

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



*So the LAST  
will be  
FIRST  
and the FIRST  
LAST.*

*Matthew 20:1-16*

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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FARWELL, NE 68838  
MASS 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

### † ST. JOSEPH

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ELBA, NE 68835  
MASS 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF  
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

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*Restoring  
OUR FATHER'S  
House*



### Commitment Weekend

This Weekend  
September 23rd /24th!

Please drop Commitment Cards in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

*Submit a  
Prayer  
Request*  
**Prayer Chain**

St. Paul - Dianne Rice: 308-571-0039  
St. Paul - Ann Rief: 308-380-0619  
Farwell-Michelle Woitalewicz: 308-336-3241  
Farwell - Thereasa Nealon: 308-336-3349  
Elba - Betty Poss: 308-750-0512

*Pray without ceasing* <sup>1</sup> Thessalonian 5:17

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2023

In the gospel today, Jesus tells us a parable about the landowner and his workers: those hired at midmorning, those hired halfway through the day at noon, those hired at four o'clock, one hour before the day is over. And then he tells us how he paid them, first those who had worked one hour, then those who worked for five hours, then those who had worked for seven hours, and finally those who had worked the whole day. All of them were paid the same daily wage.

And those who worked the whole day protested, saying: "Those last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and heat." And the owner answered them, "My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Are you envious because I am generous?"

Jesus' parable today is not intended to give a moral guidance on labor-management negotiations or any justification for uncontrolled capitalism. Jesus tells us how God deals with people and how this is very different from human ways. His relationship with us considers much more than justice. The parable provides us food for thought on how to avoid the power of ENVY and GREED! The workers are dissatisfied not with what they received, but because others received as much. The workers might call their grievances just, but they were motivated by envy!

Envy is a social sin as well as a personal one. Envy's cousin is jealousy. However, "jealousy can be based on attraction (of an object); envy originates in hatred (for people). But envy goes beyond hatred. When we hate, we want to demolish what we see as bad; but with envy, we want to destroy what's good in people's lives. Envious people live in a perpetual state of focusing on what others around them have and what they themselves lack - mostly material things: big houses, fancy cars, stylish clothes, the best brands. We can be tempted to envy also when we see former sinners attain positions of eminence and when we observe people who are less talented than us advance in their careers. Envy can have a dehumanizing effect on those who are guilty of it..."

The landowner's evocative response becomes an antidote to hunger for material positions, when he said, "ARE YOU ENVIOUS BECAUSE I AM GENEROUS?" God is generous; and his generosity is without measure - he is so extravagant in his love and mercy. We have to imitate God's generosity to remove envy in our lives. GENEROSITY is an antidote to envy!

Are you an envious person? If yes, today is the day for you to take the medicine of GENEROSITY!

This is commitment weekend! Please place your pledge/commitment card in the collection basket or mail or drop off your commitment to Restoring Our Father's House! May the Lord bless our endeavor and your checkbooks!

*J. Vincent L. Parsons*

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9/25</b>	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/26</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Colleen Killinger By Ron & Jackie Gorecki
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9/27</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † John McIntyre By Virgil & Rita Dierberger
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9/28</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> Souls of the Faithful Departed
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9/29</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass (Matelyn)</b> † Jackie Synowski By Mary Gappa
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9/30</b>	<b>4:30 pm Reconciliation (SPP)</b> <b>5:00 pm Mass (SPP)</b> † Archie Ambrose By Virginia Hirschman
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/1</b>	<b>8:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Earl, † Mike, & † Kenny Markvicka By Vange Obermiller, People of the Parishes  <b>10:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Joseph & † Victoria Radke By Shirley Hanisch & Family

**Donations to current Appeal must be in to the  
Grand Island Diocese office by September 29<sup>th</sup>.**

### *Eternal Life*

*We pray for Dorothy Mae Bonczynski, of Farwell, who passed away September 13, 2023. Mass of Christian Burial was September 18, 2023 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE SEPT/OCT 30<sup>TH</sup> & 1<sup>ST</sup>

### **SACRISTANS**

Saturday - 5pm: Michael Happ/ Julie Baquet

Sunday - 8am: Mike Pittman / Ken Vincik

Sunday - 10am: Russ Kosmicki / Deacon Neil Baquet

### **GREETERS**

Sat - 5pm: Curt & Meagan Dubas Family

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: 9th Grade Students

### **LECTOR**

Sat - 5pm: Julie Baquet

Sun - 8am: Volunteer

Sun - 10am: 9th Grade Students

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat - 5pm: Meagan Dubas / Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Beth Svoboda / Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Tami Reilly / Volunteers

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Sat - 5pm: Claire Dubas

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Blake Reilly

**TRI-PARISH YOUTH** Religious Education

Preschool - 4th Grades: **Sundays 9-10am**  
 5th - 11th Grades: **Wednesdays 7-8pm**  
**Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center Classrooms**  
**Please be sure to get REGISTERED,**  
**Forms are in back of Church.**

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

**TEAM MEETING - Wed. Oct. 4th 6:15pm PLC**

*Congratulations*

on your Baptism

**NATHANIEL ALLEN**

Son of Branson & Kristin Townsend  
 September 17, 2023  
 Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church



**GOD Bless THIS Child**

**BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH**  
 Following 10:00am Mass  
**Nash Christian Townsend**  
 Son of  
**Braden & Sarah Townsend**

**Tri-Parish Pre-Baptismal Class**

for Parents wishing to get their child Baptized  
**Sunday, October 8, 11am-12pm** Parish Life Center  
 Please call Church Office to Register. (Next Class - January 14)



**Children's Rosary ~ Oct. 4th SPP 6:30pm**

Parents and Grandparents bring your children & all your petitions to our Mother Mary.



