



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...*

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 2026	<u>OLL</u>	<u>Pleasanton</u>
GOAL	\$16,010.00	\$3,266.00
RECEIVED As of 12/08/2025	\$5,880.00	\$1,975.00
# OF FAMILIES GIVING/GOAL	33/55	6/10

Need the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas?

Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by taking them on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to make your relationship even better than it is today! Upcoming 2026 dates: Feb. 20-22, Lincoln, NE; Apr. 18-19, Lakewood, CO; June 19-21, Golden, CO; Aug. 7-9, Wichita, KS; Sept. 18-20, Grand Island, NE; Nov. 6-8, Grand Junction, CO Check for more dates and locations at wwme.org. Call or text 402-370-5839 for more information and to purchase a gift certificate to give to your spouse, or married family and friends! For information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

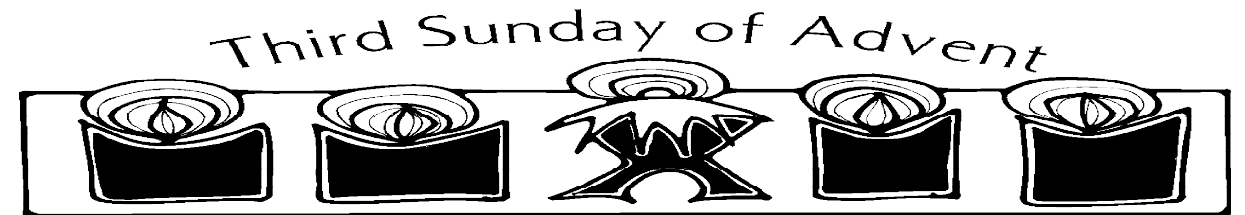
Festival of Christmas

The Wood River Area Community Choir will be presenting a cantata titled, "Festival of Christmas" on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 2:30 P.M. at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 408 11 th St in Wood River. The 32 member choir, under the direction of Vincent Boudreau, has been practicing two hours weekly since the first weekend of October. The choir is made up of singers from Cairo, Campbell, Gibbon, Grand Island, Hastings, Ravenna, Shelton, and Wood River. Please join us and prepare yourself for a most joyous season.

Short Christmas Stories

Ella's family couldn't afford a tree this year, so she decorated a small branch with paper stars. On Christmas Eve, a neighbor knocked, holding a real tree and a box of ornaments. "I saw your stars," he said, "and thought they deserved a home." That night, Ella learned that kindness can grow from the smallest sparkle.

**A boy left his only scarf on a park bench for a shivering stranger. The next morning, he found a note tucked in the snow: "Your scarf saved me from the cold. Merry Christmas." He realized that sometimes, the greatest gifts are the ones we give without expecting anything back.



The Catholic Parish Communities of ***December 13 & 14, 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

December 13-21, 2025

12/13 Saturday	*5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's +Don Curtis
12/14 Sunday	8:00 a.m. *10:30 a.m.	+Betty Hurtya *Mass at St. Josaphat's
12/15 Monday	*****No Services*****	
12/16 Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Bible Sharing at OLL
12/17 Wednesday	*****No Services*****	
12/18 Thursday	*****No Services*****	
12/19 Friday	8:00 a.m. §10:00 a.m.	+Shirley Lockhorn Intention of the Priest
12/20 Saturday	*5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's +Terry Bonczynski
12/21 Sunday	8:00 a.m. *10:30 a.m.	+People of the Parish *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. 13 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's
7:00 p.m. Mass at OLL
Dec. 14 8:00 a.m. Mass at OLL
9:00 a.m. RE at OLL
JCYO at OLL
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's
Dec. 15 8:00 p.m. Holy Name Mtg at OLL
Dec. 16 8:30 a.m. Bible Sharing at OLL
10 a.m. Caregivers at LC Convent
Dec. 17 6:30 p.m. CYO at OLL
Dec. 20 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's
7:00 p.m. Mass at OLL
Dec. 21 8:00 a.m. Mass at OLL

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 20 Sunday, December 21

Hospitality

Toni, Betty Stittle Jeff & Barb Gentrup

Lector

Ron Schuller Lon Bohn

Eucharistic Minister

Lisa Paitz Shiloh Rager

Altar Servers

Morgan Schuller Maci Stange
Mason Schuller Jaden Young

Our Offering to God Last Week's Collections

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Weekend Offerings Received	\$2,610.43
EFT Received	\$350.00
Income budgeted per week	\$3,288.46
Budget for 7/25-6/26	\$171,00.00
Diocesan Mental Health	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$253.00

ST. MARY'S PLEASANTON

Weekend Offering Received	\$160.00
Income Budgeted per week	\$826.63
Budget for 7/25/-6/26	\$42,985.00

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

Parish/ Committee Meetings

OLL Men's Holy Name
Monday, December 15 at 8:00 p.m.

OCIA

Is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm here in Ravenna at the Parish Hall.

During the Month of December

The CCW will be taking donations for our own local Senior Center. The list of items to fill their pantry is located on our trusty white laundry basket by the west entrance of the church but does include: coffee, cake mixes, canned fruit, paper towels and if you're able to donate your time, give Roberta a call at 308-452-3105. Thank you

2026 Envelopes

Please get yours picked up if you haven't done so already. Would like to have them gone before Christmas. And remember not to use them until the 1st of January, 2026.

Poinsettia Envelopes

Are in the pews for anyone who would like to remember a deceased loved one at Christmas time, as well as help decorate the church for the season. Please print clearly and enclose \$20.00 (our costs have risen again). To be included on the list of donors please have back to the office no later than Monday, December 22.

Feast of the Holy Innocents

The Feast of the Holy Innocents is celebrated each year on December 28. A Mass for Holy Innocents will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral on Monday, Dec 29 at 5:15 PM. Many families struggle with infertility, miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion. We welcome you to this Mass of Healing. If you want your baby remembered during the Mass, please call the St. Mary's Cathedral Office, no later than 4:00 PM on December 23 (308-384-2523).

Help Wanted

After the Mass on Sunday, December 21st, help will be needed to decorate the church for the Christmas season. So if you can spare some time and stay afterwards to help out, a big job will get done much faster. Thank you.

Reconciliation Services Before Christmas

Ord will have a Communal Penance service on Sunday Dec. 14 at 3 pm.
Individual confessions: Friday, Dec 19 Noon-1 Ravenna. Saturday, Dec. 20, 10-12 in Ravenna and 1-3 at Loup City. Sunday Dec. 21, 1-2 in Loup City. Kearney St. James will have a Communal Penance service on Sunday Dec. 21 at 6 pm.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me, to bring glad tidings to the poor.

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The 7th Grade CCD class will be leading the Rosary after Mass on Sundays. We invite you to join us in prayer.

Third Sunday of Advent

A third candle—a pink one—is lit on the Advent Wreath for the third Sunday of Advent. This candle, often called the Shepherd's Candle or the Joy Candle, represents joy, such as the joy the shepherds experienced when the angel told them that Christ was to be born. The Advent season is now half over, and Jesus' coming—both his first coming, liturgically, and his second coming, historically—is nearer now than it was two weeks ago.

Office Hours

Next week I will be working Tuesday and Wednesday, (the 16th & 17th), so anything for the bulletin will need to be in by Wednesday morning. The following week, I will be working on Tuesday only, so items for the bulletin need to be in by the morning of the 23rd.

