

March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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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Web site: <https://stmaryashland.org/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stmary.org/>

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Diocese of Lincoln: www.lincolndiocese.org



My suffering Lord,
I worship You and praise You with all my heart.
As You entered Jerusalem for the Passover,
You intended to give new power to that celebration
by becoming the New and Eternal Paschal Lamb.
May I always worship You Who suffered for me
and give to You all that I endure in life
to be transformed by Your saving act.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Lenten Penance Service

Today, Palm Sunday, March 24
2:00–3:00pm at St. Mary Church
with Fr. Dietrich and Fr. Matya

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sat	23	STM	5:00PM	+Pat Stewart
Sun	24	STJ	8:30AM	For the People
	24	STM	10:30AM	+Don & +Dorothy Buescher
Mon	25	-----	-----	Daily Mass Not Scheduled
Tue	26	STM	8:00AM	+Jay Hicks
Wed	27	CC	9:00AM	All Souls' Day Intentions
Thu	28	STM	7:00PM	+Janice Reisen
Fri	29	STJ	3:00PM	The Passion of the Lord
	29	STM	7:00PM	The Passion of the Lord
Sat	30	STM	8:00PM	+Pat Stewart
Sun	31	STJ	8:30AM	For the People
	31	STM	10:30AM	+Mark Luetkenhaus

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tue	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thu	<i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Fri	<i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat	<i>Easter Vigil</i> Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/ Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
SUN	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES AT THESE TIMES OR CALL THE RECTORY

HOLY SAT ST MARY 3:00-4:00PM

EASTER SUN ST JOSEPH 8:00-8:20AM

EASTER 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 go online at: stmarycatholicchurch23.flocknote.com

MINISTRIES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Thu	March 28	7:00PM	St. Mary Church
	Acolytes		James Wilsey Anthony Weaver
	Reader		Rita Smits
Fri	March 29	3:00PM	St. Joseph Church
	Readers		TBD
Fri	March 29	7:00PM	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte		Kent Ketteler
	Readers		Denise Ketteler Rod Reisen
Sat	March 30	8:00pm	St. Mary Church
	Acolytes		Craig Buescher Bruce Bolander
	Readers		Anthony Weaver Marge Buescher
Sun	March 31	8:30am	St. Joseph Church
	Reader		Ginny Hummel
	Offertory		Hayes
Sun	March 31	10:30am	St. Mary Church
	Acolytes		Greg Logsdon Jeff Ridder
	Reader		Mary Logsdon

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD MAR 13– MAR 19 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	\$1,040.00	\$155.00
Plate	350.00	25.00
Votive Candles	30.05	
Altar Flower Collection	160.00	10.00
Utility Fund		10.00
Total	\$1,580.05	\$200.00
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

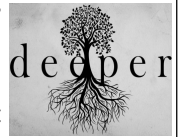
DIOCESE OF LINCOLN ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

Tomorrow, Monday, March 25, 5:00pm at The Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. This Mass is open to the public. At the Chrism Mass, Bishop Conley blesses the three sacred oils used in the sacraments throughout the diocese — Chrism, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens. And all the priests of the diocese renew their priestly vows made at their ordinations. Eleven priests will also be celebrating significant ordination anniversaries, including **Fr. Coulter's 25th Anniversary!** *Fr. Coulter served our parishes from 2004-2013 and he provided much needed help this past year while Fr. Matya needed more healing time!*
Congratulations Fr. Coulter!



Has the Lord been calling you deeper this Lent?

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly has several retreats to help you deepen your faith life. See our upcoming retreats: 4-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat with Matt Simmons or Fr. Coulter on March 25-28, "Holy Week Retreat for Young Women" with the Marian Sisters on March 28-30 and "Back to the Garden" Retreat for young adult women with Fr. Kennett and Sarina Stokes on April 19-21. Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, or email office@olgcretreat.org, or call 402-786-2705.



Healing Hearts Grief Support Sessions

for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning **April 9, 2024, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.



GARDEN PARTY SALAD BUFFET

St. John Nepomucene, Weston, NE Thursday, April 11. Serving 6-7pm. Doors open at 5pm. Come early and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine and check out our coffee can raffle items. Also featuring a mystery raffle, wine cork pull, split the pot, and door prizes. \$12 for Salad Buffet.



