



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph
January 12, 2025

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Daily Mass Schedule:

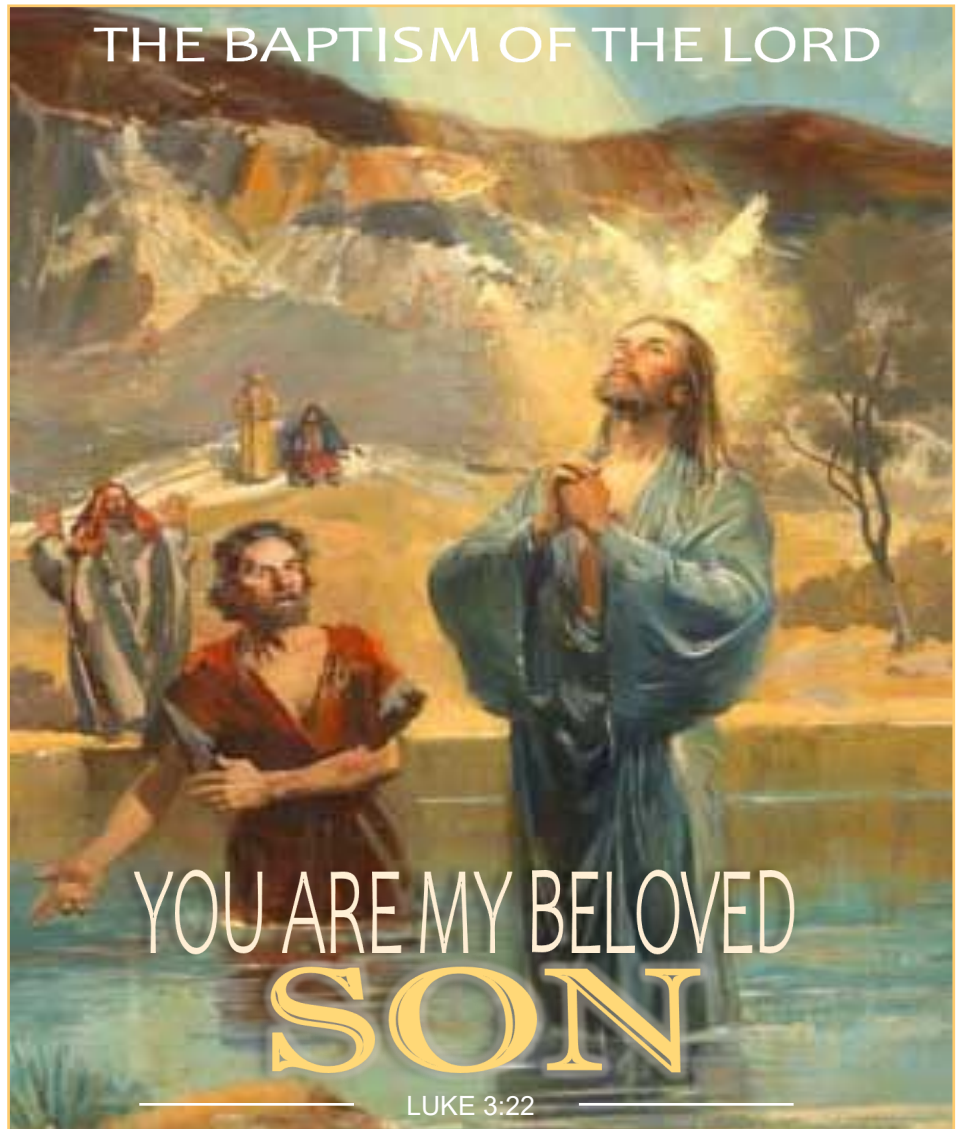
Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am SPP
Friday 9:00am -
at Matelyn/Brookfield

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or
by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office
(308) 754-4002



TRI-PARISH BAPTISM CLASS - TODAY

Sunday, January 12th at 11:00AM in Parish Life Center



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

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Tri-Parish Media

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St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua/Farwell
 St. Joseph Catholic Church
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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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 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

Ministry Schedule

JANUARY 18TH & 19TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet
GREET: Troy & Kim Johnson / Jack Steffes / Julie Baquet

LECTOR: Becky Knox

EM: Gerald Solko / Meagan Dubas /

SERVE: Claire Dubas / Verah Paulsen

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Anna Thede / Jean Thede / Kelsey Scheer / Kelli Seward

LECTOR: Anna Thede

EM: Mark Verley / Kerry Townsend / Branson Townsend

SERVE: Reed Coufal / Sophia Hoppes / Paislee Call

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

GREET: 9th Grade RE Class / Travis S

LECTOR: 9th Grade RE Class

EM: Nikki Bader / Amy Brandt / Emma & Gina Elstermeier

S: Braxton & Brody Headrick / Peyton Reilly

The Baptism of the Lord

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

In the Baptism of the Lord Year C, we reflect on the special event of Jesus' baptism. Jesus, though sinless, chose to be baptized by John the Baptist, who called people to repent. Why did Jesus, who had no need to repent, decide to be baptized?

