

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF **Lent**

At that time
Jesus was led by
the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1



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SATURDAY MASS 5:00PM
SUNDAY MASS 8:00AM & 10:00AM

† ST. ANTHONY

103 KEARNS AVE
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MASS 1ST SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

† ST. JOSEPH

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ELBA, NE 68835
MASS 3RD SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

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LENT ENCOUNTER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26
STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH

5:30 pm Confession | Adoration
6:30 pm Social ~ Parish Life Center
7:00 pm Virtual Guest Speaker

FREE EVENT FOR ALL WOMEN

Sponsored & coordinated by
WOMEN at the WELL

Submit a
Prayer Request
Prayer Chain

St. Paul - Dianne Rice: 308-571-0039
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Farwell - Thereasa Nealon: 308-336-3349
Elba - Betty Poss: 308-750-0512

Pray without ceasing 1 Thessalonian 5:17

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

Note from our Pastor

A few days ago we began Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time for making resolutions. What is it that I want to give up? What is it that I want to do? Sacrifices can be made in many different ways.

Our church suggests two ways: fasting and abstaining. There are two fast and abstinence days during Lent – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence means that we do not eat meat on that day. Fast means that we eat one full meal and one moderate meal. It also means 'no solid food between meals.' Everyone 14 years or older, is obliged to abstain from meat. Everyone between the ages of 18 and 59 is obliged to fast.

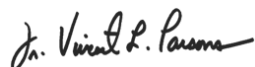
Every Friday during Lent is a day of abstinence. That means 'Fridays without meat.' This regulation was intended to be a sacrifice. With all the delicious fish meals we wonder if Fridays without meat is any sacrifice at all. Those folks living near the ocean are not making much of a sacrifice as they eat lobster instead of steak. There are times when the faithful can excuse themselves from abstinence. However, it must be a serious reason. Perhaps, we can say that a wedding rehearsal dinner is a serious reason to permit meat on Lenten Fridays. In most cases there are many non-Catholics present at the dinner. I don't think the non-Catholic folks would appreciate us Catholics imposing our regulations upon them.

Catholics are expected to do penance during this season of Lent. Some give up favorite foods or drinks. Others perform charitable acts. There are those who increase their devotion or prayer. Some attend daily Mass. *No one is excused from doing something extra during Lent.* Plus, it is very important that we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.

No matter who we are, no matter our profession or position in life, no matter what political party we endorse, no matter what religion we profess, no one is excused from being compassionate. Christ reached out to the poor, the widows, the suffering and the dying, the lepers and the crippled. As Disciples of Christ, we too must imitate our leader.

Here is a story of compassion. As Mayor of New York, Fiorello La Guardia liked to keep in touch with all the various departments under him. Often he would fill in for the department heads of officeholders as a way of understanding what that person was experiencing.

One time he chose to preside over Night Court. It was a cold winter night and a trembling man was brought before him. The man was charged with stealing a loaf of bread. His family, he said, was starving. "I have to punish you," declared La Guardia. "There can be no exceptions to the law. I fine you ten dollars." As he said this, however, he was reaching into his own pocket for the money. He tossed a bill into his famous sombrero. He said, "Here's the ten dollars to pay your fine – which I now remit. "Furthermore," he declared, "I'm going to fine everybody in this courtroom fifty cents for living in a city where a man has to steal bread in order to eat. Mr. Bailiff collect the fines and give them to the defender! The hat was passed and the incredulous man, with a smile on his face, left the courtroom with a stake of \$47.50.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE MARCH 4TH & 5TH

Monday	2/27	No Daily Mass
Tuesday	2/28	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † Ellamae Kuchta By Bernard & JoAnn Dancyk
Wednesday	3/1	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † Francis Mrkvicka By Family, James Parsons & Family By Family
Thursday	3/2	8:30 am Daily Mass (SPP) † Archie Ambrose By Marie Platek † Colleen Killinger By Tim & Barb McIntyre
Friday	3/3	9:00 am Daily Mass (Matelyn) † Marie Vollbracht By CCW
Saturday	3/4	5:00 pm Mass (SPP) † John McIntyre By Shoemaker Family 7:00 pm Mass (SPA) † Lavern Lukasiewicz By His Family
Sunday	3/5	8:00 am Mass (SPP) Elaine Rozmiarek by Shirley Hanisch Carl Jerabek by Friend 10:00 am Mass (SPP) † Irene & t Jake Beasley By Elaine Nowak, People of the Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE MARCH 4TH & 5TH

SACRISTANS

Saturday - 5pm: Michael Happ / Julie Baquet

Sunday - 8am: Mike Pittman / Ken Vincik

Sunday - 10am: Russ Kosmicki / Deacon Neil Baquet

GREETERS

Sat - 5pm: Chris Dethlefs / Curt & Megan Dubas

Sun - 8am: Leo & Gina Haggerty Family

Sun - 10am: 3th Grade Students

LECTOR

Sat - 5pm: Cindy Sestak

Sun - 8am: Kathy Hahn

Sun - 10am: 3rd Grade Students

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 5pm: Chris Dethlefs / Paulette Hansen

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Glen & Michelle Killion / Volunteers

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat - 5pm: Claire Dubas

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: 3th Grade Students



CLASS TIMES:

Preschool to 4th Grade ~ **Sundays, 9:00 -10:00 am**

5th to 11th Grade ~ **Wednesdays, at 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

Watch the bulletin WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

for when it's your grade's turn to help at 10am Mass!

DREs~ Becky Knox at 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker at 308-750-8418

Thank your for supporting our Religious Ed. Program!

