

THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

APRIL 23
2023



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



HOWARD COUNTY CATHOLICS

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713 ELM STREET
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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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First Communion Class Pictured Above

Back Row left: Catechist Amy Brandt, Father Vince Parsons, Deacon Neil Baquet, & Catechist Ashley Lynch
Middle Row left: Ty Stepanek, Levi Dubas, David Dominguez, Delores Koperski, Lucas Ryan, Jordan Lynch, & Eli Svoboda
Front Row left: Hayes Mottl, Abby Lawver, Jaxen Fowler, Axel Mrkvicka, Henry Kelley, Gracie Vech, & Karter Palacz
(photo courtesy of Rita's Photography)



Celebration of
Christian Marriage
April 15, 2023
Sts. Peter & Paul

Congratulations to
Jaydon & Taylor Lassen

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023

Two disciples of Jesus were traveling from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Jesus joined them in the journey but they did not recognize him. Along the way, Jesus opened to them the Scriptures. And when it was nearly evening, they told him, "Stay with us..." He stayed with them; and while with them he offered them a "meal" that opened their hearts. But once they recognized him, that was the moment he vanished from their sight and they said to one another: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Like the disciples, we easily forget Jesus in our life: too often we don't recognize him when he speaks to us through people who love, encourage and help us; we do not recognize his voice when he cries out to us in the poor, the weak, the hungry, the lonely and abandoned. Like the disciples, we might be so empty that nothing will give us spiritual strength. But when we are desperate, empty, and ready to give up, God's love touches our barren hearts, and like the disciples, we pray: "STAY WITH US, LORD!" The phrase "STAY WITH US" is the cry of our faith to renew and relive our covenant with Jesus. And Jesus comes! "God wants to be as close to us as our breath. God wants to breathe in us, so that all we say, think and do is completely inspired by God... Thus God's covenant reveals to us how much God loves us." And when this encounter happens, we will be like the disciples, and faithfully say to each other: "WOW! GOD'S LOVE IS BURNING IN OUR LIFE!" GOD'S LOVE and LIFE are closely experienced at the table of the EUCHARIST. This "table is one of the most intimate places in our lives." It is at the table where Jesus made himself known in the breaking of bread. "Around the table we become family, friends, community, yes, a body." That is the power of the RESURRECTION! That is the power of LOVE! We become LIFE FOR EACH OTHER! When you are around the Eucharistic table and ask Jesus, "Stay with me, Lord," he will definitely answer you with these words: "I will be with you until the end of time!" God's LIFE is for you forever... So, during this EASTER SEASON let us gather around the table of our Lord and celebrate the gifts that God freely gives us – most assuredly, eternal life! Have a great week.

J. Vincent L. Parsons

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL DIOCESAN YEAR

The Church's firm belief in the Real Presence of Christ is reflected in the worship that we offer to the Blessed Sacrament in various ways, including Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction; Eucharistic Processions; and Forty Hours Devotions. In addition, the practices of reverently genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle, bowing one's head prior to the reception of Holy Communion, and refraining from food and drink for at least one hour before receiving Communion are clear manifestations of the Church's Eucharistic faith. (USCCB The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church #23) eucharisticrevival.org

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	4/24	No Daily Mass
Tuesday	4/25	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † Dorothy Bogus By Allen Ziola & Bonnie Davidson, End to Abortion
Wednesday	4/26	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † Elaine Harvey By Carolyn Just, † Jeff Welch By Buzz Welch
Thursday	4/27	8:30 am (SPP) † Deacon Randall Lewandowski By Elaine Rozmiark Family, † Mary Lou O'Hare By Kathy Lewandowski
Friday	4/28	9:00 am (Brookfield) † Jeff Welch By Buzz Welch, † Connie Fishell By Kathy Davey
Saturday	4/29	5:00 pm Mass (SPP) † Francis Mrkvicka By Family, People of the Parishes
Sunday	4/30	8:00 am Mass (SPP) † John McIntyre By Diane & Terry Klien, † David Lukasiewicz By Tom & Ardie Kaiser 10:00 am Mass (SPP) For Rain, By Farmers & Ranchers, Graduation Seniors of 2023

MINISTRY SCHEDULE APRIL 29TH & 30TH

SACRISTANS

Saturday - 5pm: Michael Happ/ Julie Baquet

Sunday - 8am: Mike Pittman / Ken Vincik

Sunday - 10am: Russ Kosmicki / Deacon Neil Baquet

GREETERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Chris & Terri Townsend/ Mike & Judi Baker

LECTOR

Sat - 5pm: Volunteer

Sun - 8am: Volunteer

Sun - 10am: Zack Hirschman

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Beth Svoboda & Volunteers

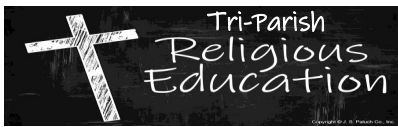
Sun - 10am: Chris Townsend

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers



Classes have ended for the school year.
To all students, please let us know if you are interested in helping with Liturgical Ministries. We are happy to help!
 DREs~ Becky Knox at 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker at 308-750-8418

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES Sign up!

