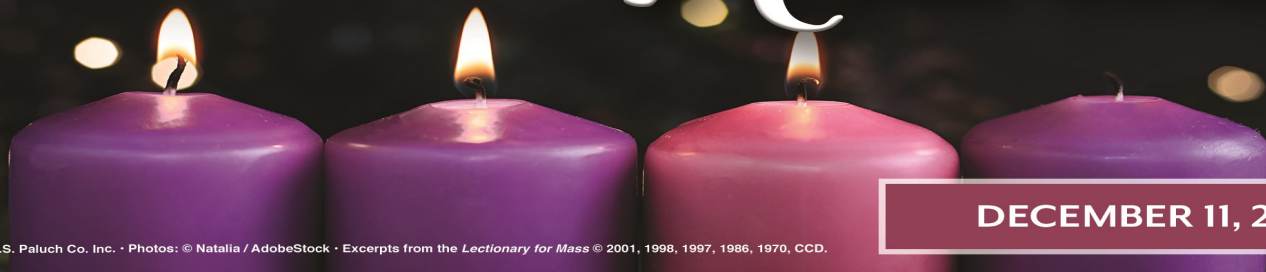


THIRD  
SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 11, 2022

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“Go and tell John what you hear and see:  
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,  
the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5



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Mass 3rd Saturday of month 6:30pm

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Rev. Mr. Neil Baquet, Deacon  
deacon@howardcountycatholics.com

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4:30 - 5:00 PM

**Sts. Peter & Paul Weekend Masses:**  
Saturdays 5:00 PM  
Sundays 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM (10am on Facebook)

**Office Hours:** M-F 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Adoration:** First Friday each month  
SPP 10:15 AM - 5:15 PM

**Facebook:**  
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua/Farwell

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE:

+4PM (ST. PAUL) + 5:30PM (ELBA)

+ 7PM (ST. PAUL)

+ MIDNIGHT (FARWELL)

CHRISTMAS DAY

+ 9AM (ST. PAUL)

Submit a  
Prayer Request  
Prayer Chain

St. Paul - Dianne Rice: 308-571-0039  
St. Paul - Ann Rief: 308-380-0619  
Farwell-Michelle Woitalewicz:308-336-3241  
Farwell - Thereasa Nealon: 308-336-3349  
Elba - Betty Poss: 308-750-0512

“Pray without ceasing” 1 Thessalonian 5:17

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022

#### Note from our Pastor

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT! Time walks fast. We have only 10 days before Christmas to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Let us strive to make these days eventful moments for conversion.

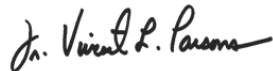
The punch line of an advertisement says, "What's in your wallet?" I would like to copy that as the punch line of the gospel today but with a twist and paraphrase it this way, "WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?" If your wallet keeps your money, credit cards, driver's license, your heart holds your love and care, your hope and faith, and your life. Your wallet keeps your identification on earth, while your heart keeps what can identify you in heaven. Your wallet keeps your material sustenance while your heart keeps your spiritual nourishment.

If our eyes become blind to our neighbor's needs, our hearts will remind us about the situations of the destitute, the poor, the homeless, and the people who are deformed or disabled. Our hearts will let us feel our neighbor's pains and sorrow, brokenness and helplessness. Sometimes, our eyes deceive us, but our hearts unveil to us the truth of life.

This deception and truth are embedded in John's question to Jesus and in Jesus' answer. John's disciples asked Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we LOOK for another?" Their eyes were blind, and likewise their hearts. So Jesus opened them by saying to them: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them..." Jesus clearly revealed to them what the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN would be like.

That is Jesus! He is the savior that gives hope to the blind, the lame, lepers, and poor. When they are desperate and confused, he serenades them with this love song of our times: "Hello! Is it me you're looking for? Because I wonder where you are and I wonder what you do; are you somewhere feeling lonely? Tell me how to win your heart for I haven't got a clue but let me start by saying I LOVE YOU!"

