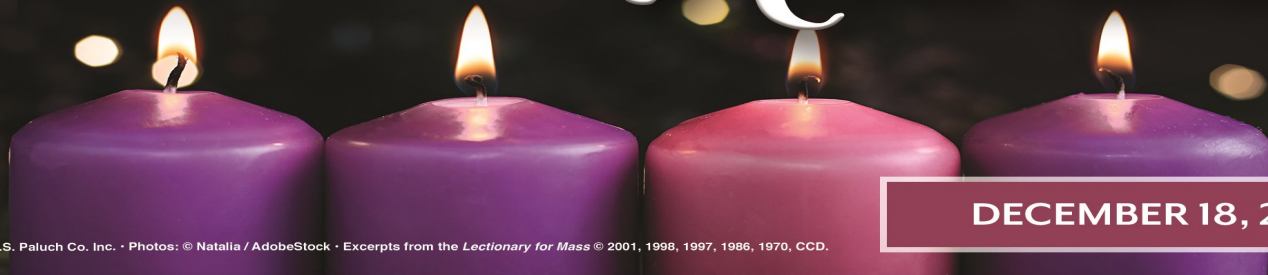


FOURTH
SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

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Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

MATTHEW 1:23



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Mass 1st Saturday of month 7:00pm

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Elba, NE 68835

Mass 3rd Saturday of month 6:30pm

Clergy:

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pastor@howardcountycatholics.com

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

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Christmas Mass

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm & 7:00pm
Sts. Peter & Paul

Christmas Day:
5:30pm ~ St. Joseph & 9:00am
Midnight ~ St. Anthony Sts. Peter & Paul

Happy New Year!!!

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 31st at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 1st
at 8:00am & 10:00am
all Masses at
Sts. Peter & Paul Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022

Note from our Pastor

During the winter of 1962, Thelma Goldstein from Chicago treated herself to a vacation. She drove to Florida. Upon reaching North Miami, she began looking for a hotel. Finding one, she stopped to book a room. She did not know that the area and the hotel were restricted.

She said to the manager, "Excuse me, Sir. My name is Mrs. Goldstein. Thelma Goldstein. I'd like to rent a small room for two weeks."

"I'm awfully sorry," he said, "but all of our rooms are occupied." Just at that moment a man approached the desk, informing the clerk that he was checking out. "What luck!" said Mrs. Goldstein. "Now there's a room."

"Not so fast, Madame. I'm sorry, but this hotel is restricted. No Jews allowed."

"Jewish? Who's Jewish? I happen to be a Catholic."

"Madame," said the clerk, "I find that hard to believe. Let me ask you, who was the Son of God?"

Mrs. Goldstein said, "Jesus, Son of Mary."

And the clerk asked, "Where was he born?"

Mrs. Goldstein answered, "In a stable."

"Why was he born in a stable?" asked the clerk.

Looking the clerk straight in the eye, Mrs. Goldstein said, "Because a schmuck like you wouldn't let a Jew rent a room in his hotel."

We have arrived at the final days before Christmas. We join Mary and Joseph as they travel toward Bethlehem. Finding no room in the inn, they came to a cave where Mary gave birth to the child Jesus. There, the Savior of the world, the WORD became flesh and began his human dwelling among us.

And finally, for all those worldly travelers out there – I will end with this cute story: One airline traveler noticed a sprig of mistletoe hanging over the baggage check-in counter at the airport. The traveler asked the clerk what the mistletoe was doing hanging in such an unusual spot. The clerk said, "It's hanging there so you can kiss your luggage goodbye."

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.

uscbb.org/eucharist gdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival or eucharisticrevival.org

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 19th - 25th

Monday	12/19	No Daily Mass
Tuesday	12/20	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † Dale & † Kevin Nowak By Elaine Nowak & Family
Wednesday	12/21	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † Father Jerry Wetovick By Bruce & Denise Rathman
Thursday	12/22	8:30 am Mass (SPP) For Seminarians
Friday	12/23	9:00 am Mass (Brookfield) † John McIntyre By Ron Sack
Saturday	12/24	4 pm <i>Christmas Eve</i> Mass (SPP) † Jerrid Mudloff By Tom & Sally Mudloff 5:30pm <i>Christmas Eve</i> Mass (SJ) † William Sr. & † Tony Gregoski By Marvin & Betty Poss 7 pm <i>Christmas Eve</i> Mass (SPP) † Howard Jensen By Vivian Jensen 12 am <i>Christmas Eve</i> Mass (SA) † Ray & † Evelyn Gorecki By Kathy Carson
Sunday	12/25	9:00 am <i>Christmas</i> Mass (SPP) † Frank & † Vernie Fost By Harold & Leona Swanson

MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 24th & 25th

SACRISTANS

Sat - 4pm: Michael Happ / Julie Baquet

Sun - 7pm: Mike Pittman / Ken Vincek

Sun - 9am: Russ Kosmicki / Deacon Neil Baquet

GREETERS

Sat - 4pm: Volunteers

Sun - 7pm: Volunteers

Sun - 9am: Volunteers

LECTORS

Sat - 4pm: Volunteers

Sun - 7pm: Volunteers

Sun - 9am: Volunteers

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 4pm: Volunteers

Sun - 7pm: Volunteers

Sun - 9am: Volunteers

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat - 4pm: Volunteers

Sun - 7pm: Volunteers

Sun - 9am: Volunteers

*Please sign up
at the table in the
Church Gathering
Area. Thank you!*



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*

Thank you to all of our Preschool through 6th Grades students that helped bring to life the beautiful Christmas story



"The Birth of Jesus Christ"! *You all did such a great job!!! Thank you to Linda Kezeor for playing the piano, Christi Stepanek for directing the singing, and our Religious Ed. Teachers for all your extra time & energy!*

Special thanks to the CCW for providing the cookies & drinks following the program. You are much appreciated.

