



*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...*

**Dale Busch,
Loren Hecker, Tim Lammers,
& John Graczyk**

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 2024	<u>OLL</u>	<u>Pleasanton</u>
GOAL	\$17,689.00	\$3,192.00
RECEIVED As of 12/5/23	2,960.00	1,700.00
# OF FAMILIES GIVING/GOAL	20/70	7/12

The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Is sponsoring a young adult trip to the 2024 SEEK Conference January 1-5, 2024 in St. Louis MO. Are you a young adult age 21-39: Who is being called into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? Who wants to experience truth, beauty, and goodness. Who is interested in connecting with peers who journey together. Check out the opportunity to take part in the 2024 SEEK Conference @ <https://www.gidiocese.org/young-adults>

Advent with Spirit Catholic Radio:

How are you celebrating Advent this year? The four weeks of Advent are meant to give us hope and reassurance that the Lord is coming, and also the opportunity to give hope to those around us. This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Follow us on social media, subscribe to our e-newsletter, The Halo, and visit <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/advent/> as we share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings 7-9AM, during our Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. Tune in on Sundays for special Advent programming from EWTN. More info at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com>

Asking for Prayers

I will be meeting with a doctor at the Nebraska Heart Institute in Lincoln on December 12th at which point surgery will be scheduled for a 3-way bypass. Please pray for me that surgery and recovery/rehab goes well. Thank you and God Bless. Father Mark

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy.

Second Sunday of



December 9 & 10, 2023

The Catholic Parish Communities of

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

PO Box 134 (Mailing Address)
502 N Sycamore Street
Pleasanton, NE 68866

Mass Schedule

December 9-17, 2023

12/9 Saturday	*5:00 p.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's
	7:00 p.m.	+Dave Huryta
12/10 Sunday	8:00 a.m.	+Don Curtis
	*10:30 a.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's
12/11 Monday	*****No Services*****	
12/12 Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study at OLL
12/13 Wednesday	*****No Services*****	
12/14 Thursday	12 Noon	+Albert & Mary Gancos Families at SMPleasanton
12/15 Friday	8:00 a.m.	+Don Stittle
	§10:00 a.m.	§Intention of the Priest
12/16 Saturday	*5:00 p.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat
	7:00 p.m.	+Arlone Novotne
12/17 Sunday	8:00 a.m.	+Robert Gentrup
	*10:30 a.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's

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

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We Welcome All Our Visitors and Guests!

Mark Your Calendars!

Dec. 9 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's

7:00 p.m. Mass t OLL

Dec. 10 8:00 a.m. Mass at OLL

9:00 a.m. RE at OLL

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

Dec. 13 2:00 p.m. Fatima Rosary at OLL

6:30 p.m. CYO at OLL

Dec. 14 12 Noon Mass at SMPleasanton

Dec. 16 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's

7:00 p.m. Mass at OLL

Dec. 17 8:00 a.m. Mass at OLL

9:00 a.m. RE at OLL

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

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend Masses

Saturday, Dec. 16

Sunday, Dec. 17

Hospitality

Toni Stittle

Zane & Hannah Turek

Lector

Paul Janulewicz

Dom Reicks

Eucharistic Mnister

Marie Hinrichs

Randy Paitz

Altar Servers

Ebony Bock

Emma Gentrup

Adleigh Bock

Robbie Gentrup

Formed.org is still available: Password is XXT4C6

Eucharistic Adoration

Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt will be holding a Eucharistic Adoration Hour at St. Josaphat's in Loup City on Wednesday Dec. 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is in line with the Eucharist Holy Year that Pope Francis has proclaimed.

I encourage and want as many people as possible to attend from ALL the parishes. In particular I think it would be great if all our Religious Education students could attend from all the parishes, if possible. This is a great opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration!

Reconciliatin Times for Christmas

Fr. Scott Harter from Ord will be hearing confessions (Reconciliation) on Saturday December 16 from 10-12 in Ravenna and 1-3 in Loup City.

I will be hearing confessions on Saturday December 23 from 10-12 in Loup City and 1-3 in Ravenna.

Our Offering to God

Last Week's Collections

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Weekend Offerings Received	\$2,363.00
EFT Received	\$1,932.50
Income budgeted per week	\$3,077.44
Budget for 7/23-6/24	\$160,027.00
Building Fund	\$130.00
Christmas	\$50.00

ST. MARY'S PLEASANTON

Offering Received	\$55.00
Offering EFT	\$170.00
Income Budgeted per week	\$780.87
Budget for 7/23/-6/24	\$40,605.00

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

Parish/Committee Meetings

Oll Men's Holy Name

December 18th

8:00 p.m.

Items to Take Home

The Little Blue Books for Advent, Liturgy of the Word Books, and 2024 Calendars are at all the doors for you to take home. The boxes of envelopes for 2024 are at the west entryway. Be sure to take yours with you and if you know of anyone you can take to, please do so. And even if you do your donation as an EFT, you will have a box of envelopes because you need a number for your account. We would like to have all of them gone by Christmas. BUT PLEASE DO NOT use them until the 1st of the year as you may have a new number. ALSO--envelopes to purchase poinsettias for the Christmas season in memory of a loved one are in the pews. They will need to be back to the office by Tuesday, December 19th to be included on the list of donors.

Special Collection

This weekend, December 9 & 10, the special collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need--usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund For Religious.

Fatima Rosary

Will be said on Wednesday, December 13th at 2:00 p.m. here at Our Lady of Lourdes. This rosary is said every 13th of the month at 2:00 p.m. If the weather is bad, it will not be said. Everyone is invited to come pray the rosary.

Office Hours

Hoping for good results at the Husker volleyball game this Saturday (the 9th), I will be working on Tuesday the 12th and Wednesday the 13th. On Wednesday I will only be in the office until about 1:00 p.m. Notices will need to be in by Tuesday afternoon to be in the bulletin. GO BIG RED!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Regular Sunday Masses will be held at 8 and 10:30 Sunday morning, December 24th. Then for Christmas Eve, Masses will be at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at both Our Lady of Lourdes and at St. Josaphat's in Loup City. On Christmas Day, Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. at St. Josaphat's only.

Christmas Mass at Paplin

On Monday, December 25, 2023, at 11 a.m., Fr. Richard Piontkowski will be celebrating Mass to commemorate the 140th birthday of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at Paplin. Everyone is welcome to attend!

World Wide Marriage Encounter

Is your marriage prepared to be blessed by the Lord? We invite you to prepare to have the best marriage ever by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: February 9-11, 2024 in Lincoln, NE For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833 Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org.

