



# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September **11** 2022

“REJOICE WITH ME BECAUSE I HAVE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP.”

LUKE 15:6

## HOWARD COUNTY CATHOLICS

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

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

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#### 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.

Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:00pm

#### Facebook:

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

St. Joseph Catholic Church

St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua/  
Farwell

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Classes starting!*

*Get Registered today!*

Please get forms filled out & turned in!!!

Looking forward to a great year!



Want information added to the bulletin/media? Please send by Noon on Wednesday to:

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

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## Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022

Now that we have all returned from vacation, I think it might be helpful to remind us all why we do, what we do. In the next coming weeks, I plan to present a series on our communal church prayer. Hopefully, you will learn something new.

### MEANING OF WORSHIP

Worship is the reverence and honor we offer God for being Who He is and for what He has done for us. When we worship God, we use gestures, actions, and words to express our love and devotion. This is especially true when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is our greatest public worship.

The word Eucharist means THANKSGIVING, and when we gather as a Christian community to celebrate the Mass, we use words and actions to express our gratitude to God for His goodness in redeeming us from sin. It is during the Mass that we not only recall the Paschal Mystery (the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord) but in reality make it present again. God's redeeming love moves us to give Him thanks and praise --- worship.

### RITUAL vs ROUTINE

During the Mass we follow certain rituals (gestures, actions, and words) which express this reverence and gratitude. These rituals are symbols that have a deeper meaning. Through them, we act out our beliefs, values, and deepest concerns. When we celebrate the Eucharist, our actions and words, whether communal or personal, express this reverence and respect we have for God and His saving activity. There is, however, the possibility that because we perform these rituals over and over, they can lose their meaning and become routine.

Routines are gestures or actions that we perform for specific, practical reasons, but which generally do not express our beliefs or concerns. We all have routines that we follow such as when we get ready for work or school. We usually do the same thing over and over again without thinking about it. These activities do NOT have any deep symbolic meaning outside of helping us leave our homes on time.

Because we essentially do the same thing in Church each week during Mass, there is always the possibility that our rituals can become so familiar that they become routine. Actions, gestures, and words which ought to express our faith become mere habits --- activities which we take for granted, and we can end up performing them routinely and without thinking. We need to examine our behavior during Mass to discover if our actions and words are true ritual or merely routine. What are they for you?

Religious Education starts this week, make sure your children get signed up! This weekend, I am speaking with the parents of our First Communion recipients. Oh what a joy for them to join us at the supper of the Lord. Thank you, parents, for all you do but especially helping your children to understand what we celebrate here at Mass. These are lifelong lessons that have eternal benefits. May God bless you in our work.

Next week our Grief Share program begins! If you know someone who has been struggling or just needing a little more support, encourage them to attend. More information is available in the bulletin!

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 12th - 18th

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9/12</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/13</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Margaret Thompson By Evelyn Dvorak
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9/14</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † David Lukasiewicz By Ted & Pat Lukasiewicz
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9/15</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> End to Abortion
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9/16</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass (Matelyn)</b> † Clarence Schmidt By Mel & Linda Schmaderer
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9/17</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass (SPP)</b> † Joe & † Victoria Radke By Jerry & Shirley Hanisch  <b>6:30 pm Mass (SJ)</b> People of Parishes
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9/18</b>	<b>8:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Alice Boysen By Tom & Pay Knutson  <b>10:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Joel Krejci By Lori & Jim Krejci

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 17th & 18th

### LECTORS

Sat - 5pm: Mike Pittman  
Sun - 8am: Alan Lewandowski  
Sun - 10am: Confirmation Students

### GREETERS

Sat - 5pm: Betty Roebuck / Rick & Misty Fowler  
Sun - 8am: Barb Sack / Leo & Gina Haggerty  
Sun - 10am: Joe & Paulette Hansen / Confirmation Students

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 5pm: Mary Stepanek / Julie Baquet  
Sun - 8am: Rick Gorecki / Ron Kulwicky  
Sun - 10am: Gina Elstermeier / Matt Rief

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat - 5pm: Karina Smydra / Annie Stepanek  
Sun - 8am: Jalee Haggerty / Layla Bowder / Verah Paulsen  
Sun - 10am: Caden Helmer / Jack Thede / Lane Mottl



# Classes Starting!

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

**Donuts at the door! Welcome back!!!**

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

**Pizza & GaGa ball! Excited to see you all!!!**

Classes all at the Parish Life Center Classrooms

### **FEMALE GROUP LEADER NEEDED!**

*Matt Rief has graciously volunteered to teach 10th grade the YDisciple program! Just need a small group helper, Please consider! Contact Becky Knox at 308-571-0430 or Judi Baker at 308-750-8418*

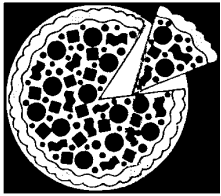
### **Parents of 2nd grade students...**

Parent meeting with teachers & Father at first class  
Sunday, September 11th, at 9:00 am, North Classroom

### **Parents of 11th grade students...**

Parent meeting with Father at first class at Parish Hall  
Wednesday, September 14th, at 7:00 pm, 15-20 minutes  
\*\*\* **Bring copy of Baptism Certificate** \*\*\*

## PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA



### **CONSIDER DONATING**

Towards the PIZZA for our Religious Ed. First Class Back!

Drop donations in Pizza Hut Box  
(at back of church)

### **Altar Server Training!**

Sunday, September 18th & Sunday, October 2nd  
Following 10:00 AM Mass, in Church  
All 3rd grade & up are encouraged to attend!



