

July 27, 2025

SEVENTEENTH 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
Father Robert Matya

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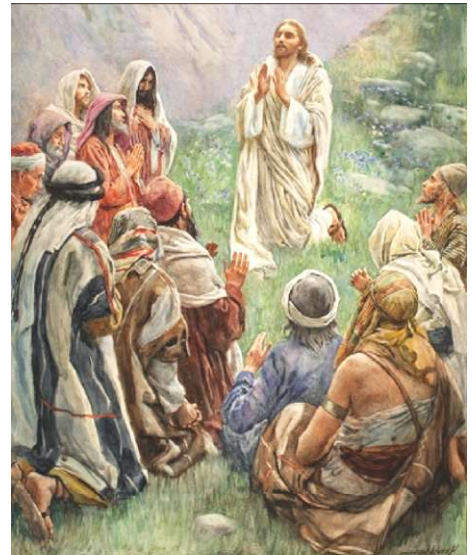
Preschool: (402) 944-7509 ashlandstmarypreschool@windstream.net

Diocese of Lincoln: www.lincolndiocese.org



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

Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.
Jesus, I trust in You.



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Sat	26	STM	5:00PM	+Betty Novotny
Sun	27	STJ	8:30AM	For the People
	27	STM	10:30AM	+Dorothy Buescher
Mon	28			Daily Mass Not Scheduled
Tue	29	STM	8:00AM	+Jay Hicks
Wed	30	CC	9:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
Thu	31	STM	8:00AM	All Souls' Day Intentions
Fri	1	STM	8:00AM	+Marie Groenjes
Sat	2	STM	8:00AM	+Loreta DeMarco
	2	OxB	10:00AM	Pastor's Intentions
	2	STM	5:00PM	+Dorothy & +Bill Sahulka
Sun	3	STJ	8:30AM	+Carol Anderson
	3	STM	10:30AM	For the People

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
Tue	<i>Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus</i> Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wed	<i>Saint Peter Chrysologus,</i> <i>Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thu	<i>Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i> Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Fri	<i>Saint Alphonsus Liguori,</i> <i>Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/ Mt 13:54-58
Sat	<i>Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;</i> <i>Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i> Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
SUN	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/ Lk 12:13-21

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES AS LISTED BELOW, OR CALL THE RECTORY

SAT ST MARY CHURCH 4:15-4:50PM

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

SUN ST MARY CHURCH 10:00-10:20AM

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome HOME Registration forms for St. Mary & St. Joseph parishes 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** or go online at: stmarycatholicchurch23.flocknote.com

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK TOO!
facebook.com/stmaryashland

Find Catholic Answers @ catholic.com

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sat Aug 2	5:00pm St. Mary Church
Acolyte	Tom Spears
Reader	Cindy Hilger
Servers	Volunteers Appreciated!
Greeter	Crnkovich
Sun Aug 3	8:30am St. Joseph Church
Reader	Brian Chaffin
Offertory	Chaffin
Sun Aug 3	10:30am St. Mary Church
Acolyte	Bruce Bolander
Reader	Anthony Weaver
Servers	Volunteers Appreciated!
Greeter	Hoelsing

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD JUL 16- JUL 22
St Mary and St Joseph parishes are sustained by the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you for your continued dedication & support!

	St Mary	St Joseph
Adult Envelopes	\$3,055.00	\$95.00
Plate	353.90	168.00
Votive Candles	22.00	
Mass Stipends	20.00	
Hall Rental	25.00	
Total	\$3,475.90	\$263.00
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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

OUTDOOR MASS WITH BISHOP CONLEY

VIGIL MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION
Thursday August 14th 7:00PM
Mass will be held at the Bell Tower
Questions? Call us at 402-786-2705





Summer-Fall Retreat Schedule


Aug. 22-24 Los Ejercicios Espirituales de San Ignacio para mujeres (Preached Spiritual Exercises for Women) with Padre Jeffrey Jambon	Aug. 22-24 Unbound: Freedom in Christ Open your heart and respond more fully to Jesus's invitation of abundant life. with Fr. Coulter	Sept. 4-7 Work of the Holy Angels 4-day retreat Thursday-Sunday on Devotion to the Holy Angels with Opus Sanctorum Angelorum
Sept. 19-21 TLM Preached Spiritual Exercises for Women with Fr. Martin Adams FSSP	Sept. 26-28 Magnificat Women's Life in the Spirit with Susan Potvin, Karen Herrmann and Carolyn Cannizzaro	Oct. 3-5 Eucharistic Retreat "The Real Presence" with the Knights of the Holy Eucharist

7303 N. 112th Street Waverly, NE 68462
402-786-2705
office@olgcrettreat.org


Catholic Medical Association Summer Social!
Hosted by Dermatology Associates of Lincoln 6969 South St, Lincoln, NE 68506. Physicians, Nurses, and other Catholic Medical Professionals invited. Please join us Thursday, July 31, from 5:30-7:30pm for cocktails and appetizers. Spouses are welcome to join! Contact info@cathmed.org or visit www.cathmed.org



