

April 16, 2023

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



**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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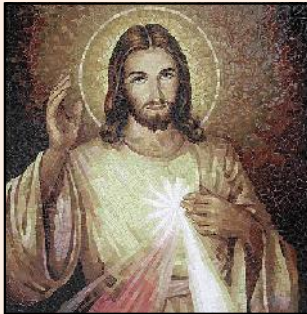
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Diocese of Lincoln: [www.lincolndiocese.org](http://www.lincolndiocese.org)



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



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 16

**1:45pm St. Mary Church Basement**  
Divine Mercy Presentation

**3:00pm St. Mary Church**  
Holy Hour with Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet,  
Prayers, and Confession

*"I am Love and Mercy Itself.*

*There is no misery that could be a match for My Mercy,  
neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases.*

*The soul that trusts in My Mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it."*

- WORDS OF JESUS TO ST. FAUSTINA

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sat	15	STM	5:00PM	Richard Charles & Margaretta Kuhl
Sun	16	STM	8:30AM	Madison Ridder & Cameron Pieper Marriage
	16	STJ	10:30AM	For the People
Mon	17	---	-----	Daily Mass Not Scheduled
Tue	18	STM	8:00AM	+Jay Hicks
Wed	19	CC	9:15AM	Doctors of Meehan Family
Thu	20	STM	8:00AM	+Bob Machacek
Fri	21	STM	8:00AM	All Souls' Day Intentions
Sat	22	OxB	9:15AM	Pastor's Intentions
	22	STM	5:00PM	+Ed Kresak
Sun	23	STM	8:30AM	Debbie and Leslie Lee
	23	STJ	10:30AM	For the People

### READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tue	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wed	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thu	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Fri	Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Sat	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
SUN	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES VIA EMAIL AND TEXT!

Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates,  
& more delivered to your phone or computer.

To sign up, text **SMJ** to **84576**

or sign up online at: [stmarycatholicchurch23.flocknote.com](http://stmarycatholicchurch23.flocknote.com)

### 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](http://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 Agustine Reimers from St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Seward, currently Theology 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Augustine was here in 2018 as part of the Totus Tuus team that taught our kids' summer program.

## PLEASE FAST & PRAY ON MONDAYS

Planned Parenthood in Lincoln 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	April 22	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Jeff Ridder
	Reader	Cindy Hilger
Sun	April 23	8:30am
	Acolyte	Bruce Bolander
	Reader	Karen Stille
Sun	April 23	10:30am
	Reader	Leslie Krings
	Offertory	Hummel

## OUR RETURN TO THE LORD APR 5-APR 11

*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	\$1,470.00	\$300.00
Plate	455.25	166.00
Votive Candles	14.00	
Holy Land Collection	539.00	30.00
Holy Day Collection	1,897.00	70.00

Total	<b>\$4,375.25</b>	<b>\$566.00</b>
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

**Thank you** to everyone who helped in any way with Holy Week and Easter! We would not have had such wonderful services and celebrations without our planners, cleaners, preparers, decorators, readers, lecturers, acolytes, servers, singers, musicians, and anyone who had a hand, or foot (we can't forget all the men willing to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday) in the observances!

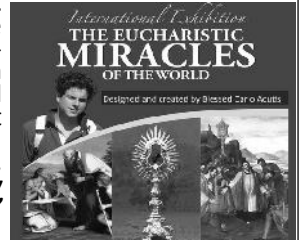


We are excited to offer the powerful exhibit **Eucharistic Miracles of the World**, designed by **Blessed Carlo Acutis**, here at St. Mary Church in Ashland, **Wednesday, April 26 to Sunday, April 30**.

This Vatican-approved international exhibit was designed and created by Servant of God **Carlo Acutis**. Carlo, an artist, cartoonist and avid computer enthusiast, created the art for the panels before his death from leukemia at age 15. His goal during his short life was to help bring others closer to Jesus through awareness of the mystery of the Eucharist. Carlo received the sacrament of the Eucharist daily and desired to share the joy of Christ's presence with the world through his God-given talents. The exhibit is presented in the United States by the Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Society, and provided at no charge by Spirit Catholic Radio.

