



# Howard County Catholics

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

May 18, 2025

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## 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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*Love one  
another  
as I have  
loved you*

*~ John 13:34*



**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

Deacon Neil & Julie Baquet  
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## Tri-Parish Media

### Facebook:

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)  
St. Paul - Ann Rief (308-380-0619)  
Farwell - Thereasa Nealon  
(308-336-3349)  
Elba - Betty Poss (308-750-0512)



## Directors of Religious Education

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

Mrs. Judi Baker - 5th to 11th grade  
office@howardcountycatholics.com

## TOTUS TUUS

Going to be 1st-6th grade  
July 21-25 9am-2:30pm  
Please bring a Sack Lunch  
Incoming Middle & High School  
July 20-24 6:30pm-8:45pm  
Dinner will be provided!  
Registration coming soon!

## Ministry Schedule

### MAY 24TH & 25TH

#### SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

GREET: Roger & Annette Ogard /  
Kenny & Sharon Tibbetts

LECTOR: Kevin Sestak

EM: Mary Gappa / Sherrie Oakely

S: Verah Paulsen / Caire Dubas /  
Deloras Koperski

#### SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Travis & Trisha Headman /  
Clint & Wanda Nilson

LECTOR: Jeanne Happ

EM: Travis & Trisha Headman /  
Jeanne Happ

S: Hallie Bauder/ Laityn & Lenna Poss

#### SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

GREET: Cameron & Stacy Hoppes Family

LECTOR: Glen Killion

EM: Ann Rief / Mary Jo Serbousek / Ben  
Syring / Sarah Townsend / Kerry Townsend

SERVE: Ike Gawrych / Brennen  
Shreve / Tyler Brandt

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

"In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds."

Hence, the command of LOVE of Jesus is so critical in the survival of our humanity, he said:

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU ALSO SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER!"

Jesus is not playing with words, he means it. "Jesus' whole life was a witness to his Father's love, and Jesus calls his followers to carry on that witness in his name. WE, as followers of Jesus, are sent into the world to be visible signs of God's unconditional love... When people say of us: 'See how they love one another,' they catch a glimpse of the Kingdom of God that Jesus announced and are drawn to it as by a magnet."

So, today, CHOOSE LOVE! And that is "God's call for us, and there is not a moment in which we do not have to make that choice... in our imaginations, our thoughts, our words, our gestures, our actions... even in our non-actions. This choice... starts in a deep interior place. Underneath very life-affirming behavior, (we) can still harbor death-thoughts and death-feelings. The most important question is not 'DO I KILL?' but 'DO I CARRY A BLESSING IN MY HEART or a CURSE?' The bullet that kills is only the final instrument of the hatred that began being nurtured in the heart long before the gun was picked up."

To redeem our image as "created in the likeness and image of God," let us re-root ourselves to the power and grace of LOVE that Jesus talks about in today's gospel. Jesus will be recognized if we love as he did. Even to lay down one's life for others. A TOTAL LOVE! No double-talk! Only the testimony of genuine and committed love can change our broken world.

The challenge for us then is to claim the identity of Jesus for ourselves and say, "WE ARE THE LIVING CHRIST TODAY!" Let us try our best to be one by our WORDS and DEEDS!

*Fr. Vincent L. Parsons*

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, May 19

No Daily Mass / Rosary 9am (SPP)  
Parish Office Closed (SPP)

### Tuesday, May 20

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

Intention: †Anna Dedic

By Todd & Cindy Peters

Parish Council Meeting 6:30 (PLC )

Catholic Daughters 7pm (Parish Hall)

### Wednesday, May 21

Rosary 11:30am (SPP)

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Margaret Thompson &  
†Berniece Adams By Chuck & Char Schmid

### Thursday, May 22

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

Intention: †Bill Sack

By JoAnn Urbanski

### Friday, May 23

Daily Mass 9:00am (Brookfield)

Intention: Rain

By Parishioners

### Saturday, May 24

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Bill Sack

By Ron Sack

### Sunday, May 25

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: †John McIntyre

By Dan, Barbara, & Tom McIntyre

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

## ST. ANTHONY MASS

FOR MONTH OF JUNE

Sunday, June 1st at 11:30am

Deacon Phil will be presiding at

St. Anthony's Church in Farwell!

