



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph
July 27, 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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LORD
TEACH US TO

Pray



One God
One Family
One Hope

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
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Prayer Chain Contacts

St. Paul - Dianne Rice (308-571-0039)
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 rebecca.knox@spwildcat.org
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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!

Ministry Schedule**AUGUST 2ND & 3RD****SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS**

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet
GREET: Liana Wroblewski,
 Leona Leth, & Cindy Wilson

LECTOR: Cindy Sestak

EM: Becky Knox / Sharon Tibbetts

SERVE: Volunteers

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Mike & Jean Thede Family

LECTOR: Rick Harrahill

EM: Travis & Trisha Hedman

SERVE: Volunteers

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

GREET: Mike & Cassandra Knapp /
 Chris & Terri Townsend

LECTOR: Terri Townsend

EM: Sarah Townsend/ Julie Baquet /
 Monte Brouillette / Daneecia Sharman

SERVE: Volunteers

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

The need to pray is not only for saints, it is for all of us; not only when we are in danger, but also when we are at peace. If Jesus, who is God, prayed, we who need prayer badly must take praying seriously. The disciples intimately observed the passion of Jesus about prayer, and so they asked, "Lord, teach us to pray..." and Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer!

Sometimes, we are so frustrated when our prayers are not granted. There are times when our frustration leads us to doubt our faith, and then change religion. But hope makes us hold on to our faith in God. Please take note of this spiritual answer to someone who is on the edge of faith-collapse. It says: "My child, I hear your prayers; if I answer them, it's because I am increasing your faith. If I delay them, it's because I'm increasing your patience, endurance and perseverance. If I do not answer them, wait. I have something better for you. The BEST is always for you!"

If you don't have any prayer-style in mind, consider the following five (5) fingers as a part of your daily prayers. In a praying position put your closed palms together close to your heart:

Your **THUMB FINGER**. It is nearest to your heart. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. To pray for your loved ones is a sweet duty.

Your **POINTER FINGER**. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

Your **TALLEST FINGER**. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the pope, bishops, presidents of countries, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our world, our nation, and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

Your **FOURTH FINGER**. This is the weakest finger, and sometimes called the ring finger. It should remind us to pray for couples, especially those who are in rocky relationships, that they will always remember the sacredness of marriage.

Your **LITTLE FINGER**. This smallest finger is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others.

By the time you have prayed for the other groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

And always remember, your prayer should be the voice from your heart...

J. Vincent L. Parsons

This Week's Schedule**Monday, July 28**

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, July 29

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Janice Jelinek

By Tom & Joyce Jelinek

Wednesday, July 30

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Marge Wozniak

By Bob & Patty Krzycki

Thursday, July 31

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Brenton Wysocki

By Kevin & Kathy Carson

Men's Bible Study 6:30pm (Bed Head Coffee)

Friday, August 1

Daily Mass 9am (Matelyn)

Intention: †Margaret Thompson &

†Bernice Adams by Chuck & Char Schmid
 Adoration 10am-5pm (SPP)

Saturday, August 2

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Jeff Welch

By Family

Weekend Mass 7:00pm (SA)

Intention: †Ray & †Evelyn Gregoski

By Kevin & Kathy Carson

Sunday, August 3

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: Dedic Family

By Larry & Jeanne Happ

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

Young Men's Bible Study 7pm (PLC)





TOTUS TUUS EVENING GROUP ~ JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

Tri-Parish Events & News

FOOD PANTRY

July is our Parish's month to donate to the our local Food Pantry! Items needed include: cereal, tuna, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix & syrup. The Howard Greeley County Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays 4-6pm and Saturdays 9-11am. Items may also be put in the back of Church where they will be collected and taken over to the Pantry.

ASSUMPTION OF MARY HOLY DAY

Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14 at 5:30pm, Mass on Friday, August 15 at 7am & 12:05pm.

STEBENVILLE OF THE ROCKIES

Prayers for Gabe & Jacob Rief and all those attending Steubenville Catholic youth conference in Aurora, Colorado this weekend.

With Gratitude

Thank you to Judith Samuelson of Palmer for her donation towards the our newest statue in honor of her grandfather, CV Svoboda, who was very involved in the building of the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church.

ADORATION

Friday, August 1st, 10am-5pm
SPP Church, please help fill in all the times.

NOTE FROM THE KITCHEN

Thank you to all that so generously provide salads & desserts for funeral dinners and events. Please check out the kitchen for your dishes and pans.

OCIA

Previously known as "RCIA" is now "OCIA", Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a process for adults who are wanting to learn about the Catholic faith and possibly join the Church. Please contact the Parish Office if your are contemplating OCIA classes. They will begin in the fall.

Peter's Pence Collection...

is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
UNITED STATES

JULY Prayer Intention: For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Together on Mission:

You can check parish progress across our diocese at

<https://gidiocese.org/diocesan-appeal>

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COLLECTION ENVELOPES

THANK YOU for checking the amount & type of contribution on your envelope, it saves our collection counters a lot of time:)

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving

July 14 - July 20, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$210.00
St. Joseph	\$370.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$2265.00
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1566.00
Maintenance	\$605.00
Parish Life Center	\$895.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$933.00

JULY Totals as of 7/20/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$9305.75
Online General Fund	\$3572.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$7122.25

Special Collections

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH - BRAZIL MISSION
APPEAL Collection: \$475.00

Area Events & News

HEROIC VIRTUE FAMILY RETREAT

Registration \$400/Family

Camp August 1-3, 2025 at Crossing Retreat Center in Lexington, NE
A Retreat for families with children ages 5-12, real life formation, fun family activities, liturgy, & worship.
Visit: givocations.org/family-retreat

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul
Now accepting applications for 2025-2026 program year! Applications can be found on their website: CLC-STPAULNE.ORG Classes start September 2, 2025 New Teacher - St. Paul native, Mikayla Mrkvicka.
See flyer in Gathering Area more info.

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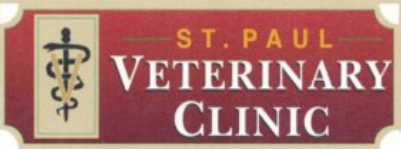
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