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

March 16, 2025

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www.howardcountycatholics.com

Daily Mass Schedule:

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am SPP
Friday 9:00am -
at Matelyn/Brookfield

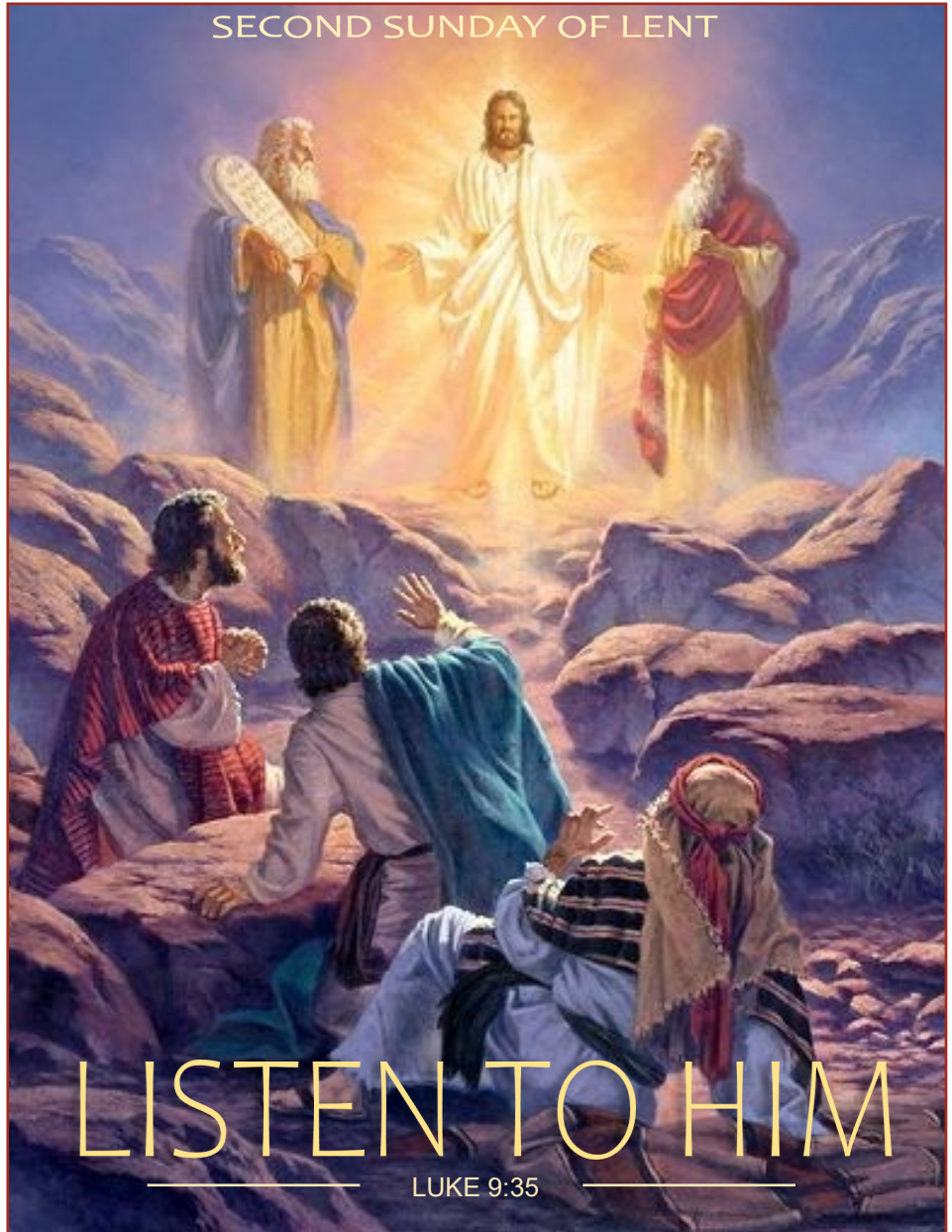
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or
by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office
(308) 754-4002

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



LISTEN TO HIM

LUKE 9:35



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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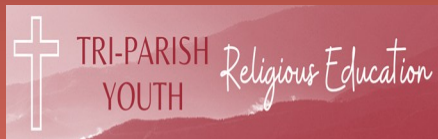
St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua/Farwell
St. Joseph Catholic Church
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

