

December 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

Saint Mary & Saint Joseph Catholic Churches

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St. Joseph Church
7 Oak Street, Greenwood
Sunday Mass 10:30AM

Second Sunday of Advent

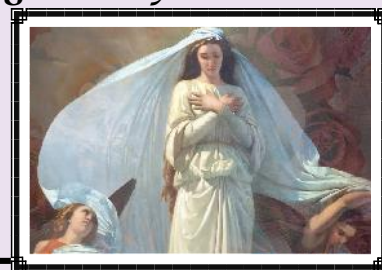


*My powerful Lord, You sent Saint John the Baptist before You,
so as to prepare many hearts to receive You and Your transforming truth.
Please humble me, dear Lord, so that I will listen to the words spoken by John
and will indeed continually repent of all of my sin with all my heart. Amen
Jesus, I trust in You.*

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The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8

*O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son,
we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son,
You did preserve her from all stain,
so too You would permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto You.
Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, world without end. Amen.*



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sat	3	STM	5:00PM	All Souls' Day Intentions
Sun	4	STM	8:30AM	For the People
	4	STJ	10:30AM	+Nancy Stander
Mon	5	---	-----	Daily Mass Not Scheduled
Tue	6	STM	8:00AM	+Ron Bacon
Wed	7	CC	9:15AM	+Bob Machacek
Wed	7	STM	7:00PM	CCD Students, Parents & Teachers
Thu	8	STM	8:00AM	+Alfred Kelley
	8	STJ	5:30PM	All Souls' Day Intentions
	8	STM	7:00PM	For the People
Fri	9	STM	8:00AM	Father Holoubek
Sat	10	OXB	9:15AM	Pastor's Intentions
	10	STM	5:00PM	Deceased Members of Schwaller Family
Sun	11	STM	8:30AM	+Bob Rist, Sr., +Eileen Smith, and +Amberly Rist
	11	STJ	10:30AM	For the People

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tue	Saint Nicholas, Bishop Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wed	Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thu	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Holy Day of Obligation Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Fri	Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Sat	Our Lady of Loreto Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
SUN	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

**Thursday, December 8 is the
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and a Holy Day of Obligation.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

BEFORE MASS AT THESE TIMES OR CALL THE RECTORY

SAT	ST MARY	4:00-4:50PM	TUE	ST MARY	7:35-7:55AM
SUN	ST MARY	8:00-8:20AM	THU	ST MARY	7:35-7:55AM
SUN	ST JOSEPH	10:10-10:20AM	FRI	ST MARY	7:35-7:55AM

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the rectory to register, or for information on any of our parish activities/organizations. Registration forms for St. Mary & St. Joseph parishes also available for print at stmaryashland.org or in the wall pockets in the back of St. Mary Church. Completed forms may be mailed to the church office or placed in the weekly collection basket.



SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Please pray this week for Rev. Mr. Loudon Redinger from St. Michael Parish in Hastings, currently Theology 4 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

Please Pray & Fast on Tuesdays

Planned Parenthood in Lincoln conducts abortions every Tuesday. Pray for mothers, and fathers, to choose life for their babies and that they receive all the support, strength and holy guidance they need.



MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat	Dec 10	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Jeff Ridder
	Reader	Rita Smits
Sun	Dec 11	8:30am
	Acolyte	Greg Logsdon
	Reader	Mary Logsdon
Sun	Dec 11	10:30am
	Reader	Jon Sundermeier
	Offertory	Hofferber

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD NOV 23–NOV 29

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

	St Mary	St Joseph
Adult Envelopes	\$1,120.00	\$0.00
Plate	197.51	30.00
Votive Candles	32.00	
Mass Stipends	15.00	
Contemplative Sisters	230.00	50.00
Altar Flowers	175.00	
Total	\$1,769.51	\$80.00
Weekly Budget	\$2,417.00	41300

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 in the wall pockets at the back of St. Mary church or call the parish office. Parishioners can also donate electronically on the parish web site: <https://stmaryashland.org>

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING TODAY, DEC 4

John XXIII Diocesan Center 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln
Please join together to pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church, Nation, & world.
1:15pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
1:30pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
1:40pm Praise and Worship
Blessing of salt, water, religious articles before Mass
2:00pm Mass begins, Anointing of the Sick after the homily
Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayer after Mass



I AM LOVE Praise & Worship Teaching Adoration Healing Prayers



Presented by priests from the Omaha Archdiocese & Lincoln Diocese, with local musicians & prayer teams. Friday, December 9 6-9pm
North American Martyrs 1101 Isaac Dr, Lincoln

Let the little children come (even the noisy ones)!