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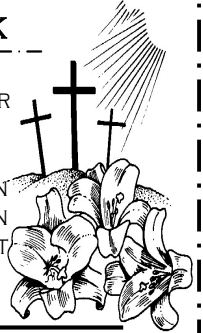
Tickets are on sale for Bishop Neumann High School's production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. April 12th and 13th @ 7:30 PM
April 14th @ 2PM

in the Wahoo Performance Learning Center Reserve Tickets \$11.25 @ bishopneumann.com
General Admission at the door \$15
You don't want to miss this musical that will inspire you to dream!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY	MAR 28	ST. MARY	12:05PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH LUNCH
HOLY THURSDAY	MAR 28	ST. MARY	7:00PM	EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
HOLY THURSDAY	MAR 28	ST. MARY	8:00-MIDNIGHT	ADORATION IN CHURCH BASEMENT
GOOD FRIDAY	MAR 29	ST. MARY	12:00NOON	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
GOOD FRIDAY	MAR 29	ST. JOSEPH	3:00PM	CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
GOOD FRIDAY	MAR 29	ST. MARY	7:00PM	CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
HOLY SATURDAY	MAR 30	ST. MARY	8:00PM	EASTER VIGIL MASS IN THE HOLY NIGHT
EASTER SUNDAY	MAR 31	ST. JOSEPH	8:30AM	EASTER MASS
EASTER SUNDAY	MAR 31	ST. MARY	10:30AM	EASTER MASS



HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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EASTER SUNDAY	MAR 31	ST. MARY	10:00-10:20AM

GOOD FRIDAY FASTING

FASTING MEANS EATING ONLY ONE FULL MEAL & TWO SMALLER MEALS, WHICH TOGETHER DO NOT EQUAL THE FULL MEAL. NO SNACKING. ALL CATHOLICS AGES 18-59 ARE OBLIGATED TO FAST. IT IS ALSO A DAY OF ABSTINENCE (NO MEAT).

Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. excuses a person from these obligations. In cases of doubt or questions, consult your priest.

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ASHLAND MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION HOLY WEEK SERVICES March 25-29 12:05pm with a Lunch following each service at 12:30pm



Monday - Riverview Community Church
Tuesday - United Methodist Church
Wednesday - First Christian Church
Thursday - St. Mary Catholic Church
Friday - Congregational Church

All welcome! No RSVP. Just come as you are!

Holy Thursday— O Come Let Us Adore Him

All are welcome March 28, 8pm—Midnight in St. Mary Church basement to spend time with Jesus. If you know when you can attend, please sign up in the back of St. Mary Church so we know all four hours are covered. If you don't sign up, you are still very much wanted and welcome to come spend time in adoration of our precious Savior.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 7 3:00pm
St. Mary Church

Come pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet!



*The Divine Mercy Novena Begins Good Friday.
Find novena pamphlets at the back of church
(more pamphlets coming soon)
or find on-line at thedivinemercy.org*

St. Mary Parish 100th Anniversary Preparation!

Did you know this year marks the 100th Anniversary of our St. Mary Parish (not the current church building)?! We are in the beginning stages of planning some celebrations, including a summer outdoor party and a Mass with Bishop Conley on Sunday, November 3 (the Sunday after the actual dedication date of the parish, October 29). What can you do now to help? If you have any information, photos, stories, etc., please start compiling them, and share with Paul Rohrs as soon as possible. Paul will be working on a presentation and can be reached by email at hydronicdude@gmail.com (Photos & mementos will carefully be scanned or documented and returned in a timely manner.)



**We're
HIRING**

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.



NOW ENROLLING FOR 2024-25

Taking 3-5 year olds.
Please call the preschool
at 402-944-7509.



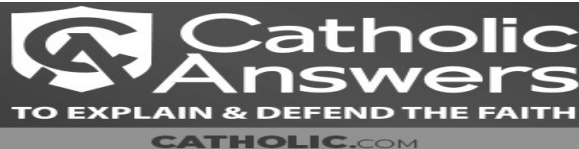
The Spirit Catholic Radio Network is looking to hire a Community Engagement Coordinator!

This full-time, Omaha-based position has the awesome job of being responsible for awareness initiatives of the Spirit Catholic Radio Network across the state of Nebraska and Iowa with Catholic schools, parishes, and apostolates/ministries. You will coordinate a presence at relevant area events, recruit and train volunteers, execute outreach events, communicate with Catholic schools, parishes, and apostolates/ministries, and coordinate delivery of prayer aides and materials across the listening area. See the full job description, and if qualified, apply at spiritcatholicradio.com!



THE EUCHARIST, ALTHOUGH IT IS THE FULLNESS OF SACRAMENTAL LIFE, IS NOT A PRIZE FOR THE PERFECT BUT A POWERFUL MEDICINE AND NOURISHMENT FOR THE WEAK.

- POPE FRANCIS -



Upcoming Events - Save the Date



- Mar 24 Palm Sunday
Penance Service 2:00-3:00
- Mar 28 Community Service & Lunch @ St. Mary
Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration
- Mar 29 The Passion of the Lord
- Mar 30 Easter Vigil at 8:00pm (No 5:00pm Mass)
- Mar 31 Easter Sunday!
- Apr 5 First Friday Adoration
- 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.