

March 3, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



St. Mary Church
1625 Adams Street, Ashland
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00PM
Sunday Mass 10:30AM

Saint Mary & Saint Joseph Catholic Churches Father Robert Matya

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St. Joseph Church
7 Oak Street, Greenwood
Sunday Mass 8:30AM

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Diocese of Lincoln: www.lincolndiocese.org



My cleansing Lord,
You cleansed the Temple of Jerusalem not once, but twice.
Your zeal for its purity of worship was clear.
Please come and make my soul Your dwelling place today
and cleanse me of all sin.
Please help me to especially see any ways
that I have remained obstinate in my sin,
and please cleanse those sins with much vigor.
Jesus, I trust in You.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 6:00PM ST. MARY CHURCH

Followed by a simple meatless potluck. Bring whatever you have on hand.
We want to keep this simple as we support each other on our Lenten journeys.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (STM-ASHLAND, STJ-GREENWOOD, CC-CARE CENTER, OxB-Ox BOW)

Sat	2	STM	5:00PM	+Janice Reisen
Sun	3	STJ	8:30AM	For the People
	3	STM	10:30AM	For all who helped with the brunch honoring couples married 50 years or more!
Mon	4	STM	10:00AM	+Bev Ziegenbein Funeral Mass
Tue	5	STM	8:00AM	+Jay Hicks
Wed	6	CC	9:00AM	Meehan Extended Family
Thu	7	STM	6:30PM	Knights of Columbus Members
Fri	8	STM	8:00AM	Marie Mogis
Sat	9	OxB	9:15AM	Pastor's Intentions
	9	STM	5:00PM	+Pat Stewart
Sun	10	STJ	8:30AM	For the People
	10	STM	10:30AM	+Mark Luetkenhaus

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	<i>Saint Casimir</i> 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tue	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wed	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thu	<i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i> Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Fri	<i>Saint John of God, Religious</i> Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Sat	<i>Saint Frances of Rome, Religious</i> Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
SUN	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

BEFORE MASS AT THESE TIMES OR CALL THE RECTORY

SAT ST MARY 4:00-4:50PM
SUN ST JOSEPH 8:10-8:20AM
SUN ST MARY 10:00-10:20AM

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 online at: stmarycatholicchurch23.flocknote.com



SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Please pray this week for Thomas Haberman from St. Wenceslaus Parish in Wahoo, currently College 4 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat	March 9	5:00pm	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte		Jeff Ridder
	Reader		Cindy Hilger
Sun	March 10	8:30am	St. Joseph Church
	Reader		Joshua Keithley
	Offertory		Keithley
Sun	March 10	10:30am	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte		Kent Ketteler
	Reader		Denise Ketteler

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FEB 21- FEB 27 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	\$1,710.00	\$100.00
Plate	149.00	53.00
Votive Candles	47.75	
Mass Stipends	7.00	
Altar Flowers	115.00	
On-Line Giving	2,370.00	
Total	\$4,398.75	\$153.00
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>

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- 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 of ages 18 and 59.

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

Sickness, health issues, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. excuses a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or questions, consult your parish priest.

Learn how you can help **STOP** the
**ABORTION-ON-DEMAND-
UP-TO-BIRTH-AMENDMENT**

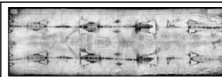
from coming to the Nebraska ballot
this November at saveababykilltheballot.com



WALK WITH JESUS THIS LENT

at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. Some upcoming retreats: Love & Life Program for couples, March 9-10; 4 or 8 Day Ignatian Retreats, March 10-14 with Sarina Stokes and Fr. Barak, March 13-17 or 10-17 with Fr. Coulter and Matt Simmons; and Walking With Mary to the Cross with Fr. Waskowiak, March 15-17. For more information, more up coming retreats and to register go to www.goodcounselretreat.org or email office@goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Join an **Easter TUESDAY Pilgrimage** to Gower, MO Benedictines of Mary and incorrupt Sr Wilhelmina on **Tuesday, April 2nd** (Easter Monday is full). Begin at St. Michael in Lincoln with 7:00 AM Mass, and stop at Cathedral of St Joseph, MO. Prayers throughout the day, return by 6:15 PM. \$70 includes charter bus, snacks and lunch. Make your reservations early at frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705.



SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

The Passion and Resurrection in Scripture and the Shroud of Turin with presentations by Dr. Vern Steiner, Chad Steiner, and Shroud expert Jim Bertrand. Saturday, March 16, 9:00am to 12:00pm, St. Gregory the Great Seminary, 800 Fletcher Rd, Seward. \$20. Register in advance at www.emmausinstitute.net.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. MARY COFFEE, ROLLS, & MORE!

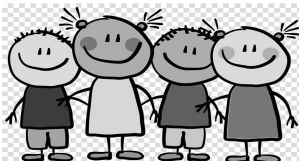
Please join us today, Sunday, March 3, following 10:30am Mass.

All parishioners and visitors are welcome to come down for breakfast food and fellowship.



ST. MARY PRESCHOOL IS HIRING for a part-time teacher/teachers aid, beginning fall of 2024. Seeking a reliable, caring team member that loves children. Please contact Tanya Keith 402-658-7322 for additional information.

