



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph
July 20, 2025

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Tri-Parish Website:
www.howardcountycatholics.com

Daily Mass Schedule:

Tues/Thurs 8:30am Wed 12:05pm 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THERE IS NEED OF ONLY ONE THING

LUKE 10:42



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

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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)
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**Directors of Religious Education**

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

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

TEACHERS NEEDED

3rd & 4th grade Catechists are needed for this fall. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time & talents with our students. The Holy Spirit will guide you! A group of 2-3 adults &/or older students is ideal and works well for all. Contact a DRE to discuss the possibilities!

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR**

The gospel today brings us to the home of Martha and Mary who welcomed Jesus. Both sisters extended hospitality to Jesus: Martha through preparing the table for Jesus and his disciples; and Mary through active listening to Jesus' words. The gestures are indicative of action and contemplation exhibited by welcoming hearts.

But our world today is far different from the home of Martha and Mary. Our world is an environment of closed houses with alarm systems and deadbolt locks, of "gated communities" and of anonymous internet screen names and passwords. We've lost the ability to receive others graciously and to see God's presence in them. We forget to smile, to hug, and to listen to another's story. We've lost the chance of being a Christian. This is the WORLD of Martha who is so busy on many things and forgets what is essential in Christian life – to be fed by the WORDS of Jesus.

Not to lose our identity as Christians, Jesus redirects our life to the life of Mary "who has chosen the better part." Our Lord, as we reflect on the hospitality of Mary, tells us to spend moments of silence before God. Silence is the root of union with God and with one another. In silence we are filled with the energy of God that makes us do all things in joy. The more we experience God in silent prayer, the more we can share his embracing love with others. Not once, but many times in the gospel, Christ did escape to a lonely place, away from the crowd to pray to his Father, even if he was busy with the work of salvation.

Today, we are challenged to strike a balance between action and contemplation. One cannot do without the other. In contemplation, we open our hearts to God. As God dwells in our hearts, he will direct us to our neighbors. Then, comes Christian action: we open our homes to the poor, the stranger, and those who are different. "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be a living expression of God's justice, peace and love... to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, give always a happy smile. Give them not only your care, but also your heart."

That is HOSPITALITY – it is an act of kingdom-building... BE A PART OF IT...

J. Vincent L. Parsons

Ministry Schedule**JULY 26TH & 27TH****SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS**

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet
 GREET: Roger & Annette Ogard /
 Alan & Joleen Lewandowski

LECTOR: Todd Paulsen

EM: Kathy Hahn / Neal Hahn

SERVE: Volunteers

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik
 GREET: John & Sandi Mudloff /
 Ken & Carol Vincik

LECTOR: Travis Sydzik

EM: Anna Thede / Jean Thede

SERVE: Volunteers

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski
 GREET: Mark & Mary Jo Serbousek /
 Joe & Paulette Hansen

LECTOR: Morgan Meyer

EM: Matt & Ann Rief / Gabe Rief /
 Todd Peters

SERVE: Volunteers

This Week's Schedule**Monday, July 21**

Totus Tuus K-6th GR 9am-2:30pm (PLC)
 Daily Mass 11:15am (SPP)
 Intention: Totus Tuus Missionaries
 By Tri-Parish Religious Education
 Totus Tuus Jr/Sr High 6:30-8:45pm (PLC)

Tuesday, July 22

Totus Tuus K-6th GR 9am-2:30pm (PLC)
 Daily Mass 11:15am (SPP)
 Intention: those living with
 leukodystrophy
 Totus Tuus Jr/Sr High 6:30-8:45pm (PLC)

Wednesday, July 23

Totus Tuus K-6th GR 9am-2:30pm (PLC)
 Daily Mass 11:15am (SPP)
 Intention: †Walter & †Alice Greenwalt
 By Ron Greenwalt
 Totus Tuus Jr/Sr High 6:30-8:45pm (PLC)

Thursday, July 24

Totus Tuus K-6th GR 9am-2:30pm (PLC)
 Arthur Schmidt funeral 10:30am (SPP)
 Daily Mass 12:00pm (SPP)
 Intention: Dedic Family
 By Michael & Terri Calvert
 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm (Bed Head Coffee)
 Totus Tuus Jr/Sr High 6:30-8:45pm (PLC)

Friday, July 25

Communion Service 9am (Brookfield)
 Totus Tuus K-6th GR 9am-2:30pm (PLC)
 Daily Mass 11:15am (SPP)
 Intention: †Don Knapp By Family

Saturday, July 26

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
 Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)
 Intention: People of the Parishes

Sunday, July 27

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
 Intention: †Alice Boysen
 By Tom & Pat Knutson
 Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
 Intention: †Bill Sack By Family
 Young Men's Bible Study 7pm (PLC)





Tri-Parish Events & News

TOTUS TUUS SCHEDULE

Hooray, our students are coming!!!

