

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**  
August 14, 2022

**HE ENDURED  
THE CROSS,**

despising its shame,  
and has taken his seat at the  
right of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2



## HOWARD COUNTY CATHOLICS

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### ST. ANTHONY

103 Kearns Ave

Farwell, NE 68838

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

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1803 Highway 11

Elba, NE 68835

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

#### Clergy:

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[deacon@howardcountycatholics.com](mailto:deacon@howardcountycatholics.com)

#### 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.

**Current Office Hours:** 8:00am - 12:00pm

#### Facebook:

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

St. Joseph Catholic Church

St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua/  
Farwell



### HOLY DAY MASS Feast of the Assumption

Monday, August 15th

8:30am & 5:30pm

Sts Peter & Paul Church

*This holy day marks the occasion of the Virgin Mary's  
bodily ascent to heaven at the end of her life.*

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**Sunday August 14, 2022**  
**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"I have come to set the earth on fire." Jesus did not come into the world for us to be satisfied here on earth. If that were true, then Jesus would have eliminated all disease. He would have eradicated hatred, injustice, and conflict. Jesus would have stopped the suffering associated with the evils associated with poverty. Jesus would have restored the world to the Garden of Eden if his goal was to create heaven here on earth.

"I have come to set the earth on fire." The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus is the fire that destroyed the threat of sin and death. Through our Baptism, the Holy Spirit has set fire to our hearts for our Lord to prepare us for heaven. It is this fire that purifies our hearts to seek God with a more intense desire. These words come from the heart of Jesus, who wants us to seek that holy relationship with God that is necessary for our salvation.

"I have come to set the earth on fire." Jesus was not discounting his teachings or his actions of peace. He remains the same man of whom the angels sang of "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to Man" at his birth. He is one who rode a donkey, not a warhorse as the crowds called him King as he entered Jerusalem. Jesus prevented further bloodshed in the Garden of Gethsemane after Peter cut off an ear of one of those who had come to arrest Jesus. Instead, he wants the brilliance of his love to change the world.

"I have come to set the earth on fire." Jesus' disconcerting words of conflicts between family members seem to be in direct opposition of Jesus' words of loving one another. He is attempting to identify; instead, the most important relationship to develop is the one with God. Jesus was reminding us that we cannot amble through life unconcerned about our relationship with God. Even familial relationship cannot supersede the attention one should give to the Lord. This prioritization of the Lord over anyone else is a challenge for spouses after a lifetime together or attachment between a child and a parent. However, our salvation is found in heaven, not on earth for a spouse or parent cannot provide eternal happiness.

"I have come to set the earth on fire." Jesus is not supporting the idea of a person walking away from family responsibilities. He is not suggesting that individuals purposefully cause dissension in the family. He is not supporting the destruction of relationships. Instead, Jesus depends on us to facilitate lifestyles through our words, actions, and prayer to be his disciples assisting all of his 'lost' sheep to the fruitful paradise of heaven.

"I have come to set the earth on fire." Jesus is reminding us to recognize that our time here on earth is limited. We are far too preoccupied on the win/loss record of our favorite team, the latest fashion trends, current grain prices, and an assortment of other priorities that seem to shape our lives. Of more significance are the words of the Bible that remind us of God's love and ongoing commitment to us since the beginning of creation. We should be looking for the signs of Jesus' presence in our lives, to turn away from our sinful ways and pray for repentance that leads to salvation.

"I have come to set the earth on fire." Unfortunately, the earth has not been set ablaze for God because the world has not listened to Jesus' message. The cross continues to be an incongruity for the societal attitudes of self-centered gratification. Jesus selflessly entered into the suffering associated with his death for no other reason than to save us from the fires of hell.

"I have come to set the earth on fire." If we are faithful to God, he will be faithful to us. If we believe in Jesus, then let us take up our cross, demonstrating our love for others. Let us live in humble self-denial of the promised wealth of this world in favor of the experiences of joy, peace, and happiness of our salvation. Let us continue our pilgrimage seeking the Lord, who sets our hearts on fire in love.

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE AUGUST 15th - 21st**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8/15</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> People of the Parishes  <b>5:30 pm Mass (SPP)</b> +Leonard Dush
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8/16</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> +Alex Krzycki By Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8/17</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8/18</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> +David Lukasiewicz By Ted & Pat Lukasiewicz
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8/19</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass (Matelyn)</b> +Clarence Schmidt By Kenny & Carol Vincik
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8/20</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass (SPP)</b> +Dave Lukasiewicz By Bill & Jan Sack  <b>6:30 pm Mass (SJ)</b> People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/21</b>	<b>8:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> +Pat Zumbrum By David Zumbrum  <b>10:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> End to Abortion

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 20th / 21st**

**LECTORS**

Sat - 5pm: Maikhail Happ  
Sun - 8am: Don Gorecki  
Sun - 10am: Chris Elstermeier

**GREETERS**

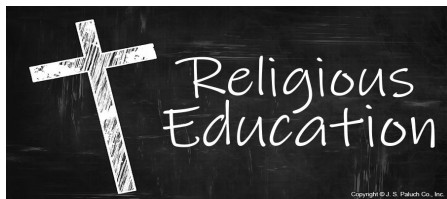
Sat - 5pm: Bill & Mary Gregoski  
Sun - 8am: Bar Sack / Leo & Gina Haggerty  
Sun - 10am: Kerry & Heidi Townsend

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat - 5pm: Maikhail Happ / Larry Happ  
Sun - 8am: Chad Bauder / Dan Gorecki  
Sun - 10am: Kerry Townsend / Marlene Kosmicki

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat - 5pm: Kendyl Fowler, Reise Fowler, Braxton Brennan  
Sun - 8am: Ella Mottl, Lane Mottl, Makenna Mottl  
Sun - 10am: Layla Bowder, Macie Bockman, Jamie Stepanek



## Time to get Registered!

Registration forms are in the church  
Gathering Area & on the Parish website.