Join us for a family friendly holy hour at John XXIII Diocesan Center (3700 Sheridan Blvd) from 3:30 to 4:30 pm on Dec 11. With confessions, a short reflection on Advent for families, some music, some silence(ish), and hot cocoa to follow! No RSVP required



Looking to go deep during the Advent Season?

Regnum Christi will host a "Men's Spiritual Exercises" Retreat Dec 8-11 at the Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Dec.16-18 we will have the "Incarnational Intimacy" retreat with Fr. Steve Mills and Dec. 28-30 we are hosting a virtual watch party for the "Encounter Ministries Conference". Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, call 402-786-2705, or email office@goodcounselretreat.org.



The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents

will be celebrated on Wed. Dec. 28th at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion.

All names will be permanently placed on the Banner, however, due to time constraints, only names submitted since 2014 will be read aloud. New names may be submitted by calling the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 **before 5pm on Dec. 20th** or in the vestibule prior to the reading of names, which will begin at 6:45pm followed by Mass.



6th-8th Grade – Math & Social Studies Teacher

St. Patrick School in Lincoln is looking for a 6th-8th Grade – Math & Social Studies Teacher for the duration of the 2022-23 school year. Current NE teaching certificate required. Math and Social Studies endorsements are not necessary. Salary based on education and experience. Candidates will be considered that are available immediately, or at semester starting Jan. 3, 2023.



"Becoming-One in Heart & Love through Our Couple Communication." Marriage Encounter

Feb. 10-12 in Lincoln. Call right-away to save a place. Gary & Brenda Granger 303--604-6202



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the infallibly defined dogma of the Catholic Church that "God freely chose Mary from all eternity to be the Mother of his Son. In order to carry out her mission she herself was conceived immaculate. This means that, thanks to the grace of God and in anticipation of the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary was preserved from original sin from the first instant of her conception" (Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church). Chosen by God to be the Mother of the Savior and the "New Eve," Mary Immaculate is a type of the Church and the perfect model of holiness for all Christians. Mary, under this title is also the patroness of our country and the Lincoln Diocese. We should consider this Mass a privilege and an honor to celebrate!



Masses that fulfill this Holy Day of Obligation:

All Catholics are required to celebrate this day as a Sunday by going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion worthily.

Wednesday, Dec 7
7:00pm at St. Mary

Thursday, Dec 8
8:00am at St. Mary

Thursday, Dec 8
5:30pm at St. Joseph

Thursday, Dec 8
7:00pm at St. Mary

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE & ROLLS will be served at St. Mary Church following 8:30am Mass **today, December 4**. Please join us downstairs.



ST. MARY PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Today, Sunday, December 4, in St. Mary Church. Afternoon class performs at 2:00pm. Morning class performs at 4:00pm. All Welcome!

CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM All parishioners are invited today, Dec 4, 6:30pm in St. Mary Church. Followed by refreshments and fellowship in the church basement.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Tuesday, December 6 in St. Mary Church basement. All men are welcome to join us.



THE ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING will be Thursday, December 8 following the 7:00pm Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All ladies welcome to join us downstairs.



ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY is looking for two volunteers to serve as president and vice-president for the 2023 term. Please prayerfully consider if this is a need you can fulfill for our parish. New ideas welcome. This task is as fun as you make it! If you have any questions please contact Teresa Kresak 402-521-0852 (call or text)



A great big **THANK YOU** to parishioners Deb Hoffman, Craig Buescher, Dave Romans, and James Wilsey for doing a great job on the recent yard clean-up around St. Mary Church.



THE GIVING TREE is now in the back of St. Mary Church. If you are able to help, please choose a tag and write your name on the clipboard. Directions are on each tag. Gifts need to be returned by December 11 to the box in the back of church.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

St. Mary Church, Ashland
Sunday, Dec 18 2:00-3:00pm
with Fr. Holoubek & Fr. Goodwin

*Come and Prepare the Way for Christ
Receive the Mercy and Love of God*



NEW ADORER NEEDED to permanently fill the 4:00-5:00pm Hour of Adoration on the First Friday of each month. Please call or text Lisa Isaacson if you are willing to commit to this time with our Lord, 402-314-4340. And please lift up a prayer of thanksgiving for the individual who has been keeping this hour for our parishes.



CATHOLIC FAITH INQUIRY CLASSES ALL INVITED!

Sundays, 4:00pm in St. Mary Church basement

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 NO CLASS THIS DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

THE LAST THINGS: What Happens After We Die?

