



# Howard County Catholics

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February 15, 2026

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## Daily Mass Schedule:

Tues/Thurs 8:30am Wed 12:05pm SPP  
Friday 9:00am - at Brookfield/Matelyn

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or  
by appointment

## Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME  
TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE  
PROPHETS; I HAVE NOT COME TO  
ABOLISH THEM BUT TO FULFILL  
THEM.

*Matthew 5:17*



**ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 18TH**

*Marks the first day of Lent 2026*

**MASS TIMES: 7:00AM | 12:05PM | 7:00PM**  
**AT STS. PETER & PAUL**

**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)  
 St. Paul - Ann Rief (308-380-0619)  
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 308-750-8418

**Youth Religious Ed. Classes**

Preschool thru 4th Grades:  
 Sundays 9:00am – 10:00am  
 5th thru 11th Grades:  
 Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
 Classes held at SPP  
 Parish Life Center classrooms  
 (Confirmation Class at Bed Head Coffee)

**Ministry Schedule**

**FEBRUARY 21ST & 22ND**

**SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS**

**MUSIC:** Serbousek Group

**GREET:** Meagan Dubas Family

**LECTOR:** Jalee Haggerty

**EM:** Joe & Paulette Hansen

**S:** Sophia Hoppes / Kendyl Fowler

**SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS**

**MUSIC:** Farwell Group

**GREET:** Clint & Wanda Nilson /  
 Al & Janet Wemhoff

**LECTOR:** Angie Brennan

**EM:** Carol Vincik / Branson Townsend

**S:** Hallie Bauder / Brogan Grabowski

**SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS**

**MUSIC:** Kezeor Group

**GREET:** 5th Grade Religious Ed. Class

**LECTOR:** 5th Grade RE Students

**EM:** Michele Killion / Todd Peters /  
 Rich & Marlene Kosmicki

**SERVE:** Ike Gawrych / Jace Valasek

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR**

As you sit down in church today, with a heart set on the Eucharistic celebration, read attentively the following story: There was a famous artist who painted a picture of Christ standing and knocking at the door of a house. He called together his artist friends and asked them to examine carefully the picture if they could find anything what is wrong or something lacking in the picture. They looked and examined carefully the painting, but no one could find anything missing. Rather, they were drawn to admire the painting. The artist was not happy, so he begged them to look closely. Finally, one young artist came up and remarked. "Sir, I think, I see something missing in the picture. You forgot to paint a handle or lock on the door." The famous artist said, "My friend, when Christ knocks on the door of your house, it can only be opened inside."

Jesus is standing in front of us and telling us: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." His call is a knock at the door of our hearts. Every knock of Jesus in our hearts is a call to REPENTANCE, an invitation to LOVE, and a journey of HOPE. The heart is a HOLY GROUND for conversion. Will you open your hearts today and follow him? In a couple of days, we will begin the season of Lent, is there something in your life that needs healing from past hurts? God invites all of us to open the door for Christ. The decision is yours...

**This Week's Schedule**

**Monday, February 16**

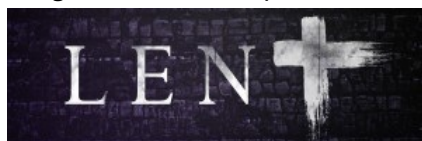
No Daily Mass  
 OCIA 6pm (PLC Classroom)  
 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm (PLC)

**Tuesday, February 17**

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)  
 Intention: †John McIntyre  
 By Dan, Barbara, & Tom McIntyre  
 Catholic Daughters Meeting 1pm (PLC)  
 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm (PLC)

**ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18**

Mass 7:00am (SPP)  
 Intention: †Betty Leonard By Family  
 Mass 12:05pm (SPP)  
 Intention: †Alozy Spotanski  
 By Bill & Bertha Jerabek  
 Mass 7:00pm (SPP)  
 Intention: †Arthur Schmidt By CCW  
 Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm Attend Mass



**Thursday, February 19**

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)  
 Intention: †Dan Gorecki  
 By Rick & Cindy Gorecki

