

Kraslava Roman Catholic Church of St. Ludvig's

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Guided tours must be booked in advance!

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Coordinates: 55°53'52.2" N, 27°10'11.7" E

Working days a week: Monday - Sunday

Working season: All year

Parking lot: Yes

Toilet: WC

Measures: Yes

Excursion: Yes

Feeding: No

Cultural-historical objects

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Price: Donations

Included in the price: Observation

Sale of souvenirs: Yes

