

February 19, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 22. Stations of the Cross will be Fridays, 6:30PM, St. Mary Church

*Jesus, my Lord, You desire to come to me in the secret depths of my soul
and to reveal to me Your love. May I meet You there every day
and grow more fully in an intimate relationship with You.
As You come to me this Lent, please also use me in many hidden ways
to be an instrument of Your love for others.
All praise and glory to You, O Lord.*

Jesus, I trust in You.



Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Lincoln
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.
All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

FASTING means eating only one full meal with two smaller meals that together do not equal the full meal. No snacking or eating between meals is allowed. Fasting obliges all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

ABSTINENCE means eating no meat and no soup or gravy from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14.

Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. automatically excuses a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or questions, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sat	18	STM	5:00PM	All Souls' Day Intentions
Sun	19	STM	8:30AM	+Marcella Wurdeman
	19	STJ	10:30AM	For the People
Mon	20	—	—	Daily Mass Not Scheduled
Tue	21	STM	8:00AM	+Jay Hicks
Wed	22	STM	7:00AM	All Souls' Day Intentions
		STJ	5:30PM	+Nancy Stander
		STM	7:00PM	CCD Families and Teachers
Thu	23	STM	8:00AM	+Bob Machacek
Fri	24	STM	8:00AM	+Loreta DeMarco
Sat	25	OXB	9:15AM	Pastor's Intentions
	25	STM	5:00PM	+Marcella Wurdeman
Sun	26	STM	8:30AM	+Lefty Anderson
	26	STJ	10:30AM	For the People

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tue	Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wed	Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu	Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Fri	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Sat	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
SUN	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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 Trent Mines from Cathedral of the Risen Christ Parish in Lincoln, currently College 1 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

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 25	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Patrick Prince
	Reader	Donna Nicholson
Sun	Feb 26	8:30am
	Acolyte	Joseph Burr
	Reader	Paul Rohrs
Sun	Feb 26	10:30am
	Reader	Leslie Krings
	Offertory	Krings

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FEB 8–FEB 14

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	\$3,116.00	405.00
Plate	110.19	118.00
Votive Candles	48.00	
Mass Stipends		
On-Line Giving	955.00	
Catholic Press	95.00	30.00
Total	\$4,324.19	\$553.00
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

SOUPE BOWL OF CARING Thank you for the generous response for the Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach in Lincoln. Together, our parishes collected a nice total of \$390.00!



ST. JOSEPH ICON IS HERE!

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.



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 Exposition & Prayer Service at St. Mary

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

7:00am @ St. Mary
 5:30pm @ St. Joseph
 7:00pm @ St. Mary

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, Feb 24
 6:30pm
 St. Mary Church



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 by Feb 19 for meal count. Please call 402-488-2142 or email scott-yates@catholicgift.org



ALL ST. MARY LADIES— please consider turning in Altar Society dues for the 2023 term.

Envelopes are in the back of St. Mary Church and may be returned in the collection basket. *Did you know, Altar Society doesn't just provide coffee and rolls the first Sunday of the month? These ladies also make sure the church is regularly cleaned, stocked, and ready when anyone needs it. They plan and decorate for Christmas and Easter. They provide and serve refreshments for the parish celebrations of Confirmation, First Communion, and Graduation of all our students, as well as always being ready to coordinate, cook, and serve funeral dinners as needed for anyone. Payment of dues by each lady of the parish greatly offsets what it costs to keep things running and ready.*



WE NEED YOU

ADORATION SUB NEEDED from midnight to 1AM Sat, March 4. Please email mlogsdon@windstream.net if you can help.

SIGN CHANGER NEEDED St. Mary Parish is in search of a new volunteer to keep the message on the outdoor sign fresh and up to date. There is no strict schedule, changing about every two weeks is a guideline. The message is up to you, but should be appropriate and inspiring. Call or e-mail the rectory if this is a service you would be willing to try. This could be a great project to add as a Lenten service.

