



# Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph  
December 15, 2024

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[www.howardcountycatholics.com](http://www.howardcountycatholics.com)

### Daily Mass Schedule:

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am SPP  
Friday 9:00am -  
at Matelyn/Brookfield

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or  
by appointment

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office  
(308) 754-4002

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Sts. Peter & Paul**  
713 Elm Street  
St. Paul, NE 68873  
(308)754-4002  
Saturday Mass 5:00PM  
Sunday Mass 8AM & 10AM

**St. Anthony**  
103 Kerns Avenue  
Farwell, NE 68838  
(308)336-3351  
MASS 1ST SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

**St. Joseph**  
1803 Highway 11  
Elba, NE 68835  
(308)336-3351  
MASS 3RD SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

## Liturgical Ministry Directors

Deacon Neil & Julie Baquet  
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308-571-0291

## Tri-Parish Media

### Facebook:

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

### My Parish App:

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

## Prayer Chain Contacts

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



## Directors of Religious Education

Mrs. Becky Knox - Preschool to 4th  
rebecca.knox@spwildcat.org

Mrs. Judi Baker - 5th to 11th grade  
office@howardcountycatholics.com

## Youth Religious Ed. Classes

Preschool - 4th Grades:  
Sundays 9:00am - 10:00am  
(Preschool/K also offered at alt. times)

5th - 11th Grades:  
Wednesdays 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Classes held at  
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center

## Third Sunday of Advent

### NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

The second reading is from Philipians. St. Paul tells us to always rejoice in the Lord and not to worry about anything. He encourages us to pray and give thanks to God, and then we will experience God's peace.

This reading emphasizes the theme of joyful anticipation. St. Paul reminds us that joy comes from knowing God is near. When we focus on God and His love for us, we can find happiness even in difficult times.

St. Paul also talks about the peace of God. This peace is not like the peace the world gives. It is a deep sense of calm and trust that God is taking care of us. When we feel anxious or worried, we can turn to God in prayer and experience His peace.

We are invited to rejoice and be at peace. St. Paul's words remind us to focus on God and His blessings. As we prepare for Christmas, let's remember to find joy and peace in our relationship with God and share that joy with others.

- In what ways can I share my blessings with those in need?
- How can I experience God's peace when I feel anxious or worried?
- What changes can I make to better align my life with God's vision?

## Ministry Schedule

### DECEMBER 21ST & 22ND

#### SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

**S:** Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet  
**GREET:** Cameron & Stacy Hoppes /  
Brenda Klanecky

**LECTOR:** Todd Paulsen

**EM:** Meagan Dubas / Julie Baquet

**SERVE:** Claire Dubas / Paislee Call

#### SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

**SACRISTAN:** Ken Vincik

**GREET:** Glen & Michelle Killion

**LECTOR:** Todd Peters

**EM:** Tim & Amy Scheer

**SERVE:** Hallie Bauder / Boston &  
Layla Bowder

#### SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

**SACRISTAN:** Russ Kosmicki/Deacon Neil

**GREET:** Vincent & Deidre Jensen /  
Kerry & Heidi Townsend

**LECTOR:** Tina Headrick

**EM:** Sarah Townsend / Nikki Bader/  
Kerry Townsend / Heather Valasek

**SERVE:** Ike Gawrych / Brennen Shreve

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, December 16

No Daily Mass  
OCIA Class 6:30pm (PLC Conference Room)  
Women's Holy Hour 7pm (SPP)

### Tuesday, December 17

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)  
Intention: †Florence Duester  
By Jeanne & Steve Scheneman

### Wednesday, December 18

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)  
Intention: †Matthew Parsons  
By John & Sandi Mudloff  
Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC Classrooms)

### Thursday, December 19

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)  
Intention: †Linda Simmons  
By Pat & Sandy Liegl

### Friday, December 20

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)  
Intention: †Mage Wozniak  
By Joe Kezior

### Saturday, December 21

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)  
Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)  
Intention: †Joseph & †Victoria Radke  
By Shirely Hanisch & Family  
Weekend Outreach Mass 6:30pm (SJ)  
Intention: †Anna Dedic  
By Cindy Wilson

