

April 6, 2025

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

Most merciful Lord,
You came to call the sinner to repentance and salvation.
You offer mercy and forgiveness in superabundance.
When faced with the sins of others,
help me to imitate Your love for them
and to show mercy and compassion to the greatest degree.
Help me to love You and others
with Your Heart of merciful love.
Jesus, I trust in You.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAY, APRIL 11 6:00PM ST. MARY CHURCH

Followed by our last meatless potluck downstairs. 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)

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|-----|----|-----|---------|---------------------------|
| Sat | 5 | STM | 5:00PM | +Betty Novotny |
| Sun | 6 | STJ | 8:30AM | For the People |
| | 6 | STM | 10:30AM | +Don Buescher |
| Mon | 7 | | | Daily Mass Not Scheduled |
| Tue | 8 | STM | 8:00AM | +Mary Sundermeier |
| Wed | 9 | CC | 9:00AM | Pastor's Intentions |
| Thu | 10 | STM | 8:00AM | All Souls' Day Intentions |
| Fri | 11 | STM | 8:00AM | +Carol Anderson |
| Sat | 12 | OXB | 10:00AM | Pastor's Intentions |
| | 12 | STM | 5:00PM | +Bryce Budz |
| Sun | 13 | STJ | 8:30AM | For the People |
| | 13 | STM | 10:30AM | +Judy Lindholm |

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

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| Mon | <i>Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest</i> Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20 |
| Tue | Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30 |
| Wed | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42 |
| Thu | Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 |
| Fri | <i>Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</i> Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 |
| Sat | Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 |
| SUN | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49 |



SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray and give thanks for Jonathan Andreason from St. Teresa Parish in Lincoln, currently Propaedeutic Stage at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

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 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. Registrations may be mailed to St. Mary Church or placed in the weekly collection basket. Welcome 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

Follow us on Facebook too!
[facebook.com/stmaryashland](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryashland)



MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKENDS

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| Sat | Apr 12 | 5:00pm | St. Mary Church |
| | Acolyte | | Bruce Bolander |
| | Readers | | Rita Smits |
| | | | Joanna Torpy |
| | Server | | |
| | Greeters | | Crnkovich |
| Sun | Apr 13 | 8:30am | St. Joseph Church |
| | Reader | | Dian Hofferber |
| | Offertory | | Hofferber |
| Sun | Apr 13 | 10:30am | St. Mary Church |
| | Acolyte | | Joseph Burr |
| | Readers | | Karen Stille |
| | | | Anthony Weaver |
| | Server | | |
| | Greeters | | Drelicharz |

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD MAR 26– APR 1 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 |
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| Adult Envelopes | \$2,005.00 | 465.00 |
| Plate | 321.00 | 238.00 |
| Votive Candles | 31.00 | |
| Combined Collection | 180.00 | 30.00 |
| On-Line Giving | 1,170.00 | |
| Total | \$3,707.00 | \$733.00 |
| 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

DIOCESAN & DEANERY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Want to make a difference in the world? Want to persuade people to be pro-life in a calm, compassionate, and logical way? Apply for the Phillip Baumberger Scholarship by May 5th! Up to \$2000 per year, or \$8,000 throughout your undergraduate program. Apply online at <https://www.abortionalogueacademy.org/scholarship/>



ST JOHN NEPOMUCENE, WESTON "GOD BLESS AMERICA" SALAD BUFFET

Thurs, Apr 10. Serving 6-7pm. Doors open at 5pm. Come early & enjoy a complimentary glass of wine while exploring our coffee can raffle items. Also a mystery raffle, wine cork pull, split-the-pot & door prizes. Tickets \$12 each at the door (no advance ticket sales).



Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House,

just outside Waverly, offers a variety of upcoming retreats to renew your spirit and draw closer to Christ. Visit goodcounselretreat.org to register:

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

April 17-19: Holy Week Retreat for Women with the Marian Sisters

April 25: Desert Day

May 9-10: The Power of a Praying Mother with Women at the Well, Natalie Gifford and Kristin Schiff

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



LINCOLN DIOCESE ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

Monday, April 14, 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.

EASTER MONDAY JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Coulter invites you to Norfolk and Schuyler with stops in Dwight and Tarnov. Monday, April 21, 7am departure at North American Martyrs, Lincoln (7:30am in Dwight), return by 6:30pm. \$70 includes a charter bus and lunch. RSVP early: 402-786-2705 or go to frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or contact office@olgcretreat.org



Retreat House Feast Day Celebration in Waverly!

Friday, April 25th, Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by coffee, breakfast, and fellowship as we give thanks for all that Our Blessed Mother has done for us and in the lives of all who have come on retreat at OLGCR Retreat House. More info at goodcounselretreat.org, 402-786-2705, or office@olgcretreat.org



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are delighted & blessed to welcome the following new parishioners to the St. Mary & St. Joseph community!

Frank & Ann Uryasz
and the Family of Isaac & Sarah Hoelsing



ST. MARY COFFEE & ROLLS is today, Sunday, April 6. Parishioners and visitors are welcome to come down following 10:30AM Mass for food and fellowship!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 11, 6pm in St. Mary Church
Followed by a no-frills meatless potluck.



