

April 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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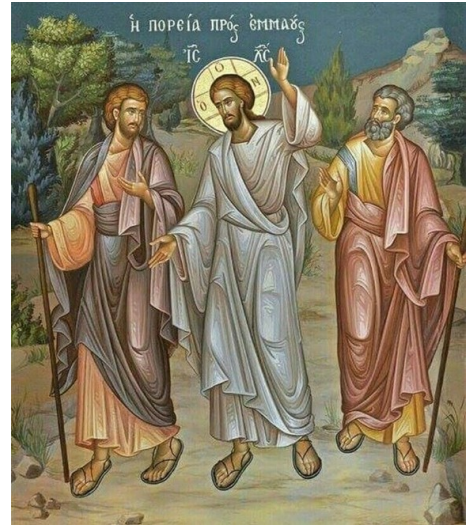
Preschool: (402) 944-7509 ashlandstmarypreschool@windstream.net

Diocese of Lincoln: www.lincolndiocese.org



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

Ever-present Lord,
please humble me
so that I turn more fully to You,
hearing Your voice
and recognizing Your presence.
When I am confused or uncertain,
please intervene and open my mind to You
and to Your Truth
so that I will believe with all my heart
and follow wherever You lead.
Jesus, I trust in You.



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT	18	STM	5:00PM	+JAY HICKS
SUN	19	STJ	8:30AM	+PATSY MANDERY
	19	STM	10:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
MON	20			DAILY MASS NOT SCHEDULED
TUE	21	STM	8:00AM	GEORGE & SHARON SCHAUB
WED	22	CC	10:00AM	ALL SOULS' DAY INTENTIONS
THU	23	STM	8:00AM	+MARIE GROENJES
FRI	24	STM	8:00AM	+DOROTHY BUESCHER
	24	OXB	10:30AM	PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
SAT	25	STM	5:00PM	+MARY KRESAK
SUN	26	STJ	8:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
	26	STM	10:30AM	+PAT PROCTOR

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tue	<i>Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wed	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thu	<i>Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr</i> Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Fri	<i>Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr</i> Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Sat	<i>Saint Mark, Evangelist</i> 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
SUN	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

AS SCHEDULED BELOW OR CALL FR. 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 Apr 25	5:00pm St. Mary Church
Acolyte	Tom Spears & Greg Logsdon
Reader	Rita Smits
Server	Jacob Wade
Greeter	Volunteer Appreciated!
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Sun Apr 26	8:30am St. Joseph Church
Reader	Terese Brown
Offertory	Brown
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Sun Apr 26	10:30am St. Mary Church
Acolyte	Anthony Weaver & James Wilsey
Reader	Denise Ketteler
Server	Eli Wolf & Noah Drelicharz
Greeter	McKown


OUR RETURN TO THE LORD APR 8 – APR 14
St Mary and St Joseph parishes are sustained by the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you!


	St Mary	St Joseph
Adult Envelopes	\$3,114.00	\$150.00
Plate	429.00	76.00
Votive Candles	35.00	
Mass Stipends	120.00	
Memorial	375.00	
Holy Day Collection	210.00	
On-Line Giving	1,095.00	
Monthly ACH	3,005.00	
TOTAL	\$8,383.00	\$226.00
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<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


Spring Craft Fair Sunday April 19th, 9am to 2pm in the basement at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church - 1145 South St, Lincoln. Join us for Sunday Mass too (8am, 10am and 12pm). Come enjoy some fresh baked goods while checking out some awesome crafts. 

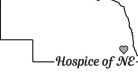
 **Welcome to the Tropics Salad Buffet** St John Nepomucene School, Weston. Thur, April 23. Doors open 5pm. Serving 6-7PM. \$12 (no advance sales). Raffles, Door Prizes, Split the Pot, Wine Cork Pull.


Join us for **Outdoor Adoration** at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House with Salt + Light Young Adult Community on Sunday, April 26. Adoration will be held from 4:00–5:00 p.m. in Waverly, NE (just outside Lincoln), followed by food and yard games until 8:00 p.m. Bring chairs and blankets—all ages are welcome! Questions? Call 402-786-2705 or email office@olgcrettreat.org. 

A NIGHT WITH ST. JOSEPH Friday, May 1, St. Joseph Church, Lincoln. Wine & Cheese at 7:00PM, Presentation at 7:30PM. Join the Office of Family Life & Discipleship on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker for an evening of fellowship as we reflect on the beautiful mission of marriage. While the event is open to all, we extend a special invitation to our current and prospective marriage formation coordinators, mentor couples, FOCCUS facilitator couples, Engaged Encounter (EE) volunteers, and marriage and family enrichment leaders! Find more info and register here: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/st-joseph-and-the-renewal-of-marriage-> (or use QR code on posted flyers) *Limited complimentary child-care available upon request.* 

Christ the King Sisters Outdoor Spring Workday Saturday, May 9, 1:30-4:30 p.m. We will be planting our vegetable garden, cleaning up brush and cutting trees. Helpful items to bring include wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, pruning shears/saws, hoes, pickups and chainsaws. Children are also welcome! Mark your calendars now & contact Sister Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net if you would like to come and help. Please also print & complete a liability form (one per adult; children added to adult form.) Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th St., about 2 miles west and south of Pioneers Park. (Walk-ins also welcome.) 

