

# The Catholic Communities of

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### Mass Schedule ~ Times ~ Intentions

December 15, 2024

<b>Sat., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>OLL MASS</b> <b>SJ MASS:</b> † <b>Rose Mary Kowalski</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>SJ MASS:</b> † <b>Jonathan Jerabek</b> <b>OLL MASS</b>
<b>Mon., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>SJ MASS:</b> † <b>Brian Jasnoch</b>
<b>Wed., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>SJ MASS:</b> † <b>John J. Janulewicz</b>
<b>Sat., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>5:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>OLL MASS</b> <b>SJ MASS:</b> † <b>Kenny Goc</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>SJ MASS:</b> † <b>Joann Piechota</b> <b>OLL MASS</b>



Confessions are heard one half-hour prior to each Mass.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

“At this point in the season, we always stand teetering between a fuller engagement of the real point and purpose of Advent or getting swept away in the often overwhelming material preparations. Gaudete Sunday invites us to pause in the midst of the activity and breathe deeply. The material celebrations of Christmas come and go each year. But if we let the rich invitation of Advent seep to the core of our hearts, we actually find ourselves freed to prepare more intentionally and celebrate more fully with family and friends.”

Fr. John Burns, Adore: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation

	<b><u>Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 a.m.</u></b>
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	Karl & Louise Kulwicki	Bill & Cindy Ference
<b><u>Leader:</u></b>	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>	Todd Wardyn
<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	Cindy Baker	Heidi Krolikowski
<b><u>Eucharist Min.:</u></b>	Ervan & Marge Dzingle	Jerome Reimers & Lois Maschka
<b><u>Servers:</u></b>	Brendan Carkoski & <i>Volunteer</i>	Treven Setlik & Will Krolikowski

**Don't Forget → SJ Youth Group Gift Wrapping Fundraiser** is this **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, at **6 pm** in the Parish Hall. Community members are welcome to bring your gifts to wrap for a free will donation!

**Advent Reconciliation Times:** Fr. Scott Harter from Ord/Burwell will be hearing Confessions on Sat., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10 am to Noon in Ravenna and 1-3 pm in Loup City. Fr. Richard will hear Confessions on Sun., Dec. 22, in Loup City from 2-3 pm and Ravenna from 4-5 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!

**Registration for the 2025 youth diocesan summer events opens February 1<sup>st</sup> (Higher Ground, Higher Ground Extreme Faith, and Steubenville of the Rockies).** These three events offer young people a time to reflect on their spiritual journey and helps them grow their love for God. We encourage you to talk with your kids about attending these events. Take advantage of the early bird rate being offered until February 9<sup>th</sup>. For details regarding these events, scan the QR code on the poster or visit the Grand Island Diocese website [gidiocese.org/yya](http://gidiocese.org/yya).

**Christmas Flower Memorials** deadline is the weekend of December 21/22.

**Ministry Schedules** for 2025 are available on the table in the entrance of church.

**2025 Donation Envelopes are here!** Please stop at the back of church and pick yours up this weekend. If you can't find yours, please give the office a call.

**Last Bingo in December:** Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Parish Center.

**Dec. 14 and Dec. 15, 2024**

	<b>LOUP CITY</b>	<b>ASHTON</b>	<b>HAZARD</b>
<b>WEEKLY ENV.</b>	\$ 1,887.00	\$ 2,415.00	\$ 360.00
<b>PLATE</b>	\$ 1,193.00	----	----
<b>CHILDREN</b>	\$ 10.50	----	----
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	\$ 298.00	\$ 10.00	----
<b>Retirement Rel. Fund</b>	\$ 403.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 120.00
<b>Diocesan Mental Health</b>	\$ 136.00	----	\$ 80.00
<b>Replacement Fund</b>	\$ 264.00	----	----
<b>SJ No Work Bazaar</b>	<b>\$ 5,400.00</b>	----	----
<b>December Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,791/week</b> 15,164/month	<b>\$ 1,067.44/week</b> 4,269.75/month	<b>\$ 512.34/week</b> 2,049.34/month
<b>Remaining Dec. Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,842.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,070.75</b>	<b>\$ 1,909.34</b>



**Appeal Update of 2024/2025**

<b>St. Gabriel</b>	<b>\$1,460 / \$ 2,085 Goal</b>	<b>8/12 Household Goal</b>
<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>\$1,390 / \$ 2,487 Goal</b>	<b>8/16 Household Goal</b>
<b>St. Josaphat</b>	<b>\$5,432/ \$13,403 Goal</b>	<b>43/70 Household Goal</b>