



*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,  
& 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**

	<u>OLL</u>	<u>Pleasanton</u>
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$17,689.00</b>	<b>\$3,192.00</b>
<b>RECEIVED As of 12/16/24</b>	<b>\$6,175.00</b>	<b>\$2,190.00</b>
<b># OF FAMILIES GIVING/GOAL</b>	<b>40/70</b>	<b>6/12</b>

**World Marriage Encounter**

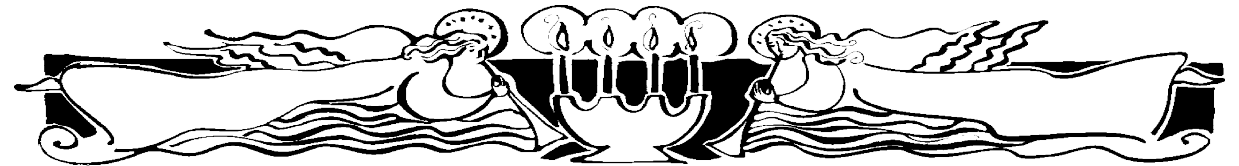
Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever – take time for your marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: January-February Tuesday Evenings Virtual (via ZOOM); Feb. 14-16, Lincoln, NE; Sept. 19-21, 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.wme.org](http://www.wme.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](mailto: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](http://couragerc.org) for more information and resources.

**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.



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*December 21 & 22, 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 21-29, 2024*

12/21 Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Don Stittle
	*7:00 p.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's
12/22 Sunday	*8:00 a.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's
	10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
12/23 Monday	*****No Services*****	
12/24 Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
	*4:00 p.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's
	*7:00 p.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's
	7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
12/25 Wednesday	*10:30 a.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's
	10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish at St. Mary's Pleasanton
12/26 Thursday	*****No Services*****	
12/27 Friday	*****No Services*****	
12/28 Saturday	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
	*7:00 p.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's
12/29 Sunday	*8:00 a.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's
	10:30 a.m.	All The Poor Souls
	10:30 a.m.	+Ed Dael at SMPleas.

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. 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
- Dec. 24 4:00 p.m. Mass at BOTH OLL & SJ  
7:00 p.m. Mass at BOTH OLL & SJ
- Dec. 25 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's  
10:30 a.m. Mass at SMPleasanton
- Dec. 28 5:00 p.m. Mass at OLL  
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's
- Dec. 29 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's  
No RE at OLL

### Liturgical Ministers for the Weekend Masses

Saturday, Dec. 28      Sunday, Dec. 29

#### Hospitality

Ron & Lorraine Hervert      Lon & Marilyn Bohn

#### Lector

Mark Keilig      Paul Bauer

#### Eucharistic Mnister

Kristi Keilig      Cheryl Albright

#### Altar Servers

Ava Vogt      Perry McDonald  
Hailey Vogt      Thomas McDonald

### **The Meaning of Christmas---Author Unknown**

Far away in Bethlehem, a baby boy was born, Born with neither riches, nor with fame, Yet wise men came from all around to bring Him their gifts, And peace was felt by all who heard His name.

Angels watched him as he slept, and gently rocked His bed, Their voices singing softly in His ear; His mother and His father both gave thanks to God above For the greatest gift of all, their Son, so dear.

They knew His life upon this earth would not be filled with wealth, They also knew He would encounter strife; But most of all, they knew that He would be a loving Child, And teach the love of God throughout His life.

At Christmas we celebrate this birth of Jesus Christ, Let's keep in mind the truth of Christmas Day; For it's not the Christmas wrappings, nor not the gifts that lie within, But our gift of love to others in every way...

Have a very Merry Christmas & remember--Jesus is the reason for the season!

## Our Offering to God

### Last Week's Collections

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Weekend Offerings Received	\$1,759.00
EFT Received	\$1,097.50
Income budgeted per week	\$3,294.50
Budget for 7/24-8/25	\$171,314.00
Building Fund	\$5,100.00
Building Fund EFT	\$535.00
Immaculate Conception	\$25.00
Retirement for Religious	\$85.00

#### ST. MARY'S PLEASANTON

Weekend Offering Received	\$60.00
Offering Received EFT	\$250.00
Income Budgeted per week	\$826.63
Budget for 7/24/-8/25	\$42,985.00

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

### Parish/ Committee Meetings

**Decorating the Church for Christmas will be done right after the Mass this 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.**

**Any donations that you will want on your contribution statement for 2024 will need to be in the office by January 6th. After that they will go on your 2025 statement. And your 2024 statements will be mailed out around the 16th of January.**

### **Reconciliation Times**

Fr. Richard will hear Confessions this Sunday, December 22, in Loup City from 2 to 3 pm and Ravenna from 4 to 5 pm. 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**

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.

Ministries for 4 p.m. on the 24th are: **Greeters**-Mark & Heidi Standage; **Lector**-Greg Hervert; **Altar Servers**-Ella Simon, Ava Young; **Eucharistic**-Kristi K. Shiloh R., Kellie C., Randy P., Liz C., For the 7 p.m. Mass-**Greeters**-Gary & Eileen Hewitt; **Lector**-Lon Bohn; **Altar Servers**-Caleb & Noah Dethlefs; **Eucharistic**-Evelyn S., Kathy G., Eileen H.

### **Office Hours**

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 The last week of December I will be in on Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30-4:00.

### **2025 Calendars**

Due to a change in the office at Catholic Extension, our calendars didn't get ordered like they should have, so they won't arrive until probably the middle of January sometime, but they are coming.

### **Altar Moving**

Is now scheduled to start the week of the 6th of January and with any luck should be done in 2 weeks unless they have unforeseen problems. So during that time Masses will be held in the parish hall.

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.*

