



*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>
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$17,689.00</b>	<b>\$3,192.00</b>
<b>RECEIVED As of 1/02/2024</b>	<b>7,975.00</b>	<b>1,700.00</b>
<b># OF FAMILIES GIVING/GOAL</b>	<b>30/70</b>	<b>7/12</b>

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

“They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, let us give homage to the presence of God in our marriages by participating in an upcoming World-wide Marriage Encounter Experience on: February 9-11, Lincoln, NE

For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, 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](http://www.wwme.org).

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @wwmeColorado

**Sisters Against Trafficking**

A gift to US Catholic Sisters can make a difference in our efforts to confront the Human Trafficking pandemic. U. S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking is a 501 c(3) organization, 2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 ([sistersagainsttrafficking.org](http://sistersagainsttrafficking.org))

**Higher Ground**

Attention high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Higher Ground registration opens February 1, 2024. This retreat is an incredible opportunity to grow stronger in your relationship with Christ, while getting to know your peers from around the diocese. By the end of the retreat, you will have a greater love for God and a new community of faith. Ask your Pastor and youth leader about this opportunity. Register today at [highergroundretreats.org](http://highergroundretreats.org) and save with the Early Bird rate of \$295 until February 15, 2024.

**Higher Ground Extreme Faith Middle School**

Attention middle school students, currently in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Higher Ground Extreme Faith camp registration opens February 1, 2024. This retreat is a fun week and a great opportunity to grow stronger in your faith while making new friends from around the diocese. Ask your Pastor and youth leader about this opportunity. Register today at [highergroundretreats.org](http://highergroundretreats.org) and save with the Early Bird rate of \$350.

The  
**EPIPHANY**  
of the Lord

*January 6 & 7, 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**

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

**Mass Schedule**

*January 6-14, 2024*

1/6 Saturday	*5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's Jason & Cindi Lu Annivers.
1/7 Sunday	8:00 a.m. *10:30 a.m.	+Steve Schuller *Mass at St. Josaphat's
1/8 Monday	*****No Services*****	
1/9 Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study at OLL
1/10 Wednesday	*****No Services*****	
1/11 Thursday	12 Noon	+Gary Carman at SMPleas.
1/12 Friday	8:00 a.m. §10:00 a.m.	+Denie Franssen §Allen Rolfsmeyer
1/13 Saturday	*5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	*Mass at St. Josaphat's +Cindy Shafer
1/14 Sunday	8:00 a.m. *10:30 a.m.	+Ralph Obermiller *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!

- Jan. 6** 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's  
7:00 p.m. Mass at OLL
- Jan. 7** 8:00 a.m. Mass at OLL  
9:00 a.m. RE at OLL  
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's
- Jan. 10** 6:30 p.m. CYO at OLL
- Jan. 11** 12 Noon Mass at St. Mary Pleasanton
- Jan. 13** 2 p.m. Fatima Rosary at OLL  
5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Josaphat's  
7:00 p.m. Mass at OLL
- Jan. 14** 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, Jan. 13                      Sunday, Jan. 14

#### Hospitality

Gary & Eileen Hewitt      8th Grade Class

#### Lector

Ron Schuller                      8th Grade Class

#### Eucharistic Minister

Laurie Johnson                      Lily Kriha

#### Altar Servers

Adleigh Bock                      8th Grade  
Ebony Bock

**Formed.org is still available: Password is XXT4C6**

### Prayers for Father Mark

Father Mark came through his surgery very well. He was dismissed this last Thursday and will be staying with his sister in Ord for awhile. Continued prayers for a speedy recovery are appreciated.

### Special Collection

The weekend of January 27 & 28th a special collection will be taken up for the Church in Latin America. This collection helps support many pastoral projects that benefit the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean, including pastoral assistance to former prisoners in Mexico, a center in Venezuela that provides food and medical care to needy seniors, and seminary studies in Nicaragua and Colombia. Envelopes are in your box sets.

## Our Offering to God

### Last Week's Collections

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Weekend Offerings Received	\$2,498.50
EFT Received	\$277.50
Income budgeted per week	\$3,077.44
Budget for 7/23-6/24	\$160,027.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Christmas	\$330.00
Building Fund	\$5,170.00

#### ST. MARY'S PLEASANTON

Offering Received	\$717.00
Income Budgeted per week	\$780.87
Budget for 7/23/-6/24	\$40,605.00
Christmas	\$440.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$100.00

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

### Parish/Committee Meetings

#### OLL CCW on

**Thursday, January 4th**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### Help Needed

This Sunday ends the Christmas season in the church so anyone that can stay after the 8 a.m. Mass and help take down the decorations, your help would truly be appreciated. And Religious Education starts again so remember to have your children here by 9 a.m. so classes can begin on time.

### THANK YOU

A large thank you for all the prayers and gifts I received over Christmas. I don't know if I'll be able to thank all of you personally but know that I'm grateful for all my parishioners and you are always in my prayers! Fr. Richard

### Reminder

Be sure to let the office know IF you have changed addresses. I will be mailing out the end of the year contribution statements starting next week and want them to go to the right place.

### Dates to Remember

On Monday January 15 there will be a parish meeting of St. Gabriel's Parish in Hazard beginning at 7 p.m. This is an annual meeting to bring everyone up to date on the finances and condition of the church and property. All are welcome!

On Monday January 22 there will be a parish meeting of St. Francis in Ashton beginning at 7 p.m. This is an annual meeting to discuss the condition of the church, hall and school. Also the needed replacement of the school roof and insurance coverage. All are welcome!

This coming week we will begin in Loup City and Ravenna Adult Catechism classes for those who wish to deepen and know more about their faith and those who wish to join the Church. These will be on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Loup City and Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Ravenna. We will be meeting in the parish halls. Except for the first week in February, we will be meeting on a regular basis until Holy Week which is the last week in March. There may be exceptions for funeral vigils and emergencies. Please come and bring a friend! Fr. Richard

### What is the Epiphany

Epiphany (or Theophany, as it is known in the Eastern Rite Catholic Church), also known as Three Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God in His Son as human in Jesus Christ. The word epiphany comes from the Greek word meaning "manifestation." The feast also commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles. Typically celebrated on January 6, or the closest Sunday to that date, the feast of Epiphany allows us to truly comprehend what it means that God has brought His only Son into our world. The Wise Men – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar – were the first people outside of the stable to come and pay homage to Jesus.