WHAT COULD THIS SIGN SAY TO GET YOU HERE SUNDAY

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

40 Days for Life is a time for prayer and fasting to end abortion. It begins Ash Wednesday, February 22 and continues to Palm Sunday, April 2. Volunteers pray every day outside of Planned Parenthood any time from 7:00am to 7:00pm, along the right-of-way and sidewalk. 40 Days for Life continues to be the most successful campaign to end abortion in our nation and internationally. In Lincoln alone, because of seeing volunteers praying outside of Planned Parenthood at 5631 S. 48 St., mothers planning to or considering abortion have changed their minds and, at least, in other instances delayed their decision. (They are mothers from the time the baby is conceived. The question is will they choose to continue motherhood.) Parking is available at Cornerstone Christian Church, just east of 48th and Old Cheney Rd. or along residential streets in the area. Sign-up online at <https://40daysforlife.org/40days> or contact Catherine Turner at 402-202-1614



Looking for a great Fish Fry to head to this Lent?



Let Spirit Catholic Radio help you with your search! Check out the Spirit Catholic Radio **Fish Fry Finder** to find amazing fish fries in your area! Head to spiritcatholicradio.com/fish for more info!

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 your 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 your parish rectory. Thank you!



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



Needing to go on a retreat soon?

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly, has several retreats to renew you in your relationship with God.

Join us:

Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday, "Meeting God in the Desert" with Deacon Matthew Hecker

Feb. 24-26 "I+You=We Marriage Workshop" for married couples with Fr. Jarosław "Jay" Szymczak

March 10-12 "In the Presence of the Lord" with Fr. Loras Grell.

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

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



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.



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>

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) for \$20



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

St. Patrick's Catholic Church Festival

Saturday, March 18th from 11:00am – 4:00pm, in St. Patrick's Gym, 6126 Morrill Avenue, Lincoln. There will be food, beer garden, bingo, raffle, a kid's zone and Irish music. Cost will be \$10/Adult and \$5/Child. The Raffle drawing will be at 4:30pm.



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>



FATHER/SON PROGRAM "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held **Sunday, March 19th, 2023** from 1-4 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center and virtually. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per father/son or \$35 per family in person and \$10 virtually. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/fatherson> Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net



DATE NIGHT

Make time for your vocation! The Family Life Office invites you to a date night out on **Tues, March 21st, 2023**, 6-9 pm at UNL Newman Center Rosary Hall with Fr. Ben Holdren discussing the apostolic exhortation "Familiaris Consortio". \$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/datenightmar>. Limited free babysitting available!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Give the gift of time to each other this year! On the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, learn to prioritize the important things. April 21-23, Lincoln NE. Call right away to reserve a place. Contact Gary & Brenda Granger, 303-604-6202.



CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL Most of the advocacy we ask of you involves emails and calls to your State Senator, which are vital. But nothing compares to the in-person advocacy we do at our flagship event, **Catholics at the Capitol!** You're needed at the Nebraska State Capitol for this annual day of advocacy for our Catholic values. Join us, along with Bishop Hanefeldt, Governor Jim Pillen, and State Senators, on **Wednesday, April 12th, at St. Mary Catholic Church and the Nebraska State Capitol. From 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, you'll hear about our progress in the fight for life, family, religious liberty, and other issues. We'll also equip you with the tools to confidently advocate for your values in a personal meeting with your State Senator. Did we mention that lunch and refreshments are included? We have a full schedule of events and a brag-worthy line-up of elected officials ready to talk about the issues, effective advocacy, and faith in action. Tickets are a steal at \$15 a person! Sign up, view the full schedule of events, and find more information at necatholic.org.



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 16-20 St. Joseph Icon at our parishes
- Feb 19 RSVP due for Parish Dinner & Program
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 24 Stations of the Cross
- Feb 26 Parish Dinner & Program, RSVP by Feb 19
- Mar 3 First Friday Adoration
- Mar 3 Stations of the Cross
- Mar 4 Men In Mission
- Mar 4 First Saturday Devotion



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.