### Sunday, December 22

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)  
Intention: People of the Parishes  
NO Religious Ed. Pre-4th 9am (PLC Classrooms)  
Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)  
Intention: †Ed Koperski  
By Dorothy Koperski & Family  
Advent Book Discussion 2pm (PLC)  
Reconciliation 6:00pm (SPP)

*Christmas Mass Schedule*  
Christmas Eve:  
4:00PM ~ ST. PAUL | 5:30PM ~ ELBA  
7:00PM ~ ST. PAUL | 10:00PM ~ FARWELL  
Christmas Day: 9:00AM ~ ST. PAUL



**First Reconciliation ~ celebrated Saturday, December 7, 2024!**

Pictured, back row : Garrett Joynt, Raider McClay, Henry Coufal, Easton Shotkoski, Karsen Gorecki, & Ian Lawver; middle: Broc Porter, Rhett Bollwitt, Kellan Seaman, Joseph Tomlinson, & Claire Blauhorn; front: Father Borzych, Ava Rathman, Sophie Dvorak, Lainey Meyer, Kylie Schenck, & Harper Synowski, & Father Vince Parsons (Not pictured: Briggston Morrow & Norah Nielsen)

**Tri-Parish Events & News**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

December 15 & 18 ~ Regular Class  
December 22 - January 4 ~ NO Class

**RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Grand Island:

- Dec. 15, 7pm - Blessed Sacrament
- Dec. 16, 7pm - St. Leo's
- Dec. 17, 7pm - St. Mary's Cathedral
- Dec. 18, 6pm Resurrection

Spalding:

Dec. 20, 7pm St. Michael's

**LAST CHANCE RECONCILIATION**

At Sts. Peter & Paul:

Sunday, December 22nd &  
Monday, December 23rd, both at  
6pm until no one is in the Church

**CHRISTMAS MASS LITURGY**

Please sign up in back of Church if you are able to be a Liturgical Minister for a Christmas Mass.

**St. Joseph Outreach Mass...**

... will be December 21st in Elba. Please contact Father Vince or the Parish office with nominations of those in need. The collection at that Mass will be matched by St. Joseph Parish and given to the nominated family that is selected.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

December 24, Christmas Eve Mass:  
4:00pm Sts. Peter & Paul  
5:30pm St. Joseph, Elba  
7:00pm Sts. Peter & Paul  
10:00pm St. Anthony, Farwell  
December 25, Christmas Day Mass:  
9:00am Sts. Peter & Paul

**RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS**

The December special collection envelope is to help with the needs of our aging religious. Assistance is needed to ensure our senior religious are provided with critical support for their essential care, medicine, and daily needs. With everyone's help we can give back to those who have giving a lifetime. (Source: National Religious Retirement Office)

**Meeting Update:**

**CCW Meeting** - No December Meeting, will resume on January 8  
**Young at Heart Luncheon** - January 14th, Noon at SPP PLC  
**Knights of Columbus** - January 14th, 7pm SPP PLC NW Classroom



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network UNITED STATES**

**DECEMBER Prayer Intention**

In anticipation of the Church's next jubilee, the faithful are asked to pray during the month of December that "the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith, helping us to recognize the risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us



**Together on Mission:**

One of the goals this year is to increase participation as typically only 1 in 5 households give to the appeal. Check parish progress across our diocese at <https://gidiocese.org/diocesan-appeal>.

**Finance Corner**

**Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving December 2 - 8, 2024**

**The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba**

St. Anthony Church	\$1310.00
St. Joseph	\$215.00

**The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul**

Actual General Fund	\$3593.50
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1276.00
Parish Life Center	\$1202.00
Maintenance	\$20.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$345.00

**December 2024 Totals**

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$7418.41
Online General Fund	\$2284.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$10297.59

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**Area Events & News**

**HOLY INNOCENTS MASS OF HEALING**

Friday, December 27, 5:15pm  
St. Mary's Cathedral, Grand Island  
Mass of hope and healing especially for families who have suffered the loss of a baby. If you would like your baby remembered during the Mass, please call 308-384-2523 by 3pm on December 23. All are invited.

**CATHOLIC ENCOUNTER CHRIST Men's & Women's Weekend**

February 14-16, 2025 Camp Comeca  
Same place, same weekend, but majority of the time will be completely separate.  
Information & registration on <https://gidiocese.org/cec>  
Please pray for the 2025 CEC Teams.

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