All or Nothing: Living every Moment for and with Christ May 8-9 Join Janette Howe of the Seven Sisters Apostolate for a 24-hour retreat for women exploring how Christ is truly present in every moment of our lives. Through prayer, reflection, and the wisdom of Scripture and the saints, discover how to trust God more deeply and live each moment in loving surrender to His will. The retreat begins Friday at 7:00 p.m. and concludes Saturday with Mass and a 6:00 p.m. supper. Register for and find more Retreats at goodcounselretreat.org (402) 786-2705 

 **Perform a Work of Mercy!** Hospice of NE is seeking compassionate volunteers age 18+ to provide comfort and companionship to our patients and their families. Be a part of something profoundly rewarding. Please email jfiedler@hospiceofnebraska.com for more information.

 **SEMINARIAN PRAYERS** This week please pray for Dylan Beck from St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, currently College 2 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations & Blessings

to Jared & Taylor Stander
on the recent baptism
of their new baby girl,
Laurel Jean!

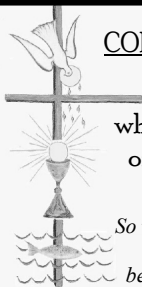


*Nothing gives me greater joy than to hear
that my children are walking in the truth.* —3 JOHN 1:4

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME TO-

Mason Johnson

who was received into the Catholic Church
on Sunday, April 12 at St. Mary Church.



*So whoever is in Christ is a new creation;
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.* —2CORINTHIANS 5:17



RUN FOR THE ROSES KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY FOR ALL

Join us for food, drinks, and some good "ol' horsin' around!" Saturday, May 2, downstairs at St. Mary Church, following the 5:00PM Vigil Mass. All ages welcome. All parishioners from both parishes wanted! Watch the re-aired races, play the Horse Race Dice Game (\$1 entry for adults, kids play for prizes), and try to win a prize for best Derby Hat or Attire! Free-Will Donation for Pulled Pork, Sides, and Mint Juleps!!! BYOB any other drink of your choice.
We'd all be winners for enjoying this time together!

PLEASE RETURN ALMSGIVING BOXES

Hope of the Poor Lent collection boxes may be placed any time at the back of St. Mary Church. Thank you for supporting this mission and please consider the parish mission trip in October!



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 through Hope of the Poor 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



MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS

Orders now being taken for the Magnificat, new subscriptions and renewals. Ordering through our parishes now costs \$31.00 for one year (saves 1/2 off the recently increased cover price). To order simply place payment, made out to 'St. Mary Parish', clearly marked for *Magnificat*, in collection basket. Order/payment due by the end of April. Monthly publication available for pick up at church near the end of each month, from Aug 2026—July 2027. *If the price increase is too much, please pay what you can.*



OLD PALMS Did you know? Palms from Palm Sunday are blessed and should not be placed in a waste basket. You may keep them in a respectable location in your home, bury them in the ground, or return them to the back of church. Returned palms are then burned for distribution of ashes on the following Ash Wednesday.



St. Mary Preschool Now Enrolling for 2026-27

3-day per week morning classes for 3-4 year olds, or 4-day per week afternoon classes for 4-6 year olds.
Our programs are the perfect schooling introduction for your growing child.

Contact us for more information: 402-944-7509
(leave a message if prompted and we will call back as soon as possible)
or e-mail us at ashlandstmarypreschool@windstream.net

And don't miss our
OPEN HOUSE
Monday, April 27 5:00-6:30PM



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!

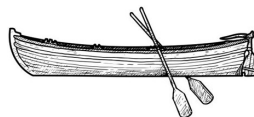
YOUTH CAMPS

Find information and register at campkateri.org

**Don't wait!
Camps fill up fast!**



DID YOU KNOW? The Diocesan Canoe Trips down the Niobrara River have been happening over 30 Years for our high school youth (entering 10-12 grades) and college students! Adults invited as sponsors/drivers. **THERE IS NO BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR THIS EVENT.** Provide your own transportation to campsite or carpool locations from different areas of the diocese will be provided closer to departure. Nearly 200 participants from all over the Diocese go each year. This three-day outdoor adventure includes daily Mass, confessions, talks, private reflection time, and other opportunities for youth to grow in their relationship with Christ. A Campfire, skits and rosary fill the evening hours. Student Cost: \$120. Chaperone/driver cost: \$70. Canoe Trip #1 - July 5-7, 2026; Canoe Trip #2 - July 7-9, 2026 Register at: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/04-ym-2026-canoe-trip>



UPCOMING EVENTS-SAVE THE DATE

Apr 26	First Holy Communion
May 1	First Friday Adoration
May 2	Men in Mission
	First Saturday Devotion
	Kentucky Derby Social
May 3	May Crowning, Graduate Mass, & Breakfast
Jul 9-11	Annual Rummage Sale
Jul 19-24	Totus Tuus



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

April Donation Requests

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

Ashland Food Pantry—Canned Soups, