



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph

June 1, 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

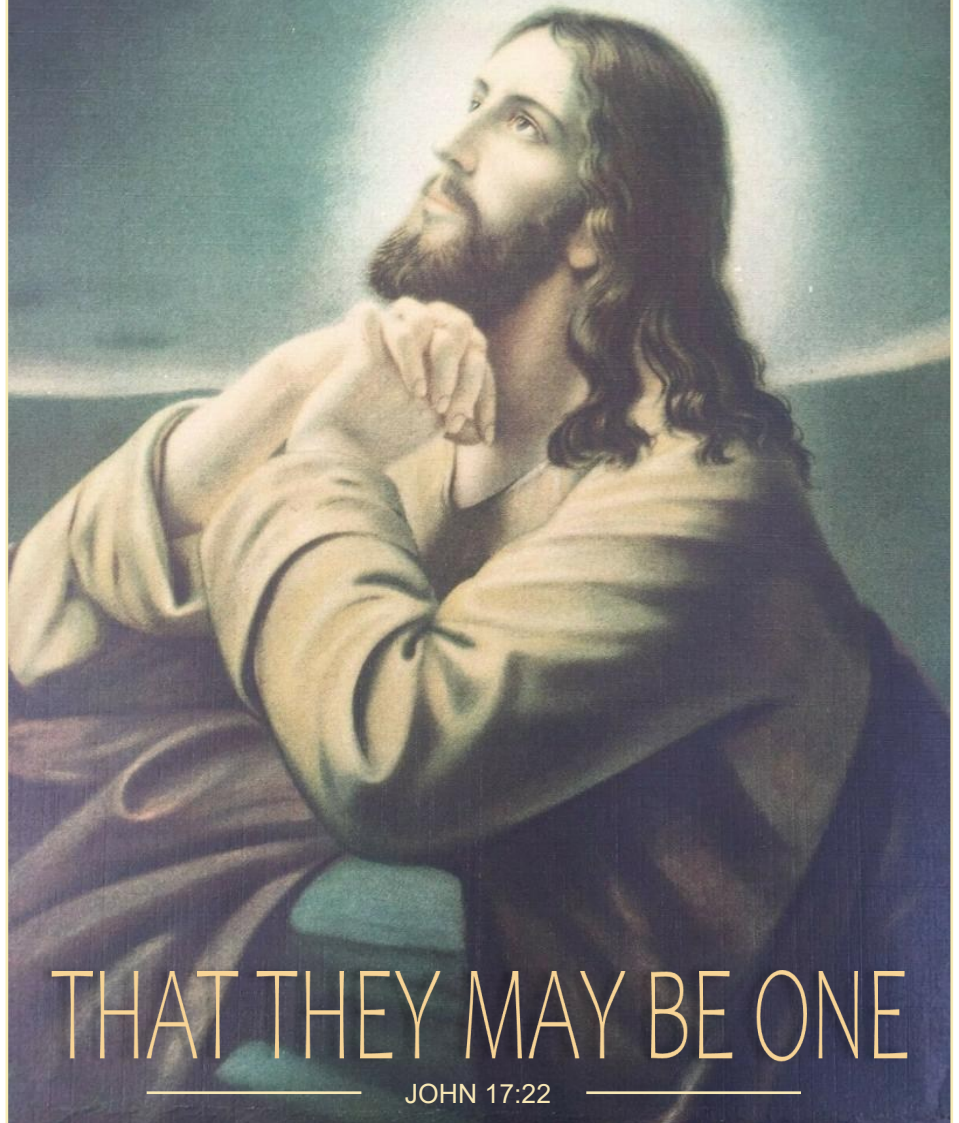
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or
by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism
Please call the Parish Office



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Living in society today, it is often far too easy to become sidetracked in our relationship with God, focusing on daily necessities and desires while neglecting our spiritual needs. Advertisers are constantly urging us to accumulate wealth and things to find satisfaction as if this will guarantee the happiness of eternal life. Scientists tell us that humans can solve any problem if given enough time as if we, like God, have infinite knowledge. Secular religions tell us that by getting in touch with our innermost self, we will find serenity as if Jesus is not essential to knowing peace. As Christians, our focus should never deviate from daily giving praise to God the Father, for everything we have and are comes from him. God should be our greatest desire. While we readily admit this obligation, often we move through the day failing to recognize the influence of the Father and his Son in our every act.

God gave us the ability to decide from the many choices available in our lives. Therefore, we are the ones who identify what the priorities of our lives are. Do we have the capacity willingly to give up everything if we have the assurance that we will enter heaven? St. Stephen made his choice of refusing to deny Jesus even when meant his death. In his faith, Stephen saw the glory of the Father and the Son as he was stoned to death. Would we trade our lives for such an experience?

Each day we are called to make choices of faith, usually not to the extreme of St. Stephen's example, but like him, we must be continual witnesses for Jesus. How many people converted to Christianity from watching the martyrdom of Stephen? Scriptures do not tell us, but in witnessing Stephen dying in his love for Jesus, it raised the question in many people's minds, 'Who is this Jesus that Stephen would die for him?' We do not know the impact of a simple act of kindness or refusing to turn our back to those in need has on those seeking to understand Jesus' message of love and unity.

Jesus' love for us continues as he wants us to be with him in heaven to share in God's glory. This is the bond of unity Jesus wants with us, where we as the Church make up his body, and he is the Head who leads us to the Father. Neither the body without the head, nor the head without the body, nor the head and the body without God makes the "whole Christ."

