



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph
February 9, 2025

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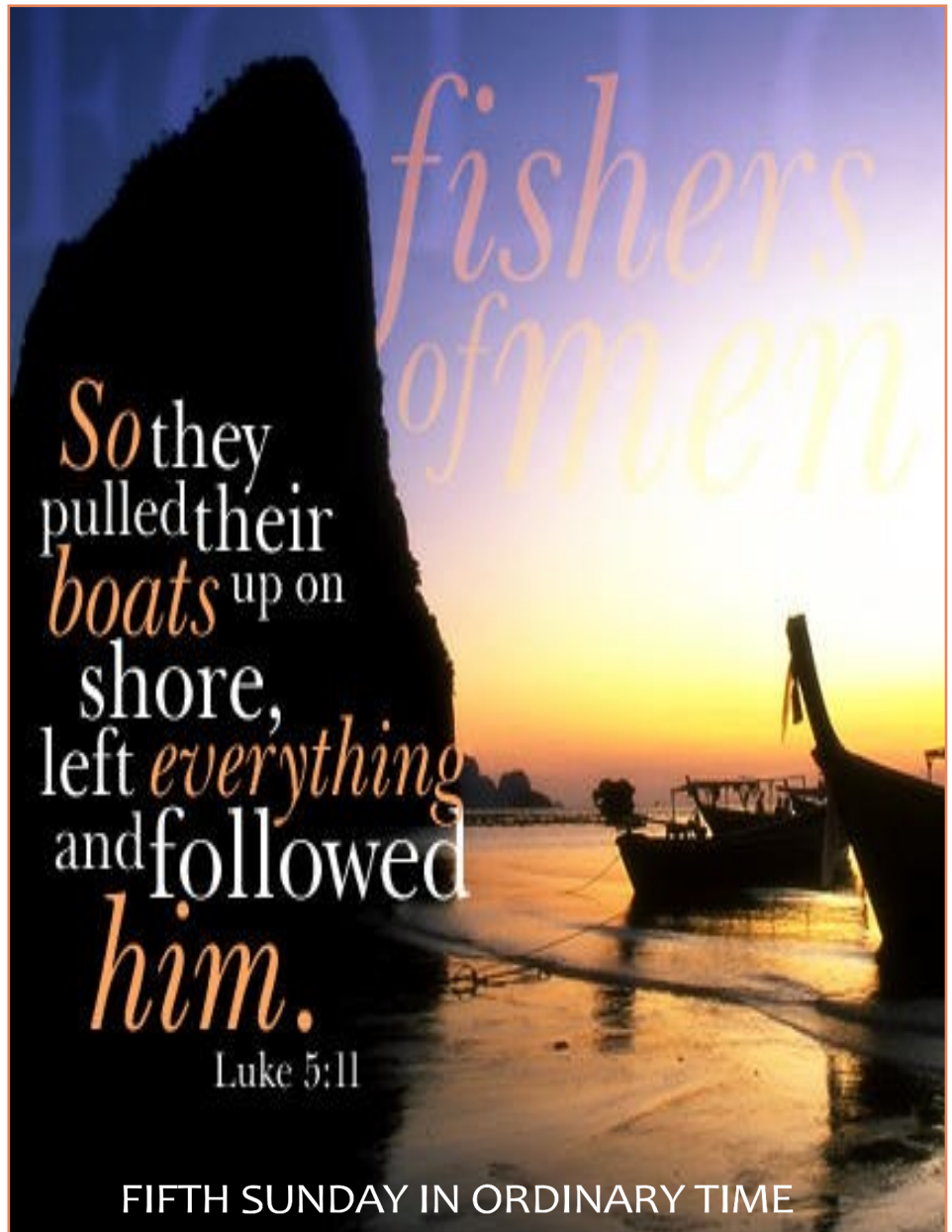
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Tri-Parish Website:
www.howardcountycatholics.com

