

November 2, 2025

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



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 merciful Lord,

You desire that my soul and the souls of all your faithful be purified of every sin, even the smallest imperfection.

I thank You for the mercy of Purgatory and pray that I will continually work toward that purification here and now.

I pray, also, for all those who have gone before me and are still in need of these purifying fires.

Pour forth Your mercy upon them so that they may be counted among the saints in Heaven.

Jesus, I trust in You.

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	+CAROL ANDERSON
MON	3	- - - - -	- - - - -	DAILY MASS NOT SCHEDULED
TUE	4	STM	8:00AM	+JEAN REINKE
WED	5	CC	10:00AM	ALL SOULS' DAY INTENTIONS
THU	6	STM	7:00PM	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS
FRI	7	STM	8:00AM	+DON BUESCHER
	7	OxB	10:30AM	PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
SAT	8	STM	8:00AM	+LORETA DEMARCO
	8	STM	5:00PM	DECEASED NICHOLSON FAMILY MEMBERS
SUN	9	STJ	8:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
	9	STM	10:30AM	+ALOYSIUS & +HENRIETTA STEFFENSMEIER

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	<i>Saint Martin de Porres, Religious</i> Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
Tue	<i>Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i> Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
Wed	Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
Thu	Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
Fri	Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
Sat	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
SUN	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES 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

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



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Find Catholic Answers @ catholic.com

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKENDS

Sat	Nov 8	5:00pm	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte	Jeff Ridder	
	Reader	Cindy Hilger	
	Server	William Torpy	
	Greeter	Volunteers Appreciated!	
Sun	Nov 9	8:30am	St. Joseph Church
	Reader	Kevin Hofferber	
	Offertory	Hofferber	
Sun	Nov 9	10:30am	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte	Joseph Burr	
	Reader	Paul Rohrs	
	Servers	Theo Koch & Eli Wolf	
	Greeter	Burr	

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD OCT 22- OCT 28

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	\$4,113.00	\$385.00
Plate	358.00	141.00
Votive Candles	27.00	
Mass Stipends	60.00	10.00
On-Line Giving	1,070.00	
Holy Day Collection		25.00
Total	\$5,628.00	\$561.00

Weekly Budget	\$2,704.00	\$413.00
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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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: St. James Catholic Church in Mead on Sunday, Nov 2nd from 7:30 AM – 12:00 Noon. Please join us for our 45th annual breakfast! We will be serving all you can eat pancakes, sausages, cooked to order eggs, and drinks. Adults \$10, Children (ages 3-10) \$5, and 2 & under Free. Dine in or drive thru available. Raffle prizes, silent auction, craft and bake sale. We will also have 2 Mass times that date: 7am & 9am.



ST. JOHN CRAFT FAIR Saturday, November 8, 9am-3pm. 7601 Vine St, Lincoln. Lunch served 11am-2pm (Sloppy Joes, Tacos, Chips, Desserts, Soda)



A SCRIPTURAL PARISH RETREAT with Fr. Gary Coulter at St. John Nepomoucene, Weston, Saturday November 15, 10am-4pm. A silent day of reflection teaching you to meditate on scripture and encounter God through Ignatian Prayer. Free-will offering includes lunch. Register at good-counselretreat.org, select "Retreats," then "Parish Retreats," or contact office@olgcretreat.or or 402-786-2705



Attention Ladies: You're invited to Magnificat's Fall Prayer Meal with speaker Father Jim Morin, the Dean of Men and Instructor of Theology and Latin at St Gregory the Great Seminary, Saturday November 22 at the Hillcrest Country Club from 9:30 a.m. until Noon! Father Morin is from St Teresa's Parish where he attended elementary school, graduated from Pius X High School in 2008, and after one year of college felt called to enter the Seminary. He spent his first year as a Priest in Rome and then parishes and schools in Nebraska City and Hastings. Join us for Father Morin's Testimony to the Holy Spirit in his life and the "rest of the story"! Be a friend and bring a friend and enjoy a morning of prayer, community and JOY with breakfast, a teaching, Praise and Worship, Father's Testimony and more! Registration is \$33 and due by November 15. For questions, contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396. Register at: <https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/november-prayer-meal-featuring-fr-morin>

NOW HIRING Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly is seeking a full-time Office & Program Coordinator to join our team! If you're organized, detail-oriented, and passionate about helping others encounter Christ through retreat ministry, we'd love to hear from you. Call 402-786-2705 or Email your resumé to director@olgcretreat.org Join our mission to help others "come to a quiet place and rest a while." (Mark 6:31)



SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray for Cody Hein from St. Mary Parish in David City, currently Theology 3 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.



SISTERS VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray for Kendall Kopf, originally from Fairhope, AL, currently a Postulant with the School Sisters of Christ the King.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**We are delighted & blessed
to welcome Jud & Katy Farrell
to our St. Mary & St. Joseph family!**

ST. MARY COFFEE & ROLLS! Today, November 2, St. Mary Altar Society will serve coffee, rolls, and donuts downstairs following 10:30AM Mass. Parishioners and visitors alike are all welcome! Come down!



SPECIAL KNIGHTS MASS AND MEAL FOR ALL On Thurs, Nov 6 the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Mass for All Deceased Members and their Families at 6:00PM in St. Mary Church. Immediately following Paul Ruhlman will serve a meal of chicken fried steak.