ST. MARY PRESCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING for the 2024-25 school year. Please call the pre-school at 402-944-7509.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The next Knights Meeting will be Thursday, March 7, 7:00PM in St. Mary Church Hall. Mass celebrated at 6:30PM just before the meeting. All men of both parishes welcome!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 8, 6:00pm in St. Mary Church



MEATLESS POTLUCK- Immediately following Stations please join us downstairs for a no-frills meatless potluck. Bring what you have on hand, or please just bring yourself! We want to keep this simple as we support one another on our Lenten journey.



ST. MARY'S NEW PARISH COUNCIL will hold their first meeting Tuesday, March 12. Please pray that this group works for the best interest of our entire parish and for God's Holy Will! If you have anything you'd like the council to address, please let father know, or contact the rectory, 402-944-3554 or stmaryashland@windstream.net
FYI- Moving forward there will be meetings open to parishioner attendance.



ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY meets Thursday, March 14, St. Mary Church. 7:00pm meeting followed by light refreshments and social time. Mass is celebrated at 6:30pm just before the meeting. All ladies, please join us!



Rotary Irish Festival - listen to an Irish Band and enjoy an Irish Stew Dinner on Sat. Mar. 16, served 5-8pm at the Ashland Golf Club. Sponsored by the Ashland Rotary Club, raising funds for AG scholarships and FFA. If possible, please purchase a \$20 ticket in advance so we know how many to expect. See the basket in the back of St. Mary Church.



FUNERAL MASS FOR LONG-TIME PARISHIONER,

BEV ZIEGENBEIN will be Monday, March 4, 10:00am at St. Mary Church. Visitation is Sunday, March 3, 3:00-5:00pm in St. Mary Church, with Rosary following immediately at 5:00pm. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the comfort and peace of her family.



IN LENT WE ARE CALLED TO GROW IN PRAYER



Joining our parishes' prayer chain is a perfect way to do this. Receive prayer requests from fellow parishioners via e-mail, and offer these intentions up to our Lord as you choose. E-mail Winnie von Rentzell to join, wv30728@windstream.net

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT ST. MARY!

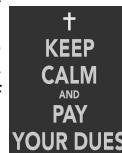
The Ashland/Greenwood Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a meal of Corned Beef with all the trimmings prepared by Ruhman's. Sunday, March 17th, St. Mary Church basement with food served from 11:30AM-3:00PM. Free-will offering with a suggested donation of \$16 for adults and \$8 for kids 12 down to first grade. Kids in kindergarten and under are free. No reservations are needed and everyone is welcome!



ALL ST. MARY LADIES- please consider turning in Altar Society dues for the 2024 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? We also make sure the church is regularly cleaned, stocked, and ready when anyone needs it. We plan and decorate for Christmas and Easter. We provide and serve refreshments for Confirmation and First Communion, as well as always being ready to coordinate, cook, and serve funeral dinners as needed for anyone. Every adult lady of the parish is considered a member and welcome to get more involved. Payment of dues greatly offsets what it costs to keep things running and ready. Thank you!



WANT AN ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITY THIS LENT?

Fr. Matya suggests HOPEOFTHETHEPOOR.ORG founded by Craig Johring. Craig grew up in Nebraska and now lives and works in Mexico City. He founded Hope of the Poor with Danny Leger to impact the world in how the poor are viewed and treated. More importantly, Craig works with the poor to help them overcome crippling psychological conditions, combat drug addictions, and make the journey from homeless and helpless to becoming hopeful and productive members of the society. Find more information and donation links on the website or take a box from the back of St. Mary Church.



DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS

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.

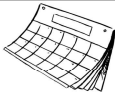


March 16-18, 2024 @ David City Aquinas
 April 13-15, 2024 @ Camp Kateri, McCool Junction
 Register at <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec>

(Nate & Lisa Isaacson, members of our parishes, help with the April weekend at Camp Kateri. If you have any questions about T.E.C., please don't hesitate to reach out to them: 402.314.4340)

Upcoming Events - Save the Date

- Mar 3 St. Mary Coffee, Rolls & More!
- Mar 7 Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Mar 8 Stations of the Cross & Meatless Potluck
- Mar 12 St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
- Mar 14 St. Mary Altar Society Meeting
- Mar 15 Stations of the Cross & Meatless Potluck
- Mar 22 Stations of the Cross & Meatless Potluck
- Mar 29 Holy Week Service & Lunch @ St. Mary
- Jul 14-19 Totus Tuus Summer Kids' Program



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

March Donation Requests

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

Ashland Food Pantry - Pain Aids, Cream of Mushroom Soup, and Juice. Call or Text 531-240-0186 if you or anyone you know needs assistance from the Ashland Food Pantry.

KIDS' CUPBOARD - Mac & Cheese Cups

ST. MARY PRESCHOOL - Toilet Paper & Glue Sticks



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

The Ashland Ministerial Association

a collaboration of all area churches, provides year round assistance to community members in need. Donations always appreciated. At any time place cash or check (made out to St. Mary) in an envelope marked "AMA" and simply put in weekly collection basket.



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 paper products & serving utensils. Thanks!



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 Grades K-8. Meets Wednesday evenings in Ashland. Contact Joanna 402-850-5607 or Tanya 402-658-7322, or call the rectory for information.

St. Mary & St. Joseph Youth Group Grades 9-12. Meets Sunday evenings in Ashland. Contact Lily Burr 402-480-1412 for more information.

St. Mary Sunday Morning Choir If you would like to get involved in the 10:30am 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

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.