

#### Strengthen your servants who ask for your healing, O Lord

Guide and direct our doctors, nurses, pastoral ministers, and all who serve as instruments of healing for our people...

#### Betty Huryta, Teresa Coulter, Hilary Coulter, Larry Habe, Carol Hall, Donna Curtis, & Ryder Barent

If you, or an immediate family member, is experiencing a serious health issue and wish to be included on this list, please let us know. Names on the list will be taken off after one month, unless we are notified that the health issue continues.

Diocesan Appeal 2025	OLL	<u>Pleasanton</u>	
GOAL	\$1 <del>7,689</del> .00	\$3,192.00	
RECEIVED As of 8/11/2025	\$13,775.00	\$2,790.00	
# OF FAMILIES GIVING/GOAL	<i>57/</i> 70	9/12	

#### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

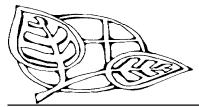
"Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." Learn to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Sept. 19-21, Grand Island, NE; Feb. 20-22, 2026, Lincoln, NE For questions, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839 Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

#### State Fair Masses Volunteers

Are needed to celebrate Mass at the NE State Fair. The dates and times are as follows: Sunday, Aug. 24 at 9 a.m. Bishop Emeritus Dendinger – Celebrant; Contemporary service Sunday, Aug. 31 at 9 a.m. Most Rev. Bishop Hanefeldt-Celebrant; Traditional service. Volunteers for the following: Altar Servers, Deacon, Greeters, Assist Co-ordinator for Diocese, Lector, Collection assistance, and Carrying up Gifts. All volunteers get free tickets to get into the State Fair for the day. If you can help with any of the positions on either day, please contact Cheryl Jones 308-382-6565. If you haven't attended an outdoor Mass at the State Fair you are missing out. Come celebrate with us!

#### Workers in the Vineyard

Will be held at Niobrara Valley Vineyards. Women Gathering and Sowing together in Eucharistic Learning and Fellowship. This is at Nenzel, Nebraska from 10 a.m. until about 2:30 p.m. on September 27, 2025. It is sponsored by Grand Island Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Bring your friends. Proceeds support North Platte and Alliance Deaneries. For more information call 308-325-3153 or 308-645-7058. Can call or text. This is for BOTH men and women. Cost is \$25 which includes lunch and some wine. Deadline to register is September 23rd so can get a count for food etc. And this is mountain time so plan accordingly.



# The **20**<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## The Catholic Parish Communities of

August 16 & 17, 2025

#### **Our Lady of Lourdes**

515 Sicily Avenue (Church & Rectory) 324 E. Corinth Avenue (Parish Center & Office) PO Box 90 (Mailing Address) Ravenna. NE 68869



**St. Mary's** 504 N Sycamore Street Pleasanton, NE 68866

## Mass Schedule

August 16-24, 2025

8/16 Saturday \*5:00 p.m. \*Mass at St. Josaphat's 7:00 p.m. +Harold Janulewicz 8/17 Sunday 8:00 a.m. +Tom Obermiller

\*10:30 a.m. \*Mass at St. Josaphat"s

8/18 Monday

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*No Services\*\*\*\*\*\*

8/19 Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Bible Sharing at OLL

8/20 Wednesday \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*No Services\*\*\*\*\*\*\*
8/21 Thursday 8;00 a.m. +Kristi Habe

8/22 Friday 8:00 a.m. +Dave Hurtya

8/23 Saturday \*5:00 p.m. \*Mass at St. Josaphat's

7:00 p.m. +Cindy Shafer 8/24 Sunday 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

\*10:30 a.m. \*Mass at St. Josaphat's

Our Lady of Lourdes §Seneca Sunrise \*St. Josaphat's at Loup City

#### PARISH COMMUNITY PASTORAL STAFF

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We Welcome All Our Visitors and Guests!

### Mark Your Calendars!

Aug. 16 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's 7:00 p.m. Mass at OLL

Aug. 17 8:00 a.m. Mass at OLL 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's

Aug. 18 8:00 p.m. Holy Name Mtg. at OLL

Aug. 19 8:30 a.m. Bible Sharing at OLL 10:00 a.m. Cargivers Mtg at LC

Aug. 23 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's 7:00 p.m. Mass at OLL

Aug. 24 8:00 a.m. Mass at OLL 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's

Aug. 26 8:30 a.m. Bible Sharing at OLL

Aug. 30 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's

#### Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend Masses

Saturday, August 23 Sunday, August 24

#### **Hospitality**

Toni, Betty Stittle Zane & Hannah Turek

#### Lector

Ron Schuller

Paul Bauer

#### **Eucharistic Minister**

Dale Kriha

Evelyn Stittle

#### **Altar Servers**

Cassie Coulter Porter Kriha Maci Stange Jaden Young

#### Our Offering to God Last Week's Collections

#### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Weekend Offerings Received	\$2,069.00
EFT Received	\$330.00
Income budgeted per week	\$3,288.46
Budget for 7/25-6/26	\$171,00.00
Assumption	\$10.00

#### ST. MARY'S PLEASANTON

\$170.00
\$826.63
\$42,985.00

My return to the Lord....for all His goodness to me

Parish/ Committee Meetings
Men's Holy Name on Monday,
August 18th at 8:00 p.m.

#### Formed.org XXT4C6

#### Single and Catholic?

Join 400+ singles coming from all over the US (and beyond) at the 20th Anniversary National Conference for Single Catholics in Denver, Colorado on August 22nd-24th, 2025! (Can't travel? Join the virtual option with online socials and small group discussions). This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles of all ages. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass with Archbishop Samuel Aquila, adoration, fellowship and more. (Use the promo code PARISH25 for a discount.) Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register

**Dear God**, As our children begin a new school year, we pray for their safety, focus, and faith. May they feel the love and protection of God every step of the way. May they find joy in learning and grow in their faith as they navigate the challenge of school life. In Jesus' name, Amen!

#### **OCIA**

We will be starting the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) in later September for all the parishes. This is for people who are interested in joining the Catholic Church or simply want to know more about their faith. Deacon Phil Lukasiewicz will be assisting me in this program. In culminates on Holy Saturday when, those who wish, will become Catholic. If you haven't already turned your name into the office, please do so. IF you can help with this program and assist the Deacon and I, please give me a call! Times and places are yet to be determined; I would like to run just one group but we'll see what works for people. God Bless you! Fr. Richard

#### IT'S A DAY OF CULTURE, DELICIOUS FOOD, AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

It's Polish Fest 2025 at St. Francis in Ashton, NE. It all begins with Mass at St. Francis Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. With a Polish food buffet, the Polish Heritage Museum, Gift Shop, Live Polka Music, A Country Store, and more. Pollish Fest 2025, September 7th. Details are on Facebook. Search St. Francis in Ashton, NE

#### Got Junk---We Want It!

The CCW of OLL will be hosting a "booth" during the annual Junk Jaunt, September 26th & 27th. We will take your unwanted, no longer used "junk" items. Look thru your cupboards, search your basement and rumage thru the garage for those "gently used items" that need a new home. Items may be brought to the parish center starting September 13. No clothes please! Direct questions to Sarah Birkby at 402-430-7899 or Joan Clifton at 308-380-5946.

#### Nationwide Invitation to Prayer for the End of Taxpayer Funding of the Abortion Industry

Recently, Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for a period of one year. However, Planned Parenthood sued, and a preliminary injunction was granted by the court that requires taxpayer funding to continue. Our U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops are inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of daily prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. The prayer will invoke the intercession of Saint Joseph, Defender of Life, and begins now and continues until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. The invitation and prayer may be found here: https://www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer.

#### A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen