



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...

Liz Wroblewski, Gene Sonnenfeld,
Larry Habe, Carol Hall, Rebecca Coulter,
Ryder Barent, Loren Hecker

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

	<u>OLL</u>	<u>Pleasanton</u>
GOAL	\$17,689.00	\$3,192.00
RECEIVED As of 12/2/24	\$5,970.00	\$2,190.00
# OF FAMILIES GIVING/GOAL	35/70	6/12

World Marriage Encounter

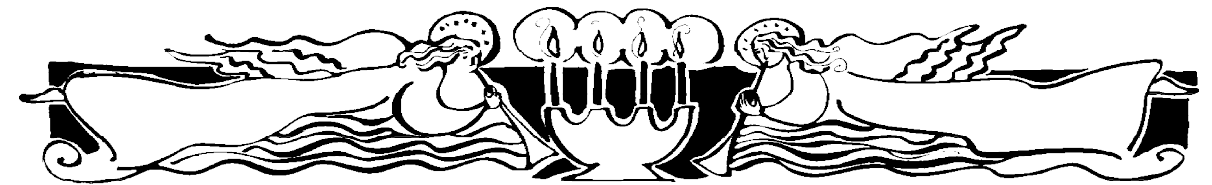
“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Feb. 14-16, 2025, Lincoln, NE; Sept. 19-21, 2025, Grand Island, NE For questions, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839 Space 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

ENCOURAGE

Is an apostolate which provides pastoral care for families and friends of people who experience same-sex attractions and/or gender dysphoria. In many cases, their loved ones have adopted the LGBTQ label, and may have moved away from actively practicing their faith. If you know someone who has same-sex attraction, it can be difficult to accept their choices and accept the Church’s teachings without making them feel alienated. Know that you are not alone. For guidance and support, please send us an email. We will put you in touch with someone who can help you. Email encourage@gidiocese.org or call 308-382-6565 ext. 201 to receive help and encouragement to understand the experience of your loved ones more deeply. You can also go to couragerc.org for more information and resources.

The Wood River Area Community Choir

Will be presenting a cantata titled, “A World Of Christmas” this Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 2:30 P.M. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church at 408 11 th St in Wood River. In this Christmas Cantata created by Joseph Martin, we see the wings of song carry us to far away places, and we learn that we are all one through the music selected from all over the world conveying the same message of the birth of Christ. A free will donation is welcome. Half of the donation will be given to the Wood River Food Pantry. Please come and join us for song and fellowship.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14 & 15, 2024

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

504 N Sycamore Street
 Pleasanton, NE 68866

Mass Schedule

December 14-22, 2024

12/14 Saturday	5:00 p.m. *7:00 p.m.	+Ron Vogt *Mass at St. Josaphat’s
12/15 Sunday	*8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat’s +Bruno Strieder
12/16 Monday	*****No Services*****	
12/17 Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Bible Sharing at OLL
12/18 Wednesday	*****No Services*****	
12/19 Thursday	8:00 a.m.	+Nadine Franssen
12/20 Friday	8:00 a.m. §10:00 a.m.	+Don Curtis §Intention of Priest
12/21 Saturday	5:00 p.m. *7:00 p.m.	+Don Stittle *Mass at St. Josaphat’s
12/22 Sunday	*8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat’s People of the Parish

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

PARISH COMMUNITY PASTORAL STAFF

PASTOR Father Richard L. Piontkowski 452.3109 (Parish Center) 452.3314 (Rectory) or 530-5803 (Cell)
 Loup City Rectory - 704 North 9th, PO Box 626, Loup City, NE 68853 745.0315 (Rectory)

PARISH OFFICE MANAGER Kathy (Cook) Vogt 452.3109 (Parish Center) or 996.4212 (Home)

K-12 DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PARISH YOUTH MINISTER

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We Welcome All Our Visitors and Guests!

Mark Your Calendars!

- Dec. 14 5:00 p.m. Mass at OLL
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's
- Dec. 15 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's
9:00 a.m. RE at OLL
10:30 a.m. Mass at OLL
- Dec. 16 8:00 p.m. Holy Name Mtg. at OLL
- Dec. 17 10:00 a.m. Caregivers Mtg at LC
- Dec. 18 6:30 p.m. CYO at OLL
- Dec. 21 5:00 p.m. Mass at OLL
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's
- Dec. 22 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's
9:00 a.m. RE at OLL
10:30 a.m. Mass at OLL

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend Masses

Saturday, Dec. 21	Sunday, Dec. 22
Hospitality	
Keith & Lisa Paitz	Andy & Denise Bolling
Lector	
Scott Bohn	Sherri Schirmer
Eucharistic Minister	
Toni Stittle	Liz Coulter
Altar Servers	
Morgan Schuller	Lillian Bursaw
Mason Schuller	Maci Stange

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We are still going to be in need of help cleaning the church and doing light maintenance work. If you know of anyone, please call the office at 452-3109.

