

# The Catholic Communities of

## ST. JOSAPHAT

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## ST. GABRIEL

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Hazard, NE 68841

## ST. FRANCIS

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### Mass Schedule ~ Times ~ Intentions

Sat., May 23rd	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	SJ MASS: † Ben & Gertie Kuszak
Sun., May 24th	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	OLL MASS SJ MASS: † Ernie Kuszak
Mon., May 25th	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pleasanton Cemetery: Mass Ashton Cemetery: Mass
Wed., May 27th	11:00 AM	SJ: NO MASS
Sat., May 30th	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	SJ MASS: † Stanley Kosmicki, Jr. OLL MASS
Sun., May 31st	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	OLL MASS: SJ MASS: † Lauren Gibilisco
Mon., June 1st	12:00 AM	SF: NO MASS
Wed., June 3rd	11:00 AM	SJ: NO MASS

May 24, 2026



Pentecost Sunday

Confessions are heard one half-hour prior to each Mass

	Saturday, May 30, 2026	Sunday, May 31, 2026
<b>Greeters</b>	Myron & Sharon Osentowski	Mike & Whitney Kaminski
<b>Leader:</b>	Mike Gappa	Lisa Harrington
<b>Lector:</b>	Cindy Baker	Gary Eurek
<b>Eucharist Ministers:</b>	Kaylee Tuma & Matthew Tuma	Linda Kohlsheer & Ron Mroczek
<b>Servers:</b>	Cyrus Oseka & Wyatt Trompke	Conrad Kaminski & Loklan Setlik

**UPDATE:** Dear parishioners and friends:

This past week I had a cataract removed so that is coming along well. Unfortunately, my femur break is not doing as well as I would want. I went back to the doctor for x-rays and he told me that I'm doing too much and to take it easy. This type of fracture takes months. Bottom line is that I'll not be up to the regular schedule for a few months more. I'll be having about one Mass a week and keeping up with weddings, funerals and baptisms to the best of my ability (sitting down). Your prayers are seeing me through this, God bless you!

Don't forget to join us for the Memorial Day Masses at St. Mary's cemetery in Pleasanton at 8 am on Monday and 10:30 am at St. Francis cemetery in Ashton. In case of bad weather, the Masses will be moved into the respective churches.

Have a wonderful summer!

**Fr. Richard**

**Update on Fr. Mark:** I have been asked how my Inspire procedure went and if it is helping. They will not start it up until June 29. They want to wait until it heals from surgery. Thanks for all of your concern and prayers. It means a lot to me. ---Fr. Mark

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

**Bingo:** Last chance to play Bingo for **May is the 26<sup>th</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 **308-380-9363**.

**All are invited to the priesthood ordination** for Deacon Noah Huddleston on **Friday, May 29, 2026, at 5 pm** at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island (112 S. Cedar St.) It is a very impressive ceremony. If you can't be there, please pray for Noah that God may abundantly bless his ministry and guide him as he shepherds His people with wisdom, compassion, and faith.

**Memorial Day Dinner:** being held at the St. Francis Parish Hall in Ashton, NE, on **Monday, May 25, 2026**, from 11 am to 1 pm. Serving Maschka's sausage, chicken, potatoes, vegetable, salad, and desserts. Price is \$15/person; \$10 for children ages 6 -11; 5 and under are FREE! Come celebrate Memorial Day with us and your friends for a great cause. **Mass will proceed dinner at 10:30 am at the St. Francis Cemetery. In case of rain, Mass will be held in the St. Francis Church.**

**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).

**SAVE THE DATE! 12th Annual Walk of Hope** raising awareness for Huntington's Disease. Event held at St Peter's and Paul's Parish Life Center in Saint Paul on **Saturday, June 13th**. Doors open at 9 am Registration, T-shirts, raffle tickets. Yummy baked goods on site. Walk begins at 10am. Live auction, raffle items begin when walk complete. Mexicellent Grill food truck on hand for lunch. Please join us and help support those suffering with this disease as well as support for family and caregivers. Information? Janis Lewandowski 308-750-4914. or [lewandowskijanis@yahoo.com](mailto:lewandowskijanis@yahoo.com). Hope to see you there!

**Diocesan Family Retreat (July 31-August 2)** Registration for this year's Family Retreat closes June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Experience fun family activities, prayer and workshop sessions for all ages and empower you to live out your faith as a family. **When:** July 31-August 2; **Where:** The Crossing Retreat Center, Lexington NE **Who:** Families with young children-teens; **Cost:** \$380 per family (including food and accommodation) **Registration Link:** <https://www.givocations.org/family-retreat>

<b>May 16 &amp; 17, 2026</b>			
	<b>LOUP CITY</b>	<b>ASHTON</b>	<b>HAZARD</b>
WEEKLY ENV	\$ 2,410.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 325.00
PLATE	\$ 170.00		
CHILDREN	\$ 56.00		
Ascension Day	\$ 596.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 55.00
Other	\$ 21.00		
May Budget/week	\$ 3,758.34	\$ 1,031.17	\$ 515.79
Total collected for month	\$ 11,099.68	\$ 2,067.90	\$ 1,119.14
May Budget/week	\$ 15,033.34	\$ 4,124.67	\$ 2,063.17
Remaining May Balance	\$ 3,933.66	\$ 2,056.77	\$ 944.03

**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/\$10,090/\$4,527	70
St. Francis	\$ 3,545/\$3265/\$280	17
St. Gabriel	\$ 2,512/\$2,185/\$327	12