



# Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph  
October 6, 2024

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### Daily Mass Schedule:

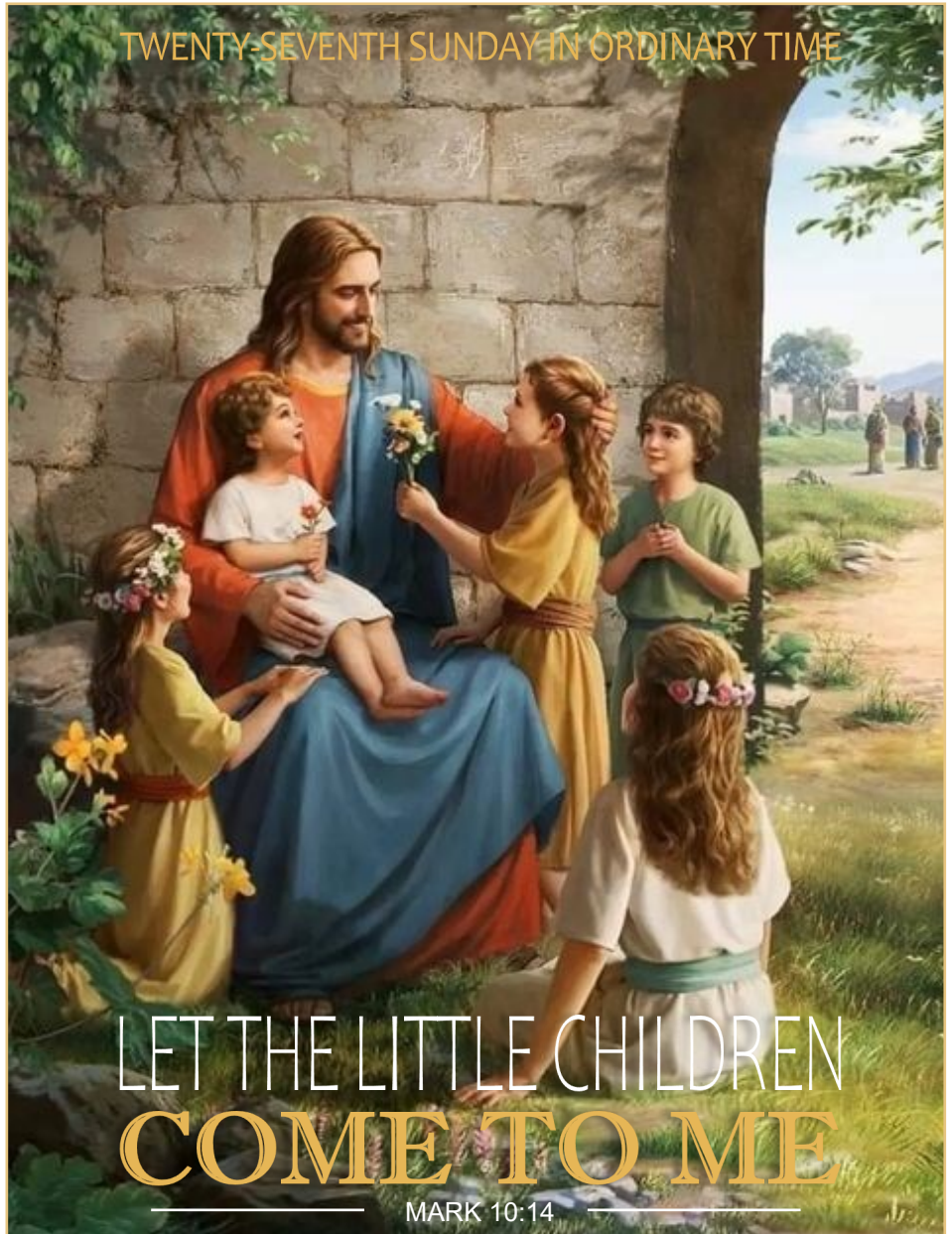
Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am SPP  
Friday 9:00am -  
at Matelyn/Brookfield

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or  
by appointment

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office  
(308) 754-4002



**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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## Tri-Parish Media

### Facebook:

St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua/Farwell  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

### My Parish App:

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

## Prayer Chain Contacts

St. Paul - Dianne Rice (308-571-0039)  
St. Paul - Ann Rief (308-380-0619)  
Farwell - Michelle Woitalewicz  
& Thereasa Nealon (308-336-3349)  
Elba - Betty Poss (308-750-0512)



## 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 Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

The Pope was here! No, not in St. Paul, but in the United States a number of years ago. I imagine that most of you are aware that he visited Washington D.C., New York City, and Philadelphia on September 22-27, 2015 but the question is, what did this mean to us? Most of us were not able to get to any of these cities for his visit, so what should this visit have meant to us?

First, how he interacted with us. He may not have visited St. Paul, Farwell or Elba, and we did not see him, but he was visiting the U.S. He met with our bishops. He met with former President Obama and he addressed the U.S. Congress and addressed each of them in a way that was specific to them, and specific to us as citizens of the U.S. But he wasn't only talking to them, he was also listening to them, seeing and hearing concerns and challenges that face us here that may be different from those in other parts of the world. He visited Catholic Charities in D.C., Central Park in New York, a school in Harlem, and a prison in Philadelphia. Pope Francis doesn't appear to want to stay separated from us by always staying in a motorcade and just waving from a distance, but rather wanting to have real experiences with people in all different situations. Hopefully we learned from him as he addressed the groups and individuals in all of these different venues, and we also hope that he learned from us, if not any of us specifically, then at least someone who we share common experiences, needs, desires and challenges with. Second, how he represents us. As Catholics the Pope is not only the pastor of our universal Church and the Vicar of Christ, but he is also the most identifiable personal representation of our faith to the world. In this trip he represented us to our country and to the world. Addressing Congress and then later the United Nations he challenged them both to live out values and morals that we, as Catholics, believe are critical. But not only do we expect him to express these Catholic beliefs and teachings in his words, but to represent us in how he acts and treats others. Pope Francis manages to represent our faith in a way that we can not only be proud of but also a way that many find very popular and attractive, that presents our faith to even the most skeptic in a very positive light. So why was the Pope's visit important to us? Because I believe it challenged and encouraged us, and all of those both Catholic and not, to consider how we are living today, and how we may need to change. To see how we need to grow closer to Christ, and how He wants to grow closer to us.

*J. Vincent L. Parsons*

## Ministry Schedule

### OCTOBER 12TH & 13TH

#### SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

**S:** Michael Happ / Sestaks / Julie Baquet  
**GREET:** Amy Christensen/ Chris Dethlefs/ Mary Gappa/ MaryAnn Fredrick  
**LECTOR:** Betty Czarnek  
**EM:** Chris Dethlefs / MaryAnn Fredrick  
**SERVE:** Claire Dubas/ Verah Paulsen/ Paislee Call

#### SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

**SACRISTAN:** Ken Vincik  
**GREET:** Mike & Jean Thede / Chris & Terri Townsend  
**LECTOR:** Rick Harrahill  
**EM:** Jackson Seward / Kelli Seward / Anna Thede  
**SERVE:** Reed Coufal/ Hallie Bauder / Joe Thede

#### SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

**S:** Russ Kosmicki / Neil Baquet  
**GREET:** 7th Grade Class  
**LECTOR:** 7th Grade Class  
**EM:** Nikki Bader / Amy Brandt / Monte Brouillette / Joe & Paulette Hansen  
**SERVE:** Jace Valasek/ Boston & Layla Bowder

## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, October 7

No Daily Mass  
Women's Holy Hour 7pm (SPP)

### Tuesday, October 8

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)  
Intention: †Rose Irvine  
By Char & Chuck Schmid  
Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm  
Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm (PLC)

### Wednesday, October 9

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)  
Intention: †Colleen Brouillette  
By Monte Brouillette & Family  
CCW Meeting 6pm (PLC conference room)  
Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC classrooms)  
RCIA Class 7pm (PLC conference room)

### Thursday, October 10

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)  
Intention: †Anna Dedic By Family

### Friday, October 11

Daily Mass 9:00am (Brookfield)  
Intention: †Matthew Parsons  
By Kathleen Roehl

### Saturday, October 12

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)  
Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)  
Intention: †Darwin Lee  
By Jane & Tom Kasson  
HOLY SMOKE Cookoff 5:30pm (PLC)

### Sunday, October 13

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)  
Intention: People of the Parishes  
Religious Ed. Pre-4th 9am (PLC classrooms)  
Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)  
Intention: †Francis Mrkvicka



Requesting a Mass to be said for a loved one is a special way to honor either someone living, or one who has gone before us to the next stage of life in Christ. Contact the parish office for more information. (Ten dollars is the suggested donation for a Mass.)



# RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

**“PRAYER FOR LIFE TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT”**

Jesus, you came that we might have life— and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mother’s wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us defend the life of every person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen

US Conference of Catholic Bishops invites all Catholics to join in concerted effort of prayer, by daily praying this prayer during Respect Life Month. (uscbb.org/prolife)

“Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day become a formal heretic or be led astray by the devil.”  
- Saint Louis de Montfort

## October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**DIOCESAN APPEAL**  
OCTOBER 2024 - SEPTEMBER 2025

The annual Diocesan Appeal letters have been mailed out and should be arriving soon. Please prayerfully consider a gift.

## PANS & DISHES

**PLEASE GET YOURS FROM THE PARISH HALL KITCHEN!**  
Thank you for donating desserts & salads for funerals & events!  
Please try to get things picked up before the BAZZAR.

Finance Corner  
Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving  
**September 29, 2024**

<b>The Lord’s Portion Farwell &amp; Elba</b>	
St. Anthony Church	\$505.00
St. Joseph Church	\$145.00
<b>The Lord’s Portion Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b>	
Actual General Fund	\$3539.20
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$7410.00
Parish Life Center	\$1660.00
Maintenance	\$30.00
Restoring Our Father’s House	\$2885.00

**September 2024 Totals**

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$18162.90
Online General Fund	\$11368.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$9530.90

*Thank you for your continued support!*

## Tri-Parish Events & News

**JOIN IN... LIFE CHAIN 2024**  
This Sunday, October 6, 1-2pm along Highway 281 by U-Betcha Auto. Be a visual witness that we are a Pro-Life Community, State, and Country. Please join in prayer & presence, signs provided. Thank you! Ann Rief, Pro-Life Coordinator

**PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS -**  
Rescheduled to Saturday, October 12th following the 5pm Mass at SPP Parish Life Center. Please call the Parish Office (308-754-4002) to get registered. Next class 1/12/2025.

On the Schedule:  
**OCTOBER - Month of the Rosary**  
Join us Monday - Thursday 9am SPP  
**Catholic Daughters Meeting -**  
October 15th, 7pm at SPP Parish Hall

**HOLY SMOKE COOK OFF**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 5:30PM  
RIB MEALS & WINGS W/ SIDES - \$15  
College Football on the Big Screen  
Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center  
Interested team call or text Kerry Townsend 308-216-0466, \$50 entry

**PARISH BAZAAR**  
Sunday, OCTOBER 20th, 2024 Dinner 11:00am to 1:30pm - Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, & more! Carry out dinners available. Country Market, Silent Auction, Raffles, Cake Walk, & Kid’s Games. Please be sure to get your Bazaar info. envelope from the back of Church.

Eternal Life  
In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Phyllis Stepanek, of St. Paul, who passed away on September 28, 2024. Mass of Christian Burial was October 3 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

## Area Events & News

**ORD CHURCH & SCHOOL BAZAAR**  
Sunday, October 13, 2024 Dinner 11am - 1:30pm \$12/Adult, under 5 Free  
Raffle Prizes including Henry 22 Rifle or \$200, Apple iPad, Apple wireless airpods pro, whole hog, zoo pass... Games starting at 11am for all ages. Country Store, Bake Sale, Snack Bar, Silent Auction, & Ticket Raffles.  
Gorak Hall - 527 N 20th - Ord, NE

**Respect Life Eucharistic Procession**  
Sunday, October 13, 2024  
St. Mary’s Cathedral 3:00-4:00pm  
3rd annual Respect Life Eucharistic Procession outside around the Cathedral campus to give honor and praise to our Lord. We pray for our Nation and for a positive election outcome. All are invited to attend.

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