



Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph
January 25, 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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)
Farwell - Thereasa Nealon
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Elba - Betty Poss (308-750-0512)



Directors of Religious Education

Mrs. Becky Knox - Preschool to 4th
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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)

Ministry Schedule

JANUARY 31ST & FEBRUARY 1ST

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

MUSIC: Julie Dush

GREET: Brenda Klanecky / Chris Dethlefs /
MaryAnn Fredrick / Amy Christensen

LECTOR: Sandi Mudloff

EM: Daneecia Sharman /
Meagan Dubas

SERVE: Layla & Boston Bowder

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Thede Family

GREET: Mike & Judi Baker Family

LECTOR: Al Wemhoff

EM: Becky Knox / Todd Peters

SERVE: Reed & Henry Coufal

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Open

GREET: 8th Grade Religious Ed. Class

LECTOR: 8th Grade RE Students

EM: Nikki Bader / Tristan Thomas /
Amy Brandt / Monte Brouillette

SERVE: Eli Thomas / Brennen Shreve

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Today, as you kneel and start to pray, listen carefully to Jesus as he whispers these words to your hearts: “REPENT, for the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN is at hand.” Jesus is knocking at the door of your hearts; and every knock is a call to REPENTANCE, an invitation to LOVE, and a journey of HOPE. The heart is a HOLY GROUND for conversion.

On the other hand, the gospel tells us that Jesus started his mission in Galilee. Galilee is a very strategic place to start his missionary endeavors. It is the crossroad of life in the land of Judah: it is where everyone congregates; it is the place of commerce; it is where nationalities, races and cultures meet. Hence, it becomes a natural place for evangelization. Jesus wanted to touch the hearts of the people in the crossroads of life so that when they return to their respective homes, cities and countries, they might carry in their hearts the message of evangelization – the call to REPENTANCE and CONVERSION.

Today, let us consider the table of the Eucharist as our GALILEE. This is where everybody assembles – either you are a foreigner or not, poor or rich, homeless or not. This is a holy ground; this is where the divinity of God and our humanity merges. Being embraced by God’s grace, he invites us: “COME FOLLOW ME!” Will you open your hearts today and follow him? The decision is yours...

This Week's Schedule

Monday, January 26

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

Tuesday, January 27

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Intention: †Pat Steenson
By Jan, Sheryl, & Joe Steenson

Wednesday, January 28

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)
Intention: †Walter & †Alice Greenwalt
By Ron Greenwalt
Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC CR)

Thursday, January 29

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Intention: †Marian Potts
By Joan Koperski

Friday, January 30

Daily Mass 9:00am (Brookfield)
Intention: †Marian Potts
By CCW

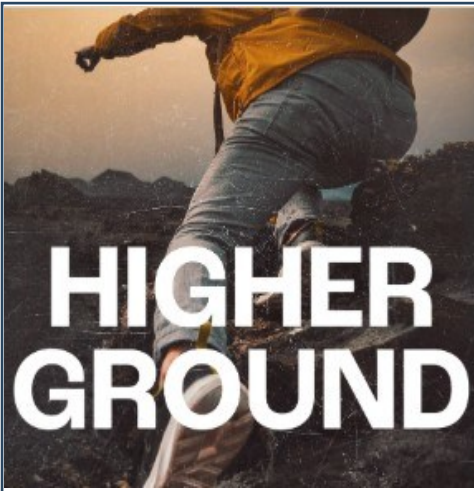
Saturday, January 31

Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)
Weekend Mass 5:00pm (SPP)
Intention: People of the Parishes

Sunday, February 1

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
Intention: †Art Schmidt
By Family
Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC CR)
Religious Ed. Pre/K Class 2 10am (PLC CR)
Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
Intention: †Lee Faaborg
By Friends of the Family





Tri-Parish Events & News

HIGHER GROUND
Current high school 10th to 12th grade students... registration opens February 1st! This retreat is held at Fort Robinson near Crawford, NE. Register today at highergroundretreats.org & save \$50 with the Early Bird rate until February 8th, 2026.

HIGHER GROUND EXTREME FAITH
6th to 8th grade students... HGXF camp registration opens February 1st! This camp is held at Camp Maranatha near Maxwell, NE. Find details and register today at highergroundretreats.org & save \$51 with the Early Bird rate until February 8th, 2026.
SPOTS FILL UP QUICKLY!
(Transportation for both camps is the responsibility of the participants.)

Special Thanks to our...
CCW for providing fruit, pastries & juice for breakfast, and the Knights of Columbus for purchasing the groceries for lunch, and to Tara Sjuts for preparing a great meal for our students attending their Confirmation Retreat last Sunday!

STEBENVILLE OF THE ROCKIES
High School 9th to 12th grade students from within our Diocese are invited to join hundreds of other Catholic teens on June 19-21, 2026 at Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center in Aurora, CO. Registration opens February 1, find the link at <https://gidiocese.org/steubenville>. Register by February 8th, 2026 for the \$51 discount. (The group from our Diocese will be travelling together by motorcoach.)

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

LENTEN FISH FRYs
Mark your calendars... our Fish Frys will be February 20th, March 6th, and March 20th from 5-7pm at the Parish Life Center.

With Gratitude
We are thankful for the generous donation towards our St. Wenceslaus statue from Jim Sevcik whose great Grandfather, Albert Sevcik, was one of the original founders of that Parish. What a special tribute.



JANUARY Prayer Intention:
For prayer with the Word of God.
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Finance Corner
Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving
January 12 - 18, 2026

The Lord's Portion Farwell & Elba

St. Anthony Church	\$346.00
St. Joseph	\$822.00

The Lord's Portion Sts. Peter & Paul

Actual General Fund	\$3125.50
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1406.80
Religious Education	\$105.00
Parish Life Center	\$110.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$563.00

JANUARY Totals as of 1/18/26

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$12116.55
Online General Fund	\$3615.40
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	\$4268.05

Special Collections
DIOCESE for January - Latin America
DIOCESE February - Eastern Europe

Area Events & News

WOOD RIVER / SHELTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTER FEED
Saturday, February 7, 2026
St. Mary's Marian Hall 408 W 13th St.
Rocky Mountain Oysters, Shrimp, Chicken Tenders, Bake Beans, Cole Slaw, Hawaiian Buns, Coffee, Tea, & Water
FREE WILL DONATION (suggested donation \$15/plate)
Cash Beer Bar Available

RETOUVAILLE WEEKEND
Married Singles Lifestyle - couples that may have lost a sense of closeness that they once had as partners
Retrouvaille has helped couples at all levels of marital distress.
For confidential info. 402-540-8381 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org
Retreat weekend in Schuyler, NE mid February so contact us today.

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