

The Catholic Communities of

ST. JOSAPHAT

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Mass Schedule ~ Times ~ Intentions

Sat., August 15th	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	OLL MASS SJ MASS: † Peggy Knapp
Sun., August 16th	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	SJ MASS: † Arlene Pogorelski OLL MASS
Mon., August 17th	12:00 PM	SG MASS: NO MASS
Wed., August 19th	11:00 AM	SJ: NO MASS
Sat., August 22nd	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	OLL MASS SJ MASS: † Gary Greenland
Sun., August 23rd	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	SJ MASS: † Mike Spotanski OLL MASS
Mon., August 24th	11:00 AM	SJ MASS: NO MASS
Wed., August 26th	11:00 AM	SJ MASS: NO MASS

August 16, 2026



20th Sunday
Ordinary Time

Confessions are heard one half-hour prior to each Mass

	Saturday, August 22, 2026, 7 p.m.	Sunday, August 23, 2026, 8 a.m.
Greeters	Barb Dorsey & Diane Loeffelbein	Bill & Cindy Ference
Leader:	Jerry Kowalski	Paula Johnson
Lector:	Mike Gappa	Hannah Connealy
Eucharist Ministers:	David Kuszak & Cindy Baker	Wayne Klein & Jerome Reimers
Servers:	Skyler Oseka & Keely Holcomb	Brylie Sekutera & Paisley Van Slyke

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

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**.

Looking Ahead → Mark your calendars for **Sundays, Aug. 30th and Sept. 6th**. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on these days at the State Fair. Volunteers to serve as altar servers, greeters, lectors, and families will be needed to assist at each mass. Contact Cheryl today @ 308-382-6565 if interested.

DCCW Kearney Deanery Fall meeting will be hosted by Elm Creek Immaculate Conception ladies on Saturday morning 9-12 noon **October 3, 2026**. The ladies from Amherst St. John Capistran will furnish the breakfast brunch. Registration is from 9-9:30 a.m. Fee is \$10. A business meeting will follow with parish rep's and commission reports. 10:45 speaker Fr. Raminedi from the catholic parishes of Amherst, Elm Creek, and Overton will speak on the topic "Gifts of Adoration". After a short break a Mass will be said at 11:15. Dismissal will be at 12:00 noon. Please invite all ladies in your parishes. Thank you.

--President Kearney Deanery Imelda Gressley

Prayerfully consider lending your talents to help with the 2026-2027 Religious Education program as a catechist or helper. Contact Whitney Kaminski or Denise Holcomb.

If you would like to send Fr. Richard a greeting card: Fr. Richard has been transferred to a hospital that specializes in respiratory care. He will be at this hospital for at least two more weeks until he gains his strength back. The address is: Fr. Richard Piontkowski, c/o Holy Family Med Center, Room 284, 100 N. River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Please continue your prayers for his quick return.

Marriage Encounter: "And whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Learn how you can share the cross of Christ in your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Sept. 18-20, Grand Island, NE; Nov. 6-8, Grand Junction, CO. **Call or text 402-370-5839 for more information.**

Our Parish Funeral Committee is in need of more volunteers. Please call Chris Obermiller (308) 750-9617 if interested. We are all called to serve.

KC Bingo Dates: August bingo dates are the 18th and the 25th. Be sure to support this worthy cause for our parish.

August 8 & 9, 2026			
	LOUP CITY	ASHTON	HAZARD
WEEKLY ENV	\$ 1,611.00	\$ 735.00	\$ 35.00
PLATE	\$ 507.00	\$ -	\$ -
CHILDREN	\$ 9.00	\$ -	\$ -
EFT Received	\$ 146.25	\$ -	\$ 90.00
Candle Money		\$ -	\$ -
August Budget/week	\$ 3,461.75	\$ 5,019.58	\$ 2,735.57
Total collected for month	\$ 5,485.50	\$ 735.00	\$ 420.00
August Budget	\$ 13,847.00	\$ 5,019.58	\$ 2,735.57
Remaining August Balance	\$ 8,361.50	\$ 4,284.58	\$ 2,315.57

The diocesan appeal for 2025/26 has ended with 32 parishes meeting their dollar goal and 31 meeting their donor goal. The next appeal will begin mid-late October with new parish goals and a Bishop's letter scheduled for October 2, 2026.

We too are called to grow in faith, to open ourselves in order to welcome God's gift freely, to have trust and also to cry to Jesus "give us faith, help us to find the way!". This is the way that Jesus made his disciples take, as well as the Canaanite woman, men and women of every age and nation as well as each one of us.