



# Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph  
January 18, 2026

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### Daily Mass Schedule:

Tues/Thurs 8:30am Wed 12:05pm SPP  
Friday 9:00am - at Brookfield/Matelyn

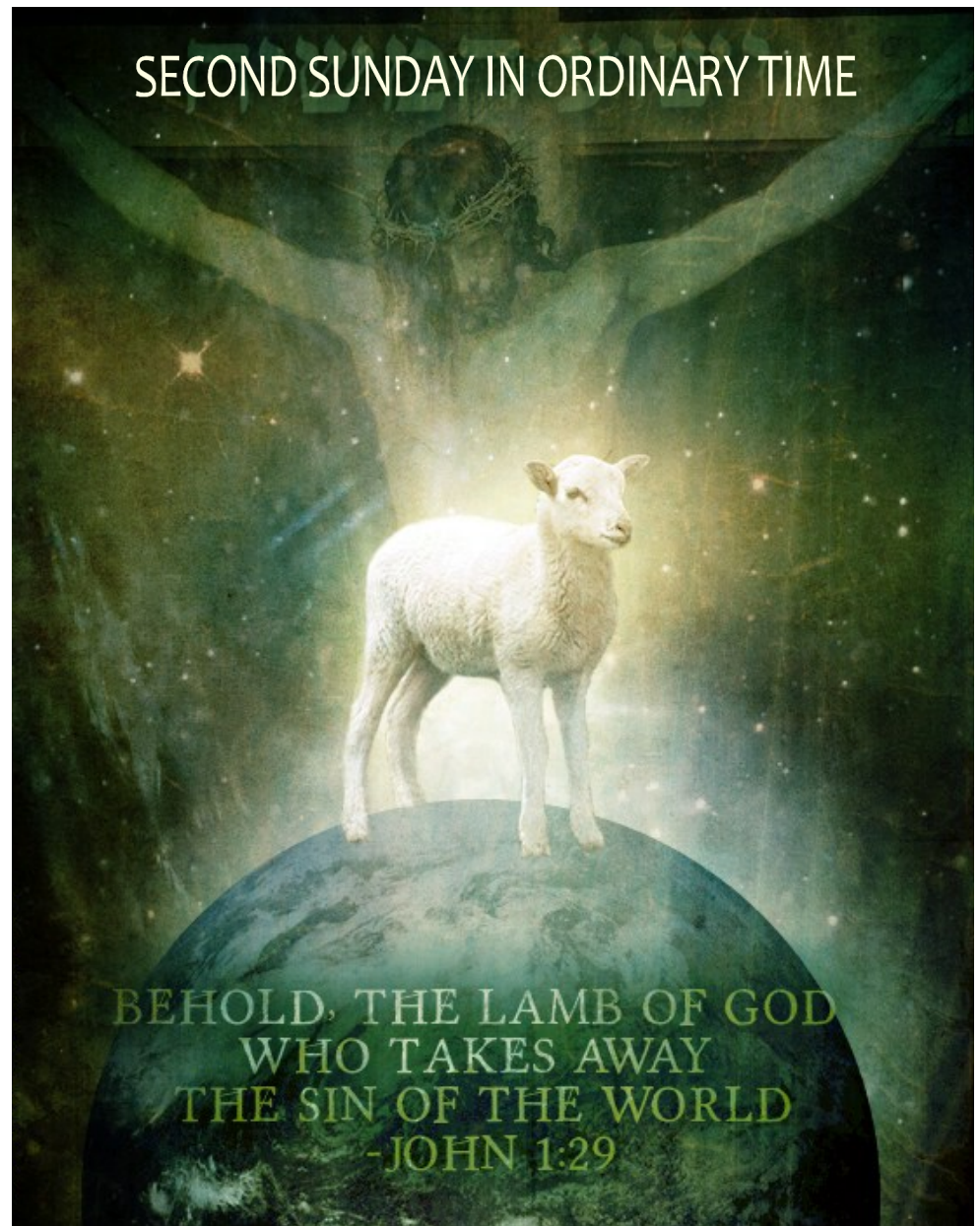
### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm or  
by appointment

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD  
WHO TAKES AWAY  
THE SIN OF THE WORLD  
- JOHN 1:29



One God  
One Family  
One Hope

**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  
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**My Parish App:**

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

**Prayer Chain Contacts**

St. Paul - Dianne Rice (308-571-0039)  
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 Farwell - Thereasa Nealon  
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 rebecca.knox@spwildcat.org  
 308-571-0430

Mrs. Judi Baker - 5th to 11th grade  
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 308-750-8418

**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)

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR**

In our gospel today, John the Baptist pointed at Jesus and said, “BEHOLD, the LAMB of GOD, who takes away the sin of the world!” As Jesus “takes away the sin of the world” he is then the protector of LIFE, because LIFE is sacred; it is a sign of God’s love and glory.

And today, the Church celebrates SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY! Let us energize our conscience with our resolve to embrace the SANCTITY OF LIFE! God “created us as individuals, by name, and reserved a special place for each of us in His Kingdom. He loves each of us, no matter what our state in life, unconditionally. Our lives belong to him and not to the state or to society. The fundamental rights given to us by God cannot be violated by any man-made law. And despite the fact that the problems of old age, crisis pregnancies, and alcoholism were certainly present in Jesus’ time, there is not one instance in the Scriptures where Jesus advocated or supported the destruction of human life as a solution.” So, anything that is a threat to the SACREDNESS OF LIFE must be denounced.

And today, as we celebrate the SANCTITY OF LIFE, and as the unborn are in constant danger in the womb of a mother, let the prayer of the late Pope John Paul II to Mary, the mother of Jesus, be our constant prayer:

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,  
 Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life:  
 look down,

O Mother, upon the numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed... out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen

Remember, your LIFE is SACRED; it is HOLY! Embrace it with LOVE, nourish it with care. You are God’s masterpiece; you are God’s glory!

