



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph
February 1, 2026

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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 Brookfield/Matelyn

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or
by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BLESSED
ARE

THE POOR IN SPIRIT
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

THOSE WHO MOURN
FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

ARE THE MEEK
FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH

THOSE WHO HUNGER
& THIRST ^{FOR} RIGHTEOUSNESS
FOR THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED

MATTHEW 5:3-6



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

Deacon Neil & Julie Baquet
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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)
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Youth Religious Ed. Classes

Preschool thru 4th Grades:
 Sundays 9:00am – 10:00am
 5th thru 11th Grades:
 Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm
 Classes held at SPP
 Parish Life Center classrooms
 (Confirmation Class at Bed Head Coffee)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Imagine a large group of travelers, lost in the midst of a dense forest on a starless black night. They cannot see the path; they cannot even see each other. Little by little they wander in different directions, trying desperately to find their way forward through the immense trees, all the while spreading further and further apart. Suddenly a bright white lantern shines from the edge of the forest. Their fear flees with the darkness. As they head toward the light they rejoin one another and rejoice to discover the one way out of the forest. The imagery of light in the darkness threads its way through the Sundays of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent. It reminds us that the Light of the World, whose dawning we celebrated during the Advent/Christmas season, is the same light of Christ whose flame will purify and enlighten us during Lent and enkindle the fire of the Holy Spirit in us during the fifty days of Easter. Last week our first reading likens the salvation of the “District of the Gentiles” to light dispelling darkness, anguish, and gloom. Matthew’s Gospel characterizes Jesus as a light arising in “Galilee of the Gentiles,” beckoning the fishermen to join together in following him along the way. Paul exhorts us to remain united on the one way that follows the light of our one and only Lord, Jesus Christ. I think the challenge for every Catholic Christian is to always evaluate where we are and where we are going. There are so many things that can distract us along the way. Let us pray this week that God will light the way for us throughout our days to keep us on the path to kingdom.

Fr. Vincent L. Parsons

Ministry Schedule

FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

MUSIC: Lewandowski Family
GREET: Kerry & Heidi Townsend /
 Jack Steffes / Riley Fowler

LECTOR: Ben Syring
EM: Neal Hahn / Nancy Psota
SERVE: Kendyl & Jaxon Fowler

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Farwell Group
GREET: Chad & Krista Bauder Family
LECTOR: Tim Scheer
EM: Amy Scheer / Tara Sjuts
S: Peyton Reilly / Easton Shotkoski

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Kezeor Group
GREET: 7th Grade Religious Ed. Class
LECTOR: 7th Grade RE Students
EM: Chris, Gina & Emma Elstermeier /
 Bill Gregoski
SERVE: Layla & Boston Bowder

This Week's Schedule

Monday, February 2

No Daily Mass
 OCIA 6pm (PLC Classroom)
 Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm (PLC)

Tuesday, February 3

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
 Intention: †Chris & †Marie Wittry
 By Dan, Barbara, & Tom McIntyre

Wednesday, February 4

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)
 Intention: †Anna Dedic
 By Randy & Patricia Curran
 Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC CR)

Thursday, February 5

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
 Intention: †Rose Marie Olsufka
 By Carolyn Just

Friday, February 6

Daily Mass 9:00am (**Brookfield**)
 Intention: †Irene Peters
 By Family
 Adoration 10am Benediction 5pm (SPP)

Saturday, February 7

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
 Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)
 Intention: †Vincent & †Christine Kusek
 By Bob & Patty Krzycki

Weekend Mass 7:00pm (SA)

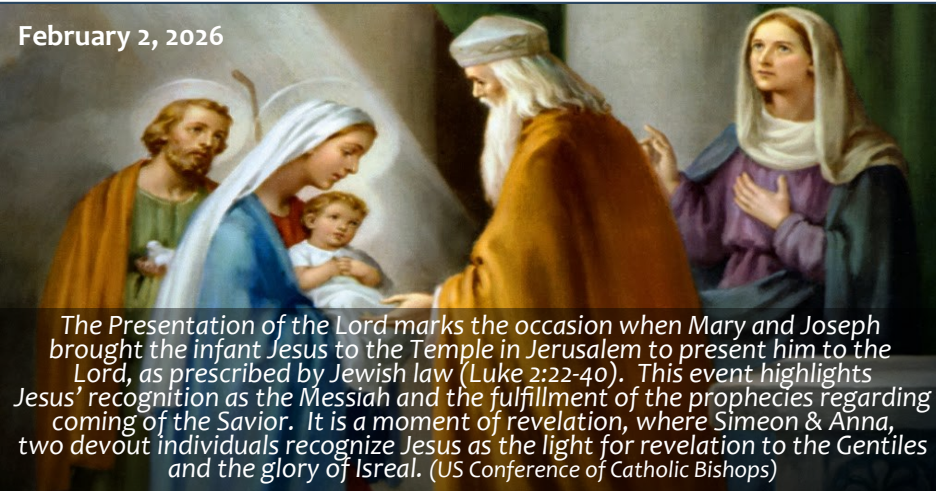
Intention: †Dan Gorecki
 By Rick & Cindy Gorecki

