



# Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph  
July 6, 2025

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## 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

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then he said to  
his disciples,  
*"The Harvest*  
*is*  
*Truly*  
PLENTIFUL,  
but the laborers  
are few.  
Therefore pray  
the Lord of  
the harvest  
to send out  
laborers into  
His harvest."



**Sts. Peter & Paul**  
713 Elm Street  
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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

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

In our gospel today, we see the drama of commissioning. Jesus challenged the seventy-two disciples to engage in a dangerous mission, he said: "I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' Cure the sick and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

At that time, the seventy-two disciples were at a decisive turning point in their lives. Jesus' words challenged them to pursue the proclamation of the kingdom over their personal interests, family, possessions and power. Jesus' radical call primed their hearts to take an attitude of openness and readiness to reach out to others in order to express to various cultures the marvels of the values and perspective of God's kingdom, such as: love, hope, compassion, faith, peace and justice.

And from that moment on – from generation to generation, emerged martyrs who shed their blood for the kingdom of God. Now, saints' pictures and names are decorating the corridors of our hearts, which, perhaps, influence us to become one like them in our world today.

Here and now, one of the seventy-two is YOU and me! We are called to perpetuate the mission of Jesus. Whatever be our situation and status in life – whether parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, catechists, maintenance workers, or ordinary persons in the street, we are being sent by Christ to be workers in his vineyard. It is erroneous to think that discipleship belongs exclusively to priests and nuns. By virtue of our baptism, we inherently share the mission of Christ. The way we live the gospel values in this age makes the kingdom of God ring in every one's heart.

For your own personal, group or family reflection this week, please consider these guide questions: "What do I consider to be my mission at home, in Church or at work this week? To WHOM do I need to bring the Good News of compassion, healing, forgiveness, love, justice and peace this week?" Name the person, then pray for her/him, and if you are ready, the grace and blessing of God will ultimately bring your hearts into a communion of reconciliation.

Happy Fourth of July! We have so much to be grateful for... especially the country we live in!

*A heartfelt and sincere thank you to Betty VanDyke for her dedication to making our 10am Masses so spiritually filled. With that, I sadly announce her retirement from the music ministry. I know, that on behalf of the Deacons, myself and the whole community— we say thank you Betty! May God bless you for your generous service to us all!*

*With departure of Betty Van Dyke from the music ministry— our gospel reminds us that the harvest is plentiful but laborers are few! We are looking for musicians or cantors for the 10am Mass every other week! Interested? Contact Father Vince or one of the Deacons for more information.*

*J. Vincent L. Parsons*

## Ministry Schedule

### JULY 12TH & 13TH

#### **SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS**

**S:** Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

**GREET:** Troy & Kim Johnson Family

**LECTOR:** Kevin Sestak

**EM:** Sherrie Oakley / Neal Hahn

**SERVE:** Volunteers

#### **SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS**

**SACRISTAN:** Ken Vincik

**GREET:** Chad & Krista Bauder Family

**LECTOR:** Travis Hedman

**EM:** Anna Thede / Jean Thede

**SERVE:** Volunteers

#### **SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS**

**SACRISTAN:** Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

**GREET:** Mike & Judi Baker Family

**LECTOR:** Ann Rief

**EM:** Bill Gregoski / Tami Reilly /

Tara Sjuts / Sarah Townsend

**SERVE:** Volunteers

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, July 7 - Parish Office Closed**

No Daily Mass (SPP)

FAIR STAND 10am-10pm (Fairgrounds)

### **Tuesday, July 8**

No Daily Mass

Communion Service 8:30am (SPP)

FAIR STAND 10am-10pm (Fairgrounds)

### **Wednesday, July 9**

No Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

FAIR STAND 10am-10pm (Fairgrounds)

### **Thursday, July 10**

No Daily Mass

Communion Service 8:30am (SPP)

FAIR STAND 10am-10pm (Fairgrounds)

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

### **Friday, July 11**

No Daily Mass

Communion Service 9:00am (Brookfield)

June Rosenquist Funeral 10:30am (SPP)

FAIR STAND 10am-4pm (Fairgrounds)

### **Saturday, July 12**

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Steve Welch

By Buzz Welch

### **Sunday, July 13**

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

SPP CCW Meeting 9am (PLC)

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Anna Dedic

By Todd & Cindy Peters

Young Men's Bible Study 7pm (PLC)







We are thankful for all that were able to help celebrate the rededication of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, including the sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS!

