



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph
December 21, 2025

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Tri-Parish Website:
www.howardcountycatholics.com

Daily Mass Schedule:

Tues/Thurs 8:30am Wed 12:05pm 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sts. Peter & Paul
713 Elm Street
St. Paul, NE 68873
(308)754-4002
Saturday Mass 5:00PM
Sunday Mass 8AM & 10AM

St. Anthony
103 Kearns 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)
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Elba - Betty Poss (308-750-0512)



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Mrs. Becky Knox - Preschool to 4th
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Mrs. Judi Baker - 5th to 11th grade
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308-750-8418

CLASS TIMES

Preschool thru 4th grade
Sunday, September 7th, 9-10am
5th thru 11th Grades
Wednesday, September 10th
from 7- 8pm
All classes will meet at the
Parish Life Center classrooms.

Ministry Schedule

DECEMBER 27TH & 28TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

MUSIC: Julie Dush
GREET: Liana Wroblewski / Leona Leth / Cindy Wilson
LECTOR: Todd Paulsen
EM: Chris Thomas / Riley Fowler
SERVE: Verah Paulsen / Eli Thomas

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Farwell Group
GREET: Chris Dethlefs / Brenda Klanecky / Vince & Deidre Jensen
LECTOR: Zach Hirschman
EM: Tonya Anderson / Zach Hirschman
SERVE: Reed & Henry Coufal

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Kezeor Group
GREET: Mike & Judi Baker Family
LECTOR: Reegan Reilly
EM: Ben Syringe / Kevin Reilly / Matt Rief / Reise Fowler
SERVE: Tyler & Lauryn Brandt

Fourth Sunday of Advent

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

During the winter of 1962, Thelma Goldstein from Chicago treated herself to a vacation. She drove to Florida. Upon reaching North Miami, she began looking for a hotel. Finding one, she stopped to book a room. She did not know that the area and the hotel were restricted. She said to the manager, "Excuse me, Sir. My name is Mrs. Goldstein. Thelma Goldstein. I'd like to rent a small room for two weeks." "I'm awfully sorry," he said, "but all of our rooms are occupied." Just at that moment a man approached the desk, informing the clerk that he was checking out. "What luck!" said Mrs. Goldstein. "Now there's a room." "Not so fast, Madame. I'm sorry, but this hotel is restricted. No Jews allowed." "Jewish? Who's Jewish? I happen to be a Catholic." "Madame," said the clerk, "I find that hard to believe. Let me ask you, who was the Son of God?" Mrs. Goldstein said, "Jesus, Son of Mary." And the clerk asked, "Where was he born?" Mrs. Goldstein answered, "In a stable." "Why was he born in a stable?" asked the clerk. Looking the clerk straight in the eye, Mrs. Goldstein said, "Because a schmuck like you wouldn't let a Jew rent a room in his hotel." We have arrived at the final days before Christmas. We join Mary and Joseph as they travel toward Bethlehem. Finding no room in the inn, they came to a cave where Mary gave birth to the child Jesus. There, the Savior of the world, the WORD became flesh and began his human dwelling among us. And finally, for all those worldly travelers out there - I will end with this cute story: One airline traveler noticed a sprig of mistletoe hanging over the baggage check-in counter at the airport. The traveler asked the clerk what the mistletoe was doing hanging in such an unusual spot. The clerk said, "It's hanging there so you can kiss your luggage goodbye."