One reason is that Jesus wanted to show his support and understanding for us. He wanted to share in our humanity and weaknesses. By being baptized, Jesus stood with those who were seeking forgiveness and a new start. He showed that he was not distant from us but very close, sharing in our struggles.

Another reason is that Jesus' baptism was a way to begin his mission. It was a public sign that he was ready to do God's work. The heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit came down like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." This showed that Jesus was chosen by God for a special purpose.

Through Jesus' baptism, we see how much God loves us. Jesus showed that he is with us in our joys and our difficulties. He came to save us and to show us the way to God. By being baptized, Jesus showed that he was one of us, sharing in everything we go through.

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the gift of baptism. Help us to follow Jesus' example of love and service. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so we can bring hope and kindness to others. Amen.

Jr. Vincent L. Parsons

This Week's Schedule

Monday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 15

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
 Intention: †Florence Duester
 By Jeanne & Steve Scheneman
 Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC Classrooms)

Thursday, January 16

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
 Intention: †Anna Dedic
 By Randy & Patricia Curran

Friday, January 17

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)
 Intention: †Irene Peters
 By Family

Saturday, January 18

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
 Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)
 Intention: †Colleen Killinger
 By Marie Platek
 Weekend Mass 6:30pm (SJ)
 Intention: People of the Parishes
 Wine & Cheese to follow Mass

Sunday, January 19

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
 Intention: †Matthew Parsons
 By Kevin & Cindy Sestak
 Religious Ed. Pre-4th 9am (PLC Classrooms)
 Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
 Intention: †Hank Kusek
 By Nancy Psota

THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF CHRISTMAS
begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We will now be in Ordinary Time until Lent. (US Conference of Catholic Bishops).



Among the thousands of College Students attending the SEEK spiritual retreat in Salt Lake City, UT were Mattilyn Stepanek, Carmen Kosmicki, Sidney Gawrych, Kaleb Baker, Zach Hirschman, & Sam Kramer. Thank you to our Parish community for your prayers & support. Check out <https://focus.org>.

Tri-Parish Events & News

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Breakfast casseroles will be the theme this month - January 14 at noon, PLC - weather permitting.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

January 21, Noon Meeting PLC - Hostesses are Annette Ogard, Virginia Lauritsen, Carolyn Just, Dorothy Koperski and Geri Wardyn. Please remember to take 2 dozen cookies to Matelyn on January 17th.

FIRST COMMUNION VEILS

Hand crafted First Communion veils will be on display & available for purchase on Sunday, January 26 from 8:45am to 11:30am at our Parish Life Center! Parents please plan to come check them out. Thank you to MaryJo Serbousek for sharing her talents with our Tri-Parish families.

Note from the Kitchen:

Thank you for bringing salads & desserts for funerals & events. We appreciate your generosity! Please check that all your dishes have been picked up.

DIOCESE SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Registration for the 2025 diocesan summer events opens **February 1, 2025**. Higher Ground, HG Extreme Faith, & Steubenville of the Rockies all offer young people a time to reflect on their spiritual journey and helps them grow deeper in faith and their love for God. Please talk with your middle to high school age students about attending these events. Take advantage of the early bird rate being offered until **February 9**. For details regarding these events, please ask a Religious Ed. DRE or Catechist, scan the QR code on the posters, or visit gidiocese.org/yya. Please take time to plan now as the early discount is substantial & we expect these events to fill up quickly.

St. Joseph Wine & Cheese

Saturday, January 18, following the 6:30pm Mass in Elba there will be wine, cheese, & crackers provided. Please bring a finger food to share with everyone.

Area Events & News

NEBRASKA RETROUVAILLE

Matrimony: A Calling to Forgive
"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life & instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope"
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 Call 308-370-3214 or Email NebraskaRetrouvaille@gmail.com

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS

"IGNITE FOR LIFE" discount offer
 Feb. 1, 2025 UNL Newman Center
 1-5pm Lunch & Fellowship
 (Join at 10am for NE Walk for Life)
 Register at <https://lincolndiocese.org/fox.com/04-ym-ignite-for-life>
 Use code GRANDISLAND for 50% off the \$20 fee (by GI Diocese Offices)



The devotion for the month of January is the Holy Name of Jesus. *"In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth"* (Phil 2:10).

Christ's name is chosen in heaven and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation:

"Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus".

It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us. Source: catholicculture.org

TAX STATEMENTS

Contribution Summary Tax Statements have been mailed to all members of Sts. Peter & Paul that had an annual contribution of \$500 or more in 2024. If you didn't get one and would like to, or if you have questions please contact the Parish Office (308) 754-4002.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
December 30 - January 5, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$495.00
St. Joseph	\$110.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$5200.32
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1236.00
Parish Life Center	\$180.00
Maintenance	\$45.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$2640.00

January 2025 Totals

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$5200.32
Online General Fund	\$1236.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$13563.68

Special Collections

PARISH: Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary
 DIOCESE: Jan. 26 - Latin America

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