*Busy Time Women's Holy Hour*

**FAITH & COMMUNITY AMONGST THE CHAOS**

**MONDAYS AT 7PM ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**THANK YOU... to CCW & Catholic Daughters**

for always thinking of our Religious Ed. classes for left over goodies!

Much appreciated by Students & Teachers!



**CCW Meeting - Monday, October 2**

7:00PM Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center  
 All women of the Parish are welcome to attend!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

COUNCIL 1918

**MEETING: Tuesday, October 10th**

**7:00PM SPP NW Classroom**

OUR MISSION: Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, & in their community.

*Stand & Pray*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST**

**2 - 3PM HWY 281**

**U-BETCHA AUTO/JACOBS FORD**

**SIGNS PROVIDED**

Let Nebraskans know Pro-Life=Pro-Love=Pro-Woman, and Pro-Information!  
 Contact Ann Rief 308-380-0649 with any questions you may have!



**THE CHOICE Wine**

**7 STEPS TO A SUPERABUNDANT MARRIAGE**  
 Nine week class to enrich your marriage.

First class October 1st at 5:00pm, SPP Parish Life Center.  
 Contact Deacon Neil or Julie to get signed up & your booklet ordered.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL STS. PETER & PAUL

**HOLY SMOKE COOK OFF**

**Saturday, October 14th at 5:30 pm**

**INTERESTED SMOKE OFF TEAMS CALL/TEXT**  
**KERRY TOWNSEND 308-216-0466 \$50 ENTRY/TEAM**

**CHURCH BAZAAR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND!**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! Everyone's help is needed!  
 Thank you for your donations in the envelopes from last week.



*Celebration of Christian Marriage*

**September 16th, 2023**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

**Congratulations**

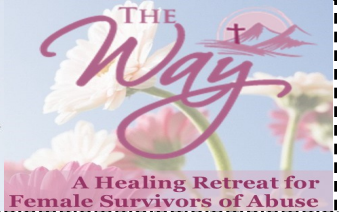
**Irvin & Patty Wroblewski**

**October 6-8, 2023**

Overlook Lodge - Camp Comeca  
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 Cozad, NE 69130

For more information go to:  
<https://www.gidiocese.org/the-way-retreats>

To request an application, please contact:  
 Elizabeth A. Heidt Kozisek, Ph.D.  
 308-382-6565 or [cpo@gidiocese.org](mailto:cpo@gidiocese.org)  
 Application Deadline October 1, 2023



**A Healing Retreat for Female Survivors of Abuse**

**OCTOBER 6 & 7 | NECATHOLIC.ORG | LINCOLN, NE**

Join in the Bishops of Nebraska at the Pro-Life Banquet & Conference. Discover how Truth is found and lived in a new Dobbs era with Catholic Answers Apologist and keynote speaker, Joe Heschmeyer. Let us lift you up with prayer, arm you with information on breaking pro-life issues, and joyfully celebrate LIFE with you! Visit [NECatholic.org](http://NECatholic.org) to register & learn more!

**G.I. DEANERY DCCW FALL MEETING Friday, October 6th**

**Shelton Sacred Heart Devine Hall Registration 8:30-9am**

**\$10 Speakers: Deb Echo-Hawk - Blessings of St. Kateri Habitat Garden & Fr. Joshua Brown - Blessed are you Among Women**  
 Email [sbkroll@nctc.net](mailto:sbkroll@nctc.net) or text 308-224-5685 to RSVP

**St. Mary's Cathedral - Taco Tuesday on September 26th**

Lunch 11-1 & Dinner 5-7pm in the Parish Hall All are WELCOME  
 Free will donations—all proceeds go to Seminarians

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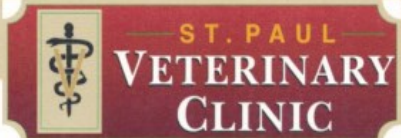
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General Fund - \$2,955.00  
Parish Life Center - \$250.00  
Maintenance - \$35.00

### St. Anthony

General Fund - \$247.00

### St. Joseph

General Fund - \$358.00  
West Nebraska Catholic - \$10.00



## AREA PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church & St. Mary's Catholic School, **Ord - Sunday, October 8** - Games 11am, Dinner 11am-2pm \$15/adult; Country Store, Bake Sale, & Big Raffle Prizes

Blessed Sacrament Fall Festival, **Grand Island - Sunday, October 15** - Meal 11-1 Fried Chicken/roast Beef, etc. \$15/adult, Activities 11-2pm Silent Auction, Raffle, Kid Games, Farmer's Market, & Split the Pot