



# Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph  
January 19, 2025

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[www.howardcountycatholics.com](http://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

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Water into Wine

John 2:1-12



**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  
deacon@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 - Michelle Woitalewicz  
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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

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

St. Paul talks about the Holy Spirit giving different gifts to people. These gifts are meant to help the community and show God's love. Paul lists several gifts, such as wisdom, knowledge, faith, and healing. Each person receives a gift that can be used to help others.

Paul's message reminds us that everyone has something valuable to contribute. No one person has all the gifts, so we need each other. When we use our gifts together, we can do great things for our community and the Church.

We can apply this teaching in our lives by recognizing our own gifts and the gifts of others. We should encourage each other to use these gifts for the good of everyone. By working together, we can build a stronger and more loving community.

St. Paul also teaches about unity in diversity in the second reading. He explains that even though we have different gifts, they all come from the same Spirit. This means that our differences should not divide us but bring us together.

This message is important because it shows that diversity is a strength, not a weakness. Each person's unique gift is necessary for the Church to function well. When we embrace our differences, we can create a more vibrant and effective community.

- How can you practice unity in diversity in your daily life?
- What areas of your life need transformation through Christ?
- How can you trust Jesus to help you with these changes?

*Jr. Vincent L. Parsons*

## Ministry Schedule

### JANUARY 25TH & 26TH

#### SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

GREET: Meagan Dubas & Family

LECTOR: Betty Czarnek

EM: Chris Dethlefs / MaryAnn Fredrick

SERVE: Eli & Avery Svoboda

#### SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Kirk, Crissy, & Wyatt Bader / Bob Dvorak

LECTOR: Travis Sydzik

EM: Tonya Anderson / Rick Harrahill

SERVE: Layla & Boston Bowder / Hallie Bauder

#### SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

GREET: 8th Grade RE Class / Carol V

LECTOR: 8th Grade RE Class

EM: Mary Jo Serbousek / Monte Brouillette / Joe & Paulette Hansen / Tina Headrick

SERVE: Braxton & Brody Headrick

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, January 20

No Daily Mass

OCIA Class 6:30pm (PLC Conference Room)

### Tuesday, January 21

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †John McIntyre

By Dan, Barbara, & Tom McIntyre

Catholic Daughters Meeting Noon (PLC)

### Wednesday, January 22

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Linda Simmons

By Vicky Knutson

Religious Ed. Team Meeting 6:15pm (PLC)

Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC Classrooms)

### Thursday, January 23

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Roger Wysocki

By Kathy Carson

### Friday, January 24

Daily Mass 9:00am (Brookfield)

Intention: †Marge Wozniak

By Joe Kezior

### Saturday, January 25

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Phyllis Stepanek

By Carolyn Just

### Sunday, January 26

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Anthony Dush

By Alan & Tina Dush

Religious Ed. Pre-4th 9am (PLC Classrooms)

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes



We have several Mass Intentions to get on the schedule, thank you for your patience. If you have a special date request, please plan ahead 4 - 5 months, especially for a weekend Mass. (Ten dollars is the suggested donation for a Mass.)



## Tri-Parish Events & News

### SINCERE THANKS

Thank you to the ladies that decorate our Church and the crew that sets up the nativity each year. We appreciate the beauty your work adds to our Church during the Christmas season!

Thank you to the Religious Ed. 9th & 10th grade students that graciously carried it all to & from it's storage areas. Your efforts are much appreciated!

Thank you also, to Bill Gregoski, for always putting up, taking down & putting away our outdoor nativity. We are abundantly blessed!

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Our Tri-Parish Religious Ed. Junior Class students will be partaking in their retreat on Sunday, February 9th, 2025 here at Sts. Peter & Paul. They will be helping with the 8am Mass and then meet at the Parish Life Center until 2pm. College students from UNK & UNL will be helping conduct the retreat along with their Catechists, Dan & Carrie Vech. Please pray for them all, that it may be a faith filled experience.

### CCW Dues:

Ladies it is time to pay our 2025 CCW dues. Envelopes for the \$10 dues are provided in the bulletin. Please drop them in the collection basket or off at the Parish Office. (Please indicate name on envelope)

### HIGHER GROUND

Current high school 10th to 12th grade students... Higher Ground registration opens February 1, 2025! This retreat is an opportunity to grow stronger in your relationship with Christ, while getting to know your peers from around the diocese. Register today at [highergroundretreats.org](http://highergroundretreats.org) and save with the Early Bird rate until February 9, 2025.

### HIGHER GROUND EXTREME FAITH

Middle school students, 6th to 8th grade... Higher Ground Extreme Faith camp registration opens February 1, 2025! This retreat is a fun week and a great opportunity to grow stronger in your faith while making new friends from around the diocese. Find details & register today at [highergroundretreats.org](http://highergroundretreats.org) and save with the Early Bird rate until February 9, 2025.

### STEOBENVILLE OF THE ROCKIES

High school students, consider attending July 25-27, 2025! More info: [gidiocese.org/Steubenville](http://gidiocese.org/Steubenville)

### Seminarian Support:

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone that supported their December breakfast fundraiser. Due to your kind generosity, \$1,000 will be donated to the Seminarians in our Diocese!

## Area Events & News

### NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE

FEBRUARY 1, 2025 Begins on North steps of State Capitol at 10am. A new route this year will go to Cornhusker Hotel with informational booths & speaker Elizabeth Gillette at 11:30am. Info: NE Right to Life 402-438-4802 or [nebraskartl@gmail.com](mailto:nebraskartl@gmail.com) Walk for Life is a FREE Event!

### 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)

### WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

FEBRUARY 8, 2025 at 5:00pm St. Mary's Cathedral, GI - Married couples in Diocese divisible by 5 yrs will be honored, RSVP 308-384-2523

### CATHEDRAL LASAGNA DINNER

FEBRUARY 8, 2025 5:30pm-7:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral Square, GI Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert & drinks - Free Will Offering

### NEBRASKA RETROUVAILLE

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. Improving marriage takes time & a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Retrouvaille is dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. Register for February 14-16 308-370-3214 or Email [NebraskaRetrouvaille@gmail.com](mailto:NebraskaRetrouvaille@gmail.com)

## Ordinary Time

Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))

### TAX STATEMENTS

On the Contribution Summary Tax Statement letter please **disregard** the sentences about "moving temporarily into the Parish Life Center for all masses beginning in February while we begin our first phase of Restoring Our Father's House. It is projected to only be for a period of 6 weeks!" That was left in there from last year by mistake, my apologies for any confusion. Thankfully we are past that first phase, we have accomplished a lot this past year!

### Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving  
January 6-12, 2025

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

St. Anthony Church	\$435.00
St. Joseph	\$200.00

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

Actual General Fund	\$4974.35
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$901.00
Parish Life Center	\$242.00
Maintenance	\$0.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$570.00

#### January Totals as of 1/12/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$10174.67
Online General Fund	\$2137.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$7688.33

### Special Collections

DIOCESE: January 26 - Latin America

**THANK YOU**  
for your continued support!

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