**Friday, February 20**

Daily Mass 9:00am (**Brookfield**)  
 Intention: Dedic Family  
 By Denny & Kathy Hahn  
 FISH FRY 5 - 7pm (SPP)  
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5:30pm (SPP)

**Saturday, February 21**

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)  
 Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)  
 Intention: People of the Parishes  
 Weekend Mass 6:30pm (SJ)  
 Intention: †Jim Novakowski  
 By Family

**Sunday, February 22**

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)  
 Intention: †Colleen Brouillette  
 By Monte Brouillette & Family  
 Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC CR)  
 Religious Ed. Pre/K Class 2 10am (PLC CR)  
 Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)  
 Intention: †Jodi Schmaderer  
 By Mel & Linda Schmaderer



# FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN FISH FRY

**FEBRUARY 20TH, MARCH 6TH, MARCH 20TH**

**STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIFE CENTER**

**5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM**

## Tri-Parish Events & News

### PANS & DISHES

Thank you for bringing desserts & salads when called upon! Please grab your pans & dishes from the kitchen before the busy Fish Frys.

### THIS FRIDAY - FISH FRY TIME!

February 20th from 5-7pm at the Parish Life Center. Proceeds for this one go towards the Parish Hall Building Fund (Debt Relief). Please answer the call to help, the CCW & the Knights of Columbus will be reaching out. Or contact them if you can help! The Religious Ed. classes helping for this one will be 7th, 8th, & 11th.

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, February 25, 7pm at SPP. *Wednesday Religious Ed. students please plan on attending.*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday's during Lent at 5:30pm SPP, except on March 27th - will be at 7pm in St. Anthony in Farwell.

### Season of Lent

For Catholics, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting - a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. (USCCB)

### CRS RICE BOWLS

Be sure to grab one, see the calendar inside for daily activities.

### COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Religious Ed. students are selling Eileen's Cookie dough. If they don't find you, let the office know. Thank you for your support!

### DIOCESE SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Adult Leaders over 17 are needed. If you are interested or know someone who might be, visit <https://www.gidiocese.org/higher-ground-staff>. More Leaders means more spots for the youth!

### ST. ANTHONY CONTRIBUTIONS

A donation of \$100 was made towards the cost to heat the Church. Much appreciated!

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please get bulletin info. in to the Parish Office by 1pm on February 16th. Thank you! *The Office will be closed February 19th & 20th.*

### Eternal Life

*In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Mae Dembowski Mostek of St. Paul. Mass of Christian Burial was February 12, 2026 at St. Anthony Church in Farwell. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*

### QUILT RAFFLE

Buy chances at the Fish Frys to win this beautiful quilt made by our St. Paul quilting ladies!



### WHY ASHES?

For centuries, Catholic Christians have marked the beginning of the season of Lent by receiving ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday. This tradition has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, & almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient sign mark the beginning of the season. (USCCB)

### Finance Corner

**Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving**  
**February 2 - 8, 2026**

#### The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$2165.00
St. Joseph	\$240.00

#### The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$18739.01
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1971.80
Maintenance	\$60.00
Parish Life Center	\$289.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$1945.00

#### FEBRUARY Totals as of 2/8/26

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$23269.01
Online General Fund	\$2565.60
Monthly <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$2834.61</b>

#### Special Collections

DIOCESE for January - Latin America \$20  
DIOCESE February - Eastern Europe

## Area Events & News

### ST. FRANCIS CHURCH - ASHTON

**MASS & SOUP LUNCHEON**  
Sunday, February 22 Mass 10:30am  
Soups Luncheon 11:00am - 2:30pm  
Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle, Czarnia, Sandwiches, Dessert & Drink - Also Quarts of Soup for Sale  
Adults \$12, 11/under \$8, under 5 Free  
All are invited!

### CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT EVENT

Friday, February 20 at 6:30pm  
Resurrection Catholic Church - 4110 Cannon, Road Grand Island  
Beginning with a talk from Fr. Vijumond, followed by Eucharistic Adoration, & conclude with drinks and socializing in the Parish Hall.  
Grow in Faith & Build Community.

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