CCW News

Once again during the month of December, we will be taking donations for our local Senior Center. There will be a white basket in the back of the church for collection. The items they request are regular coffee, creamer, lipton soup mix, corn starch, canned fruit, cake mixes, pie filling, jello/puddings (instant or cook and serve) apple cider packets, pasta noodles (lasagna or spaghetti), small dessert plates, napkins, gallon freezer bags, sandwich bags, paper towels, kleenex, toilet paper, trash bags, sharpies and masking tape, dawn dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner, disinfecting wipes. Monetary donations can also be dropped off or mailed to 315 Grand Ave. Ravenna, NE 68869. The Senior Center on average feeds about 25 citizens per day of operation. However any donation is greatly appreciated.

Our Offering to God Last Week's Collections

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Weekend Offerings Received	\$2,044.00
EFT Received	\$327.50
Income budgeted per week	\$3,294.50
Budget for 7/24-6/25	\$171,314.00
Building Fund	\$600.00
Immaculate Conception	\$340.00
Retirement for Religious	\$862.00
Retirement for Religious EFT	\$1,160.00
Christmas	\$50.00

ST. MARY'S PLEASANTON

Weekend Offering Received	\$55.00
Income Budgeted per week	\$826.63
Budget for 7/24/-6/25	\$42,985.00
Retirement for Religious	\$50.00
Retirement for Religious EFT	\$30.00

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

Parish/ Committee Meetings

**OLL Men's Holy Name
Monday, December 16th
at 8:00 p.m.**

Decorating the Church for Christmas will be done right after the Mass on Sunday, December 22nd. So please plan on staying and helping with this big project to get the church ready for Christmas! Any and all help is needed and will be appreciated.

2025 Envelopes

Are at the west doors and can be taken home. BUT please DO NOT use them until the first of January as your number may have changed from 2024. Even if you do the EFT with your donations, you still need a number and the box contains special collections you may not have signed up for. And if you can deliver some to people that don't always get to church, please do so. Thank you.

Poinsettia Envelopes

Are in the pews. Please enclose your donation of at least \$15.00, fill in the information and get back to the office by **December 16th** to be included on the list of donors. Can be put in the collection basket, brought to the office, or mailed in. And please print clearly the names you want remembered.

Reconciliation Times

Fr. Scott Harter from Ord and Burwell will be hearing Confessions Saturday December 21 From 10 am to Noon in Ravenna and 1 to 3 pm in Loup City. Fr. Richard will hear Confessions On Sunday December 22 in Loup City from 2 to 3 pm and Ravenna from 4 to 5 pm that day. Due to scheduled Baptisms and Weddings on the weekends of Advent, there will not be as many scheduled Confessions. You can always call Fr. Richard at any time to set up a Confession, or he can be in the Reconciliation Rooms in both parishes at specific times if you prefer. Be Blessed and Ready to Stand before the Lord by receiving this great Sacrament of Forgiveness!

Christmas Mass Times

Hard to believe Christmas is only a few weeks away, where did the year go again? The Mass times for Christmas Eve, December 24th, are 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at both St. Josaphat's and here at OLL. Then on Christmas day, December 25th, Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. at St. Josaphat's and St. Mary's Pleasanton. There will not be any weekday Masses on Thursday or Friday, the 26th & 27th. Then for the Solemnity of Mary, Masses will be held on Tuesday, December 31st, at 5:30 p.m. at both OLL & SJ. Regular morning Masses will be held here at OLL on Thursday and Friday, January 2nd & 3rd.

Office Hours

Next week, I will be in the office on Monday, December 16th and then only until 11:45 on Tuesday morning, December 17th. The bulletin will be printed Tuesday morning so any items for it will need to be in by Monday afternoon. Then the week of Christmas I will only be in the office on Thursday, December 26th. Any notices can be called in or emailed to the office, 452-3109 or ourladyoflourdes324@gmail.com

Third Sunday of Advent

The pink candle represents joy and is also known as the "Shepherd's Candle." The Third Sunday of Advent is meant to remind us of the world's joy at the birth of Jesus and that the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent.

