

November 5, 2023

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

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Most humble Lord,
You are exalted above all
because You were humble beyond all.
You knew the truth of Who You are
and embraced that truth with all Your might.
Please give me Your eyes
to see myself as You see me,
so that in Your humble gaze,
I will see my sin, repent wholeheartedly,
and turn to You as the source of all my love.
Jesus, I trust in You.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

(STM-ASHLAND, STJ-GREENWOOD, CC-CARE CENTER, OXB-Ox Bow)

Sat	4	STM	5:00PM	Deceased Members of the Nicholson Family +Bob Rist, Sr., +Eileen Smith, and +Amberly Rist
Sun	5	STM	8:30AM	For the People
	5	STJ	10:30AM	For the People
Mon	6	—	—	Daily Mass Not Scheduled
Tue	7	STM	8:00AM	+Duane Kelley
Wed	8	CC	9:00AM	All Souls' Day Intentions
Thu	9	STM	6:30PM	+Cathy Krings
Fri	10	STM	8:00AM	Nicole & Jake
Sat	11	OxB	9:15AM	Living & Deceased Veterans and their families
	11	STM	5:00PM	Deceased Members of the Schwaller Family
Sun	12	STM	8:30AM	Gabe & Heidi Lyons
	12	STJ	10:30AM	For the People

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
Tue	Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
Wed	Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
Thu	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
Fri	<i>Saint Leo the Great,</i> <i>Pope and Doctor of the Church</i> Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
Sat	<i>Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop</i> Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
SUN	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 Mt 25:1-13

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



SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR This week please pray for David Tines from Cathedral of the Risen Christ Parish in Lincoln, currently Theology 3 at Mount St. Mary Seminary.

SISTERS VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray for Sr. Gemma of St. Mary Magdalene, home town of Piedmont, OK, currently a Jr. Professed Novice with the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.



MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat	November 11	5:00pm	Acolyte Reader	Bruce Bolander Donna Nicholson
Sun	November 12	8:30am	Acolyte Reader	Dave Romans Karen Stille
Sun	November 12	10:30am	Reader Offertory	Joshua Keithley Keithley

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD OCT 25– OCT 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	\$909.00	\$235.00
Plate	222.00	170.00
Votive Candles	6.00	
Mission Sunday	20.00	
Mass Stipends	40.00	
On-Line Giving	1,005.00	
Total	\$2,202.00	\$405.00
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

Sunday, November 5, following 8:30AM Mass.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME DOWN!



It's not too late to join the Adult Education Class (OCIA) with Fr. Matya

Meetings take place Tuesday evenings at St. Mary in Ashland and will use *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained*. It is a 20-week course, but if you miss a class, you can watch the video online and study guides will be provided. All Catholics and Non-Catholics are invited to explore and learn more about the Catholic faith.

The next session is Tuesday, November 7, 7:00pm in St. Mary Church Hall (basement).

Come as you are!

Don't hesitate to talk to Father for more information.



SYMBOLON
 THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED



ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

Thursday, November 9. 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. This is a great way to get to know other ladies!

Happy Birthday! Please Join the Party!

Long time parishioner, Lucille Brauckmuller, is celebrating her 95th birthday with an

Open House

Sunday, November 12, 1:00-4:00pm
 at the Waverly Community Center,
 11120 N. 141st Street, Waverly

or cards may be sent to:

10630 N. 140th St, Waverly, NE 68462



LAST CALL FOR DIAPERS

Please drop off diapers for the Pro-Life Diaper Drive in St. Mary Basement before noon this Tuesday, November 7. Or place a cash/check donation in this weekend's collection, marked "Diaper Drive." Thanks!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORER NEEDED

We are still in need of a volunteer to take the adoration hour of 7pm-8pm every first Friday of the month. Please call or text Lisa Isaacson @ 402-314-4340 if this is a long term commitment you are willing to try. Thank you!



Bishop's Appeal for Vocations

This annual collection covers some of the expenses for our seminarians in their studies, training, and formation for the priesthood. We are all invited to participate in the future of the Church by helping form our future priests. Remaining Pledge Cards have been mailed out. You may return them in the weekly collection. And please notify the rectory if you did not receive one. Thank you!



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception,
Please Pray for all Veterans

A Prayer for All Veterans

O God, Great and Almighty creator,
we thank and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country
and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.

Thank You for America's heroes,
who have fought for our freedoms
and who have faithfully served our country.

We honor all of our veterans,
for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.

As we celebrate these freedoms,
we ask Your blessing on those veterans
who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country.

Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation.

We thank You for our veterans, past and present.

Through the efforts of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations.
Amen.

Jesus, we trust in you.

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS



November is National Adoption Awareness Month

We celebrate and honor birth parents, adoptive families and people who are adopted. Contact the Nebraska Children's Home Society if you would like to adopt or if you are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. They provide programs in Pregnancy, Parenting and Adoption, Foster Care, Adoption Search and Reunion, Post-Adoption Services, Child Care, Kinship Navigation and Home Visitation services. The Nebraska Children's Home Society is happy to answer any questions. If someone wants to learn more about adoption, call Dani Villagrana at (531) 242- 9125. If pregnant and in need of support call (402) 451-0787 or (877) 420-4747. Their website is www.nchs.org.

Looking for a retreat that works for you?

Check out some upcoming retreats at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly: "Growing in the Spirit" Women's Retreat with Magnificat and Fr. Voithofer on Nov. 17-19. "Five Marian Stones and Consecration to the Immaculate" Men's & Women's Silent Retreat Nov. 1-3 with Fr. Elias Mary F.I. For more information and to register go on-line at www.goodcounselretreat.org or email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705. Hope to see you soon!



PLEASE FAST & PRAY ON MONDAYS

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



LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive

The LDCCW October Pro-Life Diaper Drive is coming to an end, but you still have an opportunity to donate. Would you like the LDCCW to shop for you? You can mail a check payable to LDCCW to: LDCCW, 3600 W Wittstruck Rd, Martell NE 68404. The LDCCW can purchase the needed diaper sizes in volume at a discounted price. Thank you to those that have already donated.

All Souls Day Intentions Mass stipends received for All Souls Day will be combined and divided by \$10 to calculate the total number of "All Souls Day Intention" Masses. **Each of these Masses will be offered for all poor souls, and especially those whose names have been submitted.** Envelopes are available in your boxed sets or place donation designated for *All Souls' Day* in the collection.

As always, if you would like to request that a Mass be offered for a specific person or intention, use a separate envelope, include the name/intention, the Mass stipend amount (\$10 suggested by diocese), and any preferred dates or days, and place in the collection basket.



CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT On Wednesday, November 15, all men in Saunders County (and beyond) are invited to Finnebarre's Pub & Inn at 839 N. Broadway in Wahoo for a talk on Christian masculinity by Father Cole Kennett, Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Colon.



The evening will start at 7pm. All men over the age of 21 are invited. No RSVP needed.

Just come as you are!

SURROUNDING PARISH FUNDRAISERS & DINNERS

St. James, Mead 43rd Annual Pancake Breakfast

Today, Sunday, November 5th 7:30am - 12 noon
All you can eat Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausage (Take-out & Drive-thru) Cost: Adults \$10, Kids (ages 3-10) \$5, Under 2 Free. Please join us!



STS. MARY & JOSEPH CHURCH, VALPARAISO

Breakfast Today Sunday Nov 5th 9:00am-Noon

Breakfast casseroles, potatoes, ham, fruit, sweet rolls, coffee & juice. Free will donation! Raffle Prizes! (raffle proceeds for the FCSLA Scholarships. Proceeds from the Breakfast for the new air-conditioner for the church) Dine-in or drive-thru. ALL ARE WELCOME!



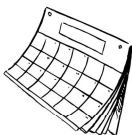
ST. JOHN'S 37TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 18th, 9:00-3:00, with 120 tables full of handmade crafts, plus other vendors. A concession stand with homemade sloppy joes and desserts, chips & drinks will also be available. Stay and enjoy lunch with us or take it to go. St. John is located at 7601 Vine Street, Lincoln.



Upcoming Events - Save the Date

- Nov 5 St. Mary Coffee & Rolls
- Nov 7 Adult OCIA Class
- Nov 9 St. Mary Altar Society Meeting
- Dec 1 First Friday Adoration
- Dec 2 Men in Mission
Saturday Devotion
- Dec 3 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 7 Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation
- Dec 14 St. Mary Altar Society Meeting



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.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

November Donation Requests

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

Ashland Food Pantry - Hot Chocolate, Evaporated Milk, and Canned Pumpkin. Call or Text 531-240-0186 if you or anyone you know needs assistance from the Ashland Food Pantry.

KIDS' CUPBOARD - Jelly or Jam

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



Greenwood Food Pantry Accepting non-perishable & perishable food items. Drop off at the Greenwood Community Building. Call 402-789-2300 for info and assistance.

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!

