

# The Catholic Communities of

## ST. JOSAPHAT

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### Mass Schedule ~ Times ~ Intentions

Sat., April 5 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	OLL MASS SJ MASS: † Chet Lonowski
Sun., April 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	SJ MASS: For the People OLL MASS
Mon., April 7 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 PM	ASHTON MASS: † Pat & Virginia Pokorski
Wed., April 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	SJ MASS: † Helen Stanczyk
Sat., April 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	OLL MASS SJ MASS: For the People
Sun., April 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	SJ MASS: † Mike Spotanski OLL MASS



April 6, 2025

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

<u>Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.</u>		<u>Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.</u>	
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	Dick & Linda Madsen	Barb Dorsey & Dianne Loeffelbein	
<b><u>Leader:</u></b>	Janelle Mostek	Paula Johnson	
<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	Rich Peters	Anthony McClary	
<b><u>Eucharist Min.:</u></b>	Mitch Spotanski & Rose Kowalski	Sharon Osentowski & Jerome Reimers	
<b><u>Servers:</u></b>	Lexi Holcomb & Skyler Oseka	Loklan Setlik & Kade Kowalski	

Thank you all for the prayers, gifts and cards on my birthday! I especially thank you for the prayers for recovery from my recent hospital stay; it is a slow path to full strength again but your prayers are making it possible. I can't say how much your kindness, offers of help, and support have helped and lifted my spirits. It is a different Lenten journey beginning with Ash Wednesday than I'd imagined but God gives us the Lent we need, not the Lent we want. A special thank you to Fr. Mark for being available and flexible in my absence; he is a blessing to our parishes. God Bless you all! *Fr. Richard*

**Świeconka (sh-vee-en soon-kah), “the blessing of the Easter baskets”**, is a beloved Polish tradition in which baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. Traditionally, the foods in the basket carry a symbolic meaning; for example, eggs symbolize life and Christ’s resurrection (please see bulletin attachment). Poles have been known to take special pride in preparing a decorative and tasteful basket! St. Josaphat’s invites you to bring your very own baskets filled with food you wish to have blessed by Fr. Richard for the great feast on Easter Sunday! Holy Saturday Mass is on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

- Holy Thursday- April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm (SJ & OLL).
- Good Friday- April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm (SJ & OLL).
- Holy Saturday- April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm (SJ & OLL).
- Easter Sunday- April 20<sup>th</sup>, 8 am AND 10 am (SJ & OLL).

**Confessions/Reconciliation** will be available on **Saturday, April 12**, from 10 to Noon at St. Josaphat’s and from 1 to 3 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. Additional confessions will be on **Good Friday**, April 18, from 10 to Noon at Our Lady of Lourdes and 1 to 3 pm at St. Josaphat’s. Please take advantage of these times to receive the Lord’s forgiveness this Lent through this great Sacrament.

**Palm Sunday Breakfast** with the *Friends of Paplin* on **Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, at St. Francis Hall in Ashton from 9 to 1 pm. They will be serving breakfast casseroles, sausage, pancakes, fruit, homemade rolls, juice and coffee. A free will donation will be accepted. A cash raffle for \$100, \$50, and \$25 cash and silent auction items will be available. Everyone is welcome to attend! Funds raised will be used to help pay for future projects. See you there!

**Easter Envelopes for Flower Memorials** are on the entrance table in the back of church. The requested donation is \$15 per envelope (with as many names as you wish to memorialize). One more week to get these in!!

**Bingo in April:** Tuesday(s) - April 8, 15, and 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 pm in the St. Josaphat Parish Center.

**Final Stations of the Cross:** **Wed., April 9<sup>th</sup>:** St. Josaphat’s 6 pm; St. Francis 7 pm; St. Gabriel’s 7:40 pm.

#### **March 29 and 30, 2025**

	<b>LOUP CITY</b>	<b>ASHTON</b>	<b>HAZARD</b>
<b>WEEKLY ENV.</b>	\$ 1,853.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 255.00
<b>PLATE</b>	\$ 1,083.00	----	----
<b>CHILDREN</b>	\$ 19.05	----	----
<b>Catholic Relief Services</b>	\$ 287.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 5.00
<b>EFT for March</b>	\$ 500.00	----	\$ 320.00
<b>March Budget</b>	\$ 3,791/week 15,164/month	\$ 1,067.44/week 4,269.75/month	\$ 512.34/week 2,049.34/month
<b>Unmet March Bal.</b>	\$ 4,217.00	\$ 1,659.75	\$ 709.34



#### **Appeal Update of 2024/2025**

**St. Josaphat**      **\$10,540/ \$13,403 Goal**    **63/70** Household Goal

“Thank you to the 17% of the nearly 16,000 households in our diocese who have generously contributed over \$926,000 on this year’s appeal so far. Our diocese is 77% of the way to our overall dollar goal and 75% of the way to our overall donor goal.” – *Grand Island Diocese*