

The Catholic Communities of

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

Mon., Dec. 26th	11:00 AM	NO LC MASS
Wed., Dec. 28th	11:00 AM	NO LC MASS
Sat., Dec. 31st	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	RAVENNA MASS LC MASS: + Helen Stanczyk
Sun., Jan. 1st	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	LC MASS: For the People RAVENNA MASS
Mon., Jan. 2nd	12:00 PM	ASHTON MASS: + Kaslon & Piechota Families
Wed., Jan. 4th	11:00 AM	LC MASS: + Louie & Helen Kaslon



December 25, 2022

Stewardship Reflection – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas

“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...” John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus, we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus- the best gift we can receive.

<p>SATURDAY, Dec. 31st, 7:00 p.m.: <u>Greeters:</u> Betty Kowalski & Connie Palu <u>Leader:</u> Loretta Lovitt <u>Lector:</u> Rose Kowalski <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Steve & Denise Holcomb <u>Servers:</u> Conner Slobaszewski</p> <p>SUNDAY, Jan. 1st, 8:00 a.m.: <u>Greeters:</u> Shiron Johansen & Lillian Kaslon <u>Leader:</u> Jerome Reimers; <u>Lector:</u> Gary Eurek <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Barb Dorsey & Lois Maschka <u>Servers:</u> Brogan Setlik & Jessica Stieb</p>
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2023 Ministry Schedules are ready for you to pick up on the entry table as you come into church.

Altar Servers: Thank you to the youth of our parish for answering the call and for signing up to begin training as altar servers: Kade Kowalski, Lena Kaminski, Raiden Barnes, Wyatt Trompke, Cyrus Oseka, and Dylan Rademacher. We will begin to see these new faces in the coming year as they are paired with our more experienced servers for their expert guidance, and whom we also thank for their tireless service to St. Josaphat's. We appreciate each of you!

Giving Tree is a Success! On behalf of CNCAP and St. Josaphat's Church, we thank those who helped to spread Christmas cheer this year by purchasing gifts for youth in our community. Their Christmas will be a little brighter because of you!!

Cluster Parish CCW Christmas Party: All ladies are invited to the annual CCW Christmas Party which will be held on Monday, January 9th, at the Parish Hall. There will be a 5:30 p.m. social with meal starting at 6 p.m. If wishing to join in a gift exchange, please bring a \$10 gift with you to join in the fun. Your RSVP would be appreciated for the caterer. Call Jane at 308-202-0166, or simply write your name down on the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Catholics Encounter Christ: Join us for a three-day weekend where you will experience how God's grace works within you and how you can share this grace with others. Talks presented by clergy and laity, fellowship with others, and prayer through song and word, will inspire, educate, and motivate. Held at *Comeca Camp & Retreat Center* in Cozad, this Friday evening through Sunday evening experience is sure to be a memorable one full of insight, growth, and perhaps a few laughs along the way! Register now at www.gidiocese.org today! **Women's Weekend:** March 3-5, 2023; **Men's Weekend:** March 24-26, 2023.

PARISH Registration: I am working on updating our parish database and could use your help! You can find registration forms on the tables. PLEASE take one, fill it out, and bring it back (one form per family is all that is necessary). By doing so, I can either confirm the information we may already have in the system or update as needed. (If you have registered in the last 1-2 years, registration may not be necessary.) It will help to streamline things when it comes to parish contact lists or mailings, ordering of envelopes, religious education registration and/or sacraments, and will also help our CCWs update things on their end as well. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Diocesan Appeal: St. Gabriel's Parish/Hazard parish goals are **\$2,085** with **12 households** contributing. The parish has now reached **93%** of the dollar goal! To reach both goals, only **\$145 with 3 more households** donating is needed. If both goals are met by Dec. 31st, the parish will qualify for a drawing for a \$2,085 rebate.

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Raised</u>
<u>St. Josaphat's:</u>	\$13,403/70 households	\$5,912/37 households, or 44% of goal
<u>St. Francis:</u>	\$2,847/16 households	\$850/5 households, or 30% of goal

The Eucharistic Prayer: The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In this prayer, the celebrant acts in the person of Christ as head of his body, the Church. He gathers not only the bread and the wine, but the substance of our lives and joins them to Christ's perfect sacrifice, offering them to the Father.

The introductory dialogue establishes that this prayer is the prayer of the baptized and ordained, is offered in the presence of God, and has thanksgiving as its central focus. Following this dialogue, the celebrant begins the Preface, which consists of four different Eucharistic Prayers. After these prayers, communion is then given. Gidiocese.org/eucharistic-revival or eucharisticrevival.org

	<u>December 17 and 18, 2022</u>		
	<u>LOUP CITY</u>	<u>ASHTON</u>	<u>HAZARD</u>
<u>WEEKLY ENV.</u>	\$ 1,651.00	\$ 3,768.00	\$ 505.00
<u>PLATE</u>	\$ 3,715.00	---	---
<u>CHILDREN'S</u>	\$ 8.00	---	---
<u>Budget for December</u>	\$ 13,306.17	\$ 3,053.88	\$ 1,933.66
<u>Received to Date</u>	\$ -12,075.00	\$ 5,752.00	\$ 980.00
<u>Balance Remaining for December</u>	\$ 1,231.17	\$+ 2,698.12	\$ 953.66