

December 20th, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Saint Mary & Saint Joseph Catholic Churches



St. Mary Church

1625 Adams Street, Ashland
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass 8:30 AM

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St. Joseph Church

7 Oak Street,
Greenwood
Sunday Mass 10:30 AM

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

(StM-ASHLAND, STJ-GREENWOOD, CC-CARE CENTER, OXB-OX BOW)

Mon	21	StJ	-----	No Mass
Tue	22	StM	8:00am	Meehan Family
Wed	23	StM	8:00am	Mary Meehan
Thu	24	StM	8:00am	Pastor's Intention
Thu	24	StM	3:00pm	+Doris Hervey
Thu	24	StM	5:00pm	For the People
Fri	25	StM	12:00am	+Lefty Anderson
Fri	25	StM	8:30am	Thanksgiving
Fri	25	StJ	10:30am	+Mary Ann Wais
Sat	26	OxB	9:15am	Pastor's Intention
Sat	26	StM	5:00pm	+Joe & +Ida Krittenbrink
Sun	27	StM	8:30am	+Harold & +Catherine Stander
Sun	27	StJ	10:30am	For the People

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

CONFESSION IN ST. MARY'S BASEMENT KITCHEN BEFORE MASS

OR CALL THE RECTORY

SATURDAY	ST MARY	4:00 - 4:50pm
SUNDAY	ST MARY	8:00 - 8:20am

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45 <i>St Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>
Tue	1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56
Wed	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66 <i>St John of Kanty, Priest</i>
Thu	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79
Fri	VIGIL: Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 NIGHT: Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14 DAWN: Is 62:11-12 / Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20 DAY: Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 <i>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)</i>
Sat	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22 <i>St Stephen, The First Martyr</i>
Sun	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 or, in Year B, Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 / Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Daily Mass at 8am, Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm, Sunday Mass at 8:30am live-streamed on St. Mary's Face Book Page & St. Mary's Website

Seminarian Prayer Calendar - Please pray for our Seminarians every week throughout the year

Please pray this week for seminarian **Dominic Winter** (Theology 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary) from St. Joseph, St. Marv in Lincoln

Advent - The Beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year

The Advent season has a twofold dimension: it is a time of preparation for Christmas when we recall the first coming of Christ in poverty and humility at Bethlehem, and it also is the time to anticipate with joyful hope Christ's second coming in glory and majesty on the Last Day at the end of time

The Advent Wreath Ceremony

Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent

O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The father of the family lights all 4 candles in proper sequence during the fourth week after the prayer at the evening meal)

Ad Orientem (Towards the East) During Advent Father Holoubek will celebrate Mass at the altar according to the ancient practice ad orientem (towards the east). The emphasis in this ancient liturgical practice is that the priest and people all are all turned together in a common act of worship to the Lord



The Nativity of the

Lord The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is

Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." *Luke 2: 10 - 12* (MorningOffering.com)

The Liturgical Season of Christmas begins with the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Jan 10. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with Him ... including the fact that He was born to die for us

Advent Penance Service Dec 20 Confessions at St. Mary's from 2pm – 3pm with Fr. Goodwin and Fr. Holoubek. Come and prepare the way for Christ and receive the Mercy and Love of God

Advent and Christmas Confession Opportunities

Dec 19 Sat	StM	3:00 - 4:50pm
Dec 20 Sun	StM	2:00 - 3:00pm
Advent Penance Service		with Fr. Goodwin and Fr. Holoubek
Dec 22 Tues	StM	6:30 - 7:30pm
Dec 23 Wed	StJ	5:00 - 6:00pm
	StM	6:30 - 7:30pm
Dec 24 Thurs	StM	11:00am - 12:00pm - Last Chance!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec 24	StM	3:00pm
Dec 24	StM	5:00pm - Vigil Mass
Dec 25	StM	12:00am - Midnight Mass
Dec 25	StM	8:30am
Dec 25	StJ	10:30am

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Communion Antiphon Is 7:14

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Thurs	Dec 24	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Phil Onwiler
	Reader	Karen Stille
Fri	Dec 25	12:00am
	Acolyte	Greg Logsdon
	Reader	Mary Logsdon
Fri	Dec 25	8:30am
	Acolyte	James Wilsey
	Reader	Rita Smits
Sat	Dec 26	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Jim Sokolewicz
	Reader	Cathy Sokolewicz
Sun	Dec 27	8:30am
	Acolyte	Craig Buescher
	Reader	Karen Stille
Sun	Dec 27	10:30am
	Reader	Leslie Krings
	Offertory	Hummel

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD DEC 8 - 15

St Mary's and St Joseph's are sustained by the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

	<u>St Mary</u>	<u>St Joseph</u>
Adult	\$1,094.00	\$280.00
Plate	149.00	30.00
Holy Day	50.00	30.00
Christmas Altar Flowers	165.00	50.00
Online Giving	735.00	
Betty Barber Memorial		715.00
NE Healthy Places Grant	1,500.00	1,500.00
Utility Fund	50.00	25.00
Mass Stipends	85.00	
Votive Candles	27.00	
Total	\$3,855.00	\$2,630.00
Budget	\$2,379.00	\$460.00

