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SATURDAY MASS 5:00PM  
SUNDAY MASS 8:00AM & 10:00AM

† ST. ANTHONY

103 KEARNS AVE  
FARWELL, NE 68838  
MASS 1ST SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

† ST. JOSEPH

1803 HIGHWAY 11  
ELBA, NE 68835  
MASS 3RD SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

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**Bulletin:** News in by Noon on Wednesday

GRADUATING SENIORS PICTURED ABOVE

Front row: Hunter Johnson, Abigail Hirschman, Lauren Sladek,  
Sidney Gawrych, Madison Harrahill, & Mattilyn Stepanek;  
Back row: Altar Server Eli Thomas, Garett Pawloski,  
Christopher Thomas, Rev. Vincent Parsons, Kailee Shreve,  
Shane Kosmicki, Deacon Neil Baquet, Jackson Kramer,  
Emma Elstermeier, & Altar Server Tristan Thomas

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JOHN 14:6

Come Holy Spirit



Confirmation Mass 7:00pm  
May 8, 2024 - Sts. Peter & Paul

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

### Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B May 5, 2024

Larry Walters lived in Los Angeles. His lifelong dream was to pilot an airplane. He joined the Air Force hoping to fly the F-16. Unfortunately, Larry had poor eyesight. His limited vision disqualified him from becoming a pilot. After he was discharged, he would lounge for hours in his back yard, watching the planes take off and land from Los Angeles International Airport. Oh, how he wanted to pilot one of those planes.

One afternoon the thought came to him. There's another way to pilot an aircraft. Why not tie balloons to a lawn chair I am laying on. Then, I would inflate the balloons with helium and casually rise above the roof tops. When I decide to come back down, I will release one balloon at a time.

He shopped around for balloons. He stopped at the Army-Navy surplus store and found Army weather balloons. He bought 45 balloons and several tanks of helium. These balloons were extra heavy. He strapped the balloons to his lawn chair and tethered the chair to the bumper of his jeep. He packed a few sandwiches and a few cans of beer. He took his B-B gun so he could shoot holes into the balloons and release the helium. Then he would return to earth. He put on a parachute. When he was ready for takeoff, his ground-crew friends cut the tether.

Larry laid back in his lawn chair with his sandwiches, beer and B-B gun next to him. Larry figured he would float lazily above the roof tops. But no! When the tether was cut loose, those helium filled balloons bolted skyward. Up, up and away he went. Larry hung on for dear life. He was rising so rapidly he couldn't steady his gun to shoot B-Bs into the balloons. The winds carried him into the approach corridor for Los Angeles International Airport. Two commercial pilots radioed the tower about passing a guy in a lawn chair with a gun in his hand. Word quickly spread amongst Airport Officers, The Coast Guard and the Police Officers. Law officers anxiously awaited the arrival of the lawn chair flight. After 45 minutes of drifting with the clouds, Larry shot a few holes in the balloons and slowly descended. When Larry reached the good Earth the police welcomed him and arrested him. As he was led away in handcuffs, a television reporter asked, "Sir, why'd you do it?" Larry nonchalantly said, "A man can't just sit around!"

**In a blaze of glory, as if the sun was standing still and the moon was shining at the same time, the Lord ascends into heaven. Thursday is the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Mass times for Ascension: Wednesday Evening Vigil Mass 7PM; Thursday 7AM & 12:05PM.**

*J. Vincent L. Parsons*

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/7</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † John McIntyre By Dorothy Koperski
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/8</b>	<b>7:00 pm <i>Ascension Vigil</i> Mass (SPP)</b> † Anna Dedic By Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/9</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> <b>7:00 am <i>Ascension</i> Mass (SPP)</b> † Matthew Parsons By Todd & Cindy Peters <b>12:05 pm <i>Ascension</i> Mass (SPP)</b> † Norbert Turek By John & Sandi Mudloff
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/10</b>	<b>9:00am Service (Brookfield)</b> † Ardath Kusek By Nancy Psota
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/11</b>	<b>4:30 pm Reconciliation (SPP)</b> <b>5:00 pm Mass (SPP)</b> † Leo Stenka By Jan Sack
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>8:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † John McIntyre By Darren Wichmann <b>10:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> People of the Parishes



