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

May 25, 2025

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Daily Mass Schedule:

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am
Wed. 12:05pm 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

P E A C E

I LEAVE WITH YOU;

MY PEACE

I GIVE YOU. I DO NOT

GIVE TO YOU AS THE

WORLD GIVES. DO NOT

LET YOUR HEARTS

BE TROUBLED AND

DO NOT BE AFRAID.

- J O H N 1 4 : 2 7 -



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday, May 28 | 7:00pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, May 29 | 7:00am Mass & 12:05pm Mass

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Two old men are sitting on a park bench in the Danish countryside. A car stops. The driver steps out, approaches the men and politely, and asks, in German, for assistance. The men shrug and shake their heads. The driver asks again, this time in French. No answer. He asks a third time in English. Still no answer. Frustrated, the man drives away.

After a while, one old-timer says to the other, "I wish I could speak a second language." "What for?" chuckled his friend. "That guy spoke three languages, and it didn't help him one single bit."

The body language of a smile. The power of a smile. A smile at the check-out counter. A smile at an intersection. A smile in the classroom. A smile in church. What happens in return? Oh, the powerful grace of a smile. A smile filled with hope.

On a cold winter morning, a husband took his wife and son to McDonalds for breakfast. The three of them were standing in line, waiting to place their order, when suddenly, several people groaned and stepped out of line. As the wife was checking the menu on the wall, she wondered why the commotion. Just then she smelled a foul body odor. She turned and standing directly behind her were two poor homeless men. One was short with dark blue eyes. The taller man gazed off in the distance, but both had a bright smile on their lips. The shorter man greeted the woman with "Good day." The woman responded with a polite "Oh, Hello."

The short man began counting a few coins in his hand. The other man, stood behind his friend, wringing his hands. Both men were cold and were hoping to warm up with a cup of coffee.

The two men took their coffee to the back of the restaurant. They sat in the last booth. The woman at the counter, waiting to receive her order, looked around the restaurant. It seemed everyone was now watching her, probably wondering what she would do. The woman smiled at all the patrons, then turned to the young girl behind the counter and ordered two more breakfasts on separate trays.

She carried two trays to the two men, placed them in front of them, patted the hands of both men and said, "Enjoy." The short man looked up with tears in his eyes and said, "Thank you madam." The woman leaned over and said "Don't thank me. Rather, thank God, for God is here working through me to give you hope."

The husband had watched his wife's every move. When she returned to their booth, her husband smiled and said, "That is why God gave you to me, Honey, to give me hope."

What hope can you offer to someone this week? We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this coming Thursday, May 29th. Check the mass times in the bulletin.

Make it a blessed one.

J. Vincent L. Parsons

Ministry Schedule

MAY 31ST & JUNE 1ST

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

GREET: Leo & Gina Haggerty Family

LECTOR: Sandi Mudloff

EM: Nancy Psota / Betty Roebuck / Joe Hansen

S: Jaxen & Kendyl Fowler

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Kellie & Jackson Seward / Jean & Anna Thede

LECTOR: Cindy Sestak

EM: Connie Becker / Rick Harrahill

S: Reed Coufal / Brogan & Reagan Grabowski

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Bill Gregoski

GREET: Matt & Ann Rief Family

LECTOR: Benjamin Syring

EM: Heather Valasek / Gabe Rief / Nikki Bader / Amy Brandt

SERVE: Jace Valasek / Braxton & Brody Headrick

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 26 - MEMORIAL DAY

No Daily Mass / No Rosary (SPP)

Parish Office Closed

Young Men's Bible Study 7pm (PLC)

Tuesday, May 27

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

Intention: †Janice Jelinek By Family

Wednesday, May 28

No Rosary (SPP)

Ascension Vigil Mass 7:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Florence Duester

By Sue Nigh

Thursday, May 29 - HOLY DAY

Ascension of the Lord Mass 7:00am (SPP)

Intention: Dedic Family

By Michael & Terri Calvert

Rosary 11:30am

Ascension of the Lord Mass 12:05pm (SPP)

Intention: †Madalene Rose

By Jim & Judy Rose

Friday, May 30

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)

Intention: †Colleen Brouillette

By Monte Brouillette & Family

Saturday, May 31

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Jeff Welch By Family

Sunday, June 1

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Anna Dedic

By Dan & Barbara McIntyre

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Madalene Rose

By Dan & Jan Placke

Deacon Phil's First Mass 11:30am (SA)

Intention: People of the Parishes

Lunch to follow (St. Anthony Church

Basement) - ALL ARE WELCOME!

