

January 19, 2025

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

My glorious Lord,

Your entire earthly life
was a preparation for the hour in which

You gave Your life as a sacrifice
on the Cross for the remission of sins.

Please continuously prepare me
to receive You more fully

and to open my heart to You
and all that You have bestowed upon me
through Your perfect sacrifice of love.

Jesus, I trust in You.



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sat	18	STM	5:00PM	+Pat Stewart
Sun	19	STJ	8:30AM	For the People
	19	STM	10:30AM	+Ed Ostdek
Mon	20	-----		Daily Mass Not Scheduled
Tue	21	STM	8:00AM	+Jay Hicks
Wed	22	CC	9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
Thu	23	STM	8:00AM	John & Debi Crotty
Fri	24	STM	8:00AM	+Norma Houston
Sat	25	OxB	9:15AM	Pastor's Intentions
	25	STM	5:00PM	+Bryce Budz
Sun	26	STJ	8:30AM	+Mary Sundermeier
	26	STM	10:30AM	For the People

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	<i>Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr;</i> <i>Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i> Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tue	<i>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wed	<i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection</i> <i>of Unborn Children</i> Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thu	<i>Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr</i> <i>Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin</i> Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Fri	<i>Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop</i> <i>and Doctor of the Church</i> Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Sat	<i>The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle</i> Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
SUN	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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!

SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray and give thanks for Thomas Haberman from St. Wenceslaus Parish in Wahoo, currently Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.



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

MINISTRIES FOR NEW YEARS & NEXT WEEKENDS

Sat	Jan 25	5:00pm	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte	Joseph Burr	
	Reader	Donna Nicholson	
Sun	Jan 26	8:30am	St. Joseph Church
	Reader	Jon Sundermeier	
	Offertory	Brown	
Sun	Jan 26	10:30am	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte	Greg Logsdon	
	Reader	Mary Logsdon	
	Greeters	The Keith Family!	

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD JAN 8- JAN 14

St Mary and St Joseph parishes are sustained by the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you for your continued dedication and support!

	<u>St Mary</u>	<u>St Joseph</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$1,331.00	300.00
Plate	290.30	87.00
Votive Candles	20.00	
On-Line Giving	3,645.00	
Holy Day Collection		20.00
Hall Rental	25.00	
First Offering		30.00
Total	\$5,311.30	\$437.00
 Weekly Budget	 \$2,704.00	 \$413.00

St Mary and St Joseph Churches offer automated clearing house (ACH) giving as a way to automate your weekly offering. ACH is convenient and consistent for our parishioners and planning 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: stmaryashland.org

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOU DIDN'T MISS THE FIRST OCIA CLASS! The new start date is this Wednesday, January 22, from 7-8:30pm in Father's rectory (the tan house directly to the east of St. Mary Church). These classes are for anyone interested in becoming Catholic, or just wanting to learn more about the church (this includes current Catholics too!) No need to RSVP. Come as you are. We will also discuss the best night and time to continue meeting. Send questions to Mollie at agme.outreach@gmail.com



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to our wonderful Youth Group who gave of their time to take down Christmas decorations at St. Mary Church. They did a great job with an even greater attitude of service. God Bless them!



ST MARY 2025 GIVING STATEMENTS are at the back of church, organized alphabetically and ready for pick up. Contact the rectory if you don't find yours or if you suspect any errors. *St. Joseph statements were mailed this week.*



AN EVENING WITH REBEKAH ALLICK

Husker Volleyball Star & Catholic Speaker



Wednesday, February 5, St. Mary Church

All CCD & Youth Group Families are invited to dinner at 6:00pm in the basement. (look for more info to come via CCD)



ALL PARISHIONERS OF BOTH PARISHES ARE INVITED TO HEAR REBEKAH SPEAK AT 6:45PM IN ST. MARY CHURCH

The evening will wrap up with a photo opportunity with Rebekah at 7:30pm in the church basement.

A VALENTINE STEAK DINNER,

hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be Sunday, February 16, in St. Mary Church Hall. Social Hour starts at 5:30PM. Meal will be served at 6:30PM. \$25 per person, with all ladies receiving a special gift. EVERYONE from both parishes invited, along with any friends or family you'd like to invite (especially any potential parishioners!). Child care also provided by our Youth Group in the CCD Center, including a pizza dinner. Please RSVP to Mollie at agme.outreach@gmail.com, or to Craig at 402-469-8390, or scan the QR code. *You are guaranteed to have a good time, or your money back!*



Get involved in your faith in 2025! We are gathering interest for the many opportunities we have at St. Mary and St. Joseph, including Mass greeters, classes, small groups, choir and more! Fill out the interest form found at the top of our website homepage: stmaryashland.org



DIOCESAN & DEANERY ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John Prague's "Polka Night in Prague"

Saturday, January 18, at the National Hall! Enjoy dinner from 6–8 PM and live music by the Leo Lonnie Band from 7–10 PM. All are welcome, fun for all ages—FREE admission!



JOIN US FEBRUARY 1st AT THE STATE CAPITOL FOR THE 52ND ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE!

The event begins at 10:00 a.m. on the north steps of the State Capitol. After the rally, we will begin our Walk together to the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel. (This is a different destination than in past years.) There, we will hear from guest speaker Elizabeth Gillette and support pro-life organizations at their booths.



Marriage Encounter Experience

"Finding a heart-to-heart exchange"

Feb. 14–16 at North American Martyrs Church
For more info or to register call right-away
Contact Gary & Brenda 402-370-5839



Registration for Emmaus Institute spring courses are now open, including a free course, *Theology of the Body*, taught by Dr. John Kincaid. For the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, Chad Steiner is teaching a course titled *The Nicene Creed: What Christians Believe and Why It Matters* (Tuesdays). Other courses include *The New Testament Letters and Revelation* (Mondays), *Elementary Biblical Greek II* (Wednesdays), and *Laughing with God: Humor in the Bible* (Thursdays). Courses are either six or twelve weeks in length, beginning the week of February 17 and concluding the week of May 13. Learn more and register via the QR code or at www.EmmausInstitute.net.



Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House

in Waverly, NE, offers a variety of upcoming retreats to renew your spirit and draw closer to Christ. See the schedule below and visit goodcounselretreat.org to register:

Jan 31-Feb 2: "Unbound: Freedom in Christ" with Fr. William Holoubek,

Feb 6-9: Living as an Apostle: Women's Spiritual Exercises with Regnum Christi and Fr. Jason Brooks, LC,

Feb 15-16: "The Joy of Forgiveness" with Sandy Hoenig,

March 7-9: Flame of Love Retreat with Jill Metz - US National Director, Flame of Love,

March 14-16: Maturing in Prayer with Fr. Chris Kubat,
April 4-6: Back to the Garden Women's Retreat with Sarina Stokes and Fr. Cole Kennett

Our retreats are for either men or women and offered in-person and online. Scholarships are available, contact the office for more info 402-786-2705



The Catholic Men's Leadership Summit

is on February 22, 2025, at 3 locations across the Diocese of Lincoln. Registration is FREE, so register now. At the summit, you will learn how to become an effective leader in your personal life, in your role as a leader of your household, in your parish, and in the community around your parish. You will also learn how to form or join your team of brothers who will accompany you your mission as a Catholic man. There is more information on the registration site. Go to <https://bit.ly/CatholicMan> or scan the QR Code for registration and more details. There is also telephone and email contact information on the registration page if you have any further questions. Register before February 1st to be guaranteed breakfast and lunch.



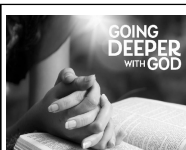
Join our Diocese of Lincoln Choir for the pilgrimage and choral opportunity of a lifetime—singing the Mass of the Americas in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City!



Registration and first payment are due soon, so if you've been on the fence, now is the time to join! With enough registrants, we will be able to arrange group airfare. Non-singers can also register! Bring a friend, spouse, or family member along. Be sure and share this opportunity with any other singers you know, even those who aren't Catholic, it will be a powerful experience for all! The *Mass of the Americas* will be performed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, October 3-9. Composer Frank La Rocca, conductor Richard Carrillo, and celebrant Archbishop Cordileone are part of the trip. Register at: <https://www.wetravel.com/trips/diocese-of-lincoln-festival-choir-mass-of-the-americas-mexico-city-jubilate-tours-50372936>. The Diocesan Choir coordinator for this event is Stacy Pfeifer, you can reach out to her directly at stacyleedickes@hotmail.com.

Silent Ignatian Preached Retreat

with Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J., March 13-16. This retreat invites you into a deepening of relationship with God as you enter the Lenten journey. These three days of prayer and reflection will center on God's meeting Abram and three of His Apostles as they are. We'll journey with them as they are invited to a deepening of their relationship with God. No pointing of Divine Fingers but more the invitation to experience God's fidelity to our human fears and questions. Time will be spent in *being* who we are in God's loving gaze rather than preparing or changing our behavior to do what we *should*. Cost: \$425 per person, including room and meals. Location: Creighton University Retreat Center located one hour east of Omaha. Register at <https://www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats/3-day-silent-ignatian-retreat> or use the code:



DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS!

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST 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, and leave them yearning for more. Retreats usually begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning and conclude Monday afternoon around 4 p.m. \$120.

February 15-17, 2025 @ Wahoo Neumann
 April 4-7, 2025 @ Camp Kateri, McCool Junction
 June 27-29, 2025 @ David City Aquinas
 Register @ <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec>

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

Leadership Camp-July 6-12 This is a Catholic boy's summer camp for Altar Servers entering 6th grade through 9th grade in the fall. The camp is 7 days, 6 nights, held at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha at McCool Junction, Nebraska. The camp is full of fun, personal growth, and spiritual development. We take very seriously our role in the process of the formation of young Catholic lives through wholesome recreation in a religious atmosphere. Cost is \$475. **Registration opens January 22 at 6:00PM and spots fill up fast!** Register at <https://www.catholicleadershipcamp.com/registration>



UPCOMING EVENTS-SAVE THE DATE

Jan 19 Altar Server Training
 Feb 1 Men In Mission
 Walk for Life in downtown Lincoln
 Feb 5 Familia Event at St. Mary, Ashland
 Feb 7 First Friday Adoration
 Feb 8 Saturday Devotion
 Feb 16 Valentine Steak Dinner



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

January Donation Requests

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

Ashland Food Pantry— Spam, Dinty Moore Stew, Sugar. Call or Text 531-240-0186 if you or anyone you know needs assistance from the Pantry.

Kids' Cupboard— Soup and Saltine Crackers

St. Mary Preschool— Toilet Bowl Cleaner



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 needed. Simply place cash or check (made out to "AMA") in the 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, usually meets the first Thursday of the month at 7pm. Contact Craig Buescher at 402-469-8390 for more information.

St. Mary Altar Society This group includes all women of the parish and currently meets on a quarterly basis. Contact Julie Rosenbaum 402-440-5392 or Marge Buescher 402-984-1761 for more information.

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 afternoons in Ashland. Contact Lily Burr 402-480-1412 for more information.

Parish Pro-Life Coordinators Daniela Brown, 712-490-8073 and Paula Spears, 402-250-0996.

St. Joseph Volunteers If you are interested in reading or taking up the offertory at St. Joseph (Sundays, 8:30AM) please contact Teresa Hayes at thayes55@hotmail.com

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, 402-699-0582. 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.