



# Howard County Catholics

Sts. Peter & Paul | St. Anthony | St. Joseph  
January 4, 2026

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### **Daily Mass Schedule:**

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

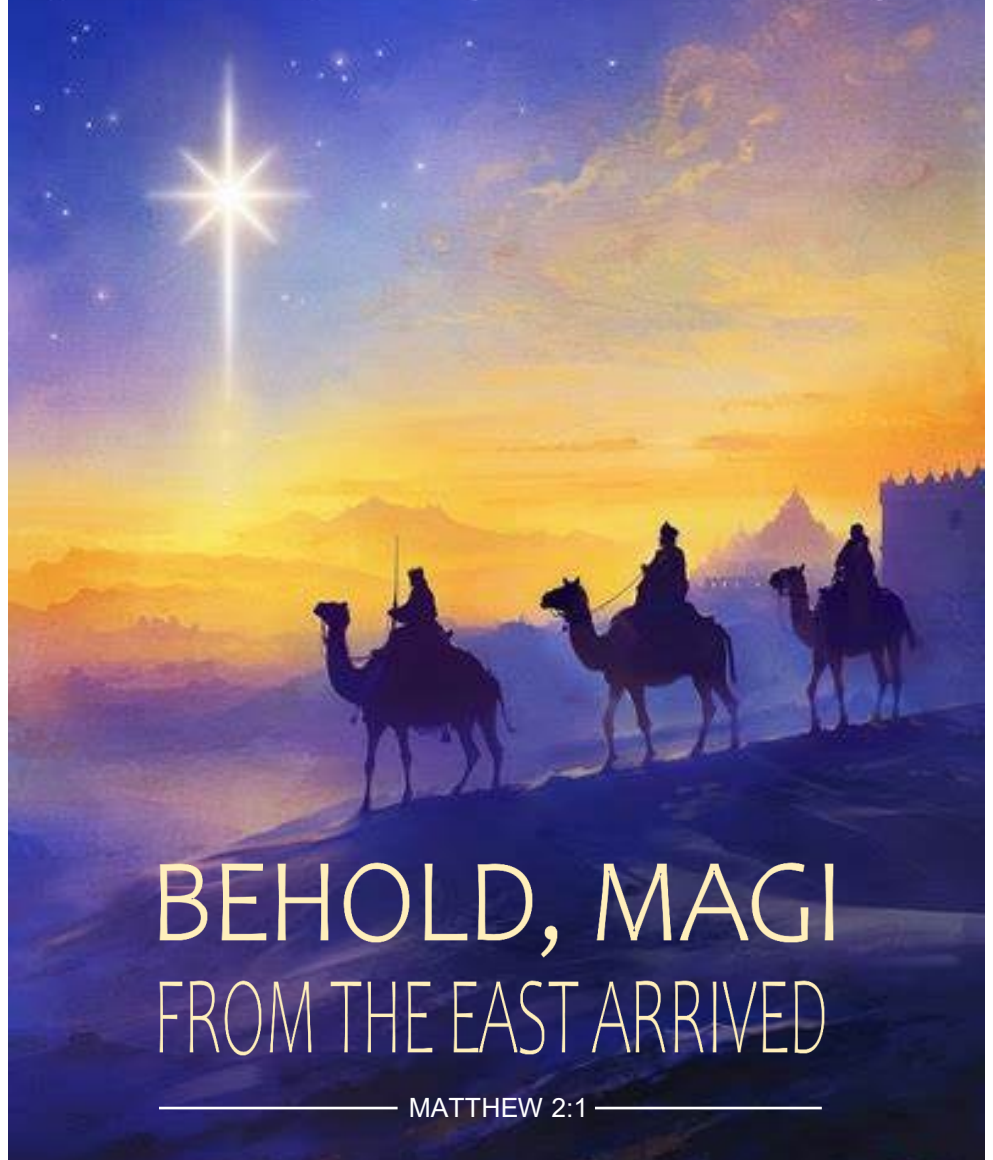
### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays at 4:30pm or  
by appointment

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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MATTHEW 2:1



**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

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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 (308-336-3349)
Elba - Betty Poss (308-750-0512)



Directors of Religious Education

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308-571-0430

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

JANUARY 10TH & 11TH

SATURDAY 5:00PM MASS

MUSIC: Julie Dush

GREET: Branden & Sarah Townsen
Family

LECTOR: Terri Townsend

EM: Chris & Terri Townsend /
Nancy Psota

SERVE: Sophia Hoppes / Claire Dubas

SUNDAY 8:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Farwell Group

GREET: Al & Janet Wemhoff /
Bob Dvorak

LECTOR: Tim Scheer

EM: Kathy Hahn / Jeanne Happ

SERVE: Layla & Boston Bowder

SUNDAY 10:00AM MASS

MUSIC: Kezeor Group

GREET: Tenth Grade Religious Ed.

LECTOR: Tenth Grade Religious Ed.

EM: Kerry Townsend / Ann Rief / Joe
Hansen / Marlene Kosmicki / Tara Sjuts

SERVE: Jace Valasek / Ike Gawrych

The Holy Family

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

An embarrassed father rushed his young son to the emergency room. He told the nurse that his son received a toy for Christmas and then for some unknown reason, shoved it up his nose. Now, he can't get it out. The nurse calmed the father by telling him that many children are brought to the emergency room with the same problem. The nurse quickly removed the toy from the child's nose and sent him home.

Within the hour the father shamefacedly returned to the emergency room. It seems that he was trying to figure out how his son got that toy up his nose. He tried it on his own nose. Sure enough, the toy got wedged in his nose.

Imagine having a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day. It does not allow you to keep cash in your account. It cancels all unused funds at the end of each day. What would you do? Most people would be delighted to do business with that bank.

Well, everyone is doing business with such a bank. It is called a "time bank." Every morning each person's life account is credited with 86,400 seconds. Every night, each second not put toward a good purpose is cancelled. Time carries no balance forward. Nor does time allow us to borrow against future allocations. We can only live on today's deposit and invest our time toward the utmost health, happiness and success, good will and love.

God has given us 86,400 seconds each day. As we wake each morning, we are given another set of 24 hours. We can make of each day as we wish. Will it be the same old glitch as yesterday? Or will we fill our lives, and the lives of others with happiness and cheer. The choice is how well each of us will use our "time bank account."

Jr. Vincent L. Paonessa

This Week's Schedule

Monday, January 5

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

Tuesday, January 6

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Intention: †Joann Janc
By Carolyn Just

Wednesday, January 7

Daily Mass 12:05pm (SPP)
Intention: †Maurus & †Dolores Eiberger
By Family
Religious Ed. 5th-11th 7pm (PLC)

Thursday, January 8

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)
Intention: †Anna Dedic
By Randy & Patricia Curran

Friday, January 9

Daily Mass 9:00am (Matelyn)
Intention: †Irene Peters
By Family

Saturday, January 10

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

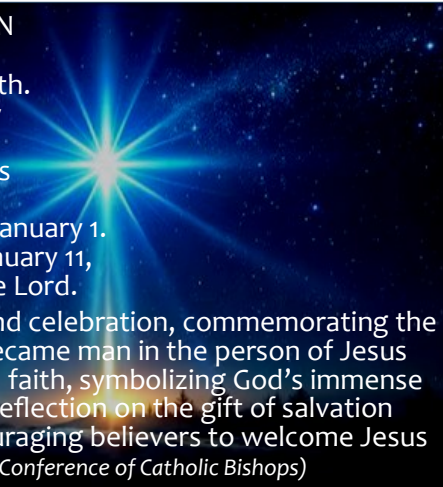
Sunday, January 11

Weekend Mass 8:00am (SPP)
Intention: People of the Parishes
Religious Ed. Preschool-4th 9am (PLC)
Religious Ed. Pre/K Class 2 10am (PLC)
Weekend Mass 10:00am (SPP)
Intention: †Bill Sack
By Dave & Dee Leschinsky
Tri-Parish Baptismal Class 11am (PLC)



We have several Mass Intentions to get on the schedule, thank you for your patience. If you have a special date request, please plan ahead 4 - 5 months, especially for a weekend Mass. (Ten dollars is the suggested donation for a Mass.)

