

The Catholic Communities of

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Mass Schedule ~ Times ~ Intentions

Sat., Aug. 16 th	5:00 PM	SJ MASS: † Deceased Members of the the Kowalski Family
	7:00 PM	OLL MASS
Sun., Aug. 17 th	8:00 AM	OLL MASS
	10:30 AM	SJ MASS: For the People
Mon., Aug. 18 th	11:00 AM	SJ MASS: † Syl & Winnie Augustyn
Wed., Aug. 20 th	11:00 AM	SJ MASS: † Dorothy Goc
Sat., Aug. 23 rd	5:00 PM	SJ MASS: † Pat & Virginia Pokorski
	7:00 PM	OLL MASS
Sun., Aug. 24 th	8:00 AM	OLL MASS
	10:30 AM	SJ MASS: † Charlie Skorupa

20th Sunday
In Ordinary Time



August 17, 2025

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

“By looking at Mary’s Assumption into Heaven, we understand better that even though our daily life may be marked by trials and difficulties, it flows like a river to the divine ocean... We understand that our death is not the end but rather the entrance into life that knows no death. Our setting on the horizon of this world is our rising at the dawn of the new world, the dawn of the eternal day.”

- Pope Benedict XVI

<u>Saturday, Aug. 23rd, 5:00 p.m.</u>		<u>Sunday, Aug. 24th, 10:30 a.m.</u>	
<u>Greeters:</u>	Bill & Joan Watson	Gary & Lori Eurek	
<u>Leader:</u>	Janelle Krzycki	Dayle Klein	
<u>Lector:</u>	Mike Gappa	Heidi Krolkowski	
<u>Eucharist Min.:</u>	Rose Kowalski & Mitch Spotanski	Jerome Reimers & Tom Smedra	
<u>Servers:</u>	Brendan Carkoski & Wyatt Trompke	Loklan Setlik & Ian Roasa	

We will be starting the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** in late September for all the parishes. This is for people who are interested in joining the Catholic Church or simply want to know more about their faith. Deacon Phil Lukasiewicz will be assisting me in this program. It culminates on Holy Saturday when, those who wish, will become Catholic. If you haven't already turned your name into the office, please do so. If you can help with this program and assist Deacon and I, please give me a call! Times and places are yet to be determined; I would like to run just one group but we'll see what works for people. God bless you! - Fr. Richard

Religious Ed Teachers: Thank you to those who have already volunteered! We appreciate it! If you are interested in teaching a religious ed class this year, please call Whitney (402-430-3734).

Youth Group Volunteer(s): St. Josaphat's Youth Group needs one, ideally two adult volunteers to assist with Youth Group activities and events throughout the religious ed season this year. Please prayerfully consider answering this call!

Friends of Paplin will be holding their monthly meeting on **August 17, 2025**, at **1 pm** at the Polish Heritage Center in Ashton. If you are interested in knowing more about the efforts to preserve the Paplin Church property and are willing to share your ideas, come join us.

Come Celebrate God's faithfulness and blessings at the NE State Fair Celebration of the Holy Mass! Two Sunday opportunities: August 24th at 9 a.m. with Bishop Emeritus William Dendinger and August 31st at 9 am with the Most Rev. Joseph Hanefeldt (SW Corner by Aurora Coop Pavillion). All donations will go to the Parish Food Pantry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ord.

Polish Heritage Center Annual Celebration: Come celebrate Nebraska's Polish heritage with food, music, and fun in Ashton on Sept. 7th. Start with Memorial Mass at 10:30 and from 11 to 1 enjoy our Polish buffet featuring kielbasa, sauerkraut & dumplings, pierogi, ethnic soups and much more. Dance to the Urkoskis from 1 to 4. Bid at the silent auction and enter the raffle for a handmade quilt and cash. Visit the country store and Polish Museum where you find favorites such as kolaches, paczki, Polish pottery and more!

Workers in the Vineyard: Sat., Sept. 27th, from 10 am until 2:30 pm (MST) at Niobrara Valley Vineyards in Nenzel, NE. Women gathering and sowing together in Eucharistic learning and fellowship. Call or text for more info: 308-325-3153 or 308-645-7058. Cost: \$25 which includes lunch and wine. Registration deadline is Sept. 23rd. This event is sponsored by the GI DCCW.

Weekend Immersion Retreat for married couples of all ages at *Prince of Peace* in Kearney, September 27-28, 2025. Experience the wonder of being more in love. Register: Evermoreinlove.org/events. Scan the code on the posters in church for more information!

Bingo Bonanza in August → Tuesdays, Aug. 19th and 26th, in the Parish Center at 7 pm.

August 9 and 10, 2025

	LOUP CITY	ASHTON	HAZARD
WEEKLY ENV.	\$ 1,735.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 235.00
PLATE	\$ 415.00	----	----
CHILDREN	\$ 30.00	----	----
August Budget	\$ 3,750.84/week 15,033.34/month	\$ 1,031.17/week 4,124.67/month	\$ 515.80/week 2,063.17/month
Remaining Aug. Balance	\$ 9,190.88	\$ 2,804.67	\$ 1,433.17