

February 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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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Diocese of Lincoln: www.lincolndiocese.org



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

Lord of perfection,
You lived the Beatitudes to the fullest during Your life on earth
and continue to manifest those perfections from Heaven.
Please open my heart to Your grace
and fill me with Your Holy Spirit,
so that I may answer the call
to the new and glorious moral state to which I am called.
Empower me to live fully immersed in
and guided by Your Sacrificial Love.
Help me to inspire others to embrace this path of holiness,
so that we may journey together toward the eternal joy of Your Kingdom.
Jesus, I trust in You!



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

(StM-Ashland, StJ-Greenwood, CC-Care Center, OXB-Ox Bow)

SAT	31	StM	5:00PM	KATHY PIKE
SUN	1	StJ	8:30AM	+PATSY MANDERY
	1	StM	10:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
MON	2			DAILY MASS NOT SCHEDULED
TUE	3	StM	8:00AM	+JAY HICKS
WED	4	CC	10:00AM	+MARY MEEHAN
THU	5	StM	6:30PM	+DON BUESCHER
FRI	6	StM	8:00AM	ALL SOULS' DAY INTENTIONS
	6	OXB	10:30AM	PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
SAT	7	StM	8:00AM	+LORETA DEMARCO
	7	StM	5:00PM	+MAGGIE OWENS
SUN	8	StJ	8:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
	8	StM	10:30AM	+BETTY NOVOTNY

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
Tue	<i>Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;</i> <i>Saint Ansgar, Bishop</i> 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/ Mk 5:21-43
Wed	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thu	<i>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Fri	<i>Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Sat	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
SUN	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES OR CALL FATHER MATYA TO SET UP A TIME (402) 730-7914

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 WEEKEND

Sat	Feb 7	5:00pm	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte	Bruce Bolander	
	Reader	Paul Rohrs	
	Server	Nolan Hoferer	
	Greeter	Hicks	
Sun	Feb 8	8:30am	St. Joseph Church
	Reader	Leslie Krings	
	Offertory	Hayes	
Sun	Feb 8	10:30am	St. Mary Church
	Acolyte	Kent Ketteler	
	Reader	Denise Ketteler	
	Servers	Noah Drelcharz & Theo Koch	
	Greeter	Torpy	

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD JAN 21- JAN 27

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	\$2,997.00	\$385.00
Plate	37.00	126.00
Votive Candles	23.50	
Mass Stipends	110.00	
Building Fund	1,000.00	
Catholic Press	15.00	50.00
Stole Fees	350.00	
TOTAL	\$4,532.50	\$561.00
<i>Weekly Budget</i>	<i>\$4,700.00</i>	<i>\$550.00</i>

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

Valentine's Date Night for Married Couples

February 15, Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House An evening for married couples featuring dinner, reflection, and fellowship with the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit in the Family and presentation by Fr. Robert Matya. Babysitting available. Registration required by February 9. Register at www.goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705 Don't miss out on this night of fellowship with other couples!



Marriage Encounter Experience

At North American Martyrs in Lincoln, February 20-22. "Communication Enhancing Your Marriage" Register right-away. Call/Text 402-370-5839



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE

7303 N 112th St, Waverly

Ash Wednesday Desert Day February 18

Begin Lent with a quiet day of prayer and reflection at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly, NE, featuring "He Loved Us" talks on the Sacred Heart with Fr. Gary Coulter, along with Confession and Mass with ashes. A Desert Day offers a simple way to step away from daily distractions and spend intentional time with the Lord.

Unbound: Freedom in Christ Retreat February 20-22

Join Fr. William Holoubek for this Unbound retreat, based on *Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance* by Neal Lozano, and discover a prayerful path toward greater freedom in Christ. The retreat offers teaching, prayer, and the opportunity to receive Unbound ministry prayer, with a virtual option also available.

Living the Good Life Retreat February 27-March 1

Discover what it truly means to live the good life as a follower of Christ with Fr. Nicholas Kipper. Through talks, prayer, and reflection, Fr. Nicholas Kipper will guide participants in exploring the Christian virtues that lead to authentic joy and holiness. A virtual option is available.

Register at: www.goodcounselretreat.org or call at 402-786-2705

Registration is now open or Healing the Whole Person,

April 16-18 at North American Martyrs, Lincoln. The JPIL Healing Center brings restoration, healing, and deeper intimacy with Jesus Christ. Conference Lodging is available at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. See goodcounselretreat.org and select Retreats, or contact office@olgcretreat.org, 402-786-2705.



SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR This week please pray for McGivney Swanson from St. Cecilia Parish in Hastings, currently Propaedeutic Stage at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are blessed to welcome
new parishioners,
Daniel and Sherri Hilliges,
to the St. Mary & St. Joseph community!

ST. MARY COFFEE & ROLLS is today, Sunday, February 1. Parishioners and visitors are welcome to come down following 10:30AM Mass for food and fellowship!