Young Men's Bible Study 7pm (PLC)

Congratulations

DEACON PHIL LUKASIEWICZ!!!



With thanksgiving to Almighty God, the office for the Permanent Diaconate together with the families of the Ordinandi joyfully invite you to

THE ORDINATION OF Philip G. Lukasiewicz TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS



By The Most Rev. Joseph G. Hanefeldt
BISHOP OF GRAND ISLAND

At the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

112 S Cedar St, Grand Island, Nebraska

FRIDAY, MAY 30 - 5PM

Tri-Parish Events & News

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26th in recognition of Memorial Day.

ST. ANTHONY JUNE SCHEDULE

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

DEDICATION CELEBRATION

Mass at 10:00am on Sunday, June 29 at Sts. Peter & Paul. A dinner will follow at the Parish Life Center. Watch for invitations & RSVP info. coming soon.

TOTUS TUUS

Students please plan to attend on July 20 to 25 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church and Parish Life Center. **Please contact the office if you can host 2 Missionaries that week or help out during the day!**

Young Men's Bible Study:

First one on Monday, May 26th at 7pm, SPP Parish Life Center. Then, Sunday's at 7pm through the summer. Contact Zach Hirschman 308-750-6344 if questions.

YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS

Please pray for our students that will be attending summer camps / conferences in our Diocese and in Aurora, Colorado.

Higher Ground Extreme Faith:

Paislie Matlock, Jamie Stepanek, Kaia Douthit, Kendall Koperski, Cole Stepanek, Verah Paulsen, Blake Reilly, Sophia Hoppes, & Camryn Lewis

Higher Ground:

Joseph Thede & Jacob Rief
Steubenville of the Rockies:

Gabe Rief & Jacob Rief
Thank you to the Catholic Daughters, the CCW, & the Knights of Columbus for choosing to offer monetary support to these students towards the cost of attending these faith-filled events.

Altar Servers:

Starting June 7/8 - Servers, PLEASE check in at the Sacristy when you go to Mass and volunteer to help out. Thank you for sharing your time & talent with our Parish!!

Area Events & News

AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 25, 8:30am - 12:30pm
St. Paul Legion Club, Hwy 281
Breakfast Buffet - Free Will Donation
Hosted by Legion Riders Post 119

MEMORIAL DAY MASS & DINNER

Monday, May 26, 2025 10am Mass at
St. Francis Cemetery - Ashton
Dinner 11am-1pm St. Francis Hall
\$15/person, \$7/child 6-11 Free/5& under

FIRE OF THE SPIRIT

Summer celebration at St. Leo's
Wed., June 4th, starting at 5:15pm
SAVE THE DATE...

Lets' celebrate summer!

- Outdoor Exposition of the Eucharist
- Food & Drinks
- Games
- SMORES

MAY 29

THE
ASCENSION
OF THE
LORD

as of 5/19/2025

DIOCESAN APPEAL		
OCTOBER 2024 - SEPTEMBER 2025		
DIOCESAN APPEAL	\$goal %	/ household %
St. Anthony -	41%	50%
St. Joseph -	64%	75%
Sts. P & P -	45%	72%

PLEASE ☒ OR WRITE IN AMOUNT

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COLLECTION ENVELOPES

THANK YOU for checking the amount & type of contribution on your envelope, it saves our collection counters a lot of time:)

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
May 12 - 18, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$307.00
St. Joseph	\$380.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$3329.00
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1705.00
Parish Life Center	\$90.00
Maintenance	\$25.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$518.00

May Totals as of 5/18/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$10904.85
Online General Fund	\$3682.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$5413.15

Special Collections

DIOCESE: Catholic Communications - \$25.00
PARISH: May 29 - Solemnity of Ascension

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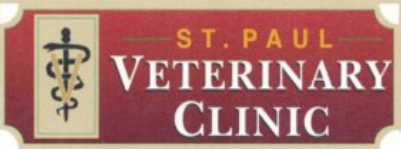
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