At some point in our lives we all wonder what will happen after we die. Of course, none of us can know exactly what will occur despite the numerous books written about near-death experiences— but as Christians we have One Who Has Gone Before Us in the Person of Jesus, whose Death and Resurrection shed light on what awaits us. He has given us some indication of what awaits, and the Church has continued to help us with her instruction. The Church teaches that if we are to grow and mature as Christians, we need to take time to prayerfully consider the Four Last Things— death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell. Unless and until we take these things seriously, our life here on earth will lack meaning and focus. It's only when we consider the decisions we make in the light of eternity that our entire lives begin to make sense and our relationship with God can come to full maturity.



THE LIVING NATIVITY IN RURAL MURDOCK, NE

7603 298th St. (on Hwy 1 between Murdock & Elmwood)

Walk through an old 1888 barn and experience the animals as they hear The Nativity Story. Every Saturday and Sunday from now thru December 18, 2:00-5:00pm

Drive through the homestead on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from 2:00-5:00pm.

Plan about an hour.
Also enjoy cocoa, music & the Stable Store.

Admission is Free,
Donations Accepted

www.3BHomestead.com



DIOCESAN YOUTH PROGRAMS

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE diocesan pilgrimage will be January 17-22, 2023! Registration Cost \$480. Trip must be paid in full by Dec. 16, 2022. Registration is open to all high school students. Buses will leave 6 p.m. from Good Council Retreat House in Waverly on the afternoon of January 17. Arrival back at John XXIII Center will be approximately 5 p.m. on January 22, pending weather and traffic. Trip includes: Tour of Nation's Capital, The National March for Life, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Monuments of DC, Housing, Transportation, and some meals. Register at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/04-ym-2023-march-for-life>. Contact the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office for additional information at 402-473-0625. Space is limited.

2023 MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 20, 2023 | WASHINGTON DC

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) is a weekend retreat for Sophomores and above in High School and college Freshmen and Sophomores. The retreat is designed to draw young people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The experience of Christ on the weekend will leave you yearning for more in your daily life. The retreat usually begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning and concludes Monday afternoon around 4 p.m. on most weekends. Cost is \$120.

Dec 3-5, 2022 @ Lourdes High School, Nebraska City

Feb 18-20, 2023 @ St. Patrick School, McCook

Feb 18-20, 2023 @ Wahoo Neumann High, Wahoo

Apr 15-17, 2023 @ Camp Kateri, McCool Junction

(Nate & Lisa Isaacson, members of our parishes, will be helping with the April weekend. If you have any questions about T.E.C., please reach out to them: 402.314.4340)

Jun 10-12, 2023 @ David City Aquinas High School

Register at <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec>



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Donation Requests

Please leave donations in the boxes in the back of St. Mary church

VFW Food Pantry - Kleenex, Pain Aids, and Dish Soap. Call or Text (531) 240-0186 if you or anyone you know is in need of assistance from the VFW Food Pantry.

Kids' Cupboard - Jelly

Greenwood Community Food Pantry Contact Cindy Rex 402-789-7265, Beth Massa 402-540-8537, or Jarid Massa 402-430-0238 for confidential assistance.

ROC Meals for Ashland Youth St. Mary & St. Joseph Parishes provide a meal for local young people and leaders at this Ashland based youth center on the first Tuesday of each month. Sign up for as many or as few items as you like in the back of St. Mary Church. Currently 25 servings of each item are needed, to be dropped off at the ROC Center, 124 N 14th Street, by 5:00pm. The Youth Center provides its own paper products and serving utensils!

Upcoming Events - Save the Date

- Dec 4** Coffee & Rolls
Faith Inquiry Class Not Scheduled
CCD Christmas Program 6:30PM
- Dec 6** Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Dec 7** Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception of Mary
- Dec 8** Masses for Immaculate Conception of Mary
St. Mary Altar Society Meeting
- Dec 11** Faith Inquiry Class
- Dec 18** Advent Penance Service



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.

Women's Faith-Sharing Group This group meets after 8:00am Mass on Tuesdays in St. Mary church basement. Women of both parishes welcome.

Thursday Morning Men's Group This group meets every Thursday from 6-7am in the church basement, coffee & breakfast provided. Contact Anthony Weaver for more information, 402-669-0582.

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 Isaacson at 402-314-4340 if you are interested in a holy hour on First Friday/First Saturday.

Hall Rental St. Mary Call or text Lisa Isaacson at 402-314-4340. There is no cost to rent the hall, but a donation of \$25 is suggested.

Hall Rental St. Joseph Contact Leslie Krings at 402-480-5242.

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, hardship, 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 Lisa Isaacson at mrs.nate.isaacson@gmail.com by midday Wednesday. All announcements will be reviewed by Father.