

November 9, 2025

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



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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Diocese of Lincoln: www.lincolndiocese.org



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

My zealous Lord,
Your heart burns with a deep desire to cleanse me
and all Your children from sin.
Your zeal reveals Your deep love
and Your willingness to do all that You can
to make me a fuller member of Your Body, the Church.
Open my mind and will, dear Lord,
to all that You wish to say to me
and give me the grace to respond
to Your purifying action in my life.
Jesus, I trust in You.



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT	8	STM	5:00PM	DECEASED NICHOLSON FAMILY MEMBERS
SUN	9	STJ	8:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
	9	STM	10:30AM	+ALOYSIUS & +HENRIETTA STEFFENSMEIER
MON	10			DAILY MASS NOT SCHEDULED
TUE	11	STM	8:00AM	GEORGE & SHARON SCHAUB
WED	12	CC	10:00AM	PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
THU	13	STM	8:00AM	ALL SOULS' DAY INTENTIONS
FRI	14	STM	8:00AM	+DEBRA HUDSON
	14	OxB	10:30AM	PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
SAT	15	STM	5:00PM	DECEASED SCHWALLER FAMILY MEMBERS
SUN	16	STJ	8:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
	16	STM	10:30AM	+LEROY & +JOAN WOLFE

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	<i>Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i> Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
Tue	<i>Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop</i> Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10
Wed	<i>Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr</i> Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
Thu	<i>Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i> Wis 7:22b—8:1/Lk 17:20-25
Fri	Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
Sat	<i>Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
SUN	33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

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

 **FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK TOO!**
facebook.com/stmaryandstjoseph 

 Find Catholic Answers @ catholic.com

MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKENDS

Sat	Nov 15	5:00pm	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte	James Wilsey	
	Reader	Donna Nicholson	
	Servers	Volunteers Appreciated!	
	Greeter	Hicks	
Sun	Nov 16	8:30am	St. Joseph Church
	Reader	Joshua Keithley	
	Offertory	Keithley	
Sun	Nov 16	10:30am	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte	Craig Buescher	
	Reader	Marge Buescher	
	Servers	Jacob Wade & Asher Weaver	
	Greeter	Dierks	


OUR RETURN TO THE LORD OCT 29– NOV 4
St Mary and St Joseph parishes are sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.
Thank you for your continued dedication & support!

	<u>St Mary</u>	<u>St Joseph</u>
Adult Envelopes	\$3,105.00	\$260.00
Plate	286.00	166.00
Votive Candles	30.55	
Mass Stipends		160.00
Monthly ACH	2,835.00	
Holy Day Collection	250.00	270.00
Total	\$6,506.55	\$856.00
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

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@olcretreat.or or 402-786-2705 

Attention Ladies: Magnificat's Fall Prayer Meal is only a couple of weeks away! Please register by November 15 for our Saturday November 22 Prayer Meal at Hillcrest Country Club from 9:30 a.m. to noon with speaker Father Jim Morin from St Gregory the Great! As an extra bonus, Sue and John Johnson's Catholic Art and Jewelry will be available with Vintage and Contemporary Catholic Art for the Season of Christmas! Our speaker is from St Teresa's Parish in Lincoln where he attended school graduating from Pius X High School in 2008. He studied Philosophy at St Gregory the Great Seminary and Theology at the North American College in Rome. After ordination, 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 actions of the Holy Spirit in his life, and the "rest of the story"! Be a friend and bring a friend to enjoy a morning of prayer, community and JOY with breakfast, a teaching, Praise and Worship, Father's Testimony, shopping and more! Registration is \$33 due by November 15. For questions, contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt at 402.525.6396. Register at: <http://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@olcretreat.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 Landon Novosad from North American Martyrs Parish in Lincoln, currently Propaedeutic Stage at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. 

SISTERS VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR
 This week please pray for Sr. Mary Kolbe Tichy, originally from Laurie, MO, currently a Novice with the School Sisters of Christ the King. 

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCIA CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK!

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.



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.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US CELEBRATE DON!

Long-time parishioner & now home-bound member, Don McCarty, celebrated his 80th Birthday on November 8. The Knights would like to thank all who helped shower him with Birthday Blessings so far. You may still send a card to Don at:

2401 Adams Street #101
Ashland, NE 68003



PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT:

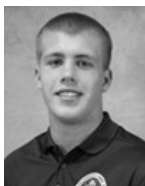
Wed, Nov 19, 7:15-8:15pm at St. Mary. All ages, please join us for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, spending time in Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Including live worship music, silent prayer time, confessions, prayer teams, and the opportunity to light a candle at the altar for a personal 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.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN DIAPER DRIVE

Thank You for all the donations! If you'd still like to give something, you may 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.



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*

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH BIBLE STUDIES

Weekly Men's, Women's & Couples' Studies now available! For more information, contact Mollie at 402-450-5903, or visit the parish website.



VOLUNTEER WITH ASHLAND KIDS' CUPBOARD!

Thursdays from 5-6PM at the American Lutheran Church. Pick dates that work best for your schedule to help hand out food. Email Chris Schefdore at hcschefd@charter.net or Bette McCoy at ms_bette@hotmail.com



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.



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

- Nov 13 OCIA Classes Begin
- Nov 19 Praise & Worship Hour following CCD
- Nov 30 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 5 First Friday Adoration
- Dec 6 Men In Mission
- First Saturday Devotion
- Dec 7 CCD Christmas Program
- Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Holy Day of Obligation
- Dec 13 Women's Advent Mini-Retreat



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 Educaiton 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.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

November Donation Requests

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

Ashland Food Pantry—Bar Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Canned Fruit, Canned Tuna/Chicken, Ramen Noodles, Canned Vegetables, Oatmeal, Mayo, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Laundry Detergent. *The Ashland Pantry is open every Wednesday from 4:30-6:00PM at the American Lutheran Church, 1941 Silver Street.*

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 10 servings needed, dropped off at the ROC Center, 124 N 14th Street, by 5:00pm. The Center provides dinnerware & serving utensils.*

