

February 5, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saint Mary & Saint Joseph Catholic Churches

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St. Joseph Church

7 Oak Street, Greenwood
Sunday Mass 10:30AM

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

“YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.”

MATTHEW 5:14

LET US REFLECT, TODAY, UPON TWO THINGS:

FIRST, THINK ABOUT THOSE UPON WHOM GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO SHINE HIS LIGHT.

WHO IS IT IN YOUR LIFE WHO NEEDS AN ACT OF LOVE,
CHARITY, MERCY, FORGIVENESS OR COMPASSION?

COMMIT YOURSELF TO BECOMING GOD'S LIGHT FOR THEM
IN THEIR DARKNESS.

SECOND, THINK ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE SHONE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST UPON YOU.

WHEN THIS HAS HAPPENED, HOW DID YOU RESPOND?

HOPEFULLY YOUR RESPONSE WAS ONE OF A GRATITUDE
THAT NOT ONLY RETURNS LOVE TO THE OTHER,
BUT ALSO GLORIFIES GOD THROUGH YOUR DEEP APPRECIATION.

BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD TO A WORLD IN NEED

AND SEEK OUT THAT LIGHT AS IT SHINES BRIGHTLY THROUGH OTHERS.

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO STEP OUT OF THE DARKNESS
THAT CONSTANTLY TRIES TO PERVADE US.

MYCATHOLIC.LIFE



Please pray for all those attending and helping with the UNBOUND RETREAT this weekend at the Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly, including Fr. Holoubek who is leading this powerful retreat.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sat	4	STM	5:00PM	+Bob Rist, Sr., +Eileen Smith, and +Amberly Rist
Sun	5	STM	8:30AM	For the People
	5	STJ	10:30AM	+Dustan Biegler
Mon	6	—	—	Daily Mass Not Scheduled
Tue	7	STM	8:00AM	+Marilyn Fintel
Wed	8	CC	9:15AM	+John Schunberg
Thu	9	STM	8:00AM	+Miles Hoffman
Fri	10	—	—	Daily Mass Not Scheduled
Sat	11	—	—	Daily Mass Not Scheduled
	11	STM	5:00PM	All Souls' Day Intentions
Sun	12	STM	8:30AM	+Alfred Kelley
	12	STJ	10:30AM	For the People

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	<i>Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tue	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wed	<i>Saint Jerome Emiliani;</i> <i>Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</i> Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thu	Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Fri	<i>Saint Scholastica, Virgin</i> Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Sat	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
SUN	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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

This week please pray for Seth Winter from St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, currently Theology 2 at Mount St. Mary Seminary. Seth was on the Totus Tuus team that taught our kids a couple summers ago.



PLEASE FAST & PRAY ON MONDAYS

Planned Parenthood in Lincoln now conducts abortions on Mondays. Pray for mothers, and fathers, to choose life for their babies and may they receive all the support, strength and holy guidance they need.



MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat	Feb 11	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Joseph Burr
	Reader	Cindy Hilger
Sun	Feb 12	8:30am
	Acolyte	Dave Romans
	Reader	Paul Rohrs
Sun	Feb 12	10:30am
	Reader	John Sundermeier
	Offertory	Hayes

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD JAN 25–JAN 31
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	\$1,087.00	430.00
Plate	136.25	21.00
Votive Candles	22.75	
Mass Stipends	10.00	
On-Line Giving	1,030.00	
Catholic Press	5.00	20.00
Total	\$2,291.00	\$471.00
Weekly Budget	\$2,417.00	\$413.00

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 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>

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. MARY COFFEE & ROLLS

All are invited downstairs after 8:30am Mass this morning, February 5, for coffee, rolls, & fellowship. Please stop down for as little or as long as you can.



ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING Thursday, Feb 9



The Rosary will be led at 6:30pm in St. Mary Church. The meeting will follow, about 7:00pm, in St. Mary Church basement. All women of the parish welcome and wanted.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING On February 12th our parishes will join churches all across the country in the Souper Bowl of Caring. We will collect money specifically for the Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach in Lincoln. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Any amount truly helps!

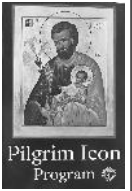


A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who was able to stay and help pack up the Christmas decorations last weekend. We couldn't have done it without you!



ST. JOSEPH ICON COMING SOON TO OUR PARISHES!

Following the year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, comes our new Pilgrim Icon program in honor of St. Joseph, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Please consider attending one or all of the following times to pray and view the icon.



Thu	Feb 16	Silent Viewing in the afternoon at St. Mary
Fri	Feb 17	7-8pm St. Mary's Church, Program & Exposition
Sat	Feb 18	Holy half hour after 5:00pm Mass at St Mary
Sun	Feb 19	Holy half hour after 8:30am Mass at St Mary
Sun	Feb 19	Holy half hour after 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph
Sun	Feb 19	6:30-7:30pm Holy hour with Exposition at St. Mary
Mon	Feb 20	Silent Viewing until 10:00 am at St. Mary

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH PARISH PROGRAM & DINNER

sponsored by the Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska Feb. 26 beginning with free meal at 5:00 and program starting at 5:45 at Ashland Golf Club. Join us for dinner and learn how new strategic charitable giving options maximize tax benefits, generate income, and ensure a solid financial future for you, your family, and your parish. RSVP needed for meal count. Please call 402-488-2142 or email scott-yates@catholicgift.org



WE NEED YOU

ADORATION SUB NEEDED Greg and Mary Logsdon are in need of a sub for adoration from midnight to 1AM Sat, March 4. Please email mlogsdon@windstream.net if you can help.

Catholic Press Month-Did You Know?

The Southern Nebraska Register is sent to *all* Catholic homes registered in our parishes and provides news of interest to all Catholics. *Your donation greatly assists the parish in paying for your Southern Nebraska Register subscription.* The subscription this year is \$15/family. Also, if you are not receiving the register please call the rectory. Thank you!



DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you in need of some spiritual refreshment?

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has **several retreats** in which you can drink deeply of His Love. Join us February 10-11 for our women's "Winter Symposium" with LDCCW, and our "Meeting God in the Desert: Ash Wednesday day of reflection" with Deacon Matthew Hecker on February 22.



Read more and register at:
www.goodcounselretreat.org,
 email office@goodcounselretreat.org
 or call 402-786-2705.

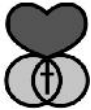
Daughters of the King Women's Conference

Find your identity by immersing in the life of the King! For women 14 and up (under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult). February 24 and 25 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Fremont, NE. Guest Speakers: Dr. Mary Healy and Sarah Kaczmarek. More details and register at stpatricksfremont.org/conferences.

Free will offering for registration. Preorder fish dinner for Friday, \$12; Meals included on Saturday (lunch & supper), \$20



Marriage Encounter START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!



Give the gift of time to each other! On the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, learn to prioritize the important things. February 10-12, Lincoln NE. More info and register at www.wwme.org

St. Vitus Parish (Touhy) Soup Dinner Sunday, February 12th at St. John School Gym in Weston. Serving will be from 11am – 1:30pm. Chili, Chicken Noodle, Ham & Bean Soups, Sandwiches, Desserts, Drinks. Free Will Donation. Live and Silent Auctions, Bake Sale, Raffle and Polka Music. Fun for all!



DATE NIGHT Make time for your vocation! The Family Life Office invites you to a date night on Feb 14th, 6-9 pm at UNL Newman Center Rosary Hall with Vanessa Neuhaus, a family and marriage therapist, speaking. The topic is "Boundaries and Marriage". \$45 for dinner/drinks/apps for two or come for free to the talk and go out to eat on your own (will also be streamed). More info/registration at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/datenightfeb/>. Limited free babysitting available!



