

February 15, 2026

SIXTH 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**  
**Father Robert Matya**

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

Diocese of Lincoln: [www.lincolndiocese.org](http://www.lincolndiocese.org)



**St. Joseph Church**  
7 Oak Street, Greenwood  
Sunday Mass 8:30AM  
[stjosephgreenwood.org](http://stjosephgreenwood.org)



Glorious Lawgiver and Messiah,  
Your Wisdom is perfect, eternal, and transforming.  
All things came to be through You  
and find their fulfillment in You.  
I thank You for the gift of Your Eternal Law  
and pray for the grace to live it to perfection,  
with the aid of Your saving grace.  
Jesus, I trust in You.

**LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

7:00AM ST. MARY ~ 5:00PM ST. JOSEPH ~ 6:30PM ST. MARY

Stations of the Cross will be Fridays, 6:00PM at St. Mary Church.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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

SAT	14	STM	5:00PM	+BRYCE BUDZ
SUN	15	STJ	8:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
	15	STM	10:30AM	+JOHN MCNAMARA
MON	16			DAILY MASS NOT SCHEDULED
TUE	17	STM	8:00AM	+MARIE GROENJES
WED	18	STM	7:00AM	+CAROL ANDERSON
	18	STJ	5:00PM	ALL SOULS' DAY INTENTIONS
	18	STM	6:30PM	JADEN WILSEY
THU	19	STM	8:00AM	+DON BUESCHER
FRI	20	STM	8:00AM	+MICHELLE KETTELER
	20	OXB	10:30AM	PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
SAT	21	STM	5:00PM	+MARK LUETKENHAUS
SUN	22	STJ	8:30AM	+PATSY MANDERY
	22	STM	10:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE

**READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

Mon	Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tue	<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i> Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wed	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Fri	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Sat	<i>Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
SUN	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

SAT ST MARY CHURCH 4:15-4:50PM  
SUN ST JOSEPH CHURCH 8:00-8:20AM  
SUN ST MARY CHURCH 10:00-10:20AM  
OR CALL FR. MATYA TO SET UP A TIME (402) 730-7914



### NEW PARISHIONERS

Registration forms for St. Mary & St. Joseph parishes available for print at [stmaryashland.org](http://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](http://stmarycatholicchurch23.flocknote.com)



### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK TOO!

[facebook.com/stmaryandstjoseph](http://facebook.com/stmaryandstjoseph)



Find Catholic Answers @ [catholic.com](http://catholic.com)

### MINISTRIES FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<b>Sat Feb 21</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>St. Mary Church</b>
Acolyte	Jeff Ridder	
Reader	Kelly Briley	
Server	<b>Volunteers Appreciated!</b>	
Greeter	<b>Volunteers Appreciated!</b>	
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<b>Sun Feb 22</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>St. Joseph Church</b>
Reader	Alex Dierks	
Offertory	Dierks	
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<b>Sun Feb 22</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>St. Mary Church</b>
Acolyte	Craig Buescher	
Reader	Marge Buescher	
Server	Noah Drelicharz & Linas Makaitis	
Greeter	Bogatz	

### OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FEB 4- FEB 10

*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	\$2,770.00	\$235.00
Plate	477.00	56.00
Votive Candles	53.00	
Mass Stipends	140.00	
On-Line Giving	995.00	
Catholic Press	86.00	10.00
New Building Fund	50.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,571.00</b>	<b>\$301.00</b>
<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](http://stmaryashland.org)

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**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, featuring "He Loved Us" talks on the Sacred Heart with Fr. Gary Coulter, along with Confession and Mass with ashes. This 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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org) or 402-786-2705

**Holy Hour to Pray for our Diocesan Priests ~ "IN THE UPPER ROOM" ~ John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel ~ Thursday, February 19, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. ~ sponsored by MAGNIFICAT and SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE. All are invited to join us to pray for our Priests before Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament with Exposition and Adoration.** Father Robert Barnhill will preside. A community Rosary will be lead by the mother's of Priests, there will be a short Meditation from Fulton Sheen's book "The Priest Is Not His Own", Music, and time for silent personal prayer. Material to purchase and at no cost to assist you in praying for our Priests. Information also available for the Seven Sisters Apostolate. Please contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further information.

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church** in Lincoln will hold their annual **St. Patrick's Festival** Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Bake sale, bingo, live music and raffles for kids and adults. Two meal options will be available: 1. Corned Beef or 2. Ham. All of the fixings include scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, dinner roll and dessert. \$15/Adult and \$10/Child. The adult raffle drawing will be at 4:30pm while the kids' raffles will be throughout the day.



Join Fr. Coulter for an **Easter Monday Pilgrimage** to Conception Abbey and Clyde Monastery on Monday, April 6th. Meet at St. Michael, Lincoln at 7:30am. Mass and Prayers throughout the day, see the Relic Chapel with over 550 relics of Saints, return by 5:30pm. Cost is \$70/person which includes snacks and lunch. Make your reservations early at [frcoulter.com/EasterMonday](http://frcoulter.com/EasterMonday) or email [office@olgcretreat.org](mailto:office@olgcretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.



**Healing the Whole Person**, April 16-18 at North American Martyrs, Lincoln. The JPII Healing Center brings restoration, healing, and deeper intimacy with Jesus Christ. See [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org) and select Retreats, or contact [office@olgcretreat.org](mailto:office@olgcretreat.org), 402-786-2705.



**SEMINARIAN PRAYER CALENDAR** This week please pray for Trent Moudry from Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish in Valparaiso, currently College 1 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PARISH SURVEY FOR THE NEW CHURCH: All parishioners, please share your thoughts!



Now is your chance to let us know what you think about our plans for the new church and the prospect of conducting a capital campaign. Your thoughtful responses to these questions will be extremely helpful in our ability to plan effectively. It will have a direct impact on the decisions we make as a parish. The online survey should only take about 5-10 minutes to complete. Please submit your responses by Friday, February 27 to be incorporated into our feasibility study. Please contact our AmPhil representative, Steve Bird (sbird@amphil.com) if you have any questions. To take the survey, visit our parish website or scan the QR code.



Congratulations to  
**Antonio & Katie Castonguay**  
on the baptism of their baby girl, **Eleanor Love!**



**ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 18. Masses, with distribution of ashes, will be 7:00am at St. Mary, 5:00pm at St. Joseph, and 6:30pm at St. Mary.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be Friday, February 20, 6:00pm at St. Mary Church.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR THE LINCOLN DIOCESE

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast & abstinence.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.



**FASTING**- eating only one full meal with two smaller meals that together do not equal the full meal. No snacking or eating between meals is allowed. Fasting obliges all Catholics between the ages 18 and 59.

**ABSTINENCE**- eating no meat and no soup or gravy from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14.

*Sickness, health issues, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc. excuses a person from these obligations. In cases of uncertainty, please consult your parish priest.*

### 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](mailto:agme.outreach@gmail.com)



*Our Lenten Almsgiving will go to "Hope of the Poor"  
Look for collection boxes at the back of church.*

### THANKS FOR THE "SOUPER" SUPPORT

Last weekend our parishes collected \$656 for the Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach in Lincoln. If you'd still like to give, place donation in the weekly offertory, checks payable to "St. Mary Parish."



**ADORATION SUB NEEDED** for the midnight to 1:00AM hour in the month of March (March 6 & 7). Please call or text Lisa (402-314-4340) if you can take this hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Thank you!

### ASHLAND ROTARY IRISH FESTIVAL

enjoy music and an Irish Stew Dinner on Monday Mar. 16, served 5-8pm at the Ashland Golf Club. Sponsored by the Rotary Club, if possible purchase a \$25 ticket in advance so we know how many to expect. See the basket in back of St. Mary church, Craig Buescher or Rod Reisen at i3 Bank.



### A SCRIPTURAL PARISH RETREAT

with Fr. Gary Coulter, director of Good Counsel Retreat House, Saturday March 21 8am-3pm here at St. Mary. A silent day of reflection teaching you to meditate on scripture and encounter God through Ignatian Prayer. \$10 includes lunch. Register at [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org), select Retreats then Parish Retreats or contact office@olgcretreat.org or 402-786-2705



### ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH COMPANIONS

is a 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.



### Oxbow is in need of some volunteers

to play games with residents on weekends, preferably in the afternoons. In addition, there is a resident who communicates primarily through sign language. If anyone is gifted in this way and would like to make occasional visits to him, please contact Mollie, 402-450-5903.



**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.

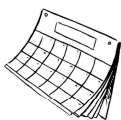


March 21-23 @ David City Aquinas  
April 18-20 @ Camp Kateri, McCool Junction

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS-SAVE THE DATE

Feb 18 Ash Wednesday  
Feb 20 Stations of the Cross  
Mar 6 First Friday Adoration  
Mar 7 Men in Mission  
First Saturday Devotion  
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 Education 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, *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.*