The JP II Healing Center Men's Event
is coming to Fremont on August 1st and 2nd. Come experience raw and moving testimonies that will ignite your desire to pursue authentic healing and receive the truth of your identity as a beloved son. During this 2-day retreat, you will come face to face with your brokenness and pain and gently receive the Father's love for you through community, brotherhood, and vulnerable reflection. Interested men can go to <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/redeemed-fremont-august-2025/> to register.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter September 19-21, Grand Island, NE. Contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 402-370-5839. Or for more info about these encounters go to www.wwme.org.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Friday Adoration Spend an hour or even part of an hour in Eucharistic Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, August 1! Adoration begins with Exposition after Friday morning's 8am Mass and ends with Saturday morning's 8am Mass. Drop-ins Welcome.



We are in need of a sub to take the adoration hour of 8pm-9pm on Friday, Aug 1. Please contact Lisa if you are able to fill in, 402-314-4340. Thank you!

ASHLAND MEN IN MISSION This community fellowship of Christian men meets the first Saturday morning of every month in Ashland area churches. All men from the Ashland-Greenwood area always welcome. The next meeting will be **Saturday, Aug 2, 6:30am** at the Ashland Bible Church, 551 Ashland Rd. Breakfast served. No RSVP needed.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION Come join in praying the Rosary and meditating on its mysteries at 8:30am, Saturday, August 2, following 8am daily Mass at St. Mary Church. All parishioners from both parishes always welcome!



CHURCH CARPET CLEANING Please be aware that the carpet inside St. Mary Church will be professionally cleaned on Wednesday, August 6, and we ask for no unnecessary foot traffic that day. We also ask for your patience as we prepare and put everything back in working order.



St. Mary Preschool Starts Aug 18- Register Now!

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



ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH CCD FOR GRADES K-8



begins Wednesday, August 20. Families, please watch for information and registration instructions coming soon. If you don't receive notice, please contact Joanna 402-850-5607 or Tanya 402-658-7322.

All are Sincerely Invited-

To: Our Very First Church Chats

For: the opportunity to casually and openly discuss the future possibilities for our parishes

When:

Tuesday, August 26, 7:00PM in St. Joseph Parish Hall

or

Wednesday, August 27, 6:00PM in St. Mary Church Hall

All parishioners of both parishes welcome at either or both dates.

The Knights Wish to Thank all men who helped build the Stir-Up Parade float and worked the BINGO event in St. Mary Church Hall. Both were successful & enjoyed by many!



COULD YOU SPARE ONE EVENING A MONTH?



The ROC Youth Center in Ashland is looking for adult volunteers to spend time with 6th -12th graders, 5-7pm, Tuesdays or Thursdays. This includes a devotional time, a meal, and a variety of social games and activities. Contact Brenda for more info 402-309-6789 or brendafarber2022@gmail.com **Did you know that for years our parishes have already been providing a meal once a month for the ROC? See the sign up on the bulletin board in St. Mary Church entry to participate.**

PRAYER FOR ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES

Thy Will be done, O God!

Heavenly Father, in Your Providence, You have called us, over many years and from many directions, to this place, at this time, by Your design, and for Your purposes, each bringing unique gifts and talents to contribute and to share in the opportunity unfolding before us.

As both Blessed Mary and Holy Joseph, in humble obedience, accepted Thy invitation to come together to create a loving home where Your Son, Jesus, could grow into His mission as Savior, Redeemer, King of Kings- may we, too, come together, in humble obedience, to create and maintain a loving parish home

from which the Light and Love of Christ may pour out over all.

May we be living witnesses as the Family of God.

Thank you, Lord, for entrusting this mission to us.

Thy Will, Thy Timing, for Thy Purposes, and to Thy Glory! Amen!



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.

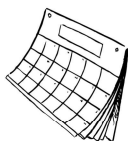
October 11-13, 2025 @ St. Cecilia's, Hastings
December 6-8, 2025 @ Lourdes, Nebraska City
February 14-16 @ Wahoo Neumann

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

UPCOMING EVENTS-SAVE THE DATE

Aug 1	First Friday Adoration
Aug 2	Men In Mission
	First Saturday Devotion
Aug 14	Altar Society Meeting
Aug 15	The Assumption of Mary
	Holy Day of Obligation
Aug 16-17	Visiting Mission Priest
Aug 18	First Day of Preschool
Aug 20	First Night of CCD
Aug 26	Church Chat at St. Joseph 7:00pm
Aug 27	Church Chat at St. Mary 6:00pm
Sep 14	Block Party



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 Sundays in Ashland. Contact Tanya Keith for more information, 402-658-7322.

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, 3-day AM M-W-Th, or 4-day PM, M-T-W-Th. 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

July Donation Requests

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

Ashland Food Pantry— Mayo, Jelly, Canned Pineapple, Canned Mandarin Oranges, Ramen Noodles, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash. **The Ashland Pantry is open every Wednesday from 4:30-6:00PM at the American Lutheran Church, 1941 Silver Street, Ashland.**



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.**