Cookie dough fundraiser forms

will be given to students on

Sunday, February 26

& Wednesday, March 1

Find a student near you to purchase from!

All orders due March 15th.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES Sign up!

Please help fill in March/April sign up sheet! Great job to our students that have been helping with Mass!

St. Anthony Parish Council Meeting

March 2nd 7:00pm Church repair project is on the agenda, all interested members are welcome to attend.

Quilt Raffle

At the Fish Fry, enter to win this beautiful hand stitched quilt made by our Parish Quilting ladies.

1 ticket for \$1

or get 6 tickets for \$5



Saints Peter & Paul

Fish Fry
FUNDRAISER

Dinner include:
Baked or Fried
Fish, Potato,
Vegetable, Salad,
Dinner Roll and
Dessert

March 10

March 24

5:00-7:00PM

Sts. Peter & Paul
Parish Life Center
713 Elm Street St. Paul, NE

Take-Out available. Call to order:
308-754-4002

\$12 Adult

\$5 Kids Age 6-12

Free Kids Age 5 & Under

Lenten Rosary

Join us in Praying the Holy Rosary
Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday - 8:15am
Sts. Peter & Paul Church



CCW Meeting - Monday, March 6th 7:00PM SPP PLC

All women of the Parish are welcome to attend!



Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 PM
SPP Parish Center NW classroom

The Knights of Columbus have worked tirelessly to raise awareness and stop genocide of countless Christian men, women, and children in the Middle East.

(Source: National Catholic Register; "12 Things to Know About the Knights of Columbus")



Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

SPRING MEETING ~ MARCH 4, 2023

St. Mary's Cathedral Cost \$10 Call 308-258-2091



Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent

5:15PM @ Sts. Peter and Paul

Lenten Brown Bag talks ~ Wednesdays during Lent

March 1 - Fr. Don Buhrman about Prayer, 12:00-1:00pm

at St. Mary's Cathedral Square (Bring a sack lunch)

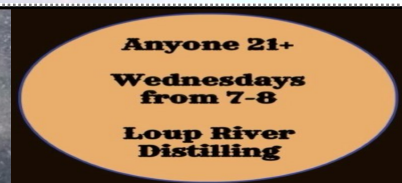


40daysforlife.com

SPEAK UP FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES
-PROVERBS 31:8



Wednesdays during Lent



Presents the Lenten Series:

March 1st- Fr. Vince Parsons on Practical Ways To Hear God's Call



Get out the **Rice Bowl**
Calendar that is tucked inside to help guide your Lenten journey.

Celebrate Safe Haven Sunday

Next Sunday, March 5, 2023 we will celebrate Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day addresses the harmfulness of pornography in marriages, families, and culture as a whole, while providing parents with helpful resources to protect their children. Parents in attendance at Masses will receive a copy of *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture*.



Tri-Parish Lent Reconciliation Service
Wednesday, March 8th 7:00pm
Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Peters

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Parishioners: Todd, Cindy, Riley & Katlynn Peters

Jim's Truckstop



Skyline Cafe

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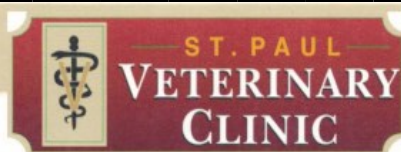
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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL The Eucharist is a sacrificial meal, "the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood." Its fundamental pattern is found in the Jewish celebration of the Passover, which involves both a meal and a sacrifice. The Passover meal is celebrated in remembrance of the Exodus, when the Israelites were told to sacrifice a lamb to the Lord and to mark the doorposts of their houses with the blood, so that the angel of death would pass over their houses and leave the Israelites unharmed. This marked a people set apart and chosen by God as his special possession. Each family was then to eat the lamb with unleavened bread as a reminder of the haste with which the Israelites had to prepare for their departure from Egypt and with bitter herbs as a reminder of their deliverance from slavery. At the Last Supper, Jesus reveals himself to be the Paschal Lamb ("Behold the Lamb of God") whose sacrifice brings liberation from slavery to sin and whose blood marks out a new people belonging to God. All the sacrifices in the Old Testament prefigure and find their fulfillment in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus. eucharisticrevival.org

LORD'S PORTION

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sts. Peter and Paul

General Fund - \$3,151.00

Parish Center - \$135.00

Maintenance - \$10.00

St. Anthony

General Fund - \$795.00

St. Joseph

General Fund - \$460.00

Feb/March

Monday 27

Tuesday 28

Wednesday 1

27TH - 5TH

*Mark your
Calendar*

NO Daily Mass
Rosary 9am SPP

Busy Time

Women's Holy

Hour 7pm SPP

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Rosary 9am SPP

BULLETIN items in via e-mail or
call to church office by **Noon** on
Wednesday

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Rosary 9am SPP

Religious Ed. Meeting 6:15pm PLC

Religious Ed. Classes ~

Grades 5th to 11th 7-8pm PLC

THEOLOGY ON TAP 7-8PM

Loup River Distilling

Thursday 2

Friday 3

Saturday 4

Sunday 5

Daily Mass
8:30am (SPP)
Rosary 9am SPP

St. Anthony
Parish Council
Meeting 7pm
Farwell

*Rosary 8:15am
SPP*

Mass 9:00am
(Matelyn)

*Adoration SPP
10:15am-5:15pm*

**STATIONS OF
THE CROSS
5:15PM SPP**

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
Mass 5:00 pm (SPP)

Mass 7:00pm (SA)

Mass 8:00am & 10:00am (SPP)

3th Grade helping with 10am Mass

Religious Ed. Classes ~

Preschool - 4th Grade 9-10am PLC