### The Ascension of the Lord

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Mass times:

May 8 - 7pm SPP

May 9 - 7am & 12:05pm SPP

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>

### WEDNESDAY 7:00PM Confirmation / Ascension

SACRISTAN: Neil Baquet    MUSIC: Betty VanDyke

GREETERS: Family of Candidates

LECTOR: Jack Thede

EM: Christopher Thomas / Shane Kosmicki

SERVERS: Paisley Call / Ike Gawrych

THURSDAY Ascension 7:00AM & 12:05PM MASS Volunteers

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

SACRISTAN: Michael Happ / Kevin & Cindy Sestak / Julie Baquet

GREETERS: Meagan Dubas Family

LECTOR: Becky Knox

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Meagan Dubas / Sherry Oakley

SERVERS: Volunteers

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREETERS: Kerry & Heidi Townsend / Bob Dvorak

LECTOR: Carol Vincik

EM: Branson Townsend / Kerry Townsend / Don Gorecki

SERVERS: Volunteers

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki / Neil Baquet

GREETERS: Matt & Ann Rief Family

LECTOR: Jordan Meyer

EM: Nikki Bader / Matt & Ann Rief / Rich & Marlene Kosmicki

SERVERS: Archer Shotkoski / Owen Shotkoski



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**Please commit to continue hearing God's Word by attending Mass this summer...**

The Third of the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God is, "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day" (Exodus 20:8).



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**CURRENT GRADES SEVENTH TO TWELFTH**

EVENING PROGRAM - 9:00PM TO 8:15PM MEAL PROVIDED

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**Bulletin Folders Needed**

Please consider helping fold bulletins on **Fridays at 11:30am** in Quilting Room

*Rosary during May*

THE MONTH OF **MARY**  
 9AM MONDAY-THURSDAY SPP



*Women's Holy Hour*

**MONDAYS AT 7PM ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**SPP CCW Meeting - Sunday, May 19**  
 9:05AM Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center  
 All women of the Parish are welcome to attend!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 1918 Meeting: Tuesday, May 14,**  
**7:00 PM at SPP Parish Hall NW classroom**  
 OUR MISSION: *Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, & in their community.*



CONGRATULATIONS  
*David & Jaelyn Gillham*  
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 CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE  
**APRIL 27, 2024**  
 STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



**Tri-Parish Confirmation**  
**May 8, 2024**

- Mason Gorecki ~ son of Mike Gorecki & Renita Gorecki
- Weston Kroeger ~ son of Wade & Melinda Kroeger
- Cody Kuszak ~ son of Craig & Elizabeth Kuszak
- Annberlyn McClay ~ daughter of Anthony & Kaycee McClay
- Makenna Mottl ~ daughter of Matthew & Rebecca Mottl
- Norah Paulsen ~ daughter of Todd & Jill Paulsen
- Dawsyn Raile ~ son of Brady & Sarah Townsend
- Gabriel Rief ~ son of Matthew & Ann Rief
- Gage Sack ~ son of Joe & Tansy Sack
- Jack Thede ~ son of Phil & Christina Thede
- Tristan Thomas ~ son of Heath & Susan Thomas
- Ava Vech ~ daughter of Daniel & Carrie Vech
- Catechists: Dan & Carrie Vech and Deanna Hirschman

**Please pray for our Candidates and their Families.**

— NEBRASKA —  
**CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING**  
**May 8**  
 Last Day to Give

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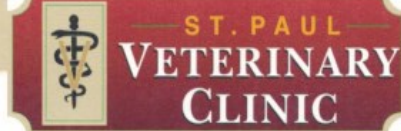
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*Pray without ceasing* 1 Thessalonian 5:17