

# The Catholic Communities of

## ST. JOSAPHAT

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### Mass Schedule ~ Times ~ Intentions

Sat., April 11th	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	SJ MASS: † Clarence Oseka Family OLL MASS
Sun., April 12th	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	OLL MASS First Communion SJ MASS: For the People (First Communion)
Mon., April 13th	12:00 PM	SG: No Mass
Wed., April 15th	11:00 AM	SJ: No Mass
Sat., April 18th	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	SJ MASS: † Norman Krolikowski OLL MASS
Sun., April 19th	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	OLL MASS: SJ MASS: † Mike Spotanski
Mon., April 20th	11:00 PM	SJ: NO MASS
Wed., April 22nd	11:00 AM	SJ: NO MASS

April 12, 2026



Sunday of  
Divine Mercy

Confessions are heard one half-hour prior to each Mass

	Saturday, April 18, 2026	Sunday, April 19, 2026
<b>Greeters</b>	Ron & Peg Mroczek	Lonnie & Mitzi Tvrdik
<b>Leader:</b>	Janelle Mostek	Jerome Reimers
<b>Lector:</b>	Krista Slobaszewski	Paula Johnson
<b>Eucharist Ministers:</b>	Rose Kowalski & Ron Mroczek	Chris Stieb & Tom Smedra
<b>Servers:</b>	Kade Kowalski & Karys Kowalski	Brinley Smedra & Conrad Kaminski

**Formed:** If you are trying to access Formed, use either the name of your town or ZIP code.

**Bingo:** April bingo dates are the **14th**, and **21<sup>st</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the St. Josaphat's Parish Hall. Don't miss it!

**DRE needed for the St. Josaphat's Parish.** Anyone interested in serving in this position, please call the Parish Office at (308) 745-0315.

**Free Support Group** for caregivers of family and friends who's loved one have memory issues. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at St. Josaphat's Convent. Questions? Call Sharon at 308-480-9363

Let us welcome Jesus even more into our marriages by participating in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Experience on: June 19-21, Golden, CO; Aug. 7-9, Wichita, KS; Sept. 18-20, Grand Island, NE; Nov. 6-8, Grand Junction, CO. Call or text 402-370-5839 for more information. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, and addition dates and locations, please visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org)

**HIGHER GROUND Retreats-** Attention high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. We still have availability for Higher Ground week 2, May 31- June 5, 2026. Throughout the week you will deepen your relationship with Christ and learn what it means to live as His disciple in everyday life. You will leave the retreat renewed in faith and supported by a new community with this shared experience. Find out more and register today at <https://www.gidiocese.org/hgr>

If you have a child attending one of the religious camps this summer, the CCW will reimburse \$150 of the cost. Forward a copy of your receipt to Jane Maschka at [maschka@mbcarcadia.com](mailto:maschka@mbcarcadia.com).

Cece Kusek, formerly of our parish, passed away on March 19, 2026, in Texas. She has been cremated, and her funeral service will be held on **Friday, May 1, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** here at St. Josaphat's.

Thank you to all who helped with all of the Holy Week services (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday). A LOT of people helped to make all of our services beautiful and holy experiences! I am very grateful for all of your help!  
---Fr. Mark

Thank you, Fr. Mark, for the many ways you guided and supported our parish community throughout Holy Week. Your leadership, prayer, and presence helped make this sacred time deeply meaningful for all of us. We are especially grateful for the care and devotion you showed in each service, your thoughtful homilies, confession times, and the time and energy you gave to ensure that every parishioner felt included and spiritually nourished. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and it has truly made a difference in our faith journey. Please know how much you are appreciated—not just during Holy Week, but every day. We are blessed to have you filling in for Fr. Richard. With sincere gratitude, the Parish Communities of St. Josaphat, St. Francis, and St. Gabriel.

As our CCD year comes to a close here at St. Josaphat's, I'd like to offer a heartfelt THANK YOU to each of our incredible catechists. Your time, patience, and dedication have been such a gift to all of the kids and families of our parish community. Week after week, you showed up and answered the call to share God's Word and love, planting seeds of faith in the hearts and minds of each learner. In a world full of growing challenges, your "YES" to every moment built into each Wednesday night class matters more than you know. You didn't just teach lessons...you shared Christ's love, modeled discipleship, and helped bring our next generation of believers closer to one another and to Him. That is no small task, and it does not go unnoticed! Thank you for your sacrifices, your joy, your creativity, and your unwavering commitment to ongoing ministry. May God bless you abundantly for the work you've done in His name! "Well done, good and faithful servant."

---Whitney Kaminski

The Friends of Paplin extend their deepest gratitude to everyone who generously donated their time and or talents, or helped in any way to make our Palm Sunday Breakfast a total success. Your support makes the event memorable and directly contributes to our mission to Repair, Restore, and Preserve the Historic Paplin Church Property. Together, we are keeping this important piece of history alive for generations to come—thank you!

St. Josaphat's Church would like to thank the Phyllis "Alta" Mostek family for the donation of two different children's books, which can be found in the children's bags and in the pews. The titles of the books are, "The Mass for Children" and "My Picture Missal". The books are designed to help children follow along with the Mass. God bless you for thinking of the children of our parish.

On behalf of the Committee Chairman for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry's, we would like to extend a huge THANK YOU, to all the Knight's and their wives for their hard work and dedication during this year's Fish Fry's. Your selfless service has been the backbone of this tradition's success. A sincere shout out to our younger Knight's, your energy and willingness to jump in where needed gives us great excitement for the future of our council. We also want to share a special word of appreciation to the ladies of the parish who donated fresh eggs and whose delicious homemade desserts provided a sweet finish to the meals and were the highlight for our guests. We are truly blessed by the camaraderie you all bring to our parish family we simply could not have done it without you!

<b>April 4 &amp; 5, 2026</b>			
	<b>LOUP CITY</b>	<b>ASHTON</b>	<b>HAZARD</b>
WEEKLY ENV	\$ 4,381.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 438.08
PLATE	\$ 681.00		
CHILDREN	\$ 169.00		
Holy Thursday/Good Fri.	\$ 529.00	\$ 1,245.00	
Other	\$ 10.00		
April Budget/week	\$ 3,758.34	\$ 1,031.17	\$ 515.79
Total collected for month	\$ 5,770.00	\$ 2,660.00	\$ 438.08
April Budget/week	\$ 15,033.34	\$ 4,124.67	\$ 2,063.17
Remaining April Balance	\$ 9,263.34	\$ 1,464.67	\$ 1,625.09

**Diocesan Appeal**

<b><u>Parish</u></b>	<b><u>Dollar Goal/Received to Date</u></b>	<b><u>Donor Goal</u></b>
St. Josaphat	\$14,617/\$9,266/\$5,351	70
St. Francis	\$ 3,545/\$3055/\$490	17
St. Gabriel	\$ 2,512/\$2,070/\$442	12