



# Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph  
January 11, 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

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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

**St. Anthony**  
103 Kearns 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  
 deaconneil@howardcountycatholics.com  
 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)  
 Farwell - Thereasa Nealon  
 (308-336-3349)  
 Elba - Betty Poss (308-750-0512)



## Directors of Religious Education

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 rebecca.knox@spwildcat.org  
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Mrs. Judi Baker - 5th to 11th grade  
 office@howardcountycatholics.com  
 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

### JANUARY 17TH & 18TH

#### SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

**MUSIC:** MaryJo Serbousek Group  
**GREET:** Jack Steffes / Julie Baquet /  
 Troy & Kim Johnson

**LECTOR:** Becky Knox

**EM:** Gerald Solko / Meagan Dubas

**SERVE:** Claire Dubas / Verah Paulsen

#### SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

**MUSIC:** Lewandowski Family

**GREET:** Confirmation Class

**LECTOR:** Confirmation Students

**EM:** Tara Sjuts / Kerry Townsend

**SERVE:** Reed Coufal / Henry Coufal

#### SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

**MUSIC:** Sherry Kosmicki Group

**GREET:** Brady & Sarah Townsend Family

**LECTOR:** Kevin Reilly

**EM:** Joe & Paulette Hansen /

Tami Reilly / Sarah Townsend

**SERVE:** Braxton & Brody Headrick

## The Baptism of the Lord

### NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which closes the Christmas season, offers us the chance to go as pilgrims in spirit to the banks of the river Jordan in order to take part in a mysterious event. So, imagine yourself as one in the crowd listening to John the Baptist as he pointed to Jesus and said: "I am baptizing you with water, but the one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Imagine you were there 2000 years ago and have witnessed the baptism of Jesus. When Jesus emerged from the water of the river Jordan, the Holy Spirit was there in the form of a dove and then God the Father initiated Jesus to his saving mission and public ministry with these words: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Baptism of Jesus and our own baptism are closely connected. If Jesus was commissioned by his Father to do his Father's will during his baptism, so are we. We are called to discipleship and commissioned to ministry – the building of the Kingdom of God. Baptism then is not just a christening, it is a commissioning!

When you leave the church today, and dip your hand into the holy water fonts by the entrances of the church, think of the baptism of Jesus and of yours, then listen with the heart, thus initiating you to become a committed disciple in bring about: PEACE in our families and in our world; JOY in our hearts, as well as in other lives; KINDNESS to our neighbors without counting the cost; GOODNESS towards all; PATIENCE with one another; FAITHFULNESS to our promises, SELF CONTROL in all that we do; HUMILITY so we can hear what others are saying. God bless you all!

*J. Vincent L. Parsons*

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, January 12

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

### Tuesday, January 13

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)  
 Intention: †Colleen Brouillette  
 By Monte Brouillette & Family  
 Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm (PLC)  
 (Serving Soup / Weather permitting)  
 Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm (PLC)

### Wednesday, January 14

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)  
 Intention: †Bruce Weiss  
 By Bob & Patty Krzycki  
 CCW Meeting 6pm (PLC Meeting Rm)  
 Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC CR)

### Thursday, January 15

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)  
 Intention: †Marian Potts  
 By Joan Koperski

### Friday, January 16

Daily Mass 9:00am (**Brookfield**)  
 Intention: Dedic Family  
 By Denny & Kathy Hahn

### Saturday, January 17

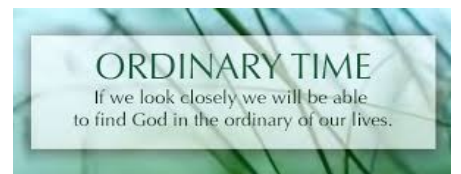
Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)  
 Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)  
 Intention: †Jeff Welch  
 By Family

Weekend Mass 6:30pm (SJ)  
 Intention: †Anthony Gregoski  
 By Family

Fellowship Potluck 7:30pm (SJ BSMT)