**Ministry Schedule**

**JANUARY 24TH & 25TH**

**SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS**

**MUSIC:** Julie Dush

**GREET:** Meagan Dubas & Family

**LECTOR:** Betty Czarnek

**EM:** Chris Dethlefs / MaryAnn Fredrick

**SERVE:** Eli & Avery Svoboda

**SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS**

**MUSIC:** Farwell Group

**GREET:** Kirk & Crissy Bader/  
 Wyatt Bader / Bob Dvorak

**LECTOR:** Rick Harrahill

**EM:** Tonya Anderson / Rick Harrahill

**SERVE:** Layla & Boston Bowder /  
 Hallie Bauer

**SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS**

**MUSIC:** Kezeor Group

**GREET:** 9th Grade Religious Ed. Class

**LECTOR:** 9th Grade RE Students

**EM:** Mary Jo Serbousek / Tina Headrick /  
 Monte Brouillette / Joe & Paulette Hansen

**SERVE:** Laityn & Lenna Poss

**This Week’s Schedule**

**Monday, January 19**

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

**Tuesday, January 20**

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)  
 Intention: †John McIntyre  
 By Dan, Barbara, & Tom McIntyre  
 Catholic Daughters Luncheon 12pm (PLC)  
 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm (PLC)

**Wednesday, January 21**

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)  
 Intention: †Dan Gorecki  
 By Bill & Bertha Jerabek  
 Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC CR)

**Thursday, January 22**

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)  
 Intention: Dedic Family  
 By Kenny & Sharon Tibbetts

**Friday, January 23**

Daily Mass 9:00am (*Matelyn*)  
 Intention: †Margaret Thompson &  
 Bernice Adams By Chuck & Char Schmid

**Saturday, January 24**

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)  
 Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)  
 Intention: †Anthony Dush  
 By Alan & Tina Dush

**Sunday, January 25**

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)  
 Intention: People of the Parishes  
 Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC CR)  
 Religious Ed. Pre/K Class 2 10am (PLC CR)  
 Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)  
 Intention: †Jack & †Janette Novakowski  
 By Family  
 Livvy Rathman Baptism 2pm (SA)





# SANCTITY OF LIFE *Sunday*

## Tri-Parish Events & News

### **FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT!**

The Knights of Columbus invites all Knights and perspective members and their families to Riverview Lanes in St. St. Paul on Sunday, January 25th at 5pm - Bowling & Pizza provided!

### **CCW DUES**

Thank you to those that already turned in your \$10 annual dues! If you put your dues envelope in the collection or drop it off at the parish office please make sure it is marked CCW dues.

### **FIRST COMMUNION VEILS**

Available for purchase, hand-crafted original veils for First Holy Communion on Sunday, January 25th from 9:30am to 11:30am at the Parish Life Center. Thank you to Mary Jo Serbousek for once again sharing her talents with us.

### **SPP Tax Report Statements**

Contribution Statements have been printed & mailed out for all families that gave over \$250 in 2025. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to receive one or if you have questions.

### **HIGHER GROUND**

Current high school 10th to 12th grade students... registration opens February 1! This retreat is an opportunity to grow stronger in your relationship with Christ, while getting to know your peers from around the diocese. Register today at [highergroundretreats.org](http://highergroundretreats.org) & save with Early Bird rate until February 8th, 2026.

### **HIGHER GROUND EXTREME FAITH**

6th to 8th grade students... HGXF camp registration opens February 1! It is a fun week and a great opportunity to grow stronger in your faith while making new friends from around the diocese... Find details and register today at [highergroundretreats.org](http://highergroundretreats.org) & save with Early Bird rate until February 8th, 2026.

### **Catholic Daughters Meeting**

Soup Luncheon at NOON - January 20th, in the Northwest classroom. Hostesses (bringing soup) Annette Ogard, Virginia Lauritsen, Carolyn Just, & Geri Wardyn. Officers to bring dessert, others a side.

## Area Events & News

### **CARE Team Presents**

**Family Movies Nights! Disney PIXAR: "Inside Out 2"** January 25th, 3pm Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center Popcorn & water provided. All welcome, family friendly event!

### **WOOD RIVER COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Easter Choir starts practice January 25th 3-5pm at St. Mary's. Contact Vince Boudreau 308-379-7312

### **RETRouvaille WEEKEND**

Stress in your marriage? Feel disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in your marriage? Not sure how to change? **Retrouvaille has helped 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties.** For confidential info. 402-540-8381 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) Retreat weekend in Schuyler, NE mid February so contact us today.



*Congratulations on your Baptism*  
*Maewen Marie Nordhues*  
**January 11, 2026**

*Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church*  
*Parents: Chase & Kayla Nordhues; Deacon Phil*  
*Godparents: Dustin Nordhues & Jadie Rother*

### **PRO-LIFE MASS NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE 2026**

**JANUARY 31, 2026**  
9am Mass at St. Mary's Church (downtown Lincoln) following Mass - Walk for Life, sponsored by NE Right to Life, at 10am, meet near the steps north of State Capitol to pray for the sanctity of life.

### **Finance Corner**

**Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving**  
**January 5 - 11, 2026**

#### **The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba**

St. Anthony Church	\$280.00
St. Joseph	\$185.00

#### **The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul**

Actual General Fund	\$3452.55
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1391.80
Maintenance	\$50.00
Parish Life Center	\$442.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$110.00

#### **JANUARY Totals as of 1/11/26**

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$8991.05
Online General Fund	\$2208.60
Monthly <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$8800.35</b>

#### **Special Collections**

DIocese for January - Latin America

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