

October 1, 2023

TWENTY-SIXTH 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
Father Robert Matya*

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Rectory & Fax (402) 944-3554



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

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Lord Jesus, I firmly believe that the Blessed Sacrament is Your very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Senses cannot grasp this marvel. Faith, however, reaches beyond what the eyes can see and assures us that You are present. Grant, O Lord, that our faith in the Eucharist may also strengthen our ability to recognize the dignity of every human life. We know that the senses can fool us there as well. Some may not be attractive, others may seem too small, some may appear as less than human. But we, who can see You in the Sacred Host, can certainly see you in our brothers and sisters. We can also see You, O Lord, in the children in the womb. In a day when so many have forgotten these children, and dismiss them as less valuable than those who are born, grant that we may grow all the more convinced of their dignity and worth. Then grant, O Lord, that we may act accordingly. Amen.

Life Chain Today, Sunday, October 1 2-3pm 14th & Silver
please come as you are signs provided folding chairs welcome

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sat	30	STM	5:00PM	Ridder-Pieper Marriage
Sun	1	STM	8:30AM	For the People
	1	STJ	10:30AM	+Donald Stewart
Mon	2	—	—	Daily Mass Not Scheduled
Tue	3	STM	8:00AM	+Agnes Kelley
Wed	4	CC	9:00AM	All Souls' Day Intentions
Thu	5	STM	6:30PM	+Jay Hicks
Fri	6	STM	8:00AM	+Ernest Wurdeman
Sat	7	STM	8:00AM	+Loreta DeMarco
	7	OXB	9:15AM	Pastor's Intention
	7	STM	5:00PM	+Dorothy & +Bill Sahulka
Sun	8	STM	8:30AM	+Bob Rist, Sr., +Eileen Smith, and +Amberly Rist
	8	STJ	10:30AM	For the People

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> Zec 8:1-8 /Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tue	Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wed	<i>Saint Francis of Assisi</i> Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
Thu	<i>Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin</i> <i>Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest</i> Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
Fri	<i>Saint Bruno, Priest; USA</i> <i>Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin</i> Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
Sat	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
SUN	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE MASS AT THESE TIMES OR CALL THE RECTORY

SAT ST MARY 4:00-4:50PM

SUN ST MARY 8:00-8:20AM

SUN ST JOSEPH 10:10-10:20AM

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.

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



Announcements delivered to your phone or computer. To sign up, text **SMJ** to **84576** or sign up online at: stmarycatholicchurch23.flocknote.com

UPDATE! Fr. Matya's health and physical condition continues to greatly improve. He plans to start celebrating as many Masses here as he can, beginning Oct 3. He is also so grateful for all the prayers!



SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR This week please pray for Andrew Foley from St. Peter parish in Lincoln, currently Propaedeutic Stage at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

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 and holy guidance they need.



MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat	October 7	5:00pm	Acolyte Tom Spears	Reader Cindy Hilger
Sun	October 8	8:30am	Acolyte Craig Buescher	Reader Marge Buescher
Sun	October 8	10:30am	Reader Jon Sundermeier	Offertory Hayes

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD SEP 20- SEP 26
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	\$1,236.00	685.00
Plate	148.50	182.00
Votive Candles	12.00	
Total	\$1,396.50	\$867.00
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 Today, October 1 following 8:30am Mass. Please come down!



Bishop's Appeal for Vocations is an annual collection which covers some of the expenses for our seminarians, our future priests, in their studies, training, and formation for the priesthood. This appeal is an integral part for the future of the diocese, and every person is invited to participate in the future of the Church by helping form our future priests. Pledge cards may be found at the back of church and returned in the basket or in the weekly collection.

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

is hosting a Men's Free Steak Dinner for all members and prospective members Thur, Oct 5. Mass at 6:30pm with Fr. Matya. Dinner, prepared by Phil Ruhlman, will immediately follow in church basement. Men, come get to know our new pastor and each other. Please RSVP to 402-469-8390 by Oct 3.



ADORATION SUB STILL NEEDED for the adoration hour of 12midnight to 1am on Sat Oct 7th. Please text Greg or Mary Logsdon if you are able to help. 402-540-3511 or 402-540-3167.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION Spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament **this Friday & Saturday, October 6-7!** Adoration begins with Exposition after Friday morning's 8am Mass and ends with Saturday morning's 8am Mass. **Everyone Welcome!**

MEN IN MISSION All men from the community welcome for food and Christian fellowship. **Saturday, October 7, 6:30am** at the Ashland Bible Church, 562 1/2 Ashland Rd, with speaker Matthew Anderson. Breakfast served, no RSVP needed.



