



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph

November 24, 2024

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www.howardcountycatholics.com

Daily Mass Schedule:

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

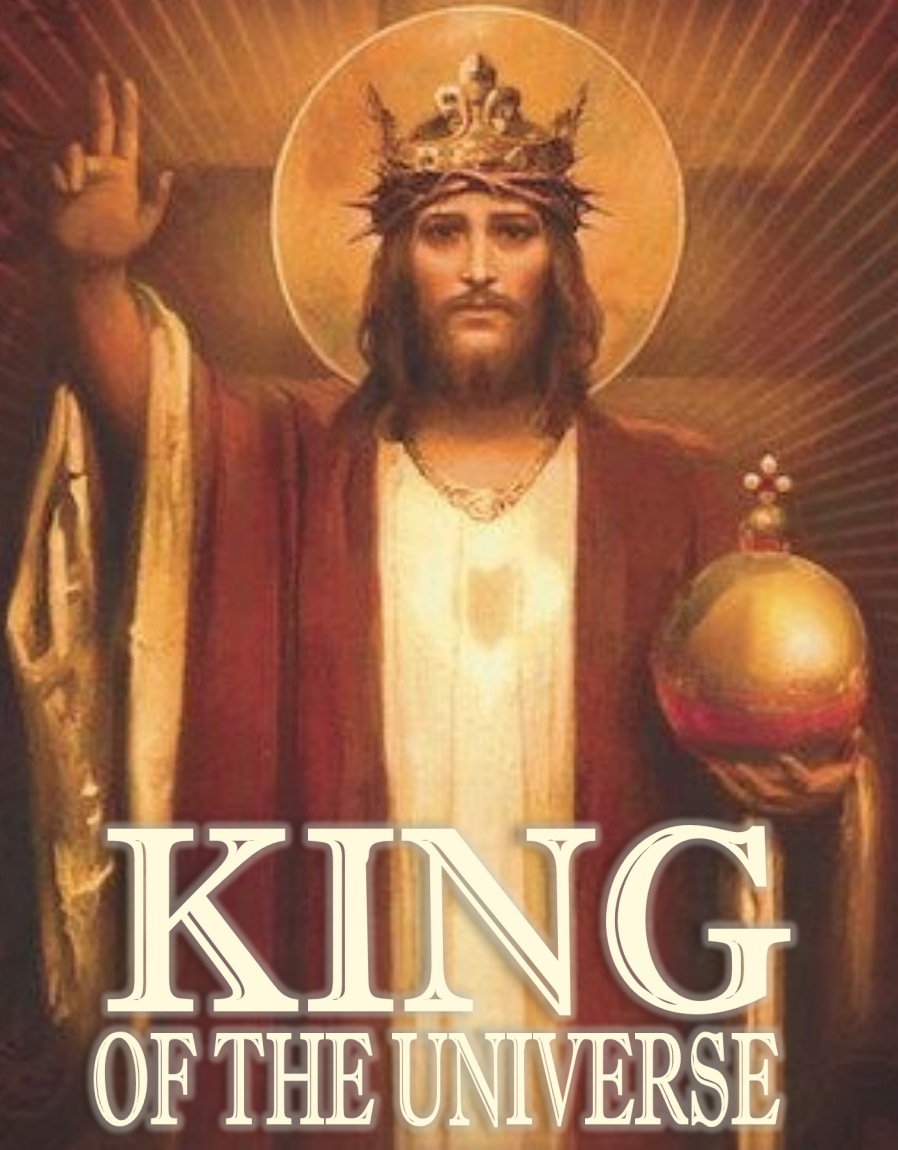
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or
by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office
(308) 754-4002

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

As members of our church community, we gather each week not only to hear the Word of God but also to express our faith through music. The hymns and songs we sing are not just melodies; they are vital components of our Mass, enhancing our worship experience and deepening our relationship with God. Let's explore how our music fosters a connection between our body, soul, and community, helping us pray with sincerity and intention. Our church is a sacred space, and the music we choose during Mass plays an essential role in reflecting the beauty of our worship environment. When we come together in prayer, we do so as whole beings—mind, heart, and body.

Singing is a profound way to engage our entire selves in the act of worship. In fact, it's often said that "singing is praying twice." This phrase emphasizes that when we lift our voices in song, we are not just expressing our thoughts or words; we are embodying our prayers and beliefs through sound. The music we select for our Mass should resonate with our hearts and intentions. Hymnals available in our pews serve as invaluable resources, guiding us as we pray together. These collections of worship songs have been chosen specifically to align with the themes of the liturgy and convey our communal faith. By utilizing these hymnals, we can fully participate in the Mass, connecting with one another and with God through song. While we may enjoy popular secular music and find comfort in familiar tunes from artists like Taylor Swift or George Strait, it's important to remember that these songs, while delightful, do not serve the same purpose as our sacred hymns during communal prayer.

Though we may appreciate the artistry and emotion of secular music, we must recognize that our time in worship is a unique opportunity to unify as a community in our devotion to God. The songs of praise and worship chosen for Mass are designed to reflect our intentions as a congregation, drawing us closer to one another and to the divine. When we come together to sing hymns that are rich in meaning and rooted in our faith tradition, we create an atmosphere where God's presence is felt more profoundly. These songs can express our joys, sorrows, hopes, and fears, serving as a conduit for our feelings as we present them to God. They allow us to articulate what might be difficult to express in words alone and remind us that we are part of a greater community of believers.

