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ST. PAUL, NE 68873
SATURDAY MASS 5:00PM
SUNDAY MASS 8:00AM & 10:00AM

† ST. ANTHONY

103 KEARNS AVE
FARWELL, NE 68838
MASS 1ST SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

† ST. JOSEPH

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ELBA, NE 68835
MASS 3RD SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 6:30PM

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Graduating Seniors Pictured Above

Front: Kayleigh Poss, Ahna Jerabek,
Jenna Jakubowski, Clara Kunze, Olivia Koperski,
Ellie Thede, Jacie Ambrose, & Kaylee Ambrose
Back: Father Vince Parsons, Owen Sack,
Mason Anderson, Jonah Paulsen,
Zachary Hirschman, Samuel Kramer, Kaleb Baker,
Kale Smydra, & Deacon Neil Baquet.

(Photo courtesy of Kerin Smydra)

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AM
THE WAY
AND
THE
TRUTH
AND
THE
LIFE

JOHN 14:6

Submit a
Prayer Request
Prayer Chain

St. Paul - Dianne Rice: 308-571-0039
St. Paul - Ann Rief: 308-380-0619
Farwell-Michelle Woitalewicz: 308-336-3241
Farwell - Thereasa Nealon: 308-336-3349
Elba - Betty Poss: 308-750-0512

Pray without ceasing 1 Thessalonian 5:17

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 7, 2023

Sometimes, life is like a “cup filled to the brim with war, violence, rejection, loneliness, and endless disappointments.” And we become hopeless, desperate and just want to give up. However, it is in these moments of uncertainty that the life-giving words and healing grace of Jesus come to the door steps of our hearts. He will tell us: “You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own...” He doesn’t see us as hopeless human beings, but rather as the grandeur of his creation with gifts to share with others.

As a “chosen race” Jesus wants us to “live our broken love as a partial reflection of God’s perfect and unconditional love.” In this manner, “we can forgive one another... and enjoy the love we have to offer.” As a “holy nation and a people of his own” we are encouraged by Jesus to create a space where strangers can enter and become holy friends. “Good relationships are hospitable. When we enter into a home and feel warmly welcomed, we will soon realize that the love among those who live in that home is what makes that welcome possible.” Let us make our Church as a home for everyone. And as a “royal priesthood” we should develop within us a genuine service that is fashioned from the kind of service which Jesus gave to the whole world. It should be a service motivated by love and compassion – with no strings attached and without counting the cost.

Jesus said, “There is no greater love than this than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” If Jesus looks at us and sees us as a “chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a people of his own,” the question now for all of us is: “IF YOU LOOK AT OTHERS, WHAT DO YOU SEE?” Read this story before you give your answer:

The student said, “Master, when I see you, I see a pig!” Instead of being insulted, the master smiled and answered, “When I look at you, I see Jesus!” The student asked, “How can that be?” The master replied, “Well, what you see is what you are in the inside. If you see Jesus, your values are like Jesus, when you see a pig, you act like a pig!” Now, I would like to post the question again: “IF YOU LOOK AT OTHERS, WHAT DO YOU SEE?” Do you see a pig or Jesus? Be careful with your answer. It will reveal who you really are in the inside.

Jr. Vincent L. Parsons

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	5/8	No Daily Mass
Tuesday	5/9	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † Janet Fair By Ralph & Linda Kezeor, † LaFern Mudloff By Jim & Maryann Lukasiewicz
Wednesday	5/10	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † John McIntyre By Ron & Jackie Gorecki, End to Abortion
Thursday	5/11	8:30 am (SPP) † David Lukasiewicz By John & Sandi Mudloff, † Ray & † Evelyn Gorecki By Kathy Carson
Friday	5/12	9:00 am (Brookfield) † Mary Ann Nevriy By Family, † Leo Stenka By Michael Glenn
Saturday	5/13	5:00 pm Mass (SPP) † Clarence & † Ernastine Schmidt By Lonnie & Chris Vincik, † Colleen Killinger By Tim & Barb McIntyre
Sunday	5/14	8:00 am Mass (SPP) † Archie Ambrose By Jim Horke, People of the Parishes 10:00 am Mass (SPP) † John Wroblewski By Dave & Sharon Boehle, † Colleen Brouillette By Monte Brouillette & Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE MAY 13TH & 14TH

SACRISTANS

Saturday - 5pm: Michael Happ/ Julie Baquet

Sunday - 8am: Mike Pittman / Ken Vincik

Sunday - 10am: Russ Kosmicki / Deacon Neil Baquet

GREETERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers

LECTOR

Sat - 5pm: Volunteer

Sun - 8am: Dianne Rice

Sun - 10am: Bill Gregoski

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Beth Svoboda & Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers



Classes have ended for the school year, but learning continues at home & at Mass

... pray this with your family all week ~
 "Gracious God, we seek to do your work and to make Christ known to others. Give us the courage to live as we are called and help us when our faith falters. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen."
 (Source: NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER)

DREs~ Becky Knox at 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker at 308-750-8418

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES Sign up!

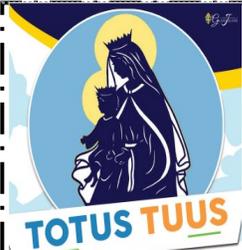
Please help fill in the sign up sheets!