To you who are desperate and hopeless, to you who are poor and homeless, to you who are rejected and discriminated, remember, JESUS LOVES YOU!



#### Eucharist Revival

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the preparation of the gifts and the altar. As the ministers prepare the altar, representatives of the people bring forward the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. The celebrant blesses and praises God for these gifts and places them on the altar, the place of the Eucharistic sacrifice. In addition to the bread and wine, monetary gifts for the support of the Church and the care of the poor may be brought forward. The Prayer over the Offerings concludes this preparation and disposes all for the Eucharistic Prayer.

[uscgb.org/eucharist](http://uscgb.org/eucharist) [gdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival](http://gdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival) or [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 12th - 18th

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/12</b>	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Margaret Thompson By Geri Wardyn
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/14</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Theophil & † Kate Bydalek By Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/15</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Victor Goerl By Ron Sack
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/16</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass (Matelyn)</b> † Edward Koperski By Dorothy Koperski & Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/17</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass (SPP)</b> † Darlene Christensen By Dan & Barb McIntyre  <b>6:30 pm Mass (SJ)</b> † Leonard Dush By Don & Kathy Gorecki
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/18</b>	<b>8:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Jim Hirschman By Virginia Hirschman & Family  <b>10:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> People of the Parishes

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 17th & 18th

#### SACRISTANS

Sat - 5pm: Michael Happ/Julie Baquet

Sun - 8am: Mike Pittman / Ken Vincek

Sun - 10am: Russ Kosmicki / Deacon Neil Baquet

#### GREETERS

Sat - 5pm: Bob & Pat Krzycki

Sun - 8am: Rick & Misty Fowler

Sun - 10am: Pre/K Students

#### LECTORS

Sat - 5pm: Kevin Sestak

Sun - 8am: Dianne Rice

Sun - 10am: Ann Rief

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 5pm: Barb Sack / Sharon Tibbetts

Sun - 8am: Tim Scheer/Rick Harrahill/Chad Bauder/ Dan Gorecki

Sun - 10am: Stacey Keller/Chris Dethlefts/Ann & Matt Rief

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat -5pm: Jamie Stepanek / Emily Schenck / Karina Smydra

Sun - 8am: Verah Paulsen / Laityn Poss / Avery Svoboda

Sun - 10am: Owen Shotkoski / Jace Klanecky / Kendall Koperski



**CLASS TIMES:**

Preschool to 4th Grade ~ **Sundays, 9:00 -10:00 am**

5th to 11th Grade ~ **Wednesdays, at 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

Classes at the Parish Life Center Classrooms (Grade is on Door)

**Watch the bulletin WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**


**for when it's your grade's turn to help at 10am Mass!**

DREs~ **Becky Knox at 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker at 308-750-8418**

*This Sunday, Dec. 11,*  
**Christmas Program Practice**  
**Grades 1st to 6th at 11:00am**

**Wednesday, December 14th - Grades 7th to 11th**

Each grade will decide if they are having class or attending the Christmas Program.

 **Christmas/New Year's Break ~**  
**NO Religious Ed. Classes**  
**December 18th to January 3rd**  
**May you have a Blessed Christmas Season!**

*Thank you to the CCW ladies that provided cookies & drinks for our 2nd Grade First Reconciliation celebration!*

**Father Ray's Birthday ~ December 16th**

*If you would like to send well wishes, his address is:*

*404 Woodland Drive, Room 56 Grand Island, NE 68801*



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE UPDATE**

**Please** email or call the church office if you have any changes to how/when you & your children help with Masses. **Thank you!**

**CCW News**

Next Meeting - Monday, January 9th at 7:00PM PLC

Everyone is welcome to attend!

*There is still time to pay dues of \$10 for 2022.*

*Please call Shelly Johns with questions (308) 571-0515.*

**Young at Heart POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

Tuesday, December 13, 12:00-1:00pm

**Guest Speaker ~ Father David L. Rykwalkder**

*Serving POLISH cuisine, please bring any dish to share.*



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Meeting: **Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 PM**  
SPP Parish Center NW classroom

Brian Lukasiewicz was last winner of \$150.