Please help fill in the sign up sheets!

“Being involved in liturgical ministries is a way to bring a new dimension to your personal experience of Mass.”

(www.catholicapostolatecenter.org)

Tri-Parish Senior Mass

Graduating Seniors are invited to wear their cap & gown and be recognized on **Sunday, April 30, at 10:00am Mass.**

(Please help us spread the word to graduates.)

Following Mass Graduates & their families are invited to enjoy muffins & drinks over at the Parish Life Center.

(The Knights breakfast will also be an option.)

TRI-PARISH CONFIRMATION

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH 5:00PM MASS
STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
CAKE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
FOR CANDIDATES & THEIR GUESTS
AT PARISH LIFE CENTER



TOTUS TUUS
WILL BE HERE,
AT STS. PETER & PAUL!!
 July 23 - 28 A fun & energetic week!
 Current 1st-12th graders.

Register using QR Code —>
 just point your phone at it.
 Register 3 weeks before & get a free t-shirt!



CCW Meeting - Monday, May 1st 7:00PM SPP PLC
 All women of the Parish are welcome to attend!



Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 PM
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall




Breakfast ~ Sunday, April 30 at 8:30 to 11:30am
Pancakes, eggs, biscuits & sausage gravy, & fruit.
Free will offering, proceeds to Seminarians.

APRIL 29TH
STS. PETER & PAUL

WELCOME
 TO Fabulous
Vegas Night

PARISH LIFE CENTER
GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!
 See Insert for details...

Embrace the Gift of the Eucharist.
 Join us **June 10, 2023**, for the
Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in
 North Platte. Register at gidiocese.org



Spirit Catholic Radio Network **Al Kresta**, a national Catholic journalist, broadcaster and author, is coming **Wednesday, May 3, to Resurrection Catholic Church in Grand Island** at 7pm. He hosts a lively call-in program on **Spirit Catholic Radio** weekdays from 3-5pm called, **Kresta in the Afternoon**, which features Catholic life through the lens of Scripture and the teachings of the Church. His topic is **“The American Future, the Catholic Faith, and the Eucharist.”** Tickets are on sale now for this event for **\$5 for one ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets**. Become an Evangelist and invite your friends and neighbors. For more info & to purchase tickets go to spiritcatholicradio.com

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 for transforming your Lenten Alms into
 Easter Joy for our Global Family



April is recognized nationwide as **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. **Spark of Hope** is an effort to promote awareness of child abuse & neglect in our community. At any given time in Hall, Hamilton, Howard, & Merrick Counties, there are up to 212 children in foster care. With the help of 28 volunteers, Heartland CASA served 62 children in foster care last year. To volunteer, learn more, &/or donate log onto www.heartlandcasa.org

Eternal Life
We pray for Leo Stenka of St. Paul, husband of Virginia, who passed away on April 19, 2023. Mass of Christian Burial was at Sts. Peter & Paul Church on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

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St. Mary's Cathedral Ladies - Annual Salad Supper on Thursday, April 27th, at Cathedral Square, 112 S. Cedar. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. salad supper beginning at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per lady, 12 years and older, payable at the door. The theme is "Quilts & Quinceañeras". The program will include music, quinceañera traditions, traditional Mexican clothing, & a quilt display. Reservations are requested, but walk-ins are welcome. If wish to decorate a table, please RSVP to Marie Schuster at 308-379-9238 or Ellie Cornelius at 308-384-6376.

2022-23 DIOCESAN APPEAL	SPP	SA	SJ
Parish Goal	\$28,245	\$3,362	\$1,568
Total Raised	\$18,170	\$2,590	\$252
Donor Goal	90	14	8
# of Donors	76	13	3

LORD'S PORTION	WEEK AT A GLANCE			
	April	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26
Sts. Peter and Paul General Fund - \$2,879.61 Parish Center - \$310.00 Maintenance - \$25.00	24TH - 30TH <i>Mark your Calendar</i> 	NO Daily Mass <i>Busy Time Women's Holy Hour 7pm SPP</i>	Daily Mass 8:30am SPP	Daily Mass 8:30am SPP Please submit BULLETIN items via e-mail or call the church office by Noon on Wednesday office@howardcountycatholics.com
St. Anthony General Fund - \$322.00	Thursday 27 Daily Mass 8:30am SPP	Friday 28 Daily Mass 9:00am - Brookfield	Saturday 29 Reconciliation 4:30pm SPP Mass 5:00pm SPP <i>Vegas Night</i> Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Hall 6:00-10:00pm	Sunday 30 Mass 8:00am SPP Knights of Columbus Breakfast 8:30-11:30am SPP Parish Life Center Mass 10:00am SPP - TRI-PARISH GRADUATION MASS
St. Joseph General Fund - \$460.00				