

August 4, 2024

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Saint Mary & Saint Joseph Catholic Churches
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Diocese of Lincoln: www.lincolndiocese.org



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

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH'S

100TH

BIRTHDAY

BLOCK PARTY

BLOCK PARTY POST-PONED

With several parishioners and neighbors still waiting for electricity & water, working on clean up, & repairing damage, we have made the decision to postpone our block party until a day when we can all celebrate more fully. Sorry for any inconvenience.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING WITH YOU ON OUR NEW DATE, SEPTEMBER 15TH!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sat	3	STM	5:00PM	+Bill & +Dorothy Sahulka
Sun	4	STJ	8:30AM	For the People
	4	STM	10:30AM	+Mark Luetkenhaus
Mon	5			Daily Mass Not Scheduled
Tue	6	STM	8:00AM	Gratitude
Wed	7	CC	9:00AM	All Souls' Day Intentions
Thu	8	STM	8:00AM	+Alfred Kelley
Fri	9	STM	8:00AM	+Marcia Henderson
Sat	10	OXB	9:15AM	+Pat Stewart
	10	STM	5:00PM	+Kathleen Modelski
Sun	11	STJ	8:30AM	For the People
	11	STM	10:30AM	Judith Lindholm

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	<i>The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary</i> Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tue	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Wed	<i>Saint Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs;</i> <i>Saint Cajetan, Priest</i> Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
Thu	<i>Saint Dominic, Priest</i> Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
Fri	<i>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr</i> Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28
Sat	<i>Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr</i> 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
SUN	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES AT THESE TIMES OR CALL THE RECTORY

SAT ST MARY 4:00-4:50PM

SUN ST JOSEPH 8:00-8:20AM

SUN ST MARY 10:00-10:20AM

NEW PARISHIONERS

You may call or email the rectory to register, or to find out more 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. Welcome to your new parish home!

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



STMARYASHLAND.ORG
AND STJOSEPHGREENWOOD.ORG



St. Mary Church has a new facebook page! All parishioners are invited to follow us for the latest info: facebook.com/stmaryashland

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKENDS

Sat	Aug 10	5:00pm	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte	Bruce Bolander	
	Reader	Rita Smits	
Sun	Aug 11	8:30am	St. Joseph Church
	Reader	John Sundermeier	
	Offertory	Hayes	
Sun	Aug 11	10:30am	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte	Dave Romans	
	Reader	Karen Stille	

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD JULY 24- JULY 30

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	\$1,410.00	<i>Information unavailable.</i>
Plate	462.00	
Mass Stipends	220.00	
Votive Candles	24.75	
On-Line Giving	1,655.00	
Total	\$3,771.75	
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 was able to help in any way with the storm clean-up at church. We may not know who all of you are, but we know we couldn't have done it all without you!

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses that fulfill this Holy Day of Obligation:

Wed, Aug 14 6:30pm St. Joseph, Greenwood
Thu, Aug 15 8:00am St. Mary, Ashland
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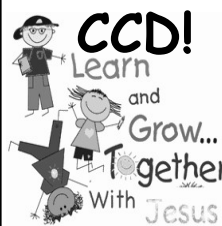


MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

Thank you for making Father Nasser feel welcome last week. He visited us from the Society of African Missions (see brochure at back of St. Mary Church). To support this mission simply place donation in our weekly collection. You may use the envelope in your boxed set or find one at the back of church, or place in your own envelope marked "Mission." Checks made out to 'St. Mary Parish.' So far our parishes have collected a combined total of \$883!!! Thank you for your great generosity and prayers!



ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH CCD BEGINS SOON!



Grades K-8 CCD will begin Wednesday, August 21 at St. Mary in Ashland. Watch for more information. If you are new to the program, please don't hesitate to reach out at any time to Tanya Keith at bghkeith@hotmail.com or Joanna Torpy at joannatorpy@gmail.com

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP

Please watch for upcoming announcements and start date for our high school kids. Or reach out any time to Lily Burr 402-480-1412 for more info.

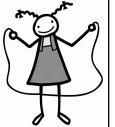


ST. MARY PRESCHOOL STILL HAS OPENINGS FOR 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR!

ages 3-5 Mon-Wed-Thu AM or PM
Tuition Discount for Parishioners

Call 402-944-7509 for more information.

(leave a message and we will call back as soon as possible)



ALTAR SOCIETY VICE-PRESIDENT & SECRETARY

Altar Society has found a Treasurer. Thank you! Now we are looking for a new Secretary and Vice-President. Please consider if these are needs you can fill. Contact



Deb Hoffman to volunteer or for more information, 402-944-7718 (call or text) or grandmadeb55@outlook.com

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make your reservations for the MAGNIFICAT SUMMER PRAYER MEAL—Saturday August 10, 9:30 a.m. at Dawson Hall, John XXIII Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, with guest speaker Lora Unger. Lora is a wife, married to Chance for 11 years; a mother with four children here on earth and three in Heaven; and a co-founder of the “Missionaries of the Holy Spirit in the Family” with her husband under the spiritual guide of Father Ben Holdren. Come hear Lora’s inspiring testimony, and invite other women to join us in Catholic fellowship. Register by mailing your **\$20** check payable to *Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504.* (students \$15) **Deadline is August 3.** For more information text Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396 or call and leave a message. (Dawson Hall is handicapped accessible, east doors of the Chapel)



WOMEN’S SILENT RETREAT Rest and renew yourself in God’s Love before the holidays, by attending this Ignatian Silent Conferenced Women’s Retreat November 7-10, 2024 at the Creighton University Retreat Center. This 3-day silent retreat offers abundant time for enjoying the rhythms of quiet reflection and prayer, 8 talks by an Ignatian trained Speaker, wandering in nature, and journaling, with opportunities for Eucharist, time with a spiritual director and Reconciliation.