## Tri-Parish Events & News

### **FAIR STAND JULY 7TH - 11TH**

Howard County Fair is upon us! Tri-Parish members please sign up for a shift in the back of Church. Monday thru Thursday shifts are 10am-2pm, 2-6pm, & 5:30-10pm, (10am-2pm & 2-4 on Friday). Plan to help out by working &/or bringing a pie, proceeds go towards repair/maintenance of the fair stand. Together we can lighten the load for everyone and have a positive Catholic presence at our County Fair! If you missed the sign up sheets, please contact Tonya Anderson (308-380-0037) to get signed up.

### **PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS**

July 13, 11am-12pm SPP Parish Hall, Contact the Parish Office to register. (next class October 12)

### **With Gratitude:**

Sincere thanks to Tom & Patricia Knutson for their generous donation towards our new St. Wenceslaus statue. A gift that will be enjoyed for many generations. Anyone wishing to also contribute towards the statue contact Fr. Vince.

### **TOTUS TUUS - JULY 20-25**

Let's get registered!!! See the display in the Church gathering area for information. Completed **forms & tuition (\$25/student or \$45/family)** can be dropped off in the collection or at the Church office.

T-shirts will be sold by the TEAM for \$10 each during the week of Totus Tuus.

Adults & older students are needed to help out during the daytime program of Totus Tuus. You can sign up with the same form, just mark VOLUNTEER on it. All are welcome to join us for daily Mass that week at 11:15am! Soon we will be asking for donations for snacks. We are very thankful to offer this Catholic faith formation for the youth of our Tri-Parishes!

### **Upcoming Meeting:**

**Knights of Columbus** - July 15th, 7pm at SPP PLC NW Classroom Installation of new Officers! NOTE: Meetings will now be on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.



### **HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY!**

Bernard and JoAnn Danczak are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 10! Please help their children celebrate by showering them with cards of love and congratulations. Their address is 965 15th Ave., St. Paul, NE 68873

### **Finance Corner**

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving  
**June 23 - 29, 2025**

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

St. Anthony Church	\$220.00
St. Joseph	\$160.00

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

Actual General Fund	\$5941.00
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1425.00
Maintenance	\$5.00
Parish Life Center	\$200.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$5680.00

#### **JUNE Totals as of 6/29/25**

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$19839.15
Online General Fund	\$5449.00
Monthly <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1917.00</b>

#### **Special Collections**

DIOCESE: June - Seminary Total \$302.00  
DIOCESE: July - Peter's Pence

## Area Events & News

### **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

Annual Celebration July 20, 2025  
Mass 10:30am in air conditioned Paplin Church. Potluck dinner to follow. Silent auction 11:30am-1pm. Raffle a Rifle & Amish-made Poly glider bench. Come for good food, fun, music, & fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend!

### **NEBRASKA STATE FAIR MASSES**

Volunteers are needed to celebrate Mass at the NE State Fair:  
Aug. 24, 9am Contemporary Service  
Aug. 31, 9am Traditional Service  
Get free tickets into the State Fair for the day. If you can help with any positions on either day, please contact Cheryl Jones 308-382-6565

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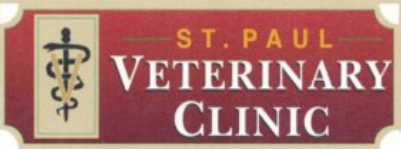
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