TRI-PARISH CONFIRMATION
SATURDAY, MAY 20TH 5:00PM MASS
STS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
CAKE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
FOR CANDIDATES & THEIR GUESTS AT
PARISH LIFE CENTER

Stuebenville of the Rockies June 23-25, 2023

Busses are almost full, 5 spots left for youth. Grades 9-12 consider attending! Register @ <https://form.jotform.com/222644746975166>

Adult leaders needed for Stuebenville & Higher Ground week June 3-8, call Eric at 308-382-6565 x222 for information.



TOTUS TUUS
WILL BE HERE,
AT STS. PETER & PAUL!!

July 23 - 28

A fun & energetic week!

Current 1st-12th graders.

Register using QR Code —>

just point your phone at it & follow prompts

Register 3 weeks before & get a free t-shirt!



Join us in saying the Rosary at Sts. Peter & Paul

in May, the Month of Mary,
 Monday thru Thursday - 9:00am
 Friday - 8:15am



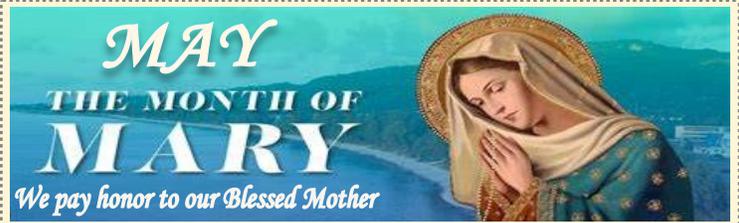
CCW Please pay your \$10 CCW 2023 annual dues.
 All females of Parish over 18 are members of CCW.
 Envelopes available by the SPP Chapel.



Meeting: **Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 PM**
SPP Parish Hall NW Classroom

Special Guest Speaker - **Tony Swanson**
 with **Knights of Columbus Insurance**

Come help your Knights of Columbus plan for future events.



In 1965, Pope Paul VI wrote that May is an occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance." (*Today's Catholic*)

You can help abused & neglected children...

Donate to Heartland CASA via

Go Big GIVE on May 5th, Open House

9am-6pm at 506 W 3rd St. in Grand Island.



THE EVENTS COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO

THANK ALL THOSE WHO ATTENDED &
 VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH *Vegas Night*

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Holy Spirit Church 50th Jubilee Year Celebration



May 26 & 27 North Platte
 Concert featuring **Jesse Manibusan**,
 internationally recognized singer-song
 writer on Friday, & a Saturday Retreat.
 Call 308-534-6623 for Info./RSVP

Final plans are being made. Don't miss out,
 join others for this exciting diocesan event.

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

June 10, 2023 in North Platte, NE

Information & Registration can be found at
gidiocese.org/eucharistic-revival



The Sacrament of the Eucharist is called Holy Communion precisely because, by placing us in intimate communion with the sacrifice of Christ, we are placed in intimate communion with him and, through him, with each other. Therefore, the Eucharist is called Holy Communion because it is "the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. How can we understand this? The Gospel of John recounts that, when Jesus died on the cross, blood and water flowed out (Jn 19:34), symbolic of Baptism and the Eucharist. USCCB The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church #25) eucharisticrevival.org



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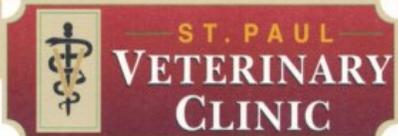
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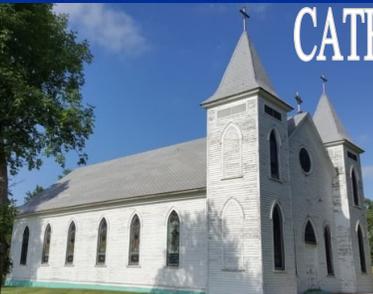
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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS EVENT ~ MAY 16

- * Tour Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Paplin, NE
- * Meeting at Polish Heritage Center in Ashton
- * Supper in Farwell

Contact Sandi Mudloff 308-750-6439 by May 13 if you would like to go (extra vehicle/drivers helpful).

Members & Nonmembers Welcome

LORD'S PORTION	WEEK AT A GLANCE			
	May	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10
Sts. Peter and Paul General Fund - \$2,696.00 Parish Center - \$250.00 Maintenance - \$5.00		NO Daily Mass Rosary 9:00am SPP <i>Busy Time Women's Holy Hour</i> 7pm SPP SPP Office CLOSED	Daily Mass 8:30am SPP Rosary 9:00am SPP SPP Finance Council Meeting 6:30pm PLC Finance/Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm PLC Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00pm Northwest Classroom	Daily Mass 8:30am SPP Rosary 9:00am SPP Please submit BULLETIN items via e-mail or call the church office by Noon on Wednesday
St. Anthony General Fund - \$320.00		Thursday 11 Daily Mass 8:30am SPP Rosary 9:00am SPP	Friday 12 Rosary 8:15am SPP Daily Mass 9:00am - Brookfield	Saturday 13 Reconciliation 4:30pm SPP Mass 5:00pm SPP
St. Joseph General Fund - \$170.00				