Next drawing will be \$160, if winner not there, they will draw 6 - \$10 winners. *(Must be present to win.)*

*Come help your Knights of Columbus plan for future events.*

**"The Birth of Jesus Christ"**



Presented by:

**Tri-Parish Religious Ed.**

**Preschool to 6th Students**

**All are Welcome!**

**Come enjoy the re-telling**

**of the beautiful**

**Christmas Story.**

**Wednesday, December 14th, 7:00PM**

**Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church**

**Advent Baby Shower**

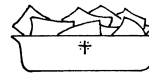
The Collage Center is a local pregnancy help center that helps mothers & babies, they are in need of the following items: Diapers size 5/6, pull ups, baby wipes, baby wash and lotion, gift cards to local businesses for gas or groceries, fuzzy receiving blankets, baby clothes and baby books. Please place donations in the crib in back of church.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**

**THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH**

**FOLLOWING 8AM & 10AM MASSES**

*Thank you for giving of your time & service to our community.*



**Weekly OFFERING**

**St Anthony & St. Joseph**

Contribution Envelopes

are in back of your Church.

*Please pick up your box if you haven't already. Thank you!*

**Theology on Tap** is a gathering of young adults who are in their 20's & 30's. Join this Young Adult Community on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at Kinkaiders Brewing Co., Grand Island. Bishop Hanefeldt will open the 2023 lineup with a presentation on Eucharistic Amazement. This is a great opportunity to meet others from the area and grow friendships. [gdiocese.org/young-adults](http://gdiocese.org/young-adults).



Good READ - Parishioner Recommended  
**"Among Friends" Stories from the Journey**

by Father Jim Sichko

with Chas Allen & Johnathan Ryan

**Benedictine College Youth Conference ENCOUNTER June 2023**

**Earlybird Registration**

take off \$100 Nov.1-Feb.1

For more information:

[youthoutreach@benedictine.edu](mailto:youthoutreach@benedictine.edu) or (913)360-7406

**Memorial Donations**

*In gratitude to the family of Colleen Brouillette, thank you for the Memorial donations towards our Parish Life Center.*

# Peters

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Parishioners: Todd, Cindy, Riley & Katlynn Peters

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**DIOCESAN APPEAL** End of Year Incentive  
Parishes that meet their dollar **AND** donor goal by Dec. 31, 2022 will be eligible to be in a drawing to receive **up to \$5000**. One Parish drawn in January.

2022-23 DIOCESAN APPEAL	SPP	SA	SJ
Parish Goal	\$28,245	\$3,362	\$1,568
Total Raised	\$14,080	\$1,990	\$152
Donor Goal	90	14	8
# of Donors	56	8	2

LORD'S PORTION	WEEK AT A GLANCE			
	December	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14
<b>Sts. Peter and Paul</b> General Fund - \$3,680.00 Plate - \$576.00 Parish Center - \$210.00 Maintenance - \$20.00 WE SHARE On-line October GF - \$6,195.00 PC - \$740.00	<b>12TH - 18TH</b> Mark your  Calendar	NO Daily Mass	Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP) Young at Heart Luncheon & Speaker 12-1pm SPP PLC  <b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b> Meeting 7:00pm SPP PLC northwest classroom	Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP) Religious Ed.- Class/Program Grades 5th - 11th 7- 8 PM "The Birth of Jesus Christ" Preschool-6th grade Religious Ed. Christmas Program SPP 7:00PM
<b>St. Anthony</b> General Fund - \$1,293.00	<b>Thursday 15</b> Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)	<b>Friday 16</b> Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)	<b>Saturday 17</b> Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP) Mass 5:00pm (SPP)	<b>Sunday 18</b> Mass 8:00 am & 10:00 am - NO Religious Ed. Classes Christmas Break
<b>St. Joseph</b> General Fund - \$100.00				