My Parish App:

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Prayer Chain Contacts

St. Paul - Dianne Rice (308-571-0039)
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Directors of Religious Education

Mrs. Becky Knox - Preschool to 4th
rebecca.knox@spwildcat.org

Mrs. Judi Baker - 5th to 11th grade
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Youth Religious Ed. Classes

Preschool - 4th Grades:
Sundays 9:00am - 10:00am
(Preschool/K also offered at alt. times)

5th - 11th Grades:
Wednesdays 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Classes held at
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center
(West Hallway Classrooms)

Ministry Schedule

MARCH 22ND & 23RD

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

GREET: Betty Roebuck / Rick & Misty Fowler Family

LECTOR: Glen Killion

EM: Sarah Townsend / Gerald Solko

SERVE: Paisley Call / Jamie Stepanek

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Denny & Kathy Hahn / Travis & Trisha Hedman

LECTOR: Tara Sjuts

EM: Larry & Jeanne Happ / Kelli Seward

SERVE: Hallie Bauder / Lenna Poss

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

GREET: 1st Grade Religious Ed. Class

LECTOR: Jordan Meyer

EM: Joe & Paulette Hansen / Gina & Emma Elstermeier

SERVE: Ike Gawrych / Peyton Reilly

Second Sunday of Lent - Transfiguration

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

In our gospel today, Jesus took Peter, James and John and went up the mountain to pray. While praying he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun and his clothes became like a light. And the most significant scene during the moment of transfiguration was the revealing words of his Father: "This is my beloved Son; Listen to him."

And today, Transfiguration Sunday, Jesus invites us -not anymore Peter, James and John, but you and me, all of us – not anymore on a mountain but here in the table of the Eucharist. The table of the Eucharist is not anymore the mountain where the dramatic performance of Peter is played; it is now the sacred place where changing images and transforming hearts happen. It is now the mountain of hope where we meet the forgiving and loving God face to face.

If our hearts of stone are slowly transformed in to a heart of flesh, we can be transfigured as children of God and collectively transfigured as the Body of Christ. This is so because God loves us! God does not say 'I love you if...' There are no ifs in God's heart. God's love for us does not depend on what we do or say, on our looks or intelligence, on our success or popularity. God's love for us existed before we were born and will exist after we have died. God's love for us is from eternity to eternity..."

In this second week of lent, on this feast of St. Patrick's day, let us pray with the psalmist, this petition:

"Hear of Lord, the sound of my call, have pity on me and answer me. Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks. Your presence, O Lord, I seek. Hide not your face from me; do not in anger repel your servant. You are my helper, cast me not off."

So rise! God and be transfigured! Are you ready to change and be transformed? It's your move..)

This Week's Schedule

Monday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

No Daily Mass
Rosary 9am (SPP)
OCIA Class 6:30pm (PLC Conference Room)

Tuesday, March 18

Daily Mass 8:30am / Rosary 9:00am (SPP)
Intention: †Colleen Brouillette
By Monte Brouillette & Family
Catholic Daughters Meeting 7pm (SPP-PLC)

Wednesday, March 19

Rosary 9:00am
Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)
Intention: †Linda Simmons
By Vicky Knutson
Religious Ed. Team Meeting 6:15pm (PLC)
Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC Classrooms)

Thursday, March 20

Daily Mass 8:30am / Rosary 9:00am (SPP)
Intention: †John McIntyre
By Dan, Barbara, & Tom McIntyre

Friday, March 21

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)
Intention: †Florence Duester
By Deb Placek

Friday, March 21 (continued - evening)

FISH FRY 5-7pm (Parish Life Center)

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm (SPP)

Saturday, March 22

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)
Intention: †Colleen Killinger
By Buzz Welch

Sunday, March 23

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
Intention: People of the Parishes
Religious Ed. Pre-4th 9am (PLC Classrooms)
Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
Intention: †Anthony Dush
By Esther Dush





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FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN FISH FRY

MARCH 7TH • MARCH 21ST • APRIL 4TH

Saints Peter & Paul Parish Life Center 5:00 – 7:00PM

Our first Fish Fry was well attended, **THANK YOU** to all that helped! Please answer the call to help for our next one this Friday, March 21st. If you are not called & are able to help please contact Tonya Anderson 308-380-0037. Thank you!



