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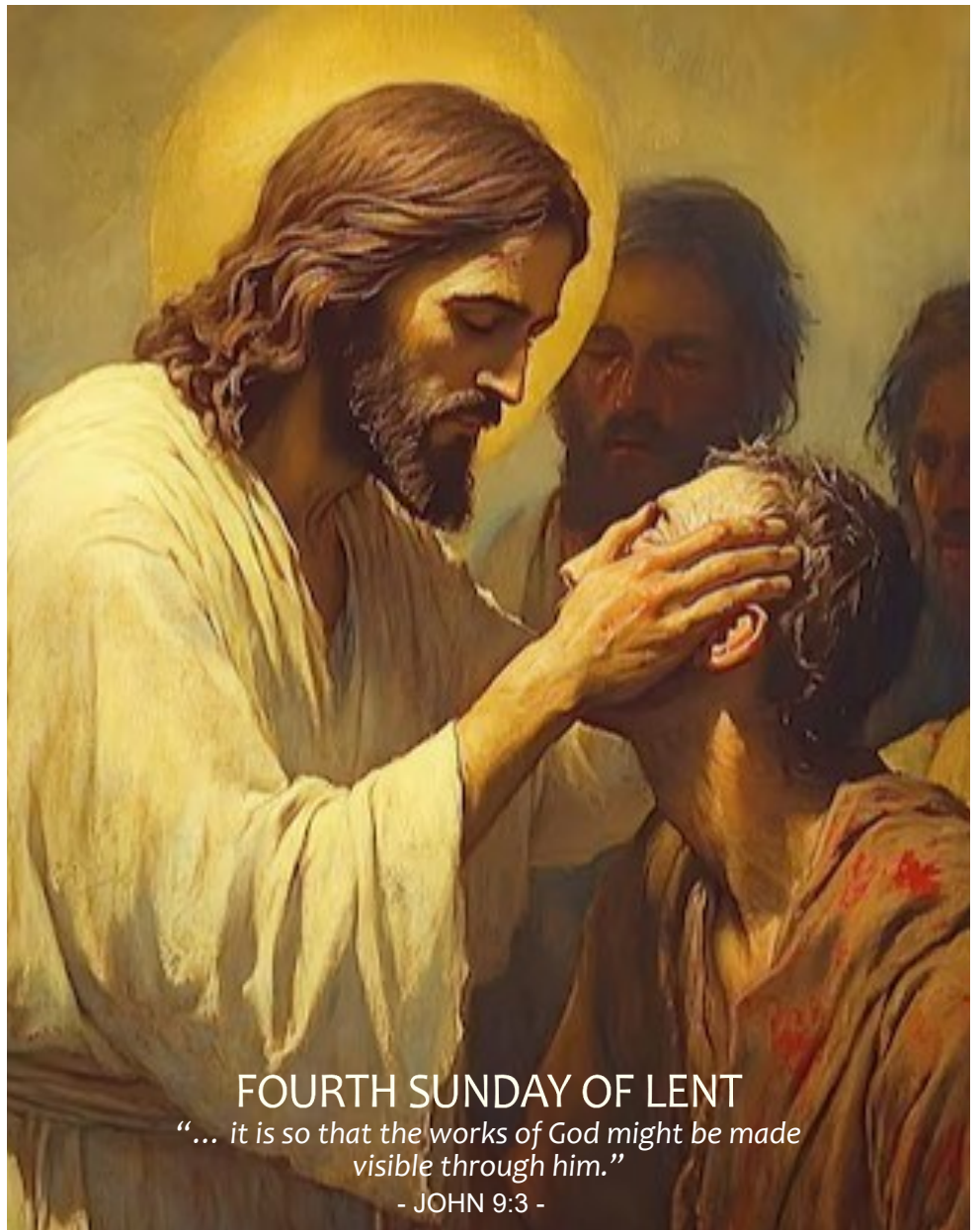
## Daily Mass Schedule:

Tues/Thurs 8:30am Wed 12:05pm SPP  
Friday 9:00am - at Brookfield/Matelyn

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or  
by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
Please call the Parish Office



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*"... it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."*

- JOHN 9:3 -



**Sts. Peter & Paul**  
713 Elm Street  
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Saturday Mass 5:00PM  
Sunday Mass 8AM & 10AM

