

Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph December 8, 2024

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

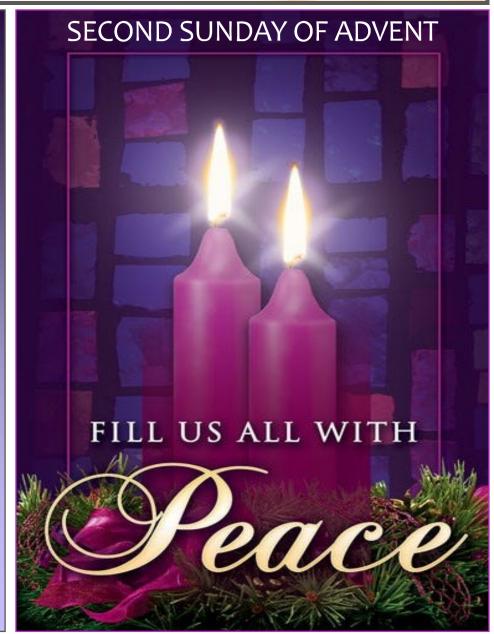
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays at 4:30pm or

by appointment

Sacrament of Bantism

Sacrament of Baptism Please call the Parish Office (308) 754-4002





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
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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

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Prayer Chain Contacts

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Youth Religious Ed. Classes Preschool - 4th Grades:

Classes held at

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

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YEAR C

DECEMBER 8, 2024

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 reminds 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. Jr. Vivent P. Parsons

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

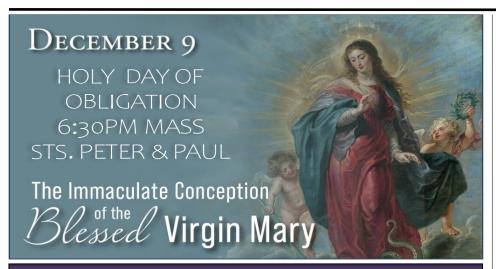
Saturday, December 14

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





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 <u>December 21st</u> 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.

Cternal Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jenni Klanecky, 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.

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://gidiocese.org/diocesan-appeal



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!









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