

March 2, 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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



My freeing Lord,
help me to see my greatest sins this Lent
and to begin the process of overcoming them.
Please reveal to me the virtues I need to embrace
so as to be freed of these burdens
and to grow more firmly in my love of You and others.
Jesus, I trust in You.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:00AM ST. MARY ~ 5:30PM ST. JOSEPH ~ 7:00PM ST. MARY

Stations of the Cross will be Fridays, 6:00PM at St. Mary Church.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sat	1	STM	5:00PM	+Bryce Budz
Sun	2	STJ	8:30AM	For the People
	2	STM	10:30AM	+Mary Sundermeier
Mon	3	- - - - -	- - - - -	Daily Mass Not Scheduled
Tue	4	STM	8:00AM	+Jay Hicks
Wed	5	STM	7:00AM	+Carol Anderson
	5	STJ	5:30PM	For the People
	5	STM	7:00PM	Pope Francis
Thu	6	STM	6:30PM	All Souls' Day Intentions
Fri	7	STM	8:00AM	+Marie Groenjes
Sat	8	STM	8:00AM	+Loreta DeMarco
Sat	8	OXB	9:15AM	Pastor's Intentions
	8	STM	5:00PM	+Betty Novotny
Sun	9	STJ	8:30AM	For the People
	9	STM	10:30AM	+Peggy Rosenbaum

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	<i>Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin</i> Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tue	<i>Saint Casimir</i> Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wed	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Fri	<i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i> Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Sat	<i>Saint John of God, Religious</i> Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
SUN	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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 our email the rectory to register and find out more 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** go or online at: stmarycatholicchurch23.flocknote.com



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facebook.com/stmaryashland



MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKENDS

Sat	Mar 8	5:00pm	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte	Bruce Bolander	
	Reader	Cindy Hilger	
	Greeters	Crnkovich	
Sun	Mar 9	8:30am	St. Joseph Church
	Reader	John Sundermeier	
	Offertory	Aquirre	
Sun	Mar 9	10:30am	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte	Kent Ketteler	
	Reader	Denise Ketteler	
	Servers	Joel Gross	
		Linus Makaitis	
	Greeters	Wade	

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FEB 19- FEB 25

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	\$1,555.00	655.00
Plate	289.00	28.00
Votive Candles	33.00	
On-Line Giving	670.00	
Mass Stipends	120.00	
Hall Rental	50.00	
Total	\$2,717.00	\$683.00
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



ST MARY COFFEE & ROLLS is today, Sunday, March 2. Parishioners and visitors are welcome to come down following 10:30AM Mass for food and fellowship!

HOPE OF THE POOR ALMSGIVING This lent, you are invited to support the poor in Mexico City through Hope of the Poor, founded by Nebraskans Craig Johring and Danny Ledger. HOTP helps drug-addicted street kids, homeless families, and those living at the city dump by providing food, housing, and job opportunities. Most importantly, they work to ensure that each individual knows the love of Christ. Boxes may be found at the back of church.



THE NEXT OCIA CLASS is Tuesday, March 4, at 7:00PM down in St. Mary Church Hall. These classes are for anyone interested in becoming Catholic, or just wanting to learn more about the church (including current Catholics too!) No need to RSVP, and don't worry if you missed the first sessions. Just come as you are.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The men of both parishes are invited to the next meeting down in St. Mary Church Hall Thursday, March 6, following 6:30PM daily Mass. Would love to see you there!



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION Spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament **this Friday & Saturday, March 7 & 8!** Adoration begins with Exposition after Friday morning's 8:00am Mass and ends with Saturday morning's 8:00am Mass. **Everyone Welcome!**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be Friday, March 7, 6:00pm at St. Mary Church.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION Pray the Rosary and meditate on the mysteries Saturday, March 8, following 8:00am daily Mass. Please consider joining us, especially in Lent!

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY meets Thursday, March 13, 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!



SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR This week please pray and give thanks for Joseph Heimbrecht from St. John Parish in Lincoln, currently College 1 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.





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. automatically excuses a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are serious obligations. In cases of doubt or questions, a priest can be consulted.

DIOCESAN & DEANERY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAKE PART IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN LINCOLN



March 5-April 13
 Prayer Vigil Location:
 Planned Parenthood
 5631 South 48th Street

Vigil Hours: 7:00AM—7:00PM Daily
 Contact: Catherine Turner 402-202-1614
 Learn more, get involved, and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at 40daysforlife.com/Lincoln

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House

in Waverly 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:

March 5: Ash Wednesday Desert Day Reflection with Fr. Thomas Brouillette,

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,

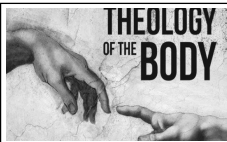
April 4-6: Back to the Garden Women's Retreat with Sarina Stokes and Fr. Cole Kennett,

April 11-13: Compassion in the Passion with Fr. John Rooney

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



WDCCW Meeting - The Wahoo Deanery Council of Catholic Women (WDCCW) will be meeting on March 10, 2025 at St. James Catholic Church in Mead. There will be an optional Mass at 5:30pm and then a 6:00pm meeting. There will be a presentation about Catholic Pilgrimages that have been attended by students and adults in the Wahoo Deanery. Please join us for the Mass, the meeting and stay for food and fellowship following the meeting. All ladies in the Wahoo Deanery are welcome!



The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies will be presenting a seminar, "A Biblical Theology of the Body," on Saturday, April 5, from 9am-12pm at St. Joseph Church in Lincoln. Guest speakers will be TOB experts Dr. Michael Waldstein (Franciscan University of Steubenville) and Fr. Sean Kilcawley. Refreshments will be provided. Learn more and register via the QR code or at www.EmmausInstitute.net. Space is limited.



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. 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:



St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lincoln will hold their annual St. Patrick's Festival on Saturday, March 15th from 11:00am – 4:00pm. Kid zone, bingo, live music and a raffle. Two meal options will be available: 1. Corned Beef or 2. Ham. All of the fixings include scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, dinner roll and dessert. Cost will be \$15/Adult and \$10/Child. The Raffle drawing will be at 4:30pm.



3 Day Silent Directed Retreat

Come away to the quiet and be present to what God wants to offer you. Creighton University Retreat Center, located one hour east of Omaha in Griswold, IA is offering 3 Day Silent Directed Retreats on the dates listed below. Retreats begin with 6 p.m. supper the first day and end at 3 p.m. the last day. The cost is \$375 for room, meals and daily individual spiritual direction sessions. Read more and/or register at creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats Choose from these dates: Thurs-Sun Apr 10 - 13, Thurs-Sun May 1 - 4, Sun-Wed Jun 29 - Jul 2



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.

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

Please know they wouldn't give up an entire weekend if they didn't think this retreat was absolutely worth it!



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 opened January 22 and spots fill up fast!** Register at <https://www.catholicleadershipcamp.com/registration>



UPCOMING EVENTS-SAVE THE DATE

- Mar 2 Children's Choir, Coffee & Rolls
- Mar 5 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 6 Knights Meeting
- Mar 7 First Friday Adoration
Stations of the Cross
- Mar 8 Saturday Devotion
- Mar 13 St. Mary Altar Society Meeting
- Mar 14 Stations of the Cross & Meatless Potluck
- Jul 6-11 Totus Tuus Summer Program



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.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

March Donation Requests

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

Ashland Food Pantry— Cleaning Supplies, Kleenex, and Jelly. Call or Text 531-240-0186 if you or anyone you know needs assistance from the Pantry.

Kids' Cupboard— Mac & Cheese Cups or Packets

St. Mary Preschool— Kleenex

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.

