - \$20

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