



HOWARD COUNTY CATHOLICS

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ST. PETER & PAUL

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103 Kearns Ave

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*Mass every 1st Saturday
of the month at 7:00 p.m.

1803 Highway 11

Elba, NE 68835

*Mass every 3rd Saturday
of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Clergy:

Rev. Vincent L. Parsons, J.C.L., Pastor

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Rev. Mr. Neil Baquet, Deacon

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Mass Times:

All Masses at St. Paul unless noted

Monday No Mass

Tues - Thurs 8:30 a.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

(10:00 Mass is streamed live on Facebook)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Adoration:

The 1st Friday of each month
10:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Prayer Chain:

St. Paul - Dianne Rice: 308-571-0039

St. Paul - Ann Rief: 308-380-0619

Farwell - Michelle Woitalewic: 308-336-3241

Farwell - Thereasa Nealon: 308-336-3349

Elba - Betty Poss: 308-750-0512

Facebook:

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

St. Joseph Catholic Church

St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua/
Farwell

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Sunday, May 29, 2022

7th Sunday of Easter

Pastor's Notes

Living in society today, it is often far too easy to become sidetracked in our relationship with God, focusing on daily necessities and desires while neglecting our spiritual needs. Advertisers are constantly urging us to accumulate wealth and things to find satisfaction as if this will guarantee the happiness of eternal life. Scientists tell us that humans can solve any problem if given enough time as if we, like God, have infinite knowledge. Secular religions tell us that by getting touch with our innermost self, we will find serenity as if Jesus is not essential to knowing peace. As Christians, our focus should never deviate from daily giving praise to God the Father for everything we have and are comes from him. God should be our greatest desire. While we readily admit this obligation, often we move through the day failing to recognize the influence of the Father and his Son in our every act.

God gave us the ability to decide from the many choices available in our lives. Therefore, we are the ones who identify what the priorities of our lives are. Do we have the capacity willingly to give up everything if we have the assurance that we will enter heaven? St. Stephen made his choice of refusing to deny Jesus even when meant his death. In his faith, Stephen saw the glory of the Father and the Son as he was stoned to death. Would we trade our lives for such an experience?

Each day we are called to make choices of faith, usually not to the extreme of St. Stephen's example, but like him, we must be continual witnesses for Jesus. How many people converted to Christianity from watching the martyrdom of watching Stephen? Scriptures do not tell us, but in witnessing Stephen dying in his love for Jesus, it raised the question in many people's minds, 'Who is this Jesus that Stephen would die for him?' We do not know the impact of a simple act of kindness or refusing to turn our back to those in need has on those seeking to understand Jesus' message of love and unity.

Jesus' love for us continues as he wants us to be with him in heaven to share in God's glory. This is the bond of unity Jesus wants with us, where we as the Church make up his body, and he is the Head who leads us to the Father. Neither the body without the head, nor the head without the body, nor the head and the body without God makes the "whole Christ."

In seeking the Father, we must first seek union with Jesus. Jesus, being both human and divine, is the bridge between the Father and us. No one can come to the Father except through Jesus. St. Stephen was only able to see the glory of the Father because he was in a spiritual union with Jesus. Do we express that same union with Jesus by our words and actions?

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE MAY 30TH - JUNE 5TH

Monday	5/30	No Mass
Tuesday	5/31	8:30 am Mass (SPP) +John McIntyre By Dave & Jill Staab
Wednesday	6/1	8:30am Mass (SPP) +Carolyn Olsen By Family
Thursday	6/2	8:30 am Mass (SPP) +Deceased members of Pokorski Family By Elaine Nowak
Friday	6/3	9:00 am Mass (Matelyn) +Yvonne Wolinski By Carolyn Jost
Saturday	6/4	5:00 pm Mass (SPP) +Charles & +Della Klimek By Tom & Zola Jarecke 7:00 pm Monthly Mass (SA) +Paul Gorecki By Family
Sunday	6/5	8:00 am Mass (SPP) +Pat Zumbrum By David Zumbrum 10:00 a.m. Mass (SPP) People of the Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE JUNE 4TH / 5TH

LECTORS

Sat - 5pm: Larry Happ
Sun - 8am: Glen Killion
Sun - 10am: Larry Dugan

GREETERS

Sat - 5pm: Larry & Jeane Happ
Sun - 8am: Alan & Jolene Lewandowski
Sun - 10am: Paul & Carolyn Scarborough

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 5pm: Sharon Tibbetts / Sandi Mudloff
Sun - 8am: Jean Thede / Amy Scheer
Sun - 10am: Todd Peters / Niki Bader

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat - 5pm: Braden Hirschman, Eli Sladek
Sun - 8am: Clarie Dubas, Jalee Haggerty, Ki Haggerty
Sun - 10am: Kendall Koperski, Jessa Baker, Eryn Gregoski

Religious Education News....