Daily Mass Schedule:
Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am 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
(308) 754-4002



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sts. Peter & Paul
713 Elm Street
St. Paul, NE 68873
(308)754-4002
Saturday Mass 5:00PM
Sunday Mass 8AM & 10AM

St. Anthony
103 Kerns Avenue
Farwell, NE 68838
(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

Deacon Neil & Julie Baquet
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308-571-0291

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)
Elba - Betty Poss (308-750-0512)



Directors of Religious Education

Mrs. Becky Knox - Preschool to 4th
rebecca.knox@spwildcat.org

Mrs. Judi Baker - 5th to 11th grade
office@howardcountycatholics.com

Youth Religious Ed. Classes

Preschool - 4th Grades:
Sundays 9:00am - 10:00am
(Preschool/K also offered at alt. times)

5th - 11th Grades:
Wednesdays 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Classes held at
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center
(West Hallway Classrooms)

Ministry Schedule

FEBRUARY 15TH & 16TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

GREET: Mary Gappa / Jack Steffes /
Roger & Annette Ogard

LECTOR: Todd Paulsen

EM: Chris & Terri Townsend / Sherry
Oakley

S: Sophia Hoppes / Emily Schenck

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Chad & Krista Bauder Family/
Kelsey Scheer

LECTOR: Rick Harrahill

EM: Chad Bauder / Crissy Bader

SERVE: Peyton Reilly / Reed Coufal

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

GREET: 5th Grade RE / Sherry Kosmicki

LECTOR: 5th Grade RE Class

EM: Kevin & Tami Reilly / Todd
Peters / Benjamin Syring

SERVE: Owen & Archer Shotkoski

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Christianity is about attracting, rather than promoting. Throughout history, we read about founders of communities, of Congregations, of Orders. These were people with a vision. They were dynamic, filled with zeal, and had a powerful sense of mission. Such enthusiasm is highly contagious! Such people always attract attention, and this leads to attracting followers. In recent years, we have seen horrible and grotesque aberrations of this, in the form of cults, that was based on mind control, and that led hundreds to their deaths through suicide pacts. It is the duty of leaders to lead, but it is also their responsibility to know where they're going. Like Moses headed for the Promised Land, Jesus was totally open and definite in the direction of his life. He came to do the Father's will, and he was led by the Spirit. Thank God for the many wonderful leaders and founders with which the Lord has provided us down the centuries. Thank God, for the many such people who are alive and active among us today. Let us pray for our church leaders, that the Lord may inspire and guide them in their teaching and loving us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Handwritten signature of J. Vincent L. Parsons

This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 10

No Daily Mass
OCIA Class 6:30pm (PLC Conference Room)

Tuesday, February 11

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Intention: †Janice Jelinek
By Family
Young at Heart Luncheon 12 Noon (PLC) -
Weather Permitting
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm (PLC)

Wednesday, February 12

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Intention: †Colleen Brouillette
By Monte Brouillette & Family
Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC Classrooms)

Thursday, February 13

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Intention: †Mary McIntyre
By Dan, Barbara, & Tom McIntyre

Friday, February 14

Daily Mass 9:00am (Brookfield)
Intention: †Donald Smydra
By Cecelia Smydra

Saturday, February 15

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)
Intention: †Steve Welch
By Buzz Welch
Weekend Mass 6:30pm (SJ)
Intention: People of the Parishes

Sunday, February 16

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
Intention: †Anna Dedic
By Ron & Jackie Gorecki
Religious Ed. Pre-4th 9am (PLC Classrooms)
Religious Ed. TEAM Meeting 11:15am
(Bed Head Coffee)
Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
Intention: †Joseph & †Victoria Radke
& family By Shirley Hanisch

ASH WEDNESDAY
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT
MARCH 5, 2025 - MASS TIMES
7:00AM | 12:05PM | 7:00PM
SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH



Trey (Timothy III) Oltman was baptized on December 8th at St. Anthony Church in Farwell. Pictured: Don, Kathy, & Andrew Gorecki, Trey, Laura, & Tim Oltman Jr.

