



# Howard County Catholics

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

May 3, 2026

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### Daily Mass Schedule:

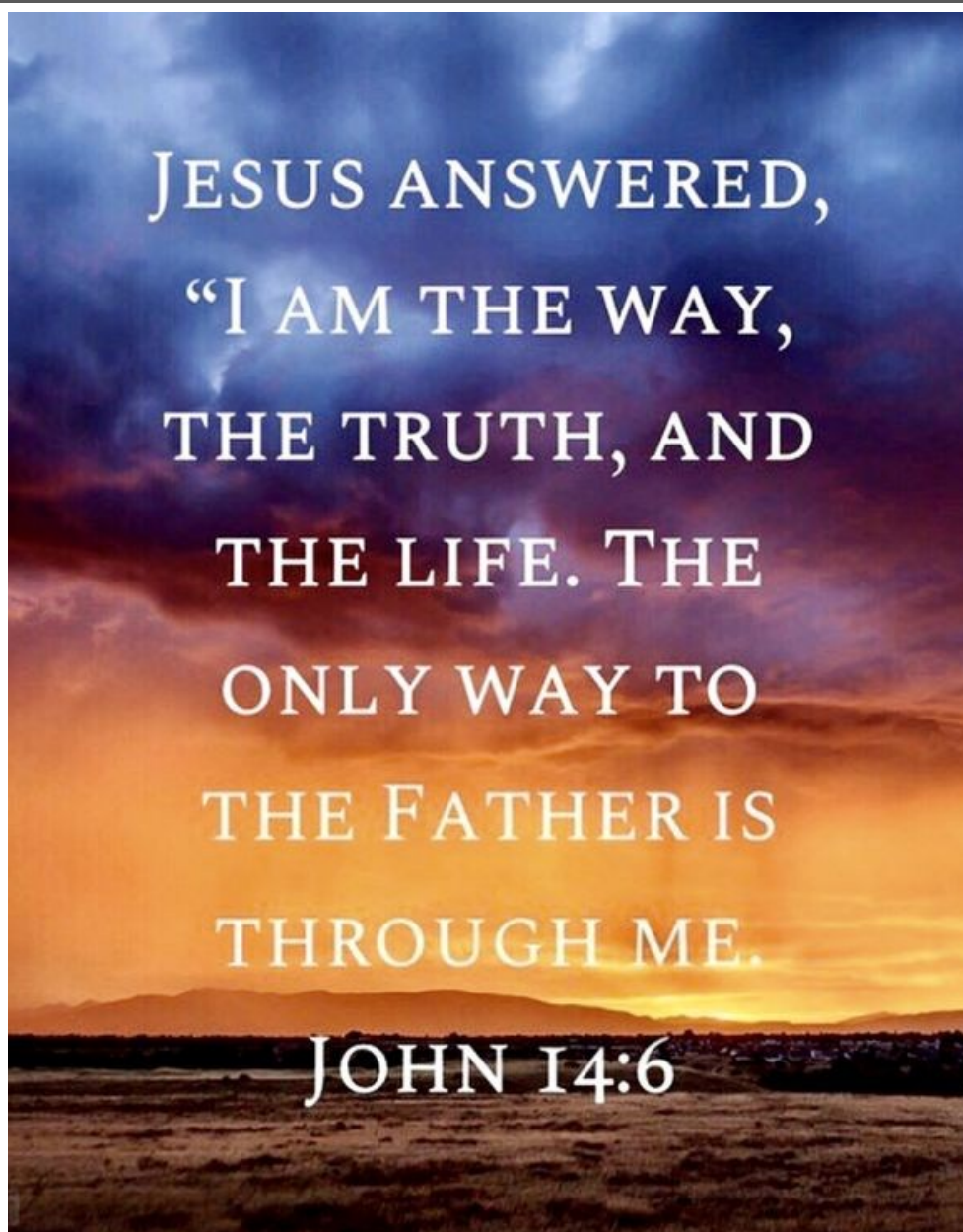
Tues/Thurs 8:30am Wed 12:05pm SPP  
Friday 9:00am - at Brookfield/Matelyn

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or  
by appointment

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office



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“I AM THE WAY,  
THE TRUTH, AND  
THE LIFE. THE  
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JOHN 14:6



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One Hope

**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  
 deaconneil@howardcountycatholics.com  
 308-571-0291

**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  
 308-571-0430

Mrs. Judi Baker - 5th to 11th grade  
 office@howardcountycatholics.com  
 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  
 (Classes September through April)

**Ministry Schedule**

**MAY 9TH & 10TH**

**SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS**

**MUSIC:** Julie Dush

**GREET:** Leona Leth / Cindy Wilson /  
 Liana Wroblewski

**LECTOR:** Travis Sydzyk

**EM:** John & Sandi Mudloff

**S:** Peyton Reilly / Eli Svoboda

**SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS**

**MUSIC:** Farwell Group

**GREET:** Dan & Carrie Vech Family

**LECTOR:** Bill Gregoski

**EM:** Beth Svoboda / Jackson Seward

**SERVE:** Reagan & Brogan Grabowski

**SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS**

**MUSIC:** Men's Choir

**GREET:** Kevin & Tami Reilly Family

**LECTOR:** Reegan Reilly

**EM:** Ben Syring / Tara Sjuts /

Amy Brandt / Chris Elstermeier

**S:** Emily Schenck / Ike Gawrych

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Sometimes, life is like a “cup filled to the brim with war, violence, rejection, loneliness, and endless disappointments.” And we become hopeless, desperate and just want to give up. However, it is in these moments of uncertainty that the life-giving words and healing grace of Jesus come to the doorsteps of our hearts. He will tell us: “You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own...” He doesn’t see us as hopeless human beings, but rather as the grandeur of his creation with gifts to share with others.

