



Howard County Catholics

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

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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



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
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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

Welcome visiting Clergy, Parishioners, & Guests to the rededication of our Church!

Solemnity of the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Jesus is always on the go. Along the way to Jerusalem, where he will suffer, die and resurrect, he was calling disciples with these words: "FOLLOW ME!" And he encountered three people with different reactions to his call.

First encounter. A man said, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." The man, upon hearing the words and witnessing the miracles of Jesus must have been so excited, that he was carried by his emotions, to have uttered those words. But Jesus confronted his eagerness telling him that discipleship must be unconditional, no security of home and no places of refuge. A disciple must rely on the grace of God.

Second encounter. A person said, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." Jesus told him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." The person's words suggest postponement of service to Jesus. He was indecisive. Sometimes, we are like this person. We avoid commitments. We often say, "I have other things to do, jobs to accomplish, and plans to realize." But Jesus insists that discipleship is a mission. We are sent to become witnesses and bearers of the kingdom for others.

Third encounter. A man said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." Yet, Jesus told him, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." This man's life is held captive with the luxuries of home, company of family and loved ones. But Jesus tells this person that his call demands readiness for self-denial; that discipleship is imperative, because the urgency of the kingdom of God demands an immediate response without delays and excuses. In simple words: TRUST GOD!

Like Jesus, we are a people who are always on the go. But, more often than not, our "goings" are focused on how we should accumulate more wealth than friends, have more possessions than moral values, have more time for work than for our families. When we are called, we are like the above people who have a million reasons not to go.

Jesus is calling us to follow him. This is the time to redefine our values, our priorities, our way of life as Christians. We should cling to Jesus: in him we have our identity as children of God; in him we have our inheritance – the Kingdom of God; in him comes the joy in our heart.

Jr. Vincent L. Parone

Ministry Schedule

JULY 5TH & 6TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

GREET: Meagan Dubas Family

LECTOR: Bill Gregoski

EM: Rich & Marlene Kosmicki

SERVE: Volunteers

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Glen & Michele Killion /

Travis & Trisha Hedeman

LECTOR: Heidi Townsend

EM: Kelli Seward / Jackson Seward

SERVE: Volunteers

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

GREET: Jim & Charlene Potter /

Vince & Deidre Jensen

LECTOR: Tami Reilly

EM: Ann Rief / Gabe Rief /

Tina Headrick / Kevin Reilly

SERVE: Volunteers

This Week's Schedule

Monday, June 30

No Daily Mass (SPP)

Tuesday, July 1

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Marge Mroczek

By Carolyn Just

Wednesday, July 2

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Betty Leonard

By Pat Geiger

Thursday, July 3

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Anna Dedic

By Joann & Jacob Krieg

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

Friday, July 4

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)

Intention: Dedic Family

By Marie Ryan

NO Adoration due to Holiday

Saturday, July 5

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

Weekend Mass 7:00pm (SA)

Intention: †Dan Gorecki

By Ron & Jackie Gorecki

Sunday, July 6

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: Intention: Dedic Family

By Marie Platek

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

†Colleen Brouillette

By Monte Brouillette & Family

Young Men's Bible Study 7pm (PLC)



SPP
Parish
Office
will be
closed
JULY
4th-7th.



Tri-Parish Events & News

REDEDICATION DINNER

Many thanks to the CCW, Tonya Anderson & Deacon Neil for helping organize our rededication dinner. Thank you to our Parish communities also for getting in your RSVP... about 250 are expected to take part in the dinner Celebration!

HOWARD COUNTY FAIR STAND

Tri-Parish members, please sign up in the SPP gathering area to work a shift &/or bring a pie for the July 7-11 Fair Stand. All help is much appreciated!

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

For Parents wishing to get their child Baptized (may attend before baby is born) - the class will be Sunday, July 13, 11am-12pm SPP Parish Life Center; Contact the Parish Office to register.

Addresses for July Birthdays:

Fr. Rayappa Konka (July 8)
P.O. Box 349
Scottsbluff, NE 69363-0349
Fr. Alex Borzych (July 13)
1321 Wallace Street
St. Paul, NE 68873

TOTUS TUUS - JULY 20-25

Please get registration forms in! 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.

Special THANKS to Russ & Sherry Kosmicki and Dan & Carrie Vech for housing the Missionaries while they are here. Much appreciated! Adults & older students please consider helping out during the days of Totus Tuus and join us for Mass (11:15am)! As the date approaches we will be asking for donations for snacks.

It is through all your support that this great program is possible!

With Appreciation:

Thank you to the family of Betty Leonard for the memorial donations toward our Parish Life Center, and also for the Mass intention donations.



FEAST DAY OF STS. PETER & PAUL

Despite his human weaknesses, Peter (Simon) was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

After an extreme conversion from zealously persecuting Christians, Paul (Saul) spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Both men were martyred in Rome, in 64 and 67, respectively. We celebrate this day made holy for us by these apostles. (Catholic News Agency)

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving

June 16 - 22, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$240.00
St. Joseph	\$525.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$2822.85
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$816.00
Religious Education	\$5.00
Parish Life Center	\$250.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$468.00

JUNE Totals as of 6/22/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$13898.15
Online General Fund	\$4024.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$2077.85

Special Collections

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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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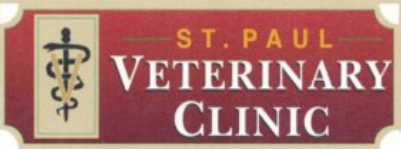
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