MARCH - DEDICATED TO SAINT JOSEPH

The dedication of March to St. Joseph is a rich tradition that invites us to reflect on this great Saints faith, humility, obedience, and selfless love.

He is an exceptional model for us in navigating our spiritual journey. The Feast of St. Joseph is March 19th.

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Tri-Parish Events & News

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays: March 21 & 28, April 4 & 11
5:30pm at SPP

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS
Extra envelopes at back of Church.

ST. ANTHONY CLEANING
Volunteers needed to help clean (bring a vacuum), prime, paint, move table/chairs & finish projects at Farwell's Church basement. If able to help out please contact Phil 308-754-8368 or Kathy 308-336-3351

SUMMER RETREAT REGISTRATION
Higher ground has a few spots left for 10th-12th grade female students (due to housing). There are 27 spots open for Steubenville. Information and Registration: www.gidiocese.org/youth-events

CAMP ADULT LEADERS NEEDED
Please consider this opportunity to witness to our youth, apply at www.gidiocese.org/youth-events



MARCH Prayer Intention for families in crisis -
Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

as of 3/10/2025

DIOCESAN APPEAL
OCTOBER 2024 - SEPTEMBER 2025

DIOCESAN APPEAL	\$goal %	household %
St. Anthony -	41%	50%
St. Joseph -	16%	38%
Sts. P & P -	42%	67%

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

Upcoming Italian Seafood Nite:
Friday, April 11th 5-7pm St. Anthony's in Farwell...Seafood Lasagna, Shrimp Alfredo, Manicotti stuffed with spinach & cheese, Spaghetti w/ choice of Sauce, Salad & Dessert!
Free will offering for kitchen repairs.

Eternal Life
In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Donald Knapp, of St. Paul, who passed away March 6, 2025. Mass of Christian Burial was March 11, 2025 at Sts. Peter & Paul. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Finance Corner
Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
March 3 - March 9, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$787.00
St. Joseph	\$300.00

Area Events & News

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL
48 Hours Adoration
Friday, March 21, 5pm to Sunday, March 23, 10am Resurrection Church Grand Island. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, Speakers: including Fr. Vince Parsons at 9:15am on Saturday, Adoration, Healing Service, & More.

LENTEN BROWN BAG TALKS
Wednesday, March 19, 12:00-1:00pm
St. Mary's Cathedral Square in GI
Bishop Emeritus William Dendinger
Topic: The Gospel of Luke - Mercy
Guests are invited to bring their sack lunches; drinks will be provided.
March 26 topic: Humility
by Deacon Matt Lonnemann

BISHOP'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY
Bishop Hanefeldt's Episcopal Ordination Anniversary **March 23** at 2:30pm Mass - St. Mary's Cathedral, A cake & ice cream reception will be at Cathedral Square. Cards may be sent to: Diocese of Grand Island, Attn: Bishop Hanefeldt 2708 Old Fair Road, Grand Island, NE 68803

OASIS NIGHT FOR YOUNG ADULTS
Tuesday, March 25 - St. Leo's Church
2410 S. Blaine St. Grand Island
5:30pm - Welcome/Social
6:00pm - Meal, 6:30pm - Fr. Josh Brown - Presentation & Reflection followed by Exposition of the Eucharist for Adoration.
Don't give up, Don't give in -
Finish Lent Strong

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$5164.81
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1351.00
Parish Life Center	\$277.00
Maintenance	\$10.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$100.00

March Totals as of 3/9/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$10791.62
Online General Fund	\$1827.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$7381.38

Special Collections
PARISH: March - Easter Flowers
DIOCESE: March 30 - Catholic Relief Services

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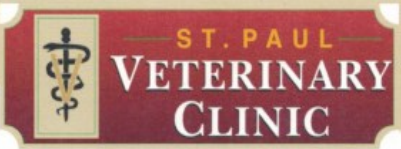
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