



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph
December 29, 2024

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Tri-Parish Website:
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



THE HOLY FAMILY



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

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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

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Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Prayer Chain Contacts

St. Paul - Dianne Rice (308-571-0039)
St. Paul - Ann Rief (308-380-0619)
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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

The Holy Family

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

The Feast of the Holy Family Year C teaches us about love and unity within the family. Colossians 3:14 speaks of love as the bond of perfection. Love is what holds a family together and fosters unity. It helps family members support each other through good times and bad.

In a loving family, each member feels valued and understood. This love creates a strong sense of unity and belonging. It helps families overcome difficulties and grow stronger together. The Feast of the Holy Family Year C encourages us to practice this kind of love in our own families.

By focusing on love, we can create a peaceful and joyful home. Love helps us forgive and move past conflicts. It encourages us to be patient and kind. The Feast of the Holy Family Year C reminds us that love is the foundation of a happy and united family. Following this example, we can build a strong family that reflects God's love to the world.

- How can you help each family member feel valued?
• What role does patience play in your family life?
• How can you create a more peaceful home environment?

Handwritten signature of Fr. Vincent L. Parsons

Ministry Schedule

JANUARY 4TH & 5TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

GREET: Don & Becky Knox
John & Sandi Mudloff

LECTOR: Larry Happ

EM: Sharon Tibbetts / Sarah Townsend

S: Verah Paulsen / Jamie Stepanek

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Dan & Carrie Vech Family

LECTOR: Kristen Townsend

EM: Carol Vincik / Terri Townsend

SERVE: Reed Coufal / Paislee Call

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Deacon Neil

GREET: Confirmation Class /

Joe & Paulette Hansen

LECTOR: Confirmation Class

EM: Monte Brouillette / Todd Peters/
Chris Elstermeier / Rich Kosmicki

SERVE: Lauryn & Tyler Brandt

This Week's Schedule

Monday, December 30

No Daily Mass

OCIA Class 6:30pm (PLC Conference Room)

Tuesday, December 31

Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass 5:30pm (SPP)

Intention: †Jerrid Mudloff

By Tom & Sally Mudloff & all our Family

Wednesday, January 1

Mary, Mother of God Mass 9:00am (SPP)

Intention: †Anna Dedic

By Marie Ryan

NO Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC Classrooms)

Thursday, January 2

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

Intention: †Jim Kasson

By Family

Friday, January 3

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)

Intention: †Irene Peters

By Family

Saturday, January 4

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Margaret Thompson

By Chuck & Char Schmid

Weekend Mass 7:00pm (SA)

Intention: †Dan Gorecki

By Ron & Jackie Gorecki

Sunday, January 5

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

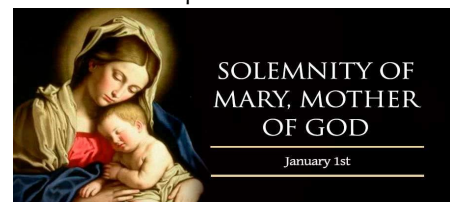
Intention: †Rose Irvine

By Chuck & Charlene Schmid

NO Religious Ed. Pre-4th 9am (PLC Classrooms)

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes





Pope Francis released his message for the 58th World Day of Peace, commemorated annually on January 1, with three concrete proposals for people to embark upon a profound “journey of hope” in the 2025 Jubilee Year. According to the pope, the path toward “a true and lasting peace” in the world is rooted in the petitions of the Lord’s Prayer and requires a desire for change on a personal, cultural, and structural level “in order to confront the present state of injustice and inequality.” *The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the World Day of Peace for 2025 is “Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace”, corresponding to “the biblical and ecclesial understanding of the Jubilee Year”.*

The Holy Father called for the development of a new financial framework based on solidarity; the elimination of the death penalty in all nations; and, using a fixed percentage of money “earmarked for armaments,” to establish a global fund to sustainably eradicate hunger and promote education in poorer countries. (Source: catholicnewsagency.com)

Christmas Flowers

*Sts. Peter & Paul -
In loving honor / memory of...*

- *Alex & Elaine Kulwicki
by Mark & Kathleen Seitzinger and Tom & Renee Dalton
- *Syl & Agnes Happ, Henry & Eley Santin, Henry (Bud) Santin, Judy O’Gorman by Larry & Jeanne Happ

Thank you to all that contributed towards Christmas flowers & thank you to all of our decorators for helping make our Church so beautiful as we celebrate the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Tri-Parish Events & News

GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

Thank you to Father Vince and Father Alex for providing abundant opportunities for us all to receive the healing sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. We appreciate the great gifts of your time and your help in restoring God’s grace in our lives.

GRATITUDE

Sincere thank you to the family of Rose Marie Olsufka for the memorial donations towards our Parish Life Center.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Office will be closed December 31- January 1. Please have bulletin info. in by Monday, Dec. 30, noon.

ADORATION

Friday, January 3rd, 10am-5pm SPP Church, please fill in times.

Upcoming Dates:

- CCW Meeting** - Jan. 8th, 6pm at SPP PLC *All women are invited!*
- Young at Heart Luncheon** - Jan. 14, Noon at PLC (*Weather Permitting*)
- Knights of Columbus** - January 14th, 7pm SPP PLC NW Classroom

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BREAK

Classes resume on Sunday, January 5th, 2025. Have a safe & blessed New Year’s!

STUDENTS HELPING WITH MASS

Sincere thanks to our Catechists, Parents, Parish Community, Deacon Neil & Father Vince for supporting & helping our students learn to be Liturgical Ministers at Mass. On January 5, at 10am, our Confirmation Class will be helping!

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

For Parents wishing to get their child Baptized (may attend before baby is born) - the class will be Sunday, January 12, 11am-12pm SPP Parish Life Center; Contact the Parish Office to register. (next class April 13, 2025)

Mary, Mother of God Mass

- Holy Day / New Year’s Mass:**
Tuesday, December 31, 2024,
5:30pm Sts. Peter & Paul Church
- Wednesday, January 1, 2025
9:00am Sts. Peter & Paul Church

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom."

—Catechism of the Catholic Church 721

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
December 16 - 22, 2024

The Lord’s Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$345.00
St. Joseph	\$519.00

The Lord’s Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$6177.11
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$801.00
Parish Life Center	\$370.00
Maintenance	\$0.00
Restoring Our Father’s House	\$3973.00

December 2024 Totals

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$18306.37
Online General Fund	\$5250.00
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$3556.37

Thank you for your continued support!

Area Events & News

SOUP SUPPER By FARWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, January 4, 2025
5:00pm to 9:00pm
at Farwell FIREHALL - Main Street
300 South Road, Farwell
Join us before or after the 7pm
Mass at St. Anthony.

MASS AT MOUNT CARMEL

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025
Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in
Paplin at 10:30am.
Come celebrate the start of the
New Year and Mass of Holy Mary,
Mother of God with us.

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