The Catholic Communities of

St. Josaphat
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Mass Schedule ~ Times ~ Intentions

Sat., Nov. 28th	**4:00 PM** **6:00 PM**	**OLL MASS** **SJ MASS: Special Intention**
Sun., Nov. 29th	**8:00 AM** **10:30 AM**	**SJ MASS: † Alozy & Darlene Spotanski** **OLL MASS**
Mon., Nov. 30th	**----**	**SJ MASS: NO MASS**
Wed., Dec. 2nd	**---**	**SJ MASS: NO MASS**
Sat., Dec. 5th	**4:00 PM** **6:00 PM**	**OLL MASS** **SJ MASS: † Rose Mary Kowalski**
Sun., Dec. 6th	**8:00 AM** **10:30 AM**	**SJ MASS: For the People** **OLL MASS**
Mon., Dec. 7th	**12:00 PM**	**SFA MASS: † Joani Stanczyk**
Tues. Dec. 8th	**6:00 PM**	**SJ MASS: † Rob Lewandowski**
Wed, Dec. 9th	**---**	**SJ MASS: NO MASS**

November 29, 2026



First Sunday of Advent

Confessions are heard one half-hour prior to each Mass

	Saturday, December 5, 2026, 6 p.m.	**Sunday, December 6, 2026, 8 a.m.**
Greeters	Myron & Sharon Osentowski	Mike & Whitney Kaminski Family
Leader:	Cindy Baker	Lisa Harrington
Lector:	Mike Gappa	Gary Eurek
Eucharist Ministers:	Kaylee Tuma & Matthew Tuma	Linda Kohlscheen & Ron Mroczek
Servers:	Cyrus Oseka & Ashlynn Gappa	Conrad Kaminski & Loklan Setlik

THANK YOU FOR THE BIRTHDAY PARTY LAST WEEK: To all who helped with, all who came, for all of the cards and gifts. I am humbled with your helping me celebrate my birthday! --- Father Mark

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**.

SATURDAY MASS TIMES: Remember the Saturday Mass times have changed from 5 pm to 4 pm in Ravenna and from 7 pm to 6 pm in Loup City.

KC BINGO DATES: Bingo opportunities in December are the 1st and 15th.

BIG GIVE: Please help support the betterment of Sherman County by donating to one of more of the county's nonprofit organizations during the Sherman County Big Give on Dec. 8-9. You can make your checks payable to any of the 15 organizations participating in the Big Give and mail it to SC Big Give PO Box 428 Loup City NE 68853. Or stop by a Big Give giving station in your community on Dec. 8 or 9 and make a donation in person. Giving stations will be located in Loup City at Heritage and Citizens Banks, and the Sherman County Senior Center; in Ashton at KS Garage; in Litchfield at Town and Country Bank; and in Hazard at Joe's Motor Co. For more information on the Sherman County Big Give and the 15 participant organizations, check out the Sherman County Big Give Facebook page or the website https://shercofoundation.org. Thank you for your generosity!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: We will be having Mass on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 6 PM to fulfill the Holy Day of Obligation. We still need a few volunteers for the ministries.

MEMORIAL CANDLES: Memorial candles may be picked up at the end of Mass on Sunday Nov. 29th. They will be placed in the back of the church after this time. You may deliver a candle if you know the family member.

Little Blue Books: Advent begins November 29th. The Little Blue Books are on a table at the back of the church. Please take one home and use the daily reflections and prayers to help prepare for the Advent and Christmas season.

PHOTO DIRECTORY: Our parish cluster will be taking pictures for a new photo directory in January. We are in need of 2 volunteers from each parish to help take reservations for photo times. Please call the office at (308) 745-0315 if you would be willing to help. I need to have names of volunteers by **December 1, 2026**.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes for Christmas flowers are at the back of the church. You may begin dropping them in the collection at any time. Please be sure to indicate on the envelope who you want memorialized, and submit by **December 20, 2026**.

November 21 &22			
	LOUP CITY	**ASHTON**	**HAZARD**
WEEKLY ENV	$ 2,539.00	$ 310.00	$ 330.00
PLATE	$ 644.00		
CHILDREN	$ 32.00		
EFT Received	$ 146.25	$ -	$ 90.00
Miscellaneous	$ 2,277.76		
Total collected for month	$ 14,832.76	$ 2,719.00	$1,465.00
November Budget	$ 13,847.00	$ 5,019.58	$2,735.57
Remaining November Balance	$ (985.76)	$ 2,300.58	$1,270.57

Diocesan Appeal

Parish	**Dollar Goal/Received to Date**	**Donor Goal**
St. Josaphat	$14,617/4,107/10,510	70
St. Francis	3,545/350/3,195	17
St. Gabriel	2,512/1,250/1,262	12

Advent sometimes just feels like that time that is sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas – life is hectic with Christmas shopping, parties, the school year ending, and so much more. But as Catholics – we really ought to enter into this season of joyful anticipation with purpose and intention! Using Formed and the series: **How to Advent**, you can discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas. Guided by priests, religious, professors, and a charismatic host, you will gain practical tips and spiritual reflection on the practices of the Advent calendar, Advent wreath, Jesse tree, and nativity scene. There are four episodes in this show that are between 12 and 15 minutes. Give this "gift" to yourself and your family this year!