*"Jesus is my great friend, and the Eucharist is my highway to Heaven."*

— Carlo Acutis

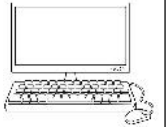


## ATTENTION ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



If you would like to apply for the St. Mary Altar Society 2023 Scholarship, please email Teresa Kresak right away at an applications, [teresakresak@icloud.com](mailto:teresakresak@icloud.com). Hurry, as completed applications are due April 29.

**WEBSITE VOLUNTEER** Our parishes are looking for a new volunteer to keep the parish website up-to-date and fresh. This includes adding the new bulletin each week, some seasonal changes, and just making sure the contents are relevant. Please consider if this is a passion you can share.



## REACHING OUT TO OUR FRIENDS IN NEED!

If you still want to help the El Rancho Trailer Court residents needing to relocate, **use an envelope marked "El Rancho" and place in collection basket (checks payable to St. Mary Parish), or use the QR code posted at each entrance of St. Mary Church.** If you would like to do more, please contact Fr. Holoubek or Pastor Metz, [wmetz@heartlandmenoffaith.org](mailto:wmetz@heartlandmenoffaith.org). The Ashland Ministerial Association is also posting some specific needs on Facebook.



## To fittingly observe the Feast of Divine Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter (or its Vigil).
2. Sincerely repent of all our sins.
3. Place our complete trust in Jesus.
4. Go to Confession, preferably before the Feast.
5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast (or its Vigil).
6. Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy.
7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf.

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## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

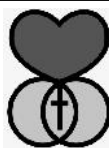
**Camp Kateri: Summer Camp Registration** Registration is now open for SKY Camp (current grades 4-8th), Catholic Adventure Camp (grades 3rd-5th) and the Tekakwitha Games (grades 4-8th). For more information, or to register for camp, go to [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org)

### Summer Camp Counselor Volunteers Needed

Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for volunteer high school counselors (grades 9-12th) for SKY, Catholic Adventure Camp and the Tekakwitha Games. For more information, or to download an application, please go to [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org)



**The annual "Red Mass"** with Bishop Conley to pray for all in the legal profession is Tues. Apr. 18, 7 am at the Newmar Center, Lincoln. A breakfast will follow Mass, with a talk given by Conor Gallagher, CEO of TAN Books. All are invited to this free event sponsored by the Catholic Lawyers Guild.



**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.

**WESTON SALAD BUFFET** St. John Nepomucene's PCCW Group in Weston is having their Annual "Salad Buffet" on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at St. John's School Gym in Weston serving from 6:00pm—7:00pm. There will be a Coffee Can raffle, mystery raffle, wine cork pull, split the pot and door prizes. Tickets are \$12.00 at the door. Reserved tables of 8 or 12 are by Advanced Ticket sales only. Call Peg at 402-480-2962 for Advanced Tickets.



**TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)** is a weekend retreat for Sophomores and above in High School and college Freshmen and Sophomores. The retreat, designed to draw young people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, will leave you yearning for more in your daily life. Weekends begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning and conclude Monday afternoon around 4 p.m. on most retreats. \$120  
**Jun 10-12, 2023 @ David City Aquinas High School**  
Register at <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec>



### Spiritual Warfare in the Family Conference

Friday April 28th, 7 to 9pm, Doors open at 6:30pm

Saturday April 29th, Mass at 8:15am (optional)

Conference 9:15am-4pm

John XXIII Diocesan Center,  
3700 Sheridan Blvd # 1, Lincoln

General Admission \$35 Students \$25

Includes continental breakfast & box lunch

Register by April 24 at

[lincolndiocese.regfox.com/spiritual-warfare-in-the-family-conference](http://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/spiritual-warfare-in-the-family-conference)



### Looking to make a retreat this spring?

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several retreats for you these next few months. Join us for our 4-Day or 8-Day "Ignatian Directed Retreat" April 21-24, 24-27 or 21-27 with Fr. Barak or Fr. Coulter, "True Devotion to Mary" Retreat with Msgr. Daniel Seiker on April 21-23, and our women's 24-hour retreat "God's Beautiful Beloved" with Sr. Anne Marie Walsh, SOLT on May 12-13. Read more and register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

The annual Davey Knights of Columbus All-You-Can Eat Pancake Breakfast will be held SUNDAY, April 23rd from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. at the Ceresco Community Center. Fresh buttermilk pancakes, sausage, eggs, and drinks will be served. The cost is a freewill offering at the door. A bucket raffle will also be held. Hope you can make it!



