

# The Catholic Communities of

## ST. JOSAPHAT

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Confessions are heard one half-hour prior to each Mass.

SATURDAY, 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM	RAVENNA MASS
	7:00 PM	LC MASS: +Shannon Skorniak
SUNDAY, 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	LC MASS: + Joan Meier
	10:30 AM	RAVENNA MASS
MON, Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	LC MASS: + Karl Jorgensen
WED., NOV. 30 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	LC MASS: + Dolores Shada
SAT., DEC 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00 PM	RAVENNA MASS
	7:00 PM	LC MASS: + Franny Stobbe
SUNDAY, 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	LC MASS: For the People
	10:30 AM	RAVENNA MASS



Nov. 27, 2022

### **Stewardship Reflection – The First Sunday of Advent**

*“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily, and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

<p><b>Sat. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm:</b> <b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Tim &amp; Patty Piontkowski <b><u>Leader:</u></b> Annette Gallaway <b><u>Lector:</u></b> Janelle Mostek <b><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u></b> Sharon Osentowski &amp; Joyce Goc <b><u>Servers:</u></b> Mallory Tuma</p> <p><b>Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am:</b> <b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Mark &amp; Sue Goc <b><u>Leader:</u></b> Mary Skibinski <b><u>Lector:</u></b> Bill Ference <b><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u></b> Chris Stieb &amp; Kaitlyn Skibinski <b><u>Servers:</u></b> Brogan Setlik &amp; Jessica Stieb</p> <p><b>Sat. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm:</b> <b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Marion &amp; Charlene Schultz <b><u>Leader:</u></b> Mike Gappa <b><u>Lector:</u></b> Susan Day <b><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u></b> Susan Day &amp; David Kuszak <b><u>Servers:</u></b> Kade Kowalski &amp; Jaymeson Gappa</p> <p><b>Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.:</b> <b><u>Greeters:</u></b> Barb Dorsey &amp; Diane Loeffelbein <b><u>Leader:</u></b> Paula Johnson <b><u>Lector:</u></b> Todd Wardyn <b><u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u></b> Karen Greenland &amp; Shiron Johansen <b><u>Servers:</u></b> Wyatt Stieb &amp; Libby Ference</p>
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**Is the Eucharist a Symbol?** The transformed bread and wine are truly the Body and Blood of Christ and are not merely symbols. When Christ said, “This is my body,” and “This is my blood,” the bread and wine are transubstantiated. Though the bread and wine appear the same to our human faculties, they are actually the real body and blood of Jesus. [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

**A note from Fr. Mark:** Thank you for the birthday party, all of the cards, texts, wishes, and gifts for my 58<sup>th</sup> birthday. I am very grateful and humbled by it! – Fr. Mark

**Christmas Decoration Envelopes:** The donation envelopes for Christmas flowers in honor of our deceased loved ones are now available at the back of church. The suggested memorial donation for poinsettias this year is \$20. These may be returned in the collection basket during any of our weekend Masses.

**Hazard Altar Society** will set up for Advent Mass on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. with a meeting following. St. Gabriel’s Advent Mass is set for Wednesday evening, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. with the Christmas party to follow.

**Little Blue Books** have arrived and make for wonderful daily meditations throughout the season of Advent. These are also on the tables at the back of church. Please pick one up on your way out!

**St. Josaphat Lectors:** The 2023 Lector Workbooks are here for pickup on the table at the back of church.

**St. Mary’s Cathedral** presents an evening of *Praise, Worship, and Adoration* with Fr. Michael Voithofer of Ablaze Worship on Friday, December 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Cathedral in Grand Island. All faiths and ages are welcome! This is a free will donation event.

**Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy:** In 1998, Saint Pope John Paul II gave the church an Apostolic Letter entitled *Dies Domini* (Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy). Join Bishop Hanefeldt for a live-streamed teaching presentation of *Dies Domini* on Monday evenings: November 21, 28, December 5, 12, beginning at 7:30 PM CST. These weekly teachings will be available on the Catholic Diocese of Grand Island Facebook page and You Tube channel. Links can be found on the diocesan website at: [www.gidiocese.org](http://www.gidiocese.org).

**BINGO:** Only two Bingo dates remain for 2022: Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., at the Parish Hall.

**2022/23 Diocesan Appeal Update:**

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u>Current Households Donating/Household Goal</u>
St. Francis	\$2,847	\$750	4/16
St. Gabriel	\$2,085	<b>\$1,870</b>	<b>8/12</b>
St. Josaphat	\$13,403	\$4,697	30/70

**Fruits of Your Generosity-** EVANGELIZING COLLEGE STUDENTS. Help us continue to evangelize young adults on our college campuses. “I didn’t always value the power of prayer until I came to college and immersed myself in the St. Teresa Calcutta Newman Center at the University of Nebraska, Kearney,”  
*Sydney Fisher.* Give now at: <https://www.gidiocese.org/give-now>

	<u>November 19 and 20, 2022</u>		
	<u>LOUP CITY</u>	<u>ASHTON</u>	<u>HAZARD</u>
<b>WEEKLY ENV.</b>	\$ 1,373.00	\$ 353.00	\$ 715.00
<b>PLATE</b>	\$ 562.00	---	---
<b>CHILDREN’S</b>	\$ 29.00	---	---
<b>Budget for Nov.</b>	\$ 13,306.17	\$ 3,053.88	\$ 1,933.66
<b>Received to Date</b>	\$ - 6,899.25	\$ - 1,600.00	\$ 1,285.00
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<b>\$ 6,406.92</b>	<b>\$ 1,453.88</b>	<b>\$ 648.66</b>