7th to 12th grade & recent high school graduates -

July 20 to 25 at 6:30 to 8:45pm,
Dinner will be provided!

(Thank you to generous groups in
our Tri-Parish communities!)

1st to 6th grade (coming school year)

July 21 to 24 at 9am to 2:30pm,
BRING YOUR SACK LUNCH.

Friday is fun water day!

T-shirts will be sold by the TEAM
for \$10 each during the week. If
you still need to get tuition in,
please do so prior to the start of
the first session (\$25/student
or \$45/family).

Also, we would love to have any
available adults &/or high school
student help out during the day
program, even if just one day!

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

We would love to have you join our
students for Mass during Totus
Tuus this week! Note times...

Monday thru Wednesday - 11:15am

Thursday - 12:00pm

Friday - 11:15am, all at SPP.

FAIR STAND FUNDRAISER

Sincere thanks to ALL that helped
out at our Howard County Fair
Stand! It was through your
combined efforts that it was a
successful fundraiser of \$4,131.29!
All proceeds to go towards the
repairs to the fair stand building.

HAMBURGERS & BUNS FOR SALE

From the fair stand... packages of
18 Sam's sirloin burgers (frozen) &
hamburger buns, just \$33. Contact
Charlene Potter to purchase some
702-575-0036. Thank you!

Eternal Life

In your charity, please pray for the
repose of the soul of Arthur Schmidt,
father of Rebecca Knox. Mass of
Christian burial will be July 24 at Sts.
Peter & Paul Catholic Church in St.
Paul. Eternal rest grant unto him, O
Lord.

Eternal Life

In your charity, please pray for the
repose of the soul of Alozy Spotanski,
father of Michele Killion. Mass of
Christian burial was on July 15 at St.
Josaphat's Catholic Church in Loup
City. Eternal rest grant unto him, O
Lord.

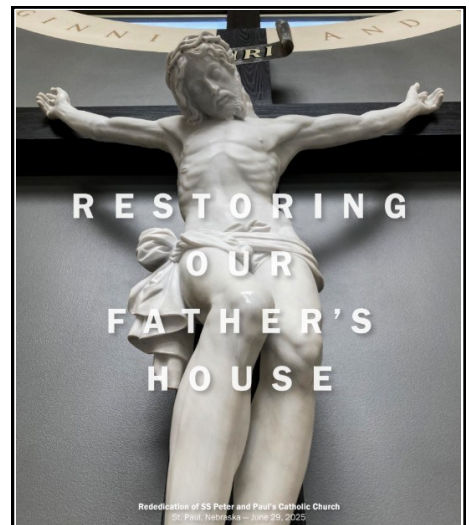
Area Events & News

SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH

Host: Howard Greeley Food Pantry
Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:30-12:30pm
June 3 through July 31 at
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center,
(north entrance) 713 Elm Street
Meals provided by local
organizations. No Adults please.
Contact 308-750-6439 for more info.

GRAND ISLAND IHOP DISCOUNT

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that faith plays in uniting our
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spreading kindness." "As a small
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offering 20% off your guest check
when Church members mention
their flyer about this posted in our
Church Gathering Area.



We do still have some of the
beautiful Restoring Our Father's
House booklets designed for us by
Ron Sack for the rededication
celebration. You can pick one up
for your family for the next couple
weeks from the Sts. Peter & Paul
Church gathering area.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving

July 7 - July 13, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church \$180.00

St. Joseph \$185.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund \$3481.00

OSV On-Line General Fund \$665.00

Maintenance \$10.00

Parish Life Center \$237.00

Restoring Our Father's House \$205.00

JULY Totals as of 7/13/25

Monthly Budget \$20000.00

Actual General Fund \$7040.75

Online General Fund \$2006.00

Monthly **Surplus (Deficit)** **\$10953.25**

Special Collections

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH - BRAZIL MISSION
APPEAL Collection: \$829.00

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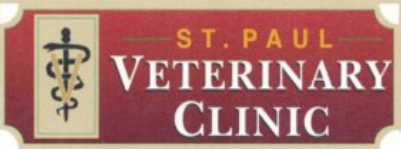
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