In seeking the Father, we must first seek union with Jesus. Jesus, being both human and divine, is the bridge between the Father and us. No one can come to the Father except through Jesus. St. Stephen was only able to see the glory of the Father because he was in a spiritual union with Jesus. Do we express that same union with Jesus by our words and actions?

J. Vincent P. Parsons

Ministry Schedule

JUNE 7TH & 8TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

GREET: Don & Becky Knox / Amy Christensen / Brenda Klanecky

LECTOR: Betty Czarnek

EM: Ben Syring / Daneecia Sharman

SERVE: Volunteers

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Denny & Kathy Hahn / Kerry & Heidi Townsend

LECTOR: Betty Roebuck

EM: Riley Fowler / Reise Fowler

SERVE: Volunteers

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

GREET: Mike & Kassandra Knapp Family

LECTOR: Larry Happ

EM: Monte Brouillette / Chris, Gina, & Emma Elstermeier

SERVE: Volunteers

This Week's Schedule

Monday, June 2

No Daily Mass (SPP)

Tuesday, June 3

NO Daily Mass

Jeffrey Krzycki Funeral 10:30am (SJ)

Wednesday, June 4

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Anna Dedic

By Mike & Marlene Rowley

Thursday, June 5

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Marge Wozniak

By Jerry & Barb Sack

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

Friday, June 6

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)

Intention: †Janice Jelinek

By Carl & Suzie Sousek

Adoration 10am - 5pm (SPP)

Saturday, June 7

Madeline Wells Chiodo Memorial Mass
11:00am (SJ)

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Joseph & †Victoria

Radke & Family By Shirley Hanisch

No Mass 7:00pm (SA)

PENTECOST Sunday, June 8

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Linda Simmons

By Tom & Pat Knutson

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

Young Men's Bible Study 7pm (PLC)





With thanksgiving to Almighty God, The Diocese of Grand Island along with Mr. and Mrs. Beran joyfully invite you to

THE ORDINATION OF Rev. Mr. James M. Beran



FRIDAY JUNE 6, 2025 - 5PM

CATHEDRAL OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
112 S Cedar St, Grand Island, Nebraska

*A reception will follow after the Ordination
in the Cathedral Square Hall.*

Tri-Parish Events & News

ST. ANTHONY JUNE SCHEDULE

Reminder, there is Mass in Farwell on Sunday, June 1 at 11:30am. NO Mass at SA on Saturday, June 7.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 6:30pm at Bed Head Coffee Co. on Howard Avenue, St. Paul. Contact Deacon Neil if you would like more information (deaconneil@howardcountycatholics.com).

ADORATION

Friday, June 6th, 10am-5pm Sts. Peter & Paul Church, please help fill in times.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 7pm, SPP Parish Life Center. Based on FOCUS Bible Studies. Contact Zach Hirschman 308-750-6344 with questions.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

June 17 at 6pm, Parish Life Center. Salad & dessert meeting, Hostesses: Chris Kosmicki, Pat Bogus, JoAnn Danczak, & Laure Krejci - will bring desserts, and all other members please bring a salad or finger food.

DEDICATION CELEBRATION

Mass at 10:00am on Sunday, June 29 at Sts. Peter & Paul. A dinner will follow at the Parish Life Center. Invitations & RSVP info. will be sent out this week.

TOTUS TUUS - JULY 20-25

We are please to have this Catholic program coming here to enhance the faith formation of our youth! Parents please get students signed up! Registration forms are also in the gathering area.

Sincere Thanks:

The Catholic Daughters would like to thank the family of Marilyn Placke for their generous \$250 donation to Court Sacred Heart #2015.

Upcoming Meetings:

CCW Meeting - June 11th, 6pm at SPP Parish Life Center

All women of the Parish are invited & encouraged to attend!

Knights of Columbus - June 10th, 7pm at SPP PLC NW Classroom

Area Events & News

SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH

Host: Howard Greeley Food Pantry
Tuesdays & Thursdays
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.

SP FIRE & RESCUE PANCAKE FEED

June 8th at St. Paul Civic Center
8am to noon Free Will Donation to
purchase new fire/rescue equipment

"PRO-LIFE & PIE"

June 8, 2025 at Lockland Country Club
601 W Lockland Road, Hastings, NE
2pm Pie buffet & coffee/tea \$20 ea.
RSVP by June 3: Call 402-461-1934



Eternal Life:

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeffrey Krzycki, of Elba, who passed May 25, 2025. Mass of Christian Burial will be June 3 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Elba. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Kenny Stanczyk, of St. Paul, who passed November 7, 2025. Liturgy of the Word Services will be June 6 at Peter's Funeral Home. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Madeline Wells Chiodo, sister of Buzz Welch, who passed January 27, 2025 in Chicago, Illinois. Family will be present for a Memorial Mass on June 7, 2025 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Elba. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
May 19 - 25, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$380.00
St. Joseph	\$100.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$2701.50
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1330.00
Parish Life Center	\$590.00
Maintenance	\$15.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$505.00

May Totals as of 5/25/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$13606.35
Online General Fund	\$5012.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$1381.65

Special Collections

DIOCESE: May - Communications
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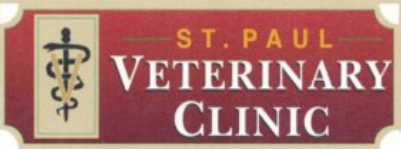
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