St Mary and St Joseph Churches offer automated clearing house (ACH) giving as a way to automate your weekly offering. ACH giving offers convenience to parish members and provides donation consistency for our parish budgets. To enroll, please complete an ACH Authorization Form found on the table at the back of the church or call the parish office. Parishioners can also donate electronically on the parish web site: <https://stmaryashland.org>

Happy Birthday! Erandy Morales-Rodriguez, Joanna Torpy, Madeleine Washburn, Estella Bordovsky, Kaylee Wilsey, Anna Jamrog, Norm Luetkenhaus, Chris Schmidt, Don Kritenbrink

Parish Announcements

SPECIAL NEED We have a family in St. Mary's that needs financial assistance. They have three small children and the youngest, an infant, needed a very serious surgery that requires the parents to be out of state with their child for several weeks. If you are able to assist them, please place any amount in an envelope marked "Special Family" and put it in the collection basket. We will also have a sign-up sheet in back of church to make meals for them. At this time the family wishes to remain anonymous. We especially ask for prayers for their little one. Thank you so much for your generosity and your prayers

Decorate St. Mary's for Christmas - Dec 20

Please join us **after Sunday Mass TODAY** to decorate our church for Christmas!

2020 CCD and Pre-School Christmas Programs

Unfortunately the annual CCD and Pre-School Christmas programs will not be held this year due to the Covid pandemic. **CCD and Preschool Christmas Break Dec 22 - Jan 5**

Christmas Flower Offering Special envelopes are available in our weekly offering box to designate your flower offering in memory of or in honor of loved ones. You can also mark a regular envelope with "Christmas Flowers". Thank you for your generous contributions for our church's beautiful Christmas flowers.

Mass of the Holy Innocents Dec 28 (Lincoln)

Memorial Mass especially for families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, or abortion. WHEN: Reading of names at 6:30pm; Mass at 7pm. WHERE: Cathedral of the Risen Christ. If

you would like your child's name to be remembered and placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life (402-473-0620) before 5:00pm on Dec 18

2021 Nebraska Walk for Life Jan 16 (Lincoln) Starts on the north steps of the State Capitol at 10am and walk to the Newman Center at 16th & Q Sts. Keynote speaker Sarah Zagorski. Info: www.nebraskarighttolife.org or call 402-438-4802

Christian Speech Seminar Jan 23 (Lincoln) What does the Word of God teach about how we are to speak to and about others? The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies presents Redeeming Communication: Christian Speech in a Hostile World, 9am-12pm at St. Michael Parish in Lincoln. Refreshments and lunch provided. Learn more and register at www.emmausinstitute.net

Want to watch family movies this Christmas? **Formed.org** offers many family-friendly movies. Go to <https://formed.org> for movies, children's programs, ebooks, audio, and parish programs. FREE!

End of Year Donations All donations for 2020 must be put in the collection or brought to the rectory by Dec 31. Checks must be dated 2020 to be counted as 2020. All donations received after Dec 31 will be credited toward the year 2021. Thank you again for your continued generosity

Abortion Tuesdays - Please Pray and Fast on Tuesdays Planned Parenthood in Lincoln conducts abortions every Tuesday. Pray for mothers to choose life for their babies

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Food Requests Please leave donations in the boxes in the back of the church

VFW Food Pantry - Toilet tissue, Kleenex, adult pain aids. Please call Jean Stewart (402-944-3483) if you need assistance

Kids' Cupboard - cans or cups of pasta

Greenwood Community Food Pantry If you need food, please contact Cindy Rex (402-789-7265), Beth Massa (402-540-8537), or Jarid Massa (402-430-0238) for confidential assistance with your food needs

Parish Groups and Contacts

Knights of Columbus Open to all Catholic men, this group meets the first Thursday of the month at 7pm.

St. Mary Altar Society This group includes all women of the parish and meets the second Thursday of the month at 7pm (excluding the summer months Jun-Aug). On Facebook "Ashland St. Mary's Altar Society".

St. Joseph Altar Society This group includes all women of the parish and meets the third Thursday of the month at 7pm.

Young Women's Group This group meets bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 8pm. Please contact Maggie Onwiler at onwilerm@gmail.com for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration Call or text Lisa Lassacson at 402-314-4340 if you are interested in a holy hour on First Friday/First Saturday.

Hall Rental Call Karen Romans at 402-521-0272. There is no cost to rent the hall, but a donation of \$25 is suggested.

Suppers for the Soul Call Jackie Fudge at 402-944-7600 if you or someone you know could use some meal assistance due to illness, recovery, new baby, etc.

Prayer Chain Call Winnie von Rentzell at 402-944-2706, or email her at wv30728@windstream.net, to place a prayer request or to join the prayer chain.

Bulletin Send bulletin announcements to Jim Sokolewicz at jsoko@windstream.net by midday Wednesday. All announcements will be reviewed by Father.

Upcoming Parish Events - Save the Date

- Dec 20 Decorate St. Mary's for Christmas
- **Dec 20 Advent Penance Service**
- Dec 22 - Jan 5 CCD and Preschool Christmas Break
- Dec 25 Nativity of the Lord - Christmas
- Dec 28 Holy Innocents Mass (at the Cathedral)
- Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- Jan 3 The Epiphany of the Lord
- Jan 16 Nebraska Walk for Life