## **BOUNTIFUL BIBLES FARMERS MARKET**



September 24th & 25th Following Masses  
5th Grade fundraiser to purchase their Bibles!

### **CCW Breakfast this Sunday, September 11th**

9:00 to 10:00am at the Parish Life Center

### **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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Meeting: Tuesday, September 13th, 2022  
7pm at SPP Life Center NW classroom

Come see if you can win the drawing. The past 2 winners: \$120 to Trey Wojtalewicz & \$130 to Mark Gorecki. The next drawing will be for \$140. Come help your Knights of Columbus plan for future events and maybe you will be a lucky drawing winner!



New Christian support group to aid in recovery from the hurt of grief & loss starting soon at Sts. Peter & Paul.

Sunday's from September 18th to December 18th, 2022  
6:00 to 7:00pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center  
Please contact the church office to sign up or contact Julie Baquet at 308-750-9492 with any questions. (\$10 for materials)

### **Catholic Daughters Meeting**

Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the Northwest Classroom in the Parish Life Center



### **Comedy Night sponsored by C.A.R.E Team**

"From the Street to the Stage" *once homeless attic, now clean 33 yrs*  
Thursday, September 22nd at 7pm Civic Center, St. Paul  
Free Will Offering - - - Food trucks outside starting at 5pm.

### **The Family Enrichment Series from Ministerial Assoc.**

**Meal & Seminar** Signs & Symptoms of Depression & Suicidal Ideation  
At Grace Church, St. Paul **September 12, 6-8:30pm** (Free to everyone)  
See flyer in back of church for more info. or email ERIC@STPAULGRACE.ORG

### **Operation Shoe Box Christmas Child continued**

A special shout out THANK YOU from Julie Dush to Kathy Gorecki, the religious Ed teachers and the students who wrote letters and packed the gifts. There are no words to describe the generosity of our parishes in goods and cash donations. ***This was a way we could all be Missionaries.***  
A new area contact is Christina Ebersson, (308-754-8034), for anyone wishing to participate.

### **Events Committee...**

#### **Annual Glow Golf 2 Person Scramble**

- Saturday, September 24th
- Sign up in back of church
- St. Paul Country Club



### **Priesthood Sunday Tri-Parish Potluck**

Sunday, September 25th, 11:00 AM

Let's celebrate the gift of Father Vince & Father Alex, and let them know how much we appreciate all they do for our Parish!

### **SHOOT 4 LIFE**

Sporting Clay Charity Event for Pro-Life organizations in Nebraska  
**September 17th, 2022 Heartland Shooting Park, Grand Island**  
This event has raised over \$135,000 since 2012 *Teams of 4 or single*  
See Website for donating &/or information: [www.shoot4life.org](http://www.shoot4life.org)

### **2022 BISHOP'S PRO-LIFE BANQUET & CONFERENCE**

#### **AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH**

September 23rd & 24th Lincoln, NE

Registration & details at [NECatholic.org](http://NECatholic.org)

**REGISTER NOW** through Sunday, September 18th

Free childcare provided at Banquet

**...uplifts and invests in the culture of life.**



# Peters

## FUNERAL HOME

Parishioners: Todd, Cindy, Riley & Katelynn Peters

# Jim's Truckstop



## Skyline Cafe

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*When you walk in the door you're family.*

**Catholics Encounter Christ  
Fall Retreat September 24th**  
**St. Leo's Church Hall, Grand Island**  
**9:00 am Registration/Coffee & Rolls**  
**11:30am Pot-Luck Lunch**  
**2:30pm Closing Prayer & Song**  
*All are Welcome to Attend!*

2021/22 Diocesan Appeal	Sts. Peter &	St. Anthony	St. Joseph
Parish Goal	\$26,358	\$3,085	\$2,195
Total Raised	\$27,340	\$3,236	\$535
Total Received	\$26,700	\$3,236	\$535
Donor Goal	95	14	9
Current # of Donors	90	15	5

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)*



Visit Catholic Radio at **Husker Harvest Days**  
 September 13th-15th South DI-DIBS1680  
 Stop by for free material, a chance to win prizes, & to visit with Priests.  
 More info.: [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com)

**Women at the WELL Annual Retreat**  
**Refresh & Renew Thirsting for Prayer**  
**October 7-8**  
**Camp Comeca—Cozad, NE**  
**5pm Friday - 3pm Saturday**  
**Register at [womanatwell.org](http://womanatwell.org)**

**22nd Annual Polishfest**  
**September 11th, 2022**

Polka Mass 10:30 am,  
 Polish Buffet 11:00am-2:00pm  
 Dance to Urkoski Traditional Polish Music  
 1:00-4:00pm  
 St. Francis Church/Hall - Ashton, NE  
 (Meal: Adults \$12, Kids 5-11 \$6, under 5 Free)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	LORD'S PORTION
<b>SUNDAY 9/11</b> Mass 8am (SPP) Mass 10am (SPP)	<b>Sts. Peter and Paul</b> General Fund - 3,213.00 Plate - \$298.75 Parish Center - \$270.00 Maintenance- \$5.00
<b>MONDAY 9/12</b> No Daily Mass	
<b>TUESDAY 9/13</b> Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)	
<b>WEDNESDAY 9/14</b> Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)	<b>St. Anthony</b> General Fund - \$1,102.00 <b>Next Mass: October 1st at 7:00pm</b>
<b>THURSDAY 9/15</b> Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)	
<b>FRIDAY 9/16</b> Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)	
<b>SATURDAY 9/17</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP) Mass 5pm (SPP) Mass 6:30pm (SJ)	<b>St. Joseph</b> General Fund - \$125.00      Register \$10.00 <b>Next Mass: September 17th at 6:30pm</b>