### Sunday, January 18

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)  
 Intention: †Anna Dedic  
 By Randy & Patricia Curran  
 Confirmation Retreat 8am-2pm (SPP)  
 Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC CR)  
 Religious Ed. Pre/K Class 2 10am (PLC CR)  
 Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)  
 Intention: People of the Parishes





**SEEK 2026: A strong voice of young Church in the United States**  
 SEEK 2026 was held from January 1 to 5 simultaneously in three cities: Columbus, Denver, and Fort Worth, Texas. In total, the event attracted more than 26,000 participants. Attendees included primarily university students and young adults, joined by priests, consecrated persons, lay leaders, and bishops. The SEEK conference, organized by the FOCUS community, brought together catechesis, liturgy, adoration, confession, and sessions on vocational discernment. ([www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va))



The Knights of Columbus presented the **Family of the Month** award for January 2026 to Kathy, Don, and Andrew Gorecki!

## Tri-Parish Events & News

### CCW FAITH FORMATION SUPPORT

St. Paul CCW generously donated \$100 per student to those that chose to attend the SEEK Conferences this past week. Those attending from our Parishes were Maya Becker, Abby Hirschman, Zach Hirschman, Carmen Kosmicki, and Gabe Rief.

### CCW DUES

It is time for our \$10 annual dues, please use the attached envelopes and drop them off in the collection or at the Parish Office.

### ST. JOSEPH FELLOWSHIP

January 17th, Potluck following the 6:30pm Mass in Elba. Bring a dish to share with our faith community.

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT

January 18th, 7:45am - 2pm at Sts. Peter & Paul. Students will help with 8am Mass, then take part in their retreat at the Parish Life Center. Concluding with Adoration & Reconciliation back at Church.

### A Note from St. Anthony...

Thank you to all that helped prepare food, serve, & clean up at the Soup Supper last Saturday. Heartfelt thanks to all that came out and joined us for good food & fellowship. Much appreciated!

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

Soup Luncheon at NOON - January 20th, in the Northwest classroom. Hostesses are asked to bring a soup, officers please bring a dessert and all other members should bring a side item. The hostesses for this meeting are Annette Ogard, Virginia Lauritsen, Carolyn Just, and Geri Wardyn.

### DIOCESE SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Registration for the 2026 Diocese Summer Events opens February 1. Higher Ground, HG Extreme Faith, & Steubenville of the Rockies, all offer young people an opportunity to grow in faith and love of God. Please talk with your middle/high school students about attending these events. The substantial Early Bird discount ends on February 8th and events fill up quickly. For info. visit: [www.gidiocese.org/yya](http://www.gidiocese.org/yya)

### Eternal Life

*In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony McClay, of St. Paul. The Funeral Service was held January 10, 2026 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.*



The holy name "Jesus," meaning "God Saves," reflects His mission and divine love for humanity. ([covenantcatholic.org](http://covenantcatholic.org))

### Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving  
**December 29 - January 4, 2026**

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

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| St. Anthony Church       | \$1597.00 |
| St. Joseph (+ \$40 heat) | \$280.00  |

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

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Actual General Fund          | \$5538.50 |
| OSV On-Line General Fund     | \$816.80  |
| Maintenance                  | \$255.00  |
| Parish Life Center           | \$165.00  |
| Restoring Our Father's House | \$888.00  |

#### JANUARY Totals as of 1/4/26

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Monthly Budget                   | \$20000.00        |
| Actual General Fund              | \$5538.50         |
| Online General Fund              | \$816.80          |
| Monthly <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b> | <b>\$13644.70</b> |

#### Special Collections

DIOCESE for January - Latin America

## Area Events & News

### **CARE Team Presents**

**Family Movies Nights! Disney PIXAR:**  
**Inside Out 1** on **January 11th**, 3pm  
**Inside Out 2** on January 25th, 3pm  
 Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center  
 Popcorn & water provided.  
 Sponsored by the CARE Team  
 All welcome, family friendly event!

### **RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND**

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