As a “chosen race” Jesus wants us to “live our broken love as a partial reflection of God’s perfect and unconditional love.” In this manner, “we can forgive one another... and enjoy the love we have to offer.” As a “holy nation and a people of his own” we are encouraged by Jesus to create a space where strangers can enter and become holy friends. “Good relationships are hospitable. When we enter into a home and feel warmly welcomed, we will soon realize that the love among those who live in that home is what makes that welcome possible.” Let us make our Church as a home for everyone. And as a “royal priesthood” we should develop within us a genuine service that is fashioned from the kind of service which Jesus gave to the whole world. It should be a service motivated by love and compassion – with no strings attached and without counting the cost.

Jesus said, “There is no greater love than this than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” If Jesus looks at us and sees us as a “chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a people of his own,” the question now for all of us is: “IF YOU LOOK AT OTHERS, WHAT DO YOU SEE?” Read this story before you give your answer:

The student said, “Master, when I see you, I see a pig!” Instead of being insulted, the master smiled and answered, “When I look at you, I see Jesus!” The student asked, “How can that be?” The master replied, “Well, what you see is what you are in the inside. If you see Jesus, your values are like Jesus, when you see a pig, you act like a pig!” Now, I would like to post the question again: “IF YOU LOOK AT OTHERS, WHAT DO YOU SEE?” Do you see a pig or Jesus? Be careful with your answer. It will reveal who you really are in the inside.

*J. Vincent L. Parsons*

**This Week's Schedule**

**Monday, May 4**

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

**Tuesday, May 5**

Daily Mass 8:30am / Rosary 9am (SPP)  
 Intention: †Betty Leonard  
 By CCW

**Wednesday, May 6**

Rosary 11:30am  
 Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)  
 Intention: †Lee Faaborg  
 By Friends of the Family

**Thursday, May 7**

Daily Mass 8:30am / Rosary 9am (SPP)  
 Intention: †Anne Puncochar  
 By Bob & Jackie Sarasio

**Friday, May 8**

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)  
 Intention: †Frank Koperski  
 By Carolyn Just

**Saturday, May 9**

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)  
 Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP) -  
 Intention: People of the Parishes  
 & †Ardith Kusek By Nancy Psota

**Sunday, May 10**

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)  
 Intention: †John McIntyre  
 By Dan, Barbara, & Tom McIntyre  
 Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)  
 Intention: †Lee Faaborg  
 By Jim & Judy Rose Family

**EASTER SEASON**

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops calls Easter “the most important of all liturgical times, ... it celebrates Jesus’ victory over sin and death and salvation for mankind”.



**Congratulation on your First Holy Communion!**

(front) Catechist Amy Brandt, Kyle Dubas, Briggz Headrick, Maeve Reilly, Reagan Wroblewski, Riley Timmons, Kinzley Lynch, Pearl Bernt, Ian Sydzyik, & Director of Religious Ed. Becky Knox; (middle) Lincoln Hurt, Sawyer Svoboda, Ellie Haag, Lennon Hake, Addilyn Grabowksi, Rae Anderson, Joanna Palacz, & Jordan Valasek; (back) Deacon Neil Baquet, Dexter Gouldie, Linus Antholz, Paxton Killinger, Olyver Hervert, Clinton Bauer, Elijah Bockmann, Rex Stepanek, Brooklynn Galvan, Rowynn Gorecki, & Father Vince, (not pictured- Sutton Hake).



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TRI-PARISH GRADUATES!**

(front) Audra Dugan, Father Vince, Carly Stepanek, (back) Kaitlyn Oakley, Mason Hoppes, Layne Baker, Erik Samuelson, Matthew Kramer, Josef Kaslon, & Reise Fowler

**MAY CROWNING OF MARY**  
Our recent First Communicants are invited to take part in the Crowning of Mary on Sunday, May 10th, at the 10am Mass.

**Finance Corner**

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving  
**April 20-26, 2026**

**The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba**

St. Anthony Church \$410.00  
St. Joseph (+\$30 for HEAT) \$210.00

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

Actual General Fund \$3267.25  
OSV On-Line General Fund \$1543.80  
Religious Education \$5.00  
Parish Life Center \$425.00  
Restoring Our Father's House \$290.00

**APRIL Totals as of 4/26/26**

Monthly Budget \$20000.00  
Actual General Fund \$23041.17  
Online General Fund \$5039.20  
Monthly **Surplus (Deficit)** **\$8080.37**

**Special Collections**

DIOCESE - Catholic Relief Services \$5.00  
DIOCESE - Catholic Home Missions \$30.00

**THANK YOU**  
for your continued support!

**Tri-Parish Events & News**

**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 10th, from 9am to 11:30am at the Parish Life Center. Serving eggs, sausage, pancakes, and biscuits & gravy. Free will offering.

**Ann's Alt Scholarship Winners**

High School Seniors:  
Audra Dugan, Mason Hoppes, & Lane Mottl (Palmer)  
College Students:  
Kayleigh Poss & Kaleb Baker

**ST. JOSEPH FUNDRAISER**

Reminder to SJ members, (per the letter sent in March) the closing date for your fundraiser donations was April 15th, however donations are still being accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Wolinski 308-750-4329.

**Ascension of our Lord**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Mass Schedule:  
Wednesday, May 13 - 5:30pm  
Thursday, May 14 - 7:00am  
Thursday, May 14 - 12:00pm  
All at Sts. Peter & Paul Church

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