**Catholic Women's Golf League** Calling all experienced and beginner golfers! Join us for golf and fun every Wed. this summer! Teams of 26 forming now; 2 players from each team play each week. You can form your own team, or we can place you on a team. We are hosting a Meet & Greet social at NuMark Golf Course on May 4. Details to come! Shotgun start at 5:15 pm at NuMark Golf Course. Season begins May 10 and ends Aug. 9. There will be a midseason and end of season fun golf/social event. Please sign up before April 19. If interested, contact Rochelle Essay 402.429.9956 [bosnjack2@gmail.com](mailto:bosnjack2@gmail.com) or Stacy Gutschentritter 402.617.7745 [stacy.gutschentritter@ubt.com](mailto:stacy.gutschentritter@ubt.com).



## Spirit Catholic Radio and the Diocese of Lincoln invite you to join us at our **Eucharistic Encounter this June 20-22!**

The Eucharistic Encounter is a diocesan event to celebrate and deepen our Faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist through Adoration, Eucharistic piety, dynamic teaching, powerful sacred music, and exposure to local apostolates and ministries. The gathering will highlight Blessed Carlo Acutis, creator of the Vatican International Exposition, Eucharistic Miracles of the World, which will be on display. Acutis has been named a patron of the Eucharistic Revival initiative and the event will include a relic for veneration and a short video about Acutis' life. The event is being held in response to the Eucharistic Revival called for by the U.S. Bishops. Spirit Catholic Radio, in coordination with the 3 Dioceses of Nebraska is hosting these events in Lincoln on June 20, Grand Island on June 21, and Omaha on June 22. Fr. Malachy Napier, CFR, will be the keynote speaker at each event, and the local bishop of the respective diocese will also speak at the event. Celebrate and deepen our Faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. There is no need to register. Just join us at one of the three events nearest you.



Tuesday, June 20 – **Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln**  
 Wednesday, June 21 – **St. Mary Cathedral in Grand Island**  
 Thursday, June 22 – **St. Wenceslaus in Omaha**

### Saunders Catholic Schools Job Openings— Apply at <https://saunderscatholic.com/saunders-catholic-schools/careers/>

**St. John Nepomucene (K-6) Weston** (contact Fr. Vandewalle: 402-642-5234 or [fr.matthew-vandewalle@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.matthew-vandewalle@cdolinc.net)) part time positions: (1) School Cook (2) After School Club Supervisor (3) Religion teacher, resource teacher, and librarian (*these three may be separate or combined*).

**St. Wenceslaus (K-6) Wahoo** (contact Mike Weiss at 402-443-3336 or [mike-weiss@cdolinc.net](mailto:mike-weiss@cdolinc.net)) – (1) Elementary Special Education Teacher (2) Full Time Food Services Assistant

**Bishop Neumann (7-12) Wahoo** (contact Fr. Jirovsky at 402-443-4151 or [fr.lee-jirovsky@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.lee-jirovsky@cdolinc.net)) – (1) School Secretary; (2) 7-12 Special Education Teacher; (3) 7-12 Math Teacher



### Upcoming Events - Save the Date

- Apr 16 Divine Mercy Sunday**
- Apr 23 First Holy Communion**
- May 5 First Friday Adoration**
- May 6 First Saturday Devotion**
- May 7 May Crowning**
- Graduation Mass & Breakfast**



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### April Donation Requests

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

**VFW Food Pantry** - Kleenex, cough drops, and cleaning supplies. Call or Text (531) 240-0186 if you or anyone you know is in need of assistance from the VFW Food Pantry.

**Kids' Cupboard** - Cereal, Boxes or 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!

### Parish Groups and Contacts

**Knights of Columbus** Open to all Catholic men, meets the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. Craig Buescher 402-469-8390.

**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". Contact President Teresa Kresak 402-521-0852.

**St. Joseph Altar Society** This group includes all women of the parish. Contact Ginny Hummel for info [ginnyh49@hotmail.com](mailto:ginnyh49@hotmail.com)

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

**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](mailto: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 [ww30728@windstream.net](mailto:ww30728@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](mailto:mrs.nate.isaacson@gmail.com) by midday Wednesday. All announcements will be reviewed by Father.