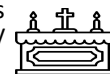
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION Pray the Rosary and meditate on the mysteries from 8:30 - 9:30am Sat, Oct 7, following the 8am daily Mass.



NEW PERMANENT ADORER NEEDED for the monthly First Friday 7pm-8pm hour, beginning in November. Call or text Lisa Isaacson @ 402-314-4340 if you are willing to give this a try!



ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING Thur, Oct 12. All women of St. Mary are welcome to join us for daily Mass at 6:30pm and/or our monthly meeting at 7:00pm in the church basement.



Adult Education Class (OCIA) with Fr. Matya Tuesdays 7pm at St. Mary Ashland beginning Tuesday October 17, 2023. Using *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained*, a 20-video series. Study guides provided.

Catholics and Non-Catholics are invited to explore and learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact the rectory or sign-up in back of church.



Dear Parishioners of St Mary and St Joseph Parishes,
 This is long overdue and I apologize for that. I want to thank all of you for your many kindnesses toward me in this last year on the occasions of my 25th anniversary of ordination and this last summer as I was transferred to Bruno and Abie. Your many kind words, cards, gifts, and hours of assistance are greatly, greatly appreciated. In a special way I am very grateful for all who donated to my hopeful Poustina; I am getting close. I am also grateful for the last six years as your pastor and the many wonderful people I have had the chance to meet, serve, and get to know in the parishes and the community. In a special way I also want to thank all those in the Altar Societies, Knights of Columbus, Thursday Morning Men's Group, Acolytes, Lectors/Readers, Servers, Musicians and other employees and volunteers, for all you did to bless the parishes and me in so many ways by all the good you did. I pray that you and your families will be blessed in all that you do. I am very happy that Fr. Matya will be soon taking up residence in the rectory. I know the he will be a great blessing for each of you and the parishes.
 In gratitude and from Jesus' merciful heart,
 Fr. Bill Holoubek

Thank you



Bake Shoppe!

St. Mary, Ashland 2023
HARVEST FEST

Silent Auction!



SUNDAY OCTOBER 15 12NOON-2:30PM

Featuring locally smoked pork loin with homemade cheesy potatoes, green beans, apple slaw, roll, & dessert.

Dine-In Seating: {Adult, 13&up \$15} {Ages 6-12 \$8} {5&under Free} Drive-Thru: {\$15 per meal}

ALL PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE:

St. Mary Mass will be at 10am with the installation of Fr. Matya as our pastor!

All St. Mary & St. Joseph parishioners may come down for Harvest Fest immediately following Mass.
 (you do not need to wait for the public advertised start time at noon!)

Also note, on October 15 the 8:30AM Mass will be at St. Joseph in Greenwood

ST. MARY HARVEST FEST NEEDS YOU! This is a parish fundraiser. Many hands make light and joyful work. We hope you'll join us! Please email Josh at josh.wade61@gmail.com to find out where we could use your help or use the sign-up sheets at the back of St. Mary Church. Volunteer opportunities include helping the day of, or you can recipes or providing items before hand.



You can also help cover the costs of Harvest Fest by using the envelopes in St. Mary pews to make a donation.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE, a campaign to end abortion through prayer, fasting and peaceful all-day vigil began September 27 and goes until November 5. You can join any time! More info at 40daysforlife.com or 402-202-1614



Just Catholic: St. Paul on Justification and Life in Christ
 This seminar featuring Dr. James Prothro, a biblical scholar who teaches at the Augustine Institute in Denver, focuses on a topic of immense interest to Catholic and Protestant Christians alike. It will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Lincoln on Oct 7, at 9am, with Mass preceding at 8:15am. For more info and to register, visit www.emmausinstitute.net.

"Needing to Fall in love with Our Lord again?"

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly has several upcoming retreats this coming fall season. Join us for "Living the Abundant Life" with Johnette Williams (Benkovic) on Oct. 6-8, Ignatian Directed Retreat with Fr. Coulter or Matt Simmons on Oct. 9-12, 13-16, or 9-16 and "Holiness for Mom's" Day of Reflection with Fr. Christian Shwenka on Oct. 21. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org or email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705



PRO-LIFE BANQUET & CONFERENCE The Truth can be hard to find and especially hard to live out. Join the Bishops of Nebraska at the Pro-Life Banquet & Conference on Oct. 6th and 7th, as we discover how Truth is found and lived in a new Dobbs era with Catholic Answers Apologist and keynote speaker, Joe Heschmeyer. Let us lift you up with prayer, arm you with information on breaking pro-life issues, and joyfully celebrate LIFE with you! Free banquet childcare is provided. Visit NECatholic.org to register and learn more!
Deadline to register for banquet is today October 1!