All are welcome at the meal to follow.

(NO Mass on June 7 at St. Anthony)





### MAY CROWNING

Thank you Ava Rathman, Kylie Schenck, & Lainey Meyer for helping express our devotion to our Mother Mary!



Congratulations to Marena Paczosa on receiving her First Holy Communion!

## Tri-Parish Events & News

### DIACONATE ORDINATION

Phil Lukasiewicz will be among the deacons being ordained on Friday, May 30, 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island. Come early to ensure a seat.

### ST. ANTHONY JUNE SCHEDULE

There will be Mass in Farwell on Sunday, June 1 at 11:30am. NO Mass there on Saturday, June 7.

### DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS

Please pray for our students and all that will be attending & helping with these summer events, that they may encounter Christ & experience our Catholic Community in a meaningful way. Higher Ground, Higher Ground Extreme Faith, & Steubenville of the Rockies take place on different weeks from late May to late July.

### Special Thanks:

Thank you to our CCW, Knights of Columbus, & Catholic Daughters for the monetary support given to students registered for Diocesan summer camps - Higher Ground, HG Extreme Faith & Steubenville.

### DEDICATION CELEBRATION

Please plan to attend the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, June 29 for the consecration of Sts. Peter & Paul's new Altar. A celebration dinner will follow at the Parish Life Center. All are welcome!

### TOTUS TUUS

Students please plan to attend!

#### 7th to 12th grade & recent high school graduates -

July 20 to 25 at 6:30 to 8:45pm, Dinner will be provided!

#### 1st to 6th grade (next school year)

July 21 to 24 at 9am to 2:30pm, please plan to bring sack Lunch, Friday is fun water day!

At Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church and Parish Life Center.

**Please contact the office if you can host 2 Missionaries that week!**

### Altar Servers:

Due to summer schedules, Altar Servers will not be assigned for each Mass starting June 7/8. Servers, PLEASE check in at the Sacristy when you go to Mass and volunteer to help out. Thank you!!



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network  
UNITED STATES

### MAY Prayer Intention:

For working conditions -  
Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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### HEALTH NOTICE

An Automated External Defibrillator, to be used in case of an emergency, is located in the coat area near the south west Church entrance.

## Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving  
May 5 - 11, 2025

### The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$332.00
St. Joseph	\$160.00

### The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$3448.75
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1176.00
Parish Life Center	\$262.00
Religious Education	\$5.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$365.00

### May Totals as of 5/11/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$7575.85
Online General Fund	\$1977.00
Monthly <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$10447.15</b>

### Special Collections

DIocese: May 18 - Catholic Communications  
PARISH: June 1 - Solemnity of Ascension

**THANK YOU**  
for your continued support!

## Area Events & News

### MEMORIAL DAY MASS & DINNER

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH - ASHTON  
Monday, May 26, 2025  
10:00am Mass at St. Francis Cemetery  
Dinner to follow at St. Francis Parish Hall, serving from 11:00am-1:00pm  
Fried chicken, Maschka's sausage, potatoes, beans, cole slaw & desserts  
\$15/person, \$7/child 6-11 Free/5& under

### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

#### Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser

Sunday, May 25th, 8:30am - 12:30pm  
at the St. Paul Legion Club, Hwy 281  
Free Will Donation  
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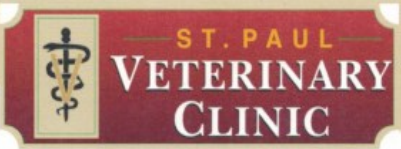
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