As such, we should commit ourselves to participating in the music of our Mass with sincerity and joy. Let us embrace the hymnals and the selections chosen for our worship as essential instruments of our prayers. By engaging fully with the music, we not only elevate our own experience of the Mass but also support one another in our communal ship of faith. In conclusion, let us remember the profound impact that music has on our worship experience. Together, through our hymns, we can uplift each other and honor God, strengthening the bond between our body and soul as we pray as one. As we gather for Mass, let us sing with hearts full of faith, allowing our music to reflect the beauty of our church and our devotion to God. Next week's pastor's notes: Worship and seating!

Fr. Vincent L. Parsons

Ministry Schedule

NOVEMBER 30TH & DECEMBER 1ST

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

S: Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet

GREET: Roger & Annette Ogard /
Shelly Johns / Jack Steffes

LECTOR: Kathy Hahn

EM: Kathy Hahn / Becky Knox

SERVE: Jamie Stepanek / Paislee Call

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Ken Vincik

GREET: Betty Roebuck / Riley Fowler
/ Brenda Klanecky / Chris Dethlefs

LECTOR: Dianne Rice

EM: Betty Roebuck / Riley Fowler

SERVE: Volunteers

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

SACRISTAN: Russ Kosmicki/Deacon Neil

GREET: Marilyn Schmaljohn /
Charlene Potter

LECTOR: Bill Gregoski

EM: Joe & Paulette Hansen /
Larry & Jeanne Happ

SERVE: Volunteers

This Week's Schedule

Monday, November 25

No Daily Mass

Women's Holy Hour 7pm (SPP)

Tuesday, November 26

Thanksgiving Mass 6:30pm (SPP)

Intention: †John McIntyre

By Dan, Barb, & Tom McIntyre

Wine & Cheese to follow

Wednesday, November 27

Thanksgiving Mass 6:30pm (St. Anthony)

Intention: Dedic Family

By Tony & Tammy Morrow

Wine & Cheese to follow

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

NO RCIA Class 7pm (PLC Conference Room)

Thursday, November 28

NO Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

THANKSGIVING DAY

Friday, November 29

NO Daily Mass

Saturday, November 30

Black & Baker Wedding 3:00pm (SPP)

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)

Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)

Intention: †Leonard Dush

Sunday, December 1

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)

Intention: People of the Parishes

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

Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)

Intention: Emmett & Marissa Black

By Shirley Hanisch





Congratulations on your Baptism

BRECKLEY ANN & WESTON ALLEN
November 17, 2024 at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Pictured: Godparents: Brittany Werner, Brandi Redinger
with Breckley, Rev. Alex Borzych, Mother: Kennadi Dickes,
& Godparents: Kohlten Keezer with Weston & Adison Wood

Tri-Parish Events & News

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Sts. Peter & Paul office will be closed November 27 - 29. Please have bulletin items in by noon on Monday, November 25.

FOOD PANTRY SUPPORT

Please consider supporting our local Food Pantry this month. Popular items - pancake mix, syrup, juice, cereal, & macaroni & cheese; place items in or near the basket in the back of Church.

JIM SICHKO SAUCE & BOOKS

Be sure to get items ordered from Father Sichko in the back of Church. Please be careful to pick up just what you ordered and be sure to mark off your name on the list.

Eternal Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Hugh Spanel, a faithful Priest of our Diocese for 65 years. Mass of Christian Burial was November 20 in Anselmo, NE. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 4th, 7pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Church

FIRST RECONCILIATION

December 7th, 10:30am at SPP

ADORATION

December 6, 10am to 5pm SPP

Religious Education

Christmas Program December 11, 7pm Grades Preschool to 5th, Sts. Peter & Paul Church

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

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

Eternal Life *In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Adeline Jonak, mother of Barb Tuma, sister of JoAnn Danczak and Emily Gregoski. Mass of Christian Burial was November 18, 2024 at St. Josaphat's Church in Loup City. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*

Area Events & News

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

December 1, 10am to 3pm
 St. Edward Catholic Church,
 805 Washington Street, St. Edward, NE
 Lunch will be provided, please
 call to register - Carol 402-741-0010,
 fee can be paid at the door.

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>

LITURGICAL YEAR

The liturgical year consists of a seasonal cycle & a sanctoral cycle, called the Proper of Time & the Proper of Saints, respectively. Both are organized & governed by the Church and ultimately integrated and published in a liturgical calendar. The Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ - His suffering, death, and resurrection - is continuously proclaimed and renewed through celebrating the events of his life and in the feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary & the saints.
 Year C starts December 1, 2024



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
 UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER Prayer Intention

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.



DIOCESAN APPEAL
 OCTOBER 2024 - SEPTEMBER 2025

Together on Mission:

One of the goals this year is to increase participation as typically only 1 in 5 households give to the appeal. Imagine what our church or diocese could look like if more gave. Check parish progress across our diocese at <https://gidiocese.org/diocesan-appeal>.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving

November 11-17, 2024

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba
 St. Anthony Church \$355.00
 St. Joseph \$356.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund \$2629.46
 OSV On-Line General Fund \$1865.00
 Parish Life Center \$10.00
 Maintenance \$5.00
 Restoring Our Father's House \$463.00

November 2024 Totals

Monthly Budget \$20000.00
 Actual General Fund \$11220.51
 Online General Fund \$7294.00
 Surplus (Deficit) **\$1485.49**

Thank you for your continued support!

Todd & Cindy Peters
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