All are invited to attend, men and women. Please RSVP to Craig on or before Nov 4 at 402-469-8390 for the meal and to add the names of deceased members.

First Friday Adoration Spend an hour or even part of an hour in Eucharistic Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, Nov 7! Adoration begins with Exposition after Friday morning's 8am Mass and ends with Saturday morning's 8am Mass. Drop-ins Welcome.



First Saturday Devotion Join in praying the Rosary & meditating on its mysteries at 8:30am, Saturday, Nov 8 after 8am daily Mass. All parishioners from both parishes always welcome!



OCIA CLASSES TO BEGIN SOON!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process where adults explore the Catholic faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Whether you're not baptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, a Catholic wanting a deeper foundation, or simply curious to learn more about Catholicism - you are welcome. Classes will begin November 13 from 7:00-8:30pm in the St. Mary Parish Hall. Sign up in the back of church or by emailing Mollie: agme.outreach@gmail.com.



PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT:
Wed, Nov 19, 7:15-8:15pm at St. Mary. All ages, please join us for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, spending time in Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Including live worship music, silent prayer time, confessions, prayer teams, and the opportunity to light a candle at the altar for a personal intention. You are warmly invited to come as you are, for a few minutes or the entire hour, to experience peace and rest in God's presence.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DON!

The Knights of Columbus invite you to help long-time parishioner & now home-bound member, Don McCarty, celebrate his 80th Birthday on November 8. Send a card to Don at 2401 Adams Street #101 Ashland, NE 68003



St Mary's & St Joseph's Christmas Artwork Contest

All children grades k-12 are invited to submit a piece of artwork on the theme: "O Come, Let us Adore Him" by November 19th. Winning designs will be featured on a magnet for all parishioners at Christmas! Visit stmaryashland.org/events/artcontest for full details.



All Souls Day Intentions Mass stipends received for All Souls Day will be combined and divided by \$10 to calculate the total number of "All Souls Day Intention" Masses. **Each of these Masses will be offered for all poor souls, and especially those whose names have been submitted.** Envelopes are available in your boxed sets or place donation designated for *All Souls' Day* in the collection.



WORLD MISSION COLLECTION This special collection supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Envelopes are in your boxed set or at the back of church. Donations may be placed any time in the weekly collection basket. **So far our parishes have collected \$410!!! Thank you!!!**



THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN DIAPER DRIVE

is coming to an end. **Our parishes have reached 1,273 of our 3,000 diaper goal! Thank You!** If you'd still like to donate, mail a check payable to LDCCW to: LDCCW, 3600 W Wittstruck Rd, Martell, NE 68404 and the LDCCW will purchase the needed diaper sizes throughout the year.



ONE LIFE TO GIVE
BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS
ST. MARY HAS REACHED \$9,570, DOUBLING ITS GOAL OF \$4,600. ST. JOSEPH HAS REACHED \$770 OF ITS \$900 GOAL.

This annual collection helps cover expenses for our seminarians, our future priests, in their studies, training, and formation. **If you would still like to pledge or donate, please contact our parish office.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR SEMINARIAN, JADEN WILSEY

Jaden is from St. Mary Parish and is in his first year at St. Gregory the Great Seminary! Notes of encouragement and support may be sent to: *St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Attn: Jaden Wilsey*
800 Fletcher Rd Seward, NE 68434



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.



December 6-8, 2025 @ Lourdes, Nebraska City
 February 14-16 @ Wahoo Neumann
 March 21-23 @ David City Aquinas
 April 18-20 @ Camp Kateri, McCool Junction

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

St. Mary Parishioners, Nate & Lisa Isaacson help with the April TEC Weekend.
 Don't hesitate to reach out to them with any questions: mrs.nate.isaacson@gmail.com or 402-314-4340

UPCOMING EVENTS-SAVE THE DATE

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| Nov 2 | All Souls' Day |
| | St. Mary Coffee & Rolls |
| Nov 6 | Knights' Mass & Dinner |
| Nov 7 | First Friday Adoration |
| Nov 8 | Saturday Devotion |
| Nov 13 | OCIA Classes Begin |
| Nov 19 | Praise & Worship Hour following CCD |
| Dec 13 | Women's Advent Mini-Retreat |



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

November Donation Requests

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

Ashland Food Pantry— toilet paper, pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned pineapple, canned peaches, canned mandarin oranges, canned tuna/chicken, canned soups. *The Ashland Pantry is open every Wednesday from 4:30-6:00PM at the American Lutheran Church, 1941 Silver Street, Ashland.*

Ashland Kids' Cupboard— Jars of Jelly or Jam

St. Mary Preschool— 13 Gallon Drawstring Trash Bags



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

Weekly Bible Studies Open to all adults form both parishes and non-members too. Contact Mollie (402-450-5903) or visit our parish website for more information.

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 the CCD Education Center. Contact Joanna 402-850-5607 or Tanya 402-658-7322 for more information.

St. Mary & St. Joseph Youth Group Grades 9-12. Meets Sunday evenings in the CCD Education Center. Contact Tanya Keith for more information, 402-658-7322.

Parish Pro-Life Coordinator 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 St. Mary 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 or subbing.

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, and please follow the posted clean up list.

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.