REED MALLECK EVENT—WED, FEBRUARY 4th
Reed Malleck, 2024 NU Golf Champion and current FOCUS Missionary, is coming to St. Mary's on February 4th. ALL parishioners of every age are invited to come from 6:45-7:30 to hear his story and have a short time of prayer. As part of our parish's *Familia* programming to focus on the family, CCD families only are invited to dinner prior to that at 6:00pm in the parish hall. This event is in place of regular CCD classes that evening. RSVP is required by 1/28 for the CCD dinner portion only to Joanna (402-850-5607) or Tanya (402-658-7322).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

All men from both parishes are welcome to attend the next meeting, Thursday, February 5. Mass at 6:30PM in St. Mary Church. Meeting to follow in the rectory.

A VALENTINE STEAK DINNER, and all the trimmings, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be Sunday, February 8, in St. Mary Church Hall. Social Hour begins at 5:00PM. Dinner Served at 6:00PM. \$25 per person (with free-will donation bar). EVERYONE from both parishes invited, along with any friends or family you'd like to invite (especially any potential parishioners!). Taking reservations thru Wednesday, February 4. RSVP to Mollie at agme.outreach@gmail.com, or to Craig at 402-469-8390. We'd LOVE to see you all there!



OCTOBER MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO CITY!

St. Mary and St. Joseph parishioners are invited to our first-ever mission trip to Mexico City October 22-27, 2026. This 5-day journey will be a life-changing encounter with Christ through service, prayer, and pilgrimage. There are info sheets in the back of church, and registration is open now via our parish website. Questions to Mollie: 402-450-5903 or agme.outreach@gmail.com



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 24 Hour Adoration begins **this Friday, February 6**, with Exposition following 8:00AM daily Mass, and concludes Saturday Morning with Reposition at 8:00AM, just before daily Mass. You are always welcome!



ASHLAND MEN IN MISSION is a community fellowship of men that meets the first Saturday morning of every month in the Ashland area churches. All men are always welcome. The next meeting will be **February 7, 6:30am at Ashland Methodist Church, 1442 Adams St., with speaker Anthony Weaver!** Breakfast served, no RSVP needed.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION Please join in praying the Rosary and meditating on the Mysteries, Saturday, February 7, following 8:00AM daily Mass. Everyone welcome!



ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH COMPANIONS is a brand new ministry of friendship and presence where volunteers (you!) are paired with a local elderly or homebound parishioner to visit regularly, building genuine friendship through listening, prayer, and shared time.



Help remind our homebound members that they are cherished and part of our parish family! More info and sign up in the back of St. Mary's, or text/call Alyssa, 402-606-7145, or Mollie, 402-450-5903.

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY FIRST 2026 MEETING!



Thursday, February 12. Mass celebrated at 6:30PM, including installation of our new officers. Meeting to immediately follow down in St. Mary Hall. All ladies always welcome!
(OCIA will meet in the CCD Center this night)

NEW CHURCH DONATIONS It's not too soon to make donations toward the New Church Project. We currently have two options: 1) a savings account through the diocese with steady interest, and 2) an investment portfolio with Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska, where you can also donate stocks, mutual funds, or grain. You must choose where your donation goes. For the diocesan savings account make checks payable to "St. Mary Parish" and note "New Church" on the memo line and place in the collection basket. To donate to the foundation investment, checks should be payable to "St. Mary Fund", specify "Ashland" on the memo line and place in the weekly collection. We will send your check on to Catholic Foundation (*to learn more about Catholic Foundation go to catholicgift.org*). Don't hesitate to talk to father about these two options. **Preliminary building plans are posted in the main entrance of St. Mary Church.**



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY & GIVE THANKS for St. Mary Parishioner, Jaden Wilsey, who is in his first year at St. Gregory the Great Seminary! And keep his family and fellow seminarians in your prayers too!



DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS!

SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS

**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN**

Find all information
and register at
campkateri.org



Don't wait! Camps fill up fast!

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.

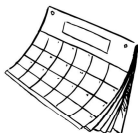


February 14-16 @ Wahoo Neumann
March 21-23 @ David City Aquinas
April 18-20 @ Camp Kateri, McCool Junction

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

UPCOMING EVENTS-SAVE THE DATE

- Feb 1 St. Mary Coffee & Rolls
- Feb 4 Familia Event—Reed Malleck Speaker
- Feb 5 Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Feb 6 First Friday Adoration
- Feb 7 Men in Mission
First Saturday Devotion
- Feb 8 Valentine Steak Dinner
- Feb 12 St. Mary Altar Society Meeting
- Mar 8 SEEK Local at St. Mary
- Mar 21 Retreat with Fr. Coulter at St. Mary



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 every other month. Contact Karen Kasuske for more information, 402-889-7569.

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.

Missionaries of the Holy Spirit in the Family Joe & Lily Burr, 402-480-1412

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!

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 Entries- Send bulletin announcements to Lisa Isaacson at mrs.nate.isaacson@gmail.com by 2:00pm Wednesday. All announcements will be reviewed and approved by Father.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

February Donation Requests

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

Ashland Food Pantry—Canned Soups, Canned Fruits, Canned Tuna/Chicken, Oatmeal/Cereal, 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— Jello or Pudding Cups

St. Mary Preschool— Kleenex Tissues



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.*