Tri-Parish Events & News

ONE ROSE ONE LIFE

The Knights of Columbus bring awareness to the sanctity of life as they hold their One Rose One Life - Buck a Month campaign. Please prayerfully consider supporting this cause in the envelopes provided in the pews this week & next. Donation envelopes can be dropped in the collection or left off at the Parish Office.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE SET

Wednesday, March 12, 7pm at SPP

Upcoming Schedule:

- Knights of Columbus** - February 11, 7pm at SPP PLC NW Classroom
- Young at Heart Luncheon** - February 11th, Noon at SPP PLC
- Catholic Daughters** - February 19th, 7pm at SPP Parish Life Center

SUMMER RETREAT REGISTRATION

6th - 12th grade students wishing to attend HIGHER GROUND, HIGHER GROUND EXTREME FAITH, &/or STEUBENVILLE OF THE ROCKIES ...

GET EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

RATES UNTIL FEBRUARY 9TH!

Find information & register at <https://gdiocese.org/youth-events> If cost is a deterrence, please contact the Parish Office to discuss financial aid options.

St. Joseph CCW:

The Council of Catholic Women of St. Joseph will Meet - Saturday, February 15, following the 6:30pm Mass in Elba - in the Church basement.

Area Events & News

PRO-LIFE COFFEE w/ NE SENATORS
February 15 in Grand Island

Join statewide Pro-Life groups at GI Riverside Golf Club from 9-11am. Learn about important pro-life legislation from NE State Senators. Coffee, fruit, & bagels provided. Hosted by Nebraska Catholic Conference & Diocese of Grand Island Pro-Life Office.

ANNUAL VALENTINE SUPPER

Saturday, February 15, 2025
Must RSVP/pay by Feb. 10 to 308-379-1949 & pmt. to St. Libory Church, mail to Kozisek, 106 Eagle Road, St. Libory, NE 68872. Steak dinner including wine & dessert \$40/person or \$300/table of 8 at SL Parish Hall Social 5:30-6pm, Meal 6-7pm Must be 21; Mass prior at 4:30pm

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
February 14-16, Lincoln, NE

"They left everything and followed him." Leave behind the world's plan for your marriage. Sign up today to attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Register early. Contact w/ questions: Brenda or Gary Granger 402-370-5839 More info. visit www.wwme.org

NEBRASKA RETROUVAILLE

Faith, Hope and Love... Are these present in your marriage? Living in a marriage that is missing love can be difficult, ask your spouse to consider attending Retrouvaille. **February 14-16** Schuyler, NE Register/Info. 308-370-3214 or Email NebraskaRetrouvaille@gmail.com



Knights of Columbus * Sts. Peter & Paul CCW

FRIDAY NIGHT
LENTEN

FISH FRY

MARCH 7TH • MARCH 21ST • APRIL 4TH

Saints Peter & Paul Parish Life Center 5:00 - 7:00PM

The Knights of Columbus and CCW have graciously agreed to organize the three Fish Frys, but it will take everyone to make them successful. Please mark your calendar and plan to help out! 5-11 Religious Ed. classes will be assigned a night.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY Prayer Intention for evangelization - For vocations to the priesthood & religious life
Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



HEALTH NOTICE
An Automated External Defibrillator to be used in case of an emergency, it is located by the coat area near the south west Church entrance.



ON SITE

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
January 27- February 2, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$1595.00
St. Joseph	\$90.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$4216.00
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$656.00
Parish Life Center	\$135.00
Maintenance	\$20.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$1590.00

February Totals as of 2/2/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$4216.00
Online General Fund	\$656.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$15128.00

Special Collections

DIOCESE: March 5 - Eastern Europe

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for your continued support!

Todd & Cindy Peters
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