**St. Anthony**  
103 Kearns Avenue  
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MASS 1ST SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

**St. Joseph**  
1803 Highway 11  
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(308)336-3351  
MASS 3RD SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

When we bump into someone else, the usual question is: "ARE YOU BLIND?" Read this story about a blind person:

A joyful mother was expecting her son who was returning from the war after being taken prisoner by the enemies. When he arrived, the anxious mother saw her son walking but assisted by his fellow soldiers. As she went out to meet him, she realized that her son was blind. "My son," she said with an aching heart, "my son, you can not see." Tears rolled down from the eyes of the blind soldier. Then his mother said, "You might not be able to see me, but you can feel me." And she embraced her son tightly.

We might not be able to see God, but we can feel his presence in us. God is in our hearts. FAITH in our life reveals the God of sight; LOVE in our hearts uncovers the God of compassion. The faith of the soldier and the love of a mother converged in the palm of the God of hope and promises.

The blind man's desire to see and Jesus' gift of sight made a grace-connection in the Pool of Siloam. The water became a WELL-SPRING of healing and source of discipleship. After being healed, Jesus asked the blind man, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Today, in this fourth week of LENT, let us slowly peel the many masks that hide our true selves so that others will be able to see who we really are. One of these masks that conceal our goodness is our obsession to possessions in life. "To be able to enjoy fully the many good things the world has to offer, we must be detached from them. To be detached does not mean to be indifferent or uninterested. It means to be non-possessive. Life is a gift to be grateful for and not a property to cling to... To whom then do we belong? We belong to God, and the God to whom we belong has sent us into the world to proclaim in his name that all creation is created in and by love and calls us to gratitude and joy. That is what the 'detached' life is all about. It is a life which we are free to offer praise and thanksgiving."

During this Season of Lent, what possessions - that blind and prevent you from being a disciple of Jesus - would you freely dispose of today or the soonest possible time?

Lent is an opportune time for you to consider making a sacrifice. The choice is yours. When you make the choice, select that which makes you happy and what fulfills your willingness to make LENT a grace-filled and wonderful season for you.

*Jr. Vincent L. Parsons*

## Ministry Schedule

### MARCH 21ST & 22ND

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

**MUSIC:** Serbousek Choir

**GREET:** Leo & Gina Haggerty Family

**LECTOR:** Sandi Mudloff

**EM:** Kerry Townsend / Reise Fowler

**S:** Kendyl & Jaxen Fowler

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

**MUSIC:** Lewandowski Family

**GREET:** Dan & Carrie Vech Family

**LECTOR:** Al Wemhoff

**EM:** Anna Seward / Kellie Seward

**S:** Hallie Bauder / Peyton Reilly

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

**MUSIC:** Kezeor Group

**GREET:** 1st Grade Religious Ed. Class

**LECTOR:** Andrea Jerabek

**EM:** Paulette Hansen / Amy Brandt /

Gina Elstermeier / Daneecia Sharman

**SERVE:** Blake Reilly / Aria Sydzik

## This Week's Schedule

### **Monday, March 16**

No Daily Mass / Rosary 9am (SPP)

Women's Bible Study 6:30pm (PLC)

### **Tuesday, March 17**

Daily Mass 8:30am / Rosary 9am (SPP)

Intention: †John McIntyre

By Dan, Barbara, & Tom McIntyre

Catholic Daughters Meeting 7pm (PLC)

Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm (PLC)

### **Wednesday, March 18**

Rosary 11:30am / Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Marlene Rowley

By Dan & Barbara McIntyre

Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC Classrooms)

### **Thursday, March 19**

Daily Mass 8:30am / Rosary 9am (SPP)

Intention: †Colleen Brouillette

By Monte Brouillette & Family

Men's Lenten Bible Study 6pm (PLC)

### **Friday, March 20**

Daily Mass 9:00am (**Brookfield**)

Intention: †Art Schmidt

By Family

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5:30pm (SPP)

FISH FRY 5-7pm (Parish Life Center)

### **Saturday, March 21**

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Jeff Welch

By Family

Weekend Mass 6:30pm (SJ)

Intention: †Dan Gorecki

By Family

### **Sunday, March 22**

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC CR)

Religious Ed. Pre/K Class 2 10am (PLC CR)