I am forgiven!

LENTE PENANCE SERVICE

Palm Sunday, April 13
St. Mary Church, Ashland
Confessions from 2:00-3:00pm
with Fr. Dietrich and Fr. Matya

Go to confession then pose for your directory photo. It'll be the most joyful picture you've ever taken!

PHOTOS FOR NEW ST. MARY PARISH DIRECTORY:

We are asking **EVERY HOUSEHOLD** at St Mary to sign up for a time slot on the afternoon of **Sunday, April 13th**, to take a photo for our new parish directory. Kim Ridder has kindly offered her photography talents to make this happen! Please sign up on-line **ASAP**:
<https://stmaryashland.org/events/photos>.



HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION will take place downstairs from 8-midnight, following the 7:00PM service, Thursday, April 17. Walk-ins welcome, but if you are able to commit to a time, please sign up at the back of church so we know that every hour is covered



Ashland Area Churches Holy Week Services

All services start at 12:05pm, Lunch Served by 12:30pm

Mon April 14– American Lutheran Church
Tues April 15– Riverview Church
Wed April 16– Global Methodist Church
Thur April 17– First Christian Church
Fri April 18– St. Mary Catholic Church



All are Welcome at every service! No RSVP required.

2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Find applications for the St. Mary Altar Society scholarship at the back of St. Mary Church. Return by April 15. Email julie.rosenbaum@yahoo.com or marge.buescher@gmail.com with questions.



ALPHA STARTS AGAIN SOON!

The 11-week Alpha course invites everyone to explore life's big questions via weekly meetings with a free dinner, dynamic video, & small group discussion. St. Mary's is hosting the series again at the Ashland Legion basement on Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm beginning April 21. Baby-sitting can be arranged! Sign up on the parish website.



St. Mary Preschool Now Enrolling for 2025-26

Ages 3-6. 3-day per week morning or 4-day per week afternoon programs are the perfect schooling introduction for your child. Please call for more information: 402-944-7509 (leave a message if prompted and we will call back as soon as possible) or e-mail ashlandstmarypreschool@windstream.net



PULLED PORK IS BACK!

To purchase homemade, smoked pulled pork, contact any Knights of Columbus member after any Mass or call Craig Buescher at 402-469-8390. \$10 per one pound frozen, vacuum sealed package.



MASS AND SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

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| HOLY THURSDAY | APR 17 | ST. MARY | 7:00PM |
| HOLY THURSDAY | APR 17 | ST. MARY | 8:00-MIDNIGHT |
| GOOD FRIDAY | APR 18 | ST. MARY | 12:05PM |
| GOOD FRIDAY | APR 18 | ST. JOSEPH | 3:00PM |
| GOOD FRIDAY | APR 18 | ST. MARY | 7:00PM |
| HOLY SATURDAY | APR 19 | ST. MARY | 8:30PM |
| EASTER SUNDAY | APR 20 | ST. JOSEPH | 8:30AM |
| EASTER SUNDAY | APR 20 | ST. MARY | 10:30AM |

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
ADORATION IN ST. MARY CHURCH BASEMENT
STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
THE EASTER VIGIL MASS IN THE HOLY NIGHT
EASTER MASS
EASTER MASS



HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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| PALM SUNDAY | APR 13 | ST. MARY | 2:00-3:00PM |
| HOLY THURSDAY | APR 17 | ST. MARY | 4:00-5:00PM |
| GOOD FRIDAY | APR 18 | ST. JOSEPH | FOLLOWING 3:00 SERVICE |
| GOOD FRIDAY | APR 18 | ST. MARY | FOLLOWING 7:00 SERVICE |
| HOLY SATURDAY | APR 19 | ST. MARY | 3:00-4:00PM |
| EASTER SUNDAY | APR 20 | ST. JOSEPH | 8:00-8:20AM |
| EASTER SUNDAY | APR 20 | 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. Good Friday is also a day to abstain from meat. *Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc., excuses a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, keep in mind these are serious obligations. If in doubt consult your parish priest.*

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS!

REGISTRATON IS OPEN for summer camps at the diocese' Camp Kateri, McCool Junction. Camps start as young as current 3rd graders. Register soon!



NEW SKYE HIGH CAMP! High Schoolers, this one is for you! Camp Kateri has developed a new camp for you to learn deeper truths and your identity, how to camp under the stars, compete, and tangible ways to grow in your faith as you navigate high school and prepare for college. For current Spring 2025 grades 9-12. 4 days, \$275. (Females June 11-14) (Males June 18-21)

Find more information and register at campkateri.org

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

- Apr 6 St. Mary Coffee & Rolls
- Apr 11 Stations of the Cross with Meatless Potluck
- Apr 13 St. Mary Photos for New Parish Directory Lent Penance Service
- Apr 17 Holy Thursday Service and Adoration
- Apr 18 Holy Week Community Service & Luncheon at St. Mary Catholic Church
- Apr 21 Alpha Begins!
- Apr 27 First Communion at St. Mary Church
- May 22 Hope of the Poor Story Night
- Jul 6-11 Totus Tuus Summer Program



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

April 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— Cereal

St. Mary Preschool— Vinegar



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 for more 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 set price 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.