



Howard County Catholics

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

March 1, 2026

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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 Brookfield/Matelyn

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
(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
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308-750-8418

Youth Religious Ed. Classes

Preschool thru 4th Grades:
Sundays 9:00am - 10:00am
5th thru 11th Grades:
Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Classes held at SPP
Parish Life Center classrooms
(Confirmation Class at Bed Head Coffee)

Ministry Schedule

MARCH 7TH & 8TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

MUSIC: Open

GREET: Roger & Annette Ogard /
Amy Christensen / Chris Dethlefs

LECTOR: Todd Paulsen

EM: Frank & Mary Stepanek

S: Jamie Stepanek / Sophia Hoppes

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Lewandowski Family

GREET: Leo & Gina Haggerty Family

LECTOR: Travis Hedman

EM: Chad Bauder / Connie Becker

S: Eli & Avery Svoboda

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Kezeor Group

GREET: 3rd Grade Religious Ed. Class

LECTOR: Ann Rief

EM: Mary Jo Serbousek / Tara Sjuts /
Ben Syring / Sarah Townsend

SERVE: 3rd Grade Religious Ed. Class

Second Sunday of Lent

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Lent is a time to change, or transform ourselves from our old self to a new and more wholesome self. We would do well if we followed the words of Dorothy Law Nolte's writing.

Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.

If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

But then, the devil has his beatitudes to sway the faithful away from Lenten resolutions.

Blessed are those who are tired, too busy, and too distracted to spend an hour once a week with their fellow believers in Church - they are my best workers.

Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked - I can use them.

Blessed are the touchy, with a bit of luck they may stop going to church - they are mine forever.

Blessed are those who are very religious but get on everyone's nerves - they are mine forever.

Blessed are the troublemakers they shall be called my children.

Blessed are those who have no time to pray - they are easy prey for me.

Blessed are the gossipers - for they are my secret agents.

Blessed are those critical of church leadership - for they shall inherit a place with me in my fate.

Blessed are you when you read this and think it is about other people - I've got you.

Handwritten signature of Fr. Vincent P. Parsons

This Week's Schedule

Monday, March 2

No Daily Mass / Rosary 9am (SPP)
OCIA 6pm (PLC Classroom)
Women's Bible Study 6:30pm (PLC)

Tuesday, March 3

NO Daily Mass / Rosary 9am (SPP)
David Gorecki Funeral 10:30am (SA)

Wednesday, March 4

Rosary 11:30am / Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)
Intention: †Frank Koperski
By Phyllis Gappa

Religious Ed. Team Meeting 6:15pm (PLC)

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

Thursday, March 5

Daily Mass 8:30am / Rosary 9am (SPP)
Intention: †Riggin Schaffer

By Pat Geiger
Men's Lenten Bible Study 6pm (PLC)

Friday, March 6

Daily Mass 9:00am (Brookfield)

Intention: Dedic Family
By Ron Derner
Adoration/Benediction 10am-5pm (SPP)
FISH FRY / BAKE SALE 5-7pm (PLC)
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5:30pm (SPP)
Seward/Thede Rehearsal 6pm (SPP)

Saturday, March 7

Seward / Thede Wedding 2pm (SPP)
Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Melvin Boysen
By Tom & Pat Knutson

Weekend Mass 7:00pm (SA)

Intention: †Leonard & †Josephine
Gorecki By Family

Sunday, March 8

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

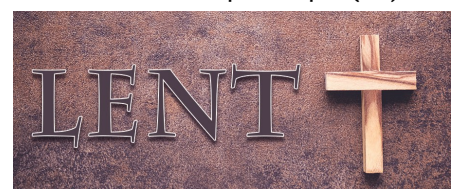
Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC CR)

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

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Florentino Guzman

By Family
Emerson Helzer Baptism 2pm (SA)





FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN FISH FRY

FEBRUARY 20TH, MARCH 6TH, MARCH 20TH
STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH LIFE CENTER
5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM



CONGRATULATIONS
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AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES
 St. Michael's (Greeley) - March 4, 7pm
 St. Libory (St. Libory) - March 4, 7pm
 St. Michael (Spalding) - March 18, 7pm
Grand Island
 Blessed Sacrament - March 29, 7pm
 St. Leo's - March 30, 7pm
 St. Mary's Cathedral - March 31, 7pm
 Resurrection - April 1, 6pm

Finance Corner
Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
February 16 - 22, 2026
The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba
 St. Anthony Church \$196.00
 St. Joseph \$619.00
The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul
 Actual General Fund \$4925.00
 OSV On-Line General Fund \$1380.80
 Maintenance \$25.00
 Parish Life Center \$375.00
 Restoring Our Father's House \$323.00

FEBRUARY Totals as of 2/22/26
 Monthly Budget \$20000.00
 Actual General Fund \$32608.51
 Online General Fund \$5653.20
 Monthly **Surplus (Deficit)** **\$18261.71**

Special Collections
 PARISH - Ash Wednesday included in General
 DIOCESE February - Eastern Europe \$75

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Tri-Parish Events & News

FISH FRY REPORT

Thank you to all that helped with our first Fish Fry! Gross Profit = \$2,900! (will calculate Net at end of all 3) Next Fish Fry - March 6th, 5-7pm at the Parish Life Center. Please sign up to help on the forms in back of Church. Proceeds for this one will be divided by our CCW & Knights of Columbus.

BAKE SALE

Come enjoy the Fish Fry dinner & take home something sweet... Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Bars, & More! All proceeds benefit the mission & charitable works of Catholic Daughters of America - Court #2015.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday at 5:30pm - Sts. Peter & Paul Church

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE

March 8th - clocks spring ahead at 2:00am!

Lenten Rosary

One of the most profound ways to deepen your spiritual journey during Lent is by praying the Rosary... join us in praying the Sorrowful Mysteries at 9am on Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays; and at 11:30am on Wednesdays.

OCIA UPDATE

We are thrilled to have eleven candidates in OCIA! They had their Rite of Election at the Cathedral last weekend & will come into full communion of the Catholic Church at our Easter Saturday night vigil!

CCW BREAKFAST & BASKETS

Palm Sunday breakfast - March 29th, 9-11:30am - Consider donating a themed basket for the raffle.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

"Bother the Fathers" - Q & A with Fr. Buhrman & Fr. Parsons on March 12th, 7pm, Loup River Distillery. Everyone is Welcome!

OLD PALMS

You may burn or bury your old palms yourself, or if you prefer you can bring them here to the designated basket in the Church gathering area. From there, they will be collected and burned.

Eternal Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of David Gorecki. Visitation will be March 2, 5-7pm, at St. Anthony, Rosary to follow. Mass of Christian Burial will be March 3, at 10:30am at St. Anthony in Farwell. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Area Events & News

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 6th at 11:30am
 United Methodist Church, St. Paul
 Theme "I will Give You Rest, Come"

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 6th at 12:00pm
 Loup City United Methodist Church
 Prayer & action to lift up the women & children of Nigeria. Pastor Mono, a native of Nigeria, will speak.

LENTEN BROWN BAG TALKS

St. Mary's Cathedral Square, 12-1pm
 Bring sack lunch, drinks provided
March 4 - Where Your Selfishness Comes from by Fr. Charles Torpey

REDEMPTIVE SUFFERING

Thursday, March 12, 7pm
 Resurrection Church, Grand Island
 Presenter: Jeff Kohn, cancer survivor
 - embrace your crosses w/ hope

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