Thank you, also, to our Tri-Parish Community for coming out to support our children's Christmas Program. We are very blessed!



Christmas/New Year's Break ~

NO Religious Ed. Classes

December 18th to January 3rd

May you have a Blessed Christmas Season!

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses at SPP. Please Sign Up in the Gathering Area.



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 SPP 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 January 10th, 12-1pm *Weather Permitting*

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center

Meat dish provided, please bring a dish to share.



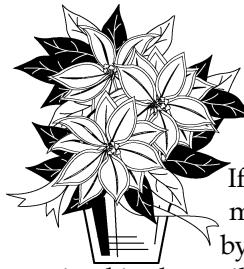
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 PM

SPP Parish Center NW classroom

Riley Mrkvicka missed out on the \$160 cash drawing, but Bill Gregoski was present to collect a \$10 drawing!

Plan to attend next meeting, Must be present to win.

Come help your Knights of Columbus plan for future events.



Christmas Flowers

Thank you for the Christmas Flower donations we have already received.

If you would like to donate in honor/memory of a loved one, you can do so by using the designated envelope you received in the mail with your weekly contribution envelopes, or by simply writing on any envelope your name and who the gift is in remembrance of, or on our online OSV link which can be found on our Parish website: www.howardcountycatholics.com.

You can choose Christmas Flowers, select one time offering, & enter a note of who the gift is for and from. Please call the Church office with any questions.

Advent Baby Shower

Thank you for your donations. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is a special blessing for mothers and babies in need this Advent Season.



Come early to Midnight Mass in Farwell & enjoy beautiful songs of this blessed Christmas Season!

(Music will start about 30 minutes before Mass)

St Anthony & St. Joseph



Weekly OFFERING

Contribution Envelopes are in back of your Church. *Please pick up your box if you haven't already. Thank you!*

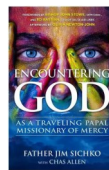
Father Vince & all our St. Joseph Family,

Thank you so much for all your prayers and financial assistance during this trying time.

We are very grateful for your giving spirit and thankful for each of you that make up our Parish family. Also St. Peter & Paul and St. Anthony for their prayer chains.

The Allen Ingerle Family

Theology on Tap is a gathering of young adults who are in their 20's & 30's. Join this Young Adult Community on January 8th, 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.



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA! Father Sichko's Book

"ENCOUNTERING GOD AS A TRAVELING PAPAL MISSIONARY OF MERCY" \$20 to Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Stop in office or Sacristy after Mass to purchase one

Parish Office will be Closed

December 23rd, December 30, & January 2

Eternal Life

We pray for Ellamae Kuchta Dimmitt, from Aurora, sister of Marvin & Pat Kuchta, who passed on November 7, 2022. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Peters

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Parishioners: Todd, Cindy, Riley & Katlynn Peters

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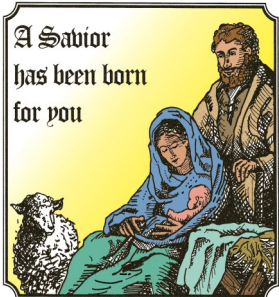
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Due to the HOLIDAYS, **BULLETIN** items must be submitted by:
Noon on Tuesday, Dec. 20
& **Noon on Tuesday, Dec. 27**

DIOCESAN APPEAL End of Year Incentives
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	\$15,430	\$1,990	\$252
Donor Goal	90	14	8
# of Donors	60	8	3

LORD'S PORTION	WEEK AT A GLANCE			
	December	Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21
Sts. Peter and Paul General Fund - \$3,096.00 Plate - \$643.05 Parish Center - \$100.00 Maintenance - \$140.00 Immaculate Conception - \$591.00 Religious Retirement - \$105.00	19TH - 25TH Mark your  Calendar	NO Daily Mass	Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)	Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP) NO Religious Ed. Classes Christmas Break
St. Anthony General Fund - \$265.00	Thursday 22 Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)	Friday 23 Daily Mass 9:00am (Brookfield) Reconciliation – Individual Confessions 5:00-7:00 (SPP) Parish Office will be closed.	Saturday 24 Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 pm (SPP) Mass 5:30 pm (SJ) Mass 7:00 pm (SPP) Mass 12:00am (SA)	Sunday 25 Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am (SPP) NO Religious Ed. Christmas Break
St. Joseph General Fund - \$140.00			 A Savior has been born for you	