MEN'S ROSARY MARCH Catholic men of all ages! Join us October 14th, at 11AM, at the Lincoln Newman Center for the 2023 Nebraska Men's Rosary March. We will join in publicly praying the Rosary as we parade through downtown Lincoln to the state Capitol for speakers on the topics of authentic Catholic masculinity, followed by fellowship at St. Mary Church, Lincoln.



SURROUNDING PARISH DINNERS AND FESTIVALS



Assumption Parish, Dwight Annual Fall Event

Spaghetti Dinner and Craft & Vendor Fair Sun, Oct 8. Serving Spaghetti: 10:30am-1:30pm. Craft Fair 9am-1:30pm. Meat & Meatless Sauces, Alfredo Sauce, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, and Beverage. Dine In or Carry Out. Free Will Donation. Mass celebrated at 10am.



St. John the Baptist Annual Bazaar, Prague

Sunday, October 8, 11:00am-2:00pm Duck or Pork Buffet Dinner with famous homemade dressing, kraut, dumplings, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, roll, kolach, dessert, drink. Adults \$20, Ages 5-10 (pork only) \$10, 4 & under (pork only) Eat Free. Polka Music, Raffle, Country Store, Beer "Pivo" Garden, Silent & Live Auction. Mass at 10:00am.

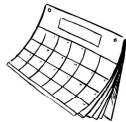


St. James in Mead 43rd Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, November 5th, 2023
from 7:30am - 12 noon All you can eat Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausage (Take-out & Drive-thru available)
Cost: Adults \$10, Children (ages 3-10) \$5, Under 2 Free . Mass Times that day are 7am & 9am



Upcoming Events - Save the Date

- Oct 1 St. Mary Children's Choir 8:30am Mass
St. Mary Coffee & Rolls
Ashland Life Chain, 14th & Silver
- Oct 5 Knights Meeting & Dinner w/ Fr. Matya
- Oct 6 First Friday 24 Hour Adoration
- Oct 7 Men in Mission
First Saturday Devotion
- Oct 12 St. Mary Altar Society Meeting
- Oct 15 St. Joseph Mass 8:30am**
St. Mary Mass 10:00am
St. Mary Harvest Fest
- Oct 17 Adult Education Class (OCIA) begins!



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

October Donation Requests

Please place donations in crates in back of St. Mary Church

VFW Food Pantry-Cleaning Supplies, Mac&Cheese, Canned Stew Meat like Dinty Moore. Call or Text 531-240-0186 if you or anyone you know needs assistance from the Ashland VFW Food Pantry.

KIDS' CUPBOARD - Jars of Peanut Butter

ST. MARY PRESCHOOL Clorox Wipes, Paper Plates, Glue Sticks and Chocolate Chip Granola Bars

Greenwood Food Pantry Needs Donations!

Accepting non-perishable & perishable food items. Drop off at the Greenwood Community Building. 402-789-2300



ROC Meals for Ashland-Greenwood Youth

Our parishes provide a meal for local young people and leaders at this youth center on the first Tuesday of each month. Sign up in the back of St. Mary Church. Currently 25 servings of each item needed, dropped off at the ROC Center, 124 N 14th Street, by 5:00pm. The Center provides its own paper products and serving utensils!

Feeding Our Future!



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 information ginnyh49@hotmail.com

St. Mary & St. Joseph CCD Contact Joanna 402-850-5607 or Tanya 402-658-7322, or call the rectory for information.

St. Mary Sunday Morning Choir If you would like to get involved in the 8:30am Sunday Mass choir, please contact Lisa 402-314-4340, or come on up and introduce yourself!

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 more 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.

Eucharistic Adoration Call or text Lisa Isaacson 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 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 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.

St. Mary Preschool Classes are half days, AM or PM, Mon, Wed, & Thurs. Call 402-944-7509 for information. Leave a message if prompted and we will call you back.

Bulletin Send bulletin announcements to Lisa Isaacson at mrs.nate.isaacson@gmail.com by midday Wednesday. All announcements will be reviewed by Father.