- July 24th – 29th Totu tuus Summer Program
(Registration information in the back of church)

TOTUS TUUS...Do you know of a young man who gets excited about sharing his Catholic faith? Are you a young man who would like to experience ministry firsthand and grow deeper in your personal relationship with Christ? The Diocese of Grand Island is in need of college-age men to serve as TOTUS TUUS missionaries for this summer's program. To apply for a position or to refer a candidate, go to gidiocese.org/totus-tuus.

Catholic Daughters ...Sacred Heart Court 2015 Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a bus trip on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. The bus trip is open for everyone, please no small children. We will be touring the Holy Family Shrine at Gretna, Boys Town at Omaha, and the Sacred Heart Parish in Shelby. Departure time is set for 7:00 am from St. Paul so plan to be there by 6:30am. We will also be stopping at Pump and Pantry in St. Libory at 7:15am to pick up additional riders. Cost of the trip is \$60.00 which includes the noon meal, admission fees and an afternoon sack lunch. Seats are filling up so guarantee your seat on the bus and send your reservation and check to Laurie Krejci, 1122 Grand St, St. Paul, NE ASAP. Please call Sandi Mudloff at 308-750-6439 for more information.

Upcoming events...

- June 10 - Catholic Daughters Salad Luncheon, 11:00-1:00
- June 14 - Catholic Daughters Bus Trip

Appreciation Meal...For volunteers and their families of St. Anthony, St. Joseph and Sts. Peter and Paul Parish's Sunday June 12th, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. To show our appreciation for all the time and talent our parishioner's give to our church's, we would like to thank you with a meal at the parish life center. Please sign up in the back of the church with your name and number attending, or text to Chris Dethlefs at 308-750-3944, by Monday June 6th. Come and share food and fellowship!

Pro Life...The US Supreme court will announce their ruling on the Dobbs case soon. Their ruling could potentially overturn the 1973 Roe-Wade decision. Bishop Hanefeldt requests that we continue to pray and fast for a just and positive outcome. **There will three separate "Holy Hours for Life" taking place at St. Mary's Cathedral from 730-830 PM on the following Fridays in June: the 3rd, 17th and 24th.** All are welcome. For more resources and information go to: <https://gidiocese.org/prolife>

Old Gospel Hour Hymn Sing...Come and celebrate God's goodness by singing praises to our Lord! Today, May 29th at 4pm. Grace Baptist Church (9th & Baxter St, St. Paul, NE). Refreshments and drinks will be served following the hymn sing. If you have questions please contact Deniis Patrick at 702-469-0788.

50th Anniversary...Come join Richard & Betty Czarnek as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary June 4th from 1-4pm at the Vinn-U in St. Paul. No gifts please.

Spirit Catholic Radio...Invites you to hear The "Dynamic" Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers speak at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Omaha on June 9th at 7 pm! He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire those who hear him. The Dynamic Deacon will be speaking on The Pursuit of Happiness: Finding True Joy in the Catholic Faith. Register by June 3 for \$5 per ticket. Invite 4 friends to receive "Evangelist Pricing" – 5 tickets for \$20! For more details about this event, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/dynamic.

St. Francis Church in Ashton...Will be having a Memorial Day Mass, Monday May 30th at 10am at the cemetery, followed by dinner at St. Francis Parish Hall. Dinner will be served from 11am-1pm. Cost is \$10 per person, serving Fried Chicken and Maschka's Sausage. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I AM THE ALPHA
AND THE OMEGA,
THE FIRST AND THE LAST,
THE BEGINNING AND THE END.
REVELATIONS 22:13

Higher Ground

stewardship
SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

*PHOTO TAKEN AT HIGHER GROUND

THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD

MAY 29

REVELATIONS 22:13

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY 5/29 (7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER)

Mass 8am and 10am (SPP)

MONDAY 5/30

No Mass

TUESDAY 5/31

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

WEDNESDAY 6/1

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

THURSDAY 6/2

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

FRIDAY 6/3

Adoration w/ Benediction 10am -5:15pm

Matelyn Mass 9am

SATURDAY 6/4

Sanity Session 8am (SPP)

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Mass 5pm (SPP)

Monthly Mass 7pm (SJ)

LORD'S PORTION

Sts. Peter and Paul

General Fund - \$1,976.00

Plate - \$353.00

Parish Center - \$50.00

Maintenance - \$5.00

St. Anthony

General Fund - \$195.00

Next Mass: June 4th at 7pm

St. Joseph

General Fund - \$435.00

Next Mass: June 18th at 6:30pm