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Mass Schedule ~ Times ~ Intentions

Sat., Dec. 2 nd	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	LC MASS: For the People RAVENNA MASS
Sun., Dec. 3 rd	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	RAVENNA MASS LC MASS: † Joann Piechota
Mon., Dec. 4 th	12:00 PM	ASHTON MASS: † Kenny Maschka
Wed., Dec. 6 th	11:00 AM	LC MASS: † Irene Sok
Fri., Dec. 8 th - Holy Day -	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	LC MASS: For the People RAVENNA MASS
Sat., Dec. 9 th	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	LC MASS: † Shannon Skorniak RAVENNA MASS
Sun., Dec. 10 th	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	RAVENNA MASS LC MASS: † For the People
Wed., Dec. 13 th	6:30 PM	HOLY HOUR with Bishop Hanefeldt

December 3, 2023



“Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the most tender of friends with souls who seek to please Him. His goodness knows how to proportion itself to the smallest of His creatures as to the greatest of them. Be not afraid then in your solitary conversations, to tell Him of your miseries, fears, worries, of those who are dear to you, of your projects, and of your hopes. Do so with confidence and with an open heart.”

– St. Damien of Molokai

Friday, Dec. 8th, 5:30 p.m. ~ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~

Leader: Susan Day **Lector:** Rich Peters **Servers:** Kade Kowalski & Volunteer

Eucharist Min.: Ron Mroczek & Lois Maschka

Saturday, Dec. 9th 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 10th, 10:30 a.m.

Greeters: Tim & Patty Piontkowski

Rich & Loraine Panowicz

Leader: Phyllis Piechota

Lisa Harrington

Lector: Janelle Krzycki

Todd Wardyn

Eucharist Min.: Steve & Denise Holcomb

Kaitlyn Skibinski & Morgan Skibinski

Servers: Rayden Barnes & Jaymeson Gappa

Conrad Kaminski & Lena Kaminski

Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt will be holding a *Eucharistic Adoration Hour* at St. Josaphat's in Loup City on Wednesday, Dec. 13th, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. This is in line with the Eucharistic Holy Year that Pope Francis has proclaimed. I encourage and want as many people as possible to attend from ALL the parishes. In particular, I think it would be great if all our Religious Education students could attend from all the parishes, if possible. This is a great opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration! -- Fr. Richard

Calendar Change for Christmas: Christmas Eve- **4 and 7 pm** (SJ and OLL); Christmas Day- **9 am** (SJ only) and **11 am** (Paplin).

'Tis The Season for Take Home → *Envelope boxes* for ALL parishes are now available; *Little Blue Books* for Advent devotions; *The Word Among Us* (December edition); and (NEW) *Liturgy of the Word* Sunday companions of which there are only a *limited* amount of copies available!

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. Tune in on weekday mornings 7-9 AM for our Spirit Mornings to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives.

Bingo: There is only ONE in December, so make it a good one—this Tuesday, Dec. 5th, at 7 p.m.

Nov. 25 and 26, 2023

	LOUP CITY	ASHTON	HAZARD
WEEKLY ENV.	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 305.00
PLATE	\$ 811.00	\$ 425.00 (mailed in/memorial)	----
CHILDREN'S	\$ 5.00	\$ ----	----
Elect. Funds Transfer	\$ 500.00	----	----
Tree Removal Donation	----	----	\$ 300.00 (\$500 total thus far)
Budget Set for Nov.	\$ 13,613.00 or 3,403.25/week	\$ 4,269.75 or 1,067.44/week	\$ 2,049.34 or 512.34/week
Uncollected Nov Funds	\$ 2,215.00	\$ 289.75	\$ 624.34

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection will be taken up next weekend, Dec. 9th and 10th. Due to escalating healthcare costs, numerous U.S. religious communities face a substantial gap between their elderly members' needs and the financial resources available for their care. Many religious orders currently experience insufficient retirement savings. The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) takes up this annual national appeal for this important cause. The 2022 retirement appeal raised \$27.6 million.

2023-2024 Weekly Appeal Update

Congratulations!! St. Gabriel has already met/surpassed their goal for this new Appeal year:

Parish	\$ Goal	\$ Received	% \$ Goal	Household Goal	Household Total	% HH Goal
St. Francis	\$ 2,847	\$ 610	21%	16	3	19%
St. GABRIEL	\$ 2,085	\$2,115	101%	12	9	75%
St. Josaphat	\$13,403	\$7,057	53%	70	47	67%