



Howard County Catholics

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

— JOHN 4:14 —

But whoever drinks
of the water that I will give him
will never be

thirsty

The water that I will give
him will become in him a
spring of water
welling up to eternal life.



Sts. Peter & Paul
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Saturday Mass 5:00PM
Sunday Mass 8AM & 10AM

St. Anthony
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(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

Third Sunday of Lent

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

The gospel story tells us that Jesus was tired from a journey, and he rested near a well. A woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "GIVE ME A DRINK." Water quenches our thirst, it gives us life. And Jesus is the WATER OF LIFE!

"LORD, GIVE ME A DRINK!" Two commercials that I enjoyed best, they are: "COKE is the real thing!" and "PEPSI adds life!" Putting a religious meaning into them, we can create this advertisement during the season of LENT, which will become our mantra: "JESUS is my drink, he is the real thing! CHRIST is my drink, he adds life!"

The words of Jesus are not only bread, but also our drink as they are the "real thing" and "add life!" Jesus is the WATER OF LIFE! Read attentively his words to the woman in our gospel:

"... whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The words of Jesus permeated the heart of the woman, and made her take the road of conversion, as she replied to the life-giving words of Jesus: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Now read this spiritual advice of Henry Nouwen about words of life:

"When we talk to one another, we often talk about what happened, what we are doing, or what we plan to do. Often we say, "What's up?" and we encourage one another to share the details of our daily lives. But often we want to hear something else. We want to hear, 'I've been thinking of you today,' or 'I missed you,' or 'I wish you were here,' or 'I really love you.' It is not always easy to say these words, but such words can deepen our bonds with one another. Telling someone 'I love you' in whatever way is always delivering good news. Nobody will respond by saying, 'Well, I knew that already, you don't have to say it again!' Words of love and affirmation are like bread. We need them each day, over and over. They keep us alive inside."

As Christ bearers, let our words to each other become WORDS of LIFE, as words of affirmation, love, compassion, forgiveness, hope, peace, and justice. This season of LENT, let us be the GOOD NEWS of CONVERSION to one another. Once more, we say: "Jesus is my drink, he is the real thing! Christ is my drink, he adds life!"

Jr. Vincent L. Parsons

Ministry Schedule

MARCH 14TH & 15TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

MUSIC: Julie Dush

GREET: Mike & Cassandra Knapp /
Betty Roebuck / Reese Fowler

LECTOR: Larry Happ

EM: Chris Dethlefs / Kathy Hahn
S: Layla & Boston Bowder

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Lewandowski Family

GREET: John & Sandi Mudloff /
Mike & Jean Thede

LECTOR: Heidi Townsend

EM: Frank & Mary Stepanek

S: Owen, Archer, & Easton Shotkoski

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Men's Choir

GREET: 2nd Grade Religious Ed. Class

LECTOR: Monte Brouillette

EM: Heather Valasek / Nikki Bader /
Chris Townsend / Tristan Thomas

S: Emily Schenck / Jamie Stepanek

This Week's Schedule

Monday, March 9

No Daily Mass / Rosary 9am (SPP)

OCIA 6pm (PLC Classroom)

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Intention: †Brent & Emily Wysocki

By Kathy Carson

Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm (PLC)

Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm (PLC)

Wednesday, March 11

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

Intention: †Rose Marie Olsufka

By Bill & Bertha Jerabek

CCW Meeting 6pm (PLC)

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

Thursday, March 12

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

Intention: †Bill Sack

By Bob & Patty Krzycki

Men's Lenten Bible Study 6pm (PLC)

Friday, March 13

Daily Mass 9:00am (*Matelyn*)

Intention: †Margaret Thompson & Bernice Adams by Chuck & Char Schmid

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5:30pm (SPP)

Saturday, March 14

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

Jadie Knapp Baptism 6pm (SPP)

Sunday, March 15

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Jeff Krzycki

By Family

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

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

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Dan Gorecki

By Rick & Cindy Gorecki





Congratulations on your Baptism
Aurora Jo Peters
February 28, 2026
 Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
 Pictured: Deacon Phil, Riley, Katlynn, Aurora, Walter, Claralynn Peters, & Father Vinec



Congratulations on your Baptism
AXEL DAN SAMUELSON
MARCH 1, 2026
 at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
 Pictured Deacon Neil, Chad & Katelyn Samuelson



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BLESSING OF YOUR MARRIAGE
Trent & Kennadi Findley
 28 FEBRUARY 2026
 STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tri-Parish Events & News

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON
 March 10th, noon at the PLC - Please bring a dish to share, will be having ham & creamy hashbrowns.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Friday at 5:30pm - Sts. Peter & Paul Church

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

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

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.

Upcoming Meetings
CCW Meeting - March 11, 6pm PLC *All women of the Parish are invited!*
Catholic Daughters - March 17th, 7pm at SPP PLC Classroom
Knights of Columbus - March 17th, 7pm at SPP PLC Classroom

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

- ◆ **EASTER SUNDAY**
 April 5 - NO Classes
- ◆ **CONFIRMATION**
 Saturday, April 18th, 5pm Mass
- ◆ **YEAR END SUNDAY CLASS**
 Sunday, April 19th, 9am
- ◆ **YEAR END WED. CLASS**
 Wednesday, April 22nd, 7pm
- ◆ **FIRST COMMUNION**
 Saturday, April 25th 5pm Mass
- ◆ **SENIOR MASS**
 Sunday, April 26th, 10am Mass

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
 Join Catholics across the United States in sharing their gifts through **CRS Rice Bowl**, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program that fights hunger and poverty in more than 100 countries. Donations can be given in your CRS collection envelope, the Rice Bowls, or crsricebowl.org. Please return Rice Bowls on Palm Sunday.

With Grateful Hearts
 Our Religious Ed. students received a thoughtful & delicious gift this week of homemade cookies and muffins made by the Confirmation class at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Shelton. Enough for each student, what a wonderful gesture!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- APRIL 2 - Holy Thursday 7pm Mass
- APRIL 3 - Good Friday 12:05pm
- APRIL 4 - Holy Saturday 8pm Mass
- APRIL 5 - EASTER SUNDAY
 8am Mass & 10am Mass
 All at Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Finance Corner
 Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
February 23 - March 1, 2026

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$520.00
St. Joseph	\$160.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$6302.42
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1325.80
Religious Education	\$180.00
Parish Life Center	\$260.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$807.00

MARCH Totals as of 3/1/26

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$6302.42
Online General Fund	\$1325.80
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$12371.78

Special Collections
 PARISH - Easter Flowers \$45
 DIOCESE February - Eastern Europe \$100

Area Events & News

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Fridays during Lent 12:15pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Paplin

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL
 March 20-22 Resurrection Church
 4110 Cannon Rd. Grand Island, NE
 40 HOURS ADORATION
 Friday: Fish Fry 4:30-7pm, Exposition 6pm, Speaker 7pm, Adoration

LENTEN BROWN BAG TALKS
 St. Mary's Cathedral Square, 12-1pm
 Bring sack lunch, drinks provided
March 11 - Understanding Suffering's Purpose - Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt

ST. JOSAPHAT'S FISH FRY
 FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 5-7pm
 Parish Hall, Loup City - Fried Fish, Cheesy Potatoes, Sauerkraut & Dumplings, Desserts & more!

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