

The Catholic Communities of

ST. JOSAPHAT

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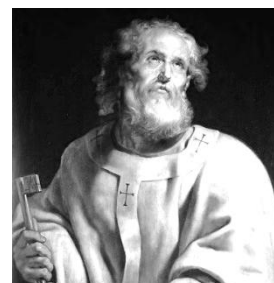
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Mass Schedule ~ Times ~ Intentions

Sat., August 22nd	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	OLL MASS SJ MASS: † Gary Greenland
Sun., August 23nd	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: NO MASS
Sat., August 29th	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	OLL MASS SJ MASS: † Stanley Kosmicki
Sun., August 30th	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	SJ MASS: † Dennis & Darlene Badura OLL MASS
Mon., August 31st	11:00 AM	SJ MASS: NO MASS
Wed., Sept. 2nd	11:00 AM	SJ MASS: NO MASS

August 23, 2026



21st Sunday
Ordinary Time

Confessions are heard one half-hour prior to each Mass

	Saturday, August 29, 2026, 7 p.m.	Sunday, August 30, 2026, 8 a.m.
Greeters	Myron & Sharon Oswentowski	Ron & Peg Mroczek
Leader:	Krista Slobaszewski	Heidi Krolikowski
Lector:	Rose Kowalski	Anthony McClary
Eucharist Ministers:	Marion Schultz & Doris Nesiba	Tom Smedra & Lois Maschka
Servers:	Chase Spotanski & Karys Kowalski	Will Krolikowski & Gabe McClary

Fr. Mark will be in Spalding, Greeley, and Ericson this weekend (8-23-2026). He will return next week.

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.

Red Cross Scholarship Blood Drive, Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 11 am. – 5 p.m. at the Loup City Community Center. To schedule an appointment, please call Cindy Ryan at (308) 390-5857, Nancy Smith (308) 293-4350, OR Kyle Jensen (402) 910-0681.

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

A heartfelt thanks to Wayne Klein, Dennis Ference, Mike Chelewski, and Ron Mroczek for trimming the trees on the church grounds and hauling away the waste. We appreciate your efforts in making the area around the church look beautiful and safe.

The Knights of Columbus Choir will be singing at the 8 a.m. Mass on September 6, 2026, instead of the August 30 Mass. Be sure to mark your calendars with this change.

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.

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: Last August bingo date is the 25th. Be sure to support this worthy cause for our parish.

August 15 & 16, 2026			
	LOUP CITY	ASHTON	HAZARD
WEEKLY ENV	\$ 2,697.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 470.00
PLATE	\$ 848.00	\$ -	\$ -
CHILDREN	\$ 7.00	\$ -	\$ -
EFT Received	\$ 146.25	\$ -	\$ 90.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 430.00	\$ 145.00	
Candle Money	\$ 46.00		
St. Gabriel Altar Society		\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
August Budget/week	\$ 3,461.75	\$ 5,019.58	\$ 2,735.57
Total collected for month	\$ 9,659.75	\$ 1,735.00	\$ 2,180.00
August Budget	\$ 13,847.00	\$ 5,019.58	\$ 2,735.57
Remaining August Balance	\$ 4,187.25	\$ 3,284.58	\$ 555.57

A member of the Ravenna Parish has suggested we pray a nine-day Novena to St. Raphael the Archangel to seek recovery for Fr. Richard. A printout of the Novena is attached to your bulletin. You can also find it online at: <https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/st-raphael-novena/>

St. Raphael the Archangel Novena - Healing Prayers--St. Raphael is one of the three Archangels mentioned in Scripture. He is invoked for healing, for travelers, and for the blind.

Healing Prayer of St. Raphael (Say the same prayer each day for the 9 days of the novena.)

Day 1—

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Glorious Archangel Saint Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, you are illustrious for your gifts of wisdom and grace. You are a guide of those who journey by land or sea or air, consoler of the afflicted, and refuge of sinners. I beg you, assist me in all my needs and in all the sufferings of this life, as once you helped the young Tobias on his travels.

Because you are the medicine of God, I humbly pray you to heal the many infirmities of my soul and the ills that afflict my body. I especially ask of you the favor (mention request here...) and the great grace of purity to prepare me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

St. Raphael, of the glorious seven who stand before the throne of Him who lives and reigns, Angel of health, the Lord has filled your hand with balm from heaven to soothe or cure our pains. Heal or cure the victim of disease, and guide our steps when doubtful of our ways. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Day 2—Day 9. Repeat entire prayer from above.