



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph
December 8, 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



FILL US ALL WITH

Peace



One God
One Family
One Hope

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

Second Sunday of Advent

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

The 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C invites us to prepare our hearts for Jesus. In the Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to make our paths straight, which means removing anything that stands between us and God. We all face different challenges, such as pride or comfort, which can hinder our spiritual journey. This Advent, we are called to address these obstacles and make room for the Lord.

John the Baptist's message was compelling because people were overwhelmed by the difficulties of their time. He offered them hope by announcing that change was coming and they needed to be ready. This preparation wasn't passive; it required active effort. John's call to baptism was a call to leave behind old habits and prepare for something new. It was about transforming their hearts and lives to welcome Jesus.

As Christians, we share in the prophetic mission through our baptism. John the Baptist proclaimed God's work, and we are also called to reveal God through our lives. Our actions and words should reflect our faith and help others encounter Jesus. However, to do this effectively, we must first confront and overcome our own obstacles. The readings remind us that by actively preparing our hearts and lives, we can better guide others towards Christ. The reflections for the 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C encourage us to prepare for Christ's coming with joyful hearts, mutual support, and clear paths. Each reading brings a unique perspective, reminding us of God's faithfulness, the importance of community, and the need for personal transformation. As we journey through Advent, let these reflections inspire us to grow in faith and love, drawing closer to God and each other.

Prayer:

Lord, help us prepare our hearts for Your coming. Guide us to remove obstacles that keep us from You. Strengthen our love and faith as we journey together. Amen.



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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)
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Directors of Religious Education
Mrs. Becky Knox - Preschool to 4th
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Mrs. Judi Baker - 5th to 11th grade
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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

Ministry Schedule


DECEMBER 14TH & 15TH
SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS
S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet
GREET: Kenny & Sharon Tibbetts /
Glen & Michele Killion
LECTOR: Cindy Sestak
EM: Mary Gappa / Sharon Tibbetts
SERVE: Brogan & Reagan Grabowski
SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS
SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik
GREET: Larry & Jeanne Happ /
Denny & Kathy Hahn
LECTOR: Sandi Mudloff
EM: Rick Harrahill / Amy Scheer
SERVE: Reed Coufal / Peyton Reilly /
Joe Thede
SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS
SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Deacon Neil
GREET: Preschool/ Helpers/ Julie Baquet
LECTOR: Benjamin Syring
EM: Mark & Mary Jo Serbousek /
Tara Sjuts / Benjamin Syring
SERVE: Lauryn & Tyler Brandt

This Week's Schedule

Monday, December 9
Immaculate Conception of Mary
Holy Day Mass 6:30pm (SPP)
Intention: †Colleen Killinger
By Marilyn & Gerald Otte
NO Women's Holy Hour 7pm (SPP)
Tuesday, December 10
Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Intention: †Janice Jelinek By Family
Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm (PLC)
Knights of Columbus Meeting 6pm (PLC)
Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm (PLC)
Wednesday, December 11
Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Intention: †Colleen Killinger
By Marilyn & Gerald Otte
Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm *Christmas Program*
Thursday, December 12
Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Intention: †Lavern Lukasiewicz By Family
Friday, December 13
Daily Mass 9:00am (Brookfield)
Intention: †Anna Dedic
By John & Sandi Mudloff

Saturday, December 14
Lukasiewicz – Hall Wedding 2pm (SA)
Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)
Intention: †John & †Victoria Dush
Lassen Baptism 6pm (SPP)
Sunday, December 15
Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
Intention: People of the Parishes
Religious Ed. Pre-4th 9am (PLC Classrooms)
Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
Intention: †Victor & †Mary Kosmicki
By Rich & Marlene Kosmicki





DECEMBER 9
 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
 6:30PM MASS
 STS. PETER & PAUL

The Immaculate Conception
 of the *Blessed* Virgin Mary



Congratulations
MARISSA & EMMETT BLACK
United in Christian Marriage
 NOVEMBER 30, 2024
 STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Tri-Parish Events & News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
 December 11 ~ Christmas Program
 7pm Preschool to 6th grade, at
 Sts. Peter & Paul Church, *all attend*
 December 15 & 18 ~ Regular Class
 December 22 - January 4 ~ NO Class

LAST CHANCE RECONCILIATION
BEFORE Christmas at SPP:
 Sunday, December 22nd &
 Monday, December 23rd, both at
 6pm until no one is in the Church.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
 December 24, Christmas Eve Mass:
 4:00pm Sts. Peter & Paul
 5:30pm St. Joseph
 7:00pm Sts. Peter & Paul
 10:00pm St. Anthony
 December 25, Christmas Day Mass:
 9:00am Sts. Peter & Paul
 Dates also on Christmas postcards.

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.

ADVENT BOOKS
 All are welcome on Sundays at 2pm
 to meet at the Sts. Peter & Paul
 Parish Life Center to discuss the
 current week's reading of the
33 days to Eucharistic Glory book.

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)

ST. ANTHONY CONTRIBUTIONS
 Specific Contributions:
 Heat ~ \$1200.00
 Food Pantry ~ \$ 163.00

CCW UPDATE
 NO meeting in December.

Eternal Life
*In your charity, please pray for the
 repose of the soul of Jenni Klanicky,
 of St. Paul, who passed unexpectedly
 on November 26. Mass of Christian
 Burial was December 3, 2024 at Sts.
 Peter & Paul Church.
 Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*

DECEMBER DEVOTION

*“The blessed Virgin Mary, at the
 first instant of her conception, by a
 singular privilege and grace of the
 omnipotent God, in consideration
 of the merits of Jesus Christ, the
 Savior of Mankind was preserved
 from all stain of original sin”*
 (Pope Pius IX, Ineffabilis Deaus, Denzinger n. 1641)
 In the Catholic tradition, December
 is the first month of the Liturgical
 year. We begin the year in
 anticipation of the coming of the
 Christ Child, pondering with wonder
 all that His birth signifies. As we
 consider the Blessed Virgin Mary
 and what manner of creature she
 must be who carried God in her
 womb, we are moved to love and
 venerate her as the Immaculate.
 (covenantcatholic.org)

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
November 25 - December 1, 2024
The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba
 St. Anthony Church \$600.00
 St. Joseph \$185.00
The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul
 Actual General Fund \$3824.91
 OSV On-Line General Fund \$1008.00
 Parish Life Center \$225.00
 Maintenance \$0.00
 Restoring Our Father's House \$1630.00

December 2024 Totals
 Monthly Budget \$20000.00
 Actual General Fund \$3824.91
 Online General Fund \$1008.00
 Monthly Surplus (Deficit) \$15,167.09

*Thank you for your
 continued support!*

Area Events & News

“A WORLD OF CHRITMAS”
 A cantata presented by the Wood
 River Area Community Choir on
 Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 2:30pm
 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in
 Wood River. Free will donation, half
 going to the Food Pantry & half
 going to purchase future music.
 Please join us for song & fellowship.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL
 30% of charitable giving each year
 happens in December. Thank you for
 giving to our Parish and the larger
 church as well. Your gift to the
 Diocesan Appeal is stewarding the call
 to be Together on Mission. Visit
<https://gdiocese.org/diocesan-appeal>

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