**CELEBRATING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**  
 The Catholic Christmas season officially begins on Christmas Day, December 25th. The eight days following Christmas Day are known as the Octave of Christmas, which includes significant feasts such as the Feast of the Holy Family and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1. The Christmas season concludes on January 11, which is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas season is a time of joy and celebration, commemorating the Incarnation - the moment when God became man in the person of Jesus Christ. This event is central to Christian faith, symbolizing God's immense love for humanity. The season invites reflection on the gift of salvation and the mystery of Christ's birth, encouraging believers to welcome Jesus into their hearts and lives. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)



## Christmas Flowers

*Sts. Peter & Paul -*  
*In loving honor / memory of...*  
 \*Dan Svoboda by Helen Svoboda and family  
 \*Anton, Barbara, & Della Jurzenski by Helen Svoboda and Family  
 \*Virg & Rob by Judy Kaminski  
 Thank you to all that contributed towards Christmas flowers.

Percentages as of 12/22/2025

	DIOCESAN APPEAL OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026	
	DI	HO
	goal %	household %
St. Anthony -	33%	60%
St. Joseph -	68%	50%
Sts. P & P -	42%	79%

<https://gidiocese.org/diocesan-appeal>

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

St. Anthony:	\$3504.00
St. Joseph:	\$1390.00
Sts. Peter & Paul:	\$10,548.40

These amounts are included below.

**Finance Corner**  
 Sunday Collections & OSV Online Giving  
**December 22 - 28, 2025**

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

St. Anthony Church	\$3839.00
St. Joseph	\$1830.00

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

Actual General Fund	\$17300.40
OSV On-Line General Fund	\$1490.80
Maintenance	\$5.00
Parish Life Center	\$260.00
Restoring Our Father's House	\$1045.00

**DECEMBER Totals as of 12/28/25**

Monthly Budget	\$20000.00
Actual General Fund	\$32491.40
Online General Fund	\$5314.40
Monthly Surplus (Deficit)	<b>\$17805.80</b>

**Special Collections**  
 DIOCESE - Religious Retirement - \$5.00  
 PARISH - Christmas Flowers - \$5.00

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 for your continued support!

## Tri-Parish Events & News

**FRIDAY MASS REMINDER**  
 Mass will be at **Matelyn** on this second Friday of the Month.

**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)

**ST. JOSEPH FELLOWSHIP**  
 January 17th, Potluck following the 6:30pm Mass in Elba. Bring your favorite dish.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT**  
 January 18th, 7:45am - 2pm at Sts. Peter & Paul. Students will help with 8am Mass, then take part in their retreat at the Parish Life Center. Concluding with Adoration & Reconciliation back at Church.

**Upcoming Meetings:**  
**CCW Meeting** - January 14, 6pm at SPP Parish Life Center - **All women of the Parish are invited!**  
**Knights of Columbus** - January 20, 7pm at SPP PLC Classroom  
**Catholic Daughters** - January 20th, 7pm at SPP PLC NW Classroom

**KNIGHTS FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT**  
 January 25th at 5pm at Riverview Lanes in St. St. Paul. Bowling & Pizza provided! All Knights (and perspective) members & families are invited to attend!

**SEEK RETREAT**  
 Please pray for the college age youth from our Parish communities & many others across the country that are attending the SEEK Retreats January 1-5 in Denver, CO, Columbus, OH, and Fort Worth, TX. The retreat includes prayer, fellowship, inspiration, & entertainment. To learn more about this retreat and FOCUS, the Catholic outreach organization that shares hope & joy of the Gospel with the world, visit <https://seek.focus.org>.

**CCW Dues**  
 It is time for our \$10 annual dues, watch for envelopes next week.

**Religious Ed. Classes**  
 Classes resume: **Sunday, January 4th & Wednesday, January 7th.** We are blessed to serve over 235 students & are excited to welcome them back! Please KEEP UP the great attendance in the new semester.

## Area Events & News

**ST. PAUL SENIOR CENTER - JANUARY**  
 CLOSED January 19th  
**Open Daily 9am - 2pm Coffee & Treats**  
 Penny BINGO - Tues. & Thurs. 10:30am  
 First Wed. - Foot Clinic at 9-11:30am  
 Other Wednesdays - 10:30am - Hospital talks, exercise, & blood pressure  
 January 14 & 28 - Noon Potluck

**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!

Todd & Cindy Peters  
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