



Howard County Catholics

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

March 22, 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

JESUS

said to her, "I am the
resurrection and

THE LIFE

He who believes in me will
still live, even if he dies."

JOHN 11:25



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
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Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Prayer Chain Contacts

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 308-571-0430

Mrs. Judi Baker - 5th to 11th grade
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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)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Over fifteen years ago, the Los Angeles Times reported that David Sun and John Tu sold 80% of their company, Kingston Technology Corporation. At the time, it was the world’s largest manufacturer of computer memory products. The sale price was \$1.5 billion. The two men then decided to share their windfall with their employees. The average bonus payment their workers received was just over \$75,000. Sun summarized their decision: “To share our success with everybody is the most joy that we can have!

Orville was informed some years ago, that he had terminal cancer. He went home to cry, and wait for death. He and his wife wondered: should we keep this disease a secret? They prayed about it. The answer that came to them was to share the news. But not only to share, but to rejoice. Rejoice! How could anyone rejoice with a disease sentence hanging over their heads?

Well, they decided to host a big party. During the festivities, Orville called for everyone’s attention. He broke the news to his guests, saying, “You may have wondered why I called you all together. This is a cancer party. I have been told I have terminal cancer. My wife and I have come to realize that we are all terminal. We decided to start a new organization. It is called M T.C. – Make Today Count.”

Since that time the organization has spread across the country. Orville pointed out that Christians ought to face the medical death penalty with singing and loving. We are all terminal. We just don’t know when that terminal moment will appear. But, in the meantime we can choose to live a joy filled life by “Making Today Count.”

Little Johnny and his family were having dinner at his Grandmother’s house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. “Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer,” said his mother. “I don’t need to,” the boy replied. “Of course, you do,” his mother insisted. “We always say a prayer before eating at our house.” “That’s at our house,” Johnny explained. “But this is Grandma’s house and Grandma knows how to cook.”

Jr. Vincent L. Parsons

Ministry Schedule

MARCH 28TH & 29TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

MUSIC: Lewandowski Family
GREET: Joe & Paulette Hansen /
 Glen & Michele Killion

LECTOR: Marlene Kosmicki
EM: Kenny & Sharon Tibbetts
S: Reagan & Brogan Grabowski

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Farwell Group
GREET: Betty Roebuck /
 Fowler Family

LECTOR: Todd Peters
EM: Travis & Trish Hedman
S: Owen, Archer, & Easton Shotkoski

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Kosmicki Group
GREET: Mike & Judi Baker
LECTOR: Tina Headrick
EM: Amy Brandt / Chris Elstermeier /
 Bill Gregoski / Heather Valasek
SERVE: Paisley Call / Macy Bockmann
 / Jamie Stepanek

This Week’s Schedule

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

NO Daily Mass 8:30am
 Rosary 9am (SPP)

Wednesday, March 25

Rosary 11:30am / Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)
 Intention: †Betty Leonard By Family
 Cookie Dough Pick up 3:30-6pm (PLC)
 Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC Classrooms)

Thursday, March 26

Daily Mass 8:30am / Rosary 9am (SPP)
 Intention: †Greg Flaherty
 By Jerry & Barb Sack
 Men’s Lenten Bible Study 6pm (PLC)

Friday, March 27

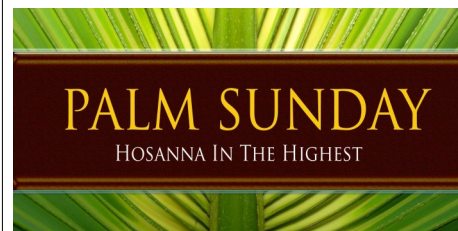
Daily Mass 9:00am (**Matelyn**)
 Intention: †Rose Marie Olsufka
 By Carolyn Just
 ITALIAN SEAFOOD NITE 5-7pm (SA)
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm (SA)

Saturday, March 28

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
 Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)
 Intention: †Sheila (Verley) Stewart
 By Tom & Zola Jarecke
 Jax Pedersen Baptism 6pm (SPP)

PALM Sunday, March 29

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
 Intention: People of the Parishes
PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST
 9:00am-11:30am (SPP - PLC)
 Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC CR)
 Religious Ed. Pre/K Class 2 10am (PLC CR)
 Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
 Intention: †Bill Sack
 By Jerry & Barb Sack





ST. ANTHONY'S
ITALIAN
SEAFOOD NITE
MARCH 27, 2026
5:00 - 7:00PM at Farwell
Free Will Offering
 Seafood Lasagna, Shrimp Alfredo,
 Manicotti stuffed with Spinach & Cheese,
 Spaghetti w/ choice of Sicilian, Cheese, or
 Marinara Sauce, Salad & Dessert



Congratulations on your Baptism
Jadie Josephine Knapp
March 14, 2026
 Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
 Pictured: Father Vince, Mike, Kassandra,
 Greyson, Hudson, & Jadie Knapp

Tri-Parish Events & News

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 March 27th, 7:00pm - at St. Anthony in Farwell, following the *Italian Seafood Nite* in the Church basement!

PALM SUNDAY BASKET RAFFLE
 Please bring donated baskets for the raffle to a CCW officer or the Parish Office by March 28th.

CCW PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST
 March 29, 9-11:30am at the Parish Life Center. Serving breakfast casseroles, biscuits & sausage gravy, pancakes, cinnamon rolls, fruit, & drinks. Free Will Offering. All are welcome!

COOKIE DOUGH PICK UP
 PLEASE plan to pick up & deliver your Cookie Dough order on Wednesday, **March 25th** - between 3:30-6pm at the PLC kitchen entrance. If you can't make it, please ask someone to grab yours.

Old Palms
 Palm Sunday will be the last day to put old Palms in the basket at the back of Church. If you have some you would like burned please bring them before or on Palm Sunday. You may burn or bury them also.

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
 APRIL 2 - **Holy Thursday** 7pm Mass
 APRIL 3 - **Good Friday** 12:05pm
 APRIL 4 - **Holy Saturday** 8pm Mass
 (No APRIL Mass in Farwell)
 APRIL 5 - **EASTER SUNDAY**
 8am Mass & 10am Mass
 All at Sts. Peter & Paul 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

Rice Bowls ~ CRS Donations
 Please bring your Rice Bowls &/or Catholic Relief Services contribution envelopes to Church on Palm Sunday. Donations to CRS helps them fight hunger and poverty in over 100 countries across the world.



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
 BLESSING OF YOUR MARRIAGE
Josh & Meg Sabata
 13 MARCH 2026
 STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Finance Corner
 Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
March 9 - 15, 2026

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$495.00
St. Joseph	\$160.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$2757.00
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1376.80
Maintenance	\$20.00
Parish Life Center	\$55.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$3290.00

MARCH Totals as of 3/15/26

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$12019.57
Online General Fund	\$4124.40
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$3856.03

Special Collections
 PARISH - Religious Education \$5
 DIOCESE - Catholic Relief Services \$15

Area Events & News

FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED
 Volunteer help is needed at the local Food Pantry for a couple hours on 2-3 days/month, please contact Pat Knutson 308-750-3532.

GRAND ISLAND DIOCESE CCW
 Spring Meeting - March 28th
 9:30am to Noon \$15/person - lunch is provided Sacred Heart - Greeley, NE

CARD SHOWER
Fr. James Janovec's 88th Birthday is on March 26th!
 His family would like to host a card shower, well wishes may be sent to:
 Fr. James Janovec
 Good Samaritan Society
 4075 Timberline Street, Rm. 410
 Grand Island, NE 68803

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