Called to the Silence: 3 Day Ignatian Retreats

God speaks to you in the silence. Are you ready for some quiet time away after the holidays? Steep yourself in the sacred space of the Creighton University Retreat Center, just one hour east of Omaha, to be still and open yourself up to the graces God has for you. You will meet with an Ignatian-trained spiritual director daily to reflect on what's stirring in your heart. Opportunity for mass daily and confession. Retreat cost including room and meals is \$350. Choose one of the 3 opportunities to attend. February 23-26, April 13-16, May 4-7, 2023 Register at Creighton.edu/curc



MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY Marriage Enrichment Retreat



Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center is holding the "I+You=We" Marriage enrichment program on Saturday and Sunday, February 25 & 26, 2023. The weekend is led by Fr. Jarosław Szymczak (Fr. Jay) of Łomianki, Poland. The workshops are based on the teachings of the Church, including the teachings of St. Pope Paul VI and St. John Paul II, as well as the findings of Archbishop Majdański's psychological and sociological studies and research. Fr. Jay and numerous Catholic couples from across Nebraska have been hosting workshops with Fr. Jay for many years. For more information or to sign up, go to the Our Lady of Good Counsel website: <https://goodcounselretreat.org/product/iuwe-marriage-workshop/> or contact the front office: 402-786-2705 or office@goodcounselretreat.org

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.



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>

3-Day Eucharist Retreat for Men or Women to grow in devotion to the Eucharist, March 10-12



In this retreat Fr. Loras Grell will awaken the truths of the Eucharist in your heart. Learn more about the reality of Jesus in the

Eucharist and fall more deeply in love with Him, so as to respond to the gift of the Eucharist during the current National Eucharistic Revival. Read more and register at: www.goodcounselretreat.org, call 402-786-2705, or email office@goodcounselretreat.org

MORE DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Retreat for Moms of Young People will be happening on March 18 at the Good Counsel Retreat house. Fr. Ryan Kaup will be giving a series of talks for moms of younger children. This is a day long retreat and babies are welcome. For more info and to sign up: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/ymretreat>



ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Lincoln Diocese is currently taking applications for 2023 TOTUS TUUS Team Members. TOTUS TUUS (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a summer Catholic catechetical program dedicated to the youth in order to evangelize and teach the faith of the Church. The aim is to help all youth develop their relationship with Jesus Christ so that there is an intimate friendship whereby He may lead them to the Father in the Holy Spirit. The program calls upon college students and seminarians to carry out this mission. Those hired are trained and put onto teams of four (two men and two women) to go out into a parish for one week during the summer, putting on a "parish mission" in order to teach the faith and inspire the young. If you have questions, contact the Youth Ministry Office at 402-473-0625, or apply at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/04-ym-totus-tuus-team-member-application>



Creighton Model FertilityCare System

Creighton Model is a women's health science that allows users to learn more about their fertility and in conjunction with NaPRO-TECHNOLOGY treat any underlying reproductive conditions. Introductory sessions are available in person or online. Private instruction is encouraged for all interested in learning more. For more information or to register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/creighton-introductory-session>.



The Cloisters on the Platte is Hiring

a full-time housekeeper, a full-time groundskeeper (that will also perform some security duties), and a part-time shuttle driver. Hourly pay based on experience. For more information regarding these positions, please contact Chris Egger at cegger@cloistersontheplatte.com.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Donation Requests

Please leave donations in the boxes in the back of St. Mary church
VFW Food Pantry - Syrup, Laundry Soap, and Salt. Call or Text (531) 240-0186 if you or anyone you know is in need of assistance from the VFW Food Pantry.
Kids' Cupboard - Pudding Cups and Jello Cups

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

- Feb 5 St. Mary Children's Choir and Coffee & Rolls
- Feb 9 St. Mary Altar Society Meeting
- Feb 12 Souper Bowl of Caring



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.