Sunday, February 8

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
 Intention: †Rose Mrkvicka
 By Marty & Jeana Mrkvicka Family
 Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC CR)
 Religious Ed. Pre/K Class 2 10am (PLC CR)
 Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
 Intention: People of the Parishes
 Religious Ed. Team Meeting 11:10am



February 2, 2026



The Presentation of the Lord marks the occasion when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, as prescribed by Jewish law (Luke 2:22-40). This event highlights Jesus' recognition as the Messiah and the fulfillment of the prophecies regarding coming of the Savior. It is a moment of revelation, where Simeon & Anna, two devout individuals recognize Jesus as the light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Israel. (US Conference of Catholic Bishops)



Congratulations on your Baptism
Livvy Hope Rathman
January 25, 2026

St. Anthony Catholic Church
Pictured: Austin, Shaylene, & Livvy Rathman,
and Rev. Harlan Waskowiak

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
Anniversary Mass February 14, 2026
at St. Mary's in Grand Island
All married couples divisible by 5 can
be honored, RSVP by 2/11/26 to 308-
384-2523. A free will lasagna dinner
will follow at Cathedral Square.

Tri-Parish Events & News

ANNE ALT SCHOLARSHIP

High School Seniors and College/ Tech School Students may access the online application via our howardcountycatholics.com website - click on the Anne Alt Scholarship screen. Applications are accepted from now thru April 15th, 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.

DIocese SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

Are you interested in sending your students to Higher Ground, Steubenville, and Higher Ground Extreme Faith but still have questions? Join us for an informational webinar on February 9th at 6:30pm CST. All are welcome to join (parents, students, clergy, faith formation leaders, etc.) Register using the QR code.



Men's Bible Study

"No Greater Love" is a Biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us... plan to meet for a 6pm meal & then a video & discussion on Thursdays during Lent, starting February 26th! Contact Deacon Neil if interested 308-571-0291.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

February 6, 10am to Benediction at 5pm SPP, please sign up for a time.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18th, 2026 - Mass times will be 7:00am, 12:05pm, and 7:00pm, all at Sts. Peter & Paul.

LENTEN FISH FRYs

Please plan to help out... our Fish Frys will be February 20th, March 6th, and March 20th from 5-7pm at the Parish Life Center.

ST. ANTHONY CONTRIBUTIONS

In addition to the regular Lord's Portion, there was \$50 donated towards Rent and \$200 towards Maintenance. Much appreciated!

PANS & DISHES

Thank you for generously bringing desserts & salads for funerals & events ... please check if any pans in the kitchen are yours before the Fish Fry season begins.

Eternal Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Sondra Nelson, of St. Paul. Liturgy of the Word Services were held on January 26, 2026 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Finance Corner

Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
January 19 - 25, 2026

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$126.00
St. Joseph	\$150.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$3670.00
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1639.80
Maintenance	\$30.00
Parish Life Center	\$425.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$155.00

JANUARY Totals as of 1/25/26

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$15786.55
Online General Fund	\$5255.20
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$1041.75

Special Collections

DIOCESE for January - Latin America \$85
DIOCESE February - Eastern Europe

Area Events & News

ST. PAUL SENIOR CENTER

- FEBRUARY CLOSED Feb. 16th
Open Daily 9am - 2pm Coffee & Treats
Penny BINGO - Tues. & Thurs. 10:30am
First Wed. - Foot Clinic at 9-11:30am
Hospital Food - Feb. 4th & 18th
Hospital talks, exercise, & blood pressure - Feb. 11, 18 & 25 - 10:30am
February 11 & 25 - Noon Potluck
SOUP LUNCHEON - Feb. 15 11am-1pm

ST. LIBORY VALENTINE SUPPER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026
Steak dinner at St. Libory Parish Hall
Send reservation payment to Beth Kozisek, 106 Eagle Road, St. Libory, NE 68872 by 2/10/26 w/ name, # in your party, address & phone #.
\$40/person or \$300 per table (8)
5:30pm Wine/cheese, Meal 6-7pm
(Mass at 4:30pm prior to dinner)

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