Class start dates:

Preschool to 4th Grade ~ Sunday, September 11th, 9-10am

5th to 11th Grade ~ Wednesday, September 14th, 7-8pm

At the Parish Life Center

### 10TH GRADE TEACHER/ TEACHER TEAM NEEDED!

*Please prayerfully consider joining our Religious Ed.*

*Team & helping the faith formation of our youth!*

*Helpers for Sundays & Wednesdays are also still needed.*

*Contact Judi Baker, DRE, at 308-750-8418*

*to discuss the possibilities!*

**Knights of Columbus**...Next meeting is scheduled for  
Tuesday, September 13th at the Sts. Peter and Paul Parish  
Life Center.

**CCW News**...Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept.  
6th at 7pm at the Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Life Center. It is  
important that all circle leaders and co-leaders attend the  
meeting as there is information that needs to be discussed.

### CCW Annual Membership

Thank you for your CCW dues. For those who have yet  
to make their annual dues, you still have time. Please  
drop them in the collection basket or at the church office.



### FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS

Please continue to bring non-perishable  
food & items to the church gathering area  
through the end of August. The CCW will  
see that it gets to our local Food Pantry.  
Thank you!

### Eternal Life

We pray for Eugene Jorgensen of St. Paul, who died this past  
week. Mass of Christian burial was held on Wednesday at  
Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Merciful Jesus please grant him  
eternal rest.

We pray for David Ray Jensen of Elba, who died this past  
week. Services were celebrated at Sts. Peter and Paul Church  
on Thursday. Merciful Jesus please grant him eternal rest.

*I wish to thank everyone who attended the  
breakfast and all who wished me greetings in my  
transition into retirement. I will always treasure the  
years I spent working at Saints Peter & Paul  
Church, and the many wonderful people I have met  
and worked with over the years.*

*A special thank you to Father Vince for all  
his kindness and to the CCW ladies for preparing the  
wonderful reception.*

*In Gratitude & Love, Marie*

**Thank you...** to Sandi Mudloff for her leadership in  
running our Parish Fair Stand. It was through her  
efforts and the help of many volunteers that we were  
able to raise over \$3000 to put toward our Parish Life  
Center. Well done Parish Community!

### Sister Paulette Kuta S.S.J.

Celebrated 65 years of professed Religious Vows this week.  
Congratulations Sister Paulette!

### Magnificat Brunch

**Saturday, August 20th, 9:00am to Noon**

**Holy Rosary Lyceum 916 Cheyenne Ave, Alliance, NE**

A ministry to Catholic Ladies. Join us for prayer, music, a meal, &  
fellowship (\$12). Speaker -Jayne Reeh

Contact Teresa Nelson via email: turts@charter.net or by  
phone: cell 308-760-3070 home 308-762-1368

### Events Committee...Upcoming events

- **Annual Glow Golf 2 Person Scramble - Aug  
20th (sign up sheets are located in the back  
of church and at St. Paul Country Club)**

- **Annual Holy Smoke Cook Off - Oct 15th**  
Further information available soon.



*Do you think I have  
come to give you  
peace on Earth?  
No, I tell you, but  
rather division.*  
Luke 12:51



Totus Tuus 2021  
St. Leo's Church  
Grand Island

DO YOU THINK  
I HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU  
PEACE ON EARTH?  
NO, I TELL YOU,  
BUT RATHER DIVISION.  
LUKE 12:51

Many of us like to play  
it safe, not cause  
waves with our family  
and friends, especially  
when it comes to poli-  
tics and religion. We

don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at  
the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many  
people are misguided because they rely on their own limited hu-  
man ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide  
them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and  
religious liberty.



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AUGUST 14

LUKE 12:51

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



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St. Paul - Ann Rief: 308-380-0619  
Farwell - Michelle Woitalewicz: 308-336-3241  
Farwell - Thereasa Nealon: 308-336-3349

**Come Join Us...**At Blessed Sacrament Catholic Preschool!!

We have openings in our 3 or 4/5 year old programs.

Contact (308)384-2086 or stop by the preschool office.

2021/22 Diocesan Appeal	Sts. Peter & Paul	St. Anthony	St. Joseph
Parish Goal	\$26,358	\$3,085	\$2,195
Total Raised	\$27,285	\$3,236	\$535
Total Received	\$25,835	\$3,236	\$535
Donor Goal	95	14	9
Current # of Donors	90	15	5

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **SUNDAY 8/14**

Mass 8am (SPP)

Mass 10am (SPP)

### **MONDAY 8/15**

Holy Day Mass 8:30 am & 5:30 pm (SPP)

### **TUESDAY 8/16**

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

### **WEDNESDAY 8/17**

No Daily Mass

### **THURSDAY 8/18**

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

### **FRIDAY 8/19**

Matelyn Mass 9am

### **SATURDAY 8/20**

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Mass 5pm (SPP)

Monthly Mass 6:30pm (SJ)

## **LORD'S PORTION**

### **Sts. Peter and Paul**

General Fund - \$3,203.00

Plate - \$369.15

Parish Center - \$195.00

Maintenance- \$20.00

### **St. Anthony**

General Fund - \$1,565.00

**Next Mass: September 3rd at 7:00pm**

### **St. Joseph**

General Fund - \$140.00

**Next Mass: August 20th at 6:30pm**