Meals as well as the rest of the time will be in prayerful silence. The retreat cost is based on single occupancy and includes meals—\$425; Check-in Thursday between 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. The retreat concludes Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Register by scanning the code or on-line at

www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats

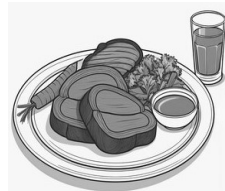
2ND ANNUAL MEN’S DAY OF REST

Saturday, August 17, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Colton, NE. 7:00AM to 4:45PM. Daily Mass 7:00AM. Confessions, Inspiration, Prayer, Conversation, Hot Breakfast, Prime Rib Lunch, Peace! Cost is FREE WILL OFFERING. RSVP to bobsullivan402@gmail.com or scan QR code on poster in the entrance of church. Contact Bob Sullivan for more info: 402-469-5149



ROAST BEEF DINNER, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church

Enjoy a fun-filled day with the Plasi Parishioners on Sunday, August 25th from 11:00-2:00! Make the trip to the Prague Parish Hall for a FULL self-serve roast beef dinner with loads of sides, including kolaches! Try your hand at our bake/gift walk and \$1,000 raffle! Purchase delicious baked goods from our masterful bakers! A wide variety of unique items will be waiting for your bid at our auction! Meal prices: Adults-\$16, Children (5-10 years) -\$7, Preschool-Free. (No added fee for take-outs!) A host of dining options will be available: dine in, take-out, or drive-thru.



SISTERS VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray for Sr. Mary Elizabeth of the Trinity from Park Hills, KY, currently a Jr. Professed Novice with the Sisters of Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.



SALT DOGS FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT! Join us at Haymarket Park in downtown Lincoln! We have a variety of entertainment beginning 2 hours prior to games including, In-Stadium Chapel with the Players, Catch in the Outfield, Player Autographs, and Live Church Band on the Concourse. Bake sales & Merchandise Booths on the Concourse will remain until the end of the game. Wednesday, Aug 28, 7:05 pm



STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE THIS SEPTEMBER

Learn how to bring the peace of Christ into your relationship by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! September 27-29, 2024, at North American Martyrs, Lincoln. For questions, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839, or visit www.wmme.org



The NAVEX Hotline is an anonymous hotline to assist persons in making reports of misconduct in the Diocese of Lincoln. The hotline is not a substitute or alternative to calling law enforcement; it is intended to offer the maximum alternative to ensure any wrong in the Church is uncovered and reported. Nebraska law requires all suspicions of child abuse or neglect to be reported to law enforcement or DHHS.

NAVEX 1-844-527-0596
 Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-652-1999
 Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator 402-613-2488
 Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator 402-314-2899

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House,

near Waverly, has summer 4-day and 8-day retreats, and Fall weekend retreats for men and women of all ages! Read more and register at www.goodcounselretreat.org, email office@olgcretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.



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.

Upcoming Dates:



October 12-14, 2024 @ Hastings St. Cecilia

December 7-9, 2024 @ Nebraska City Lourdes

February 15-17, 2025 @ Wahoo Neumann

April 4-7, 2025 @ Camp Kateri, McCool Junction

June 27-29, 2025 @ David City Aquinas

Register at <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec>

*(Nate & Lisa Isaacson, from our parishes, help with the April TEC. Reach out to them if you have any questions)
402-314-4340 or mrs.nate.isaacson@gmail.com*

UPCOMING EVENTS-SAVE THE DATE



- ~~Aug 4~~ Anniversary Block Party *post-poned*
- Aug 15 the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Aug 21 CCD begins for Kindergarten-8th Grade
- Sep 15 New Anniversary Block Party Date!
- Nov 3 Mass at St. Mary with Bishop Conley

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

August Donation Requests

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

Ashland Food Pantry— Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup, Boxed Cereal, and Canned Fruit . Call or Text 531-240-0186 if you or anyone you know needs assistance.

St. Mary Preschool— Liquid Hand Soap and Ticky Tack.



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 & leaders at this youth center on the first Tuesday of the month during the school year. Sign up in the back of St. Mary Church. *Currently 25 servings needed, dropped off at the ROC Center, 124 N 14th Street, by 5:00pm. The Center provides dinnerware & 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 Deb Hoffman, 402-944-7718.

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 served. Contact Anthony Weaver for more information, 402-669-0582. Men of both parishes welcome.

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 2:00pm Wednesday. All announcements will be reviewed by Father.