



*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 12/11/23	7,330.00	1,700.00
# OF FAMILIES GIVING/GOAL	27/70	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>

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. Many Christians celebrate Advent not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming to Earth as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in preparation and anticipation of his final coming at the end of the age

Third Sunday of



December 16 & 17, 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 16-24, 2023

12/16 Saturday	*5:00 p.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's
	7:00 p.m.	+Arlone Novotne
12/17 Sunday	8:00 a.m.	+Robert Gentrup
	*10:30 a.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's
12/18 Monday	*****No Services*****	
12/19 Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study at OLL
12/20 Wednesday	*****No Services*****	
12/21 Thursday	8:00 a.m.	+Ron Benisek
12/22 Friday	8:00 a.m.	+Kristi Habe
	\$10:00 a.m.	\$Intention of the Priest
12/23 Saturday	*5:00 p.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat
	7:00 p.m.	Greg & Cortney Hervert Anniv
12/24 Sunday	8:00 a.m.	+People of the Parish
	*10:30 a.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's
	4:00 p.m.	Mass at BOTH SJ & OLL
	7:00 p.m.	Mass at BOTH SJ & OLL
	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. 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
Dec. 18 8:00 p.m. Men's Holy Name Mtg.
Dec. 20 6:30 p.m. CYO at OLL
Dec. 23 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's
7:00 p.m. Mass at OLL
Dec. 24 8:00 a.m. Mass at OLL
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's
4:00 p.m. Mass at BOTH OLL & SJ
7:00 p.m. Mass at BOTH OLL & SJ

Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend Masses

Saturday, Dec. 23 **Sunday, Dec. 24**

Hospitality

Gary & Eileen Hewitt Lon & Marilyn Bohn

Lector

Mark Keilig Sarah Birkby

Eucharistic Minister

Ron Siegel Zane Turek

Altar Servers

Blake Birkby Lucy Bolling
Piper Kriha Barrett Bolling

Our Offering to God

Last Week's Collections

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Weekend Offerings Received	\$2,119.96
EFT Received	\$277.50
Income budgeted per week	\$3,077.44
Budget for 7/23-6/24	\$160,027.00
Immaculate Conception	\$455.00
Religious Retirement	\$780.00
Religious Retirement EFT	\$1,210.00
Diocesan Mental Health	\$30.00

ST. MARY'S PLEASANTON

Offering Received	\$120.00
Income Budgeted per week	\$780.87
Budget for 7/23/-6/24	\$40,605.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Religious Retirement	\$120.00
Religious Retirement EFT	\$20.00

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.

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. **4:00 p.m. Ministries**--Greeter--Bob & Mary Warner. Lector--Ron Siegel. Servers--Ali Bock, Reannon Siegel. Eucharistic Minister--Derek Wietjes. For the **7 p.m. Mass**, Greeters--Randy & Stacy Paitz. Lector--Richard Hervert. Servers--Hope McDonald, Maci Stange. Eucharistic Minister--Kellie Crowell. For both Christmas Eve masses the Cup will be offered so we will need 4 volunteers to help with that as well.

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

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord.'" Whose voice are you listening to, the world's or God's? Invite God into your marriage by participating in 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.

Religious Retired Collection

Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.

Formed.org is still available: Password is XXT4C6

Reconciliation Times for Christmas

I will be hearing confessions on Saturday December 23 from 10-12 in Loup City and 1-3 in Ravenna. Please take advantage of these opportunities for Reconciliation!
Fr. Richard

Prayers for Father Mark

Father Mark will be having triple by-pass surgery on December 21st in Lincoln. Providing all goes well, he will be in the hospital 4-7 days and then another 30 days spent at his sister's. Then he will begin cardiac rehab after that. All prayers for a quick recovery are appreciated.