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, December 22

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, December 23

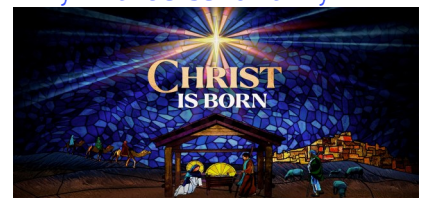
Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Intention: †Jenni Klanecky
By Family

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass 4:00pm (SPP)
Intention: †John McIntyre
By Dan, Barbara, & Tom McIntyre
Christmas Eve Mass 5:30pm (SJ)
Intention: †Anna Dedic
By Kevin & Cindy Sestak
Christmas Eve Mass 7:00pm (SPP)
Intention: †Joseph & †Agnes Pavlik
By Vivian Jensen & Family
Christmas Eve Mass 10:00pm (SA)
(Singing starts at 9:30pm)
Intention: †Dan Gorecki
By Bob Bogus

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass 9:00am (SPP)
Intention: †Roy & †Sylvia Sack
By Vivian Jensen & Family



Friday, December 26

NO Daily Mass
Communion Service 9am (Brookfield)

Saturday, December 27

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)
Intention: †Jeff Welch By Family

Sunday, December 28

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
Intention: †Jeff Krzycki By Family
Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
Intention: People of the Parishes



Twenty-seven of our Religious Ed. students received the Healing Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week, pictured are those that celebrated the sacrament on Saturday, December 13th.



Congratulations on your Baptism
Paige Grace Nowak
 December 12, 2025
 Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
 Parents: Brandon & Erin Nowak; Deacon Phil



Congratulations
 on your Baptism
CALVIN RAY
 Parents:
 Tanner & Jessie
 Wernsman
 December 14, 2025
 Saints Peter & Paul
 Catholic Church

Tri-Parish Events & News

LAST CHANCE RECONCILIATION

Sunday, Dec 21st at 6pm SPP

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Office will be closed December 24-26. Please have bulletin info. in by noon on Monday, Dec. 22.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mary, Mother of God / New Year's Mass 5pm on December 31st, and 9am on January 1st, at SPP.

THANK YOU

Heartfelt thanks to our Religious Ed. Teachers & Helpers for making the children's Christmas program possible. Thank you to Linda Kezeor for playing piano! Thank you to our students for doing such a great job of bringing the beautiful story of **The Birth of Jesus Christ** to life! Thank you to our CCW for the wonderful reception! Have a Blessed Christmas!

With Gratitude

Special thanks to the Catholic Daughters for providing cookies & drinks for the students & families following first reconciliation. It is a big class and we appreciate your delicious treats!

ST. ANTHONY SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, January 3rd from 5-7pm in the Farwell Church basement. Enjoy your favorite Polish Soups! Mass afterwards at 7pm. All are welcome!

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

For Parents wishing to get their child Baptized (may attend before baby is born) - the class will be Sunday, JANUARY 11, 11am-12pm SPP Parish Life Center; Contact the Parish Office to register. (next class April 12, 2026)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Family Bowling Night is being held January 25th at 5pm at Riverview Lanes - 324 Custer St. St. Paul. Bowling and Pizza provided! All Knights (and perspective) members & families are invited to attend!

Religious Ed. Break

NO CLASSES:
 December 21st to January 3rd!
 Enjoy your break and may the Good Lord Bless you with good health & happiness!
 Classes resume January 4th & 7th!

Finance Corner

Sunday Collection & OSV Online Giving

December 8 - 14, 2025

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba	
St. Anthony Church	\$315.00
St. Joseph	\$170.00
The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul	
Actual General Fund	\$4769.50
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$681.80
Maintenance	\$20.00
Parish Life Center	\$912.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$1700.00

DECEMBER Totals as of 12/14/25

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$9649.00
Online General Fund	\$2027.80
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$8323.20

Special Collections

DIOCESE - Religious Retirement - \$275.00
 PARISH - Christmas Flowers - \$317.00

Area Events & News

CARE Team Presents
Family Movies Nights! Disney PIXAR:
Inside Out 1 on January 11th, 3pm
Inside Out 2 on January 25th, 3pm
 Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center
 Popcorn & water provided.
 Sponsored by the CARE Team
 All are welcome!

HOLY INNOCENTS MASS
St. Mary's Cathedral Dec. 28th 5:15pm
 Many families struggle with infant death, infertility, miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion. We welcome you to this Mass of Healing. If you would like your baby remembered during the Mass, please call St. Mary's office by 4pm Dec. 23rd.

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