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Bernice Koperski

By Linda Gawrych





*Congratulations on your Baptism*  
**RAY PHILIP LUKASIEWICZ**  
 MARCH 1, 2026  
 at Saint Anthony Catholic Church  
 Pictured with Deacon Phil,  
 Sydney, Jared & Avery Lukasiewicz



*Congratulations on your Baptism*  
**Emerson Rae Helzer**  
 March 8, 2026  
 Saint Anthony Catholic Church  
 Pictured: Father Vince Parsons with  
 Parents Austin & Tahya Helzer



CONGRATULATIONS  
*Jackson & Anna Seward*  
 UNITED IN CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE  
**MARCH 7, 2026**  
 STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Tri-Parish Events & News**

**FISH FRY POLKA CELEBRATION**  
 "The Blue River Czech Accordion Band" will be providing musical entertainment at our March 20th Fish Fry! Come enjoy the music, good food & fellowship. At the Parish Life Center 5-7pm.

**FISH FRY UPDATE**  
 The March 6th Fish Fry had a great crowd and the gross profit was \$4,233.04. "Many hands make light work"... the CCW appreciates all the help they have received thus far! It couldn't be done without the help of everyone. Please sign up in the back of Church to help at the next one - March 20th.

**FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
 March 20th 5:30pm - SPP Church  
 March 27th 7:00pm - St. Anthony  
 (Following the *Italian Seafood Nite* - Serving seafood lasagna, shrimp alfredo & more! 5-7pm St. Anthony)

**COOKIE DOUGH DELIVERY**  
 Thank you to all of our Religious Ed. families for selling cookie dough! We expect delivery on Wednesday, **March 25th**. Please plan to pick yours up between 3:30-6pm at the PLC kitchen entrance.

**CCW BASKETS & BREAKFAST**  
 Consider donating a themed basket for the raffle to be held at the Palm Sunday breakfast - March 29th, 9-11:30am - Parish Life Center.

**HOLY WEEK MASS MINISTERS**  
 Please sign up to help with Mass during Holy Week on the spreadsheet in back of SPP Church.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**  
 EASTER - April 5 - NO Classes  
 Confirmation Candidate Practice - April 15th, 7pm SPP Church  
 CONFIRMATION - April 18th, 5pm  
 LAST SUNDAY CLASS - April 19th  
 LAST WED. CLASS - April 22nd  
 First Communion Practice - April 22nd, 6pm SPP Church  
 FIRST COMMUNION - April 25, 5pm  
 SENIOR MASS - April 26th, 10am

**TOTUS TUUS 2026**  
 Thankful to be hosting June 27th to July 3 - mark your calendars!

**Eternal Life**  
 In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of David Stephens, of St. Paul. Mass of Christian Burial was March 11 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Inurnment near Wood River will be held at a later date. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

**FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN FISH FRY**  
 LIVE POLKA BAND - MARCH 20TH!  
 STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIFE CENTER  
 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

**Finance Corner**  
 Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving  
**March 2 - 8, 2026**

<b>The Lord's Portion Farwell &amp; Elba</b>	
St. Anthony Church	\$1184.00
St. Joseph	\$250.00
<b>The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b>	
Actual General Fund	\$2965.15
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1421.80
Religious Education	\$5.00
Parish Life Center	\$222.00
Maintenance	\$45.00

**MARCH Totals as of 3/8/26**

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$9267.57
Online General Fund	\$2747.60
Monthly <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$7984.83</b>
<b>Special Collections</b>	
PARISH - Easter Flowers	\$25
DIOCESE - Eastern Europe	\$50 & CRS \$15

**Area Events & News**

**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST**  
 March 29th St. Francis Hall, Ashton  
 9am to 1pm Breakfast Casseroles, Sausage, Pancakes, Fruit, Homemade Rolls, Juice, & Coffee  
 Free Will Offering  
 Cash Raffle & Silent Auction  
 Hosted by Friends of Paplin to fund future projects.  
 Everyone is welcome to attend!

**LENTE BROWN BAG TALKS**  
 St. Mary's Cathedral Square, 12-1pm  
 Bring sack lunch, drinks provided  
**March 18** - Journeying with Christ to Holy Week - Fr. James Beran  
**WOOD RIVER EASTER CANTANA**  
 "Witnesses to the Wonderful Cross"  
 March 22 - 2:30pm, St. Mary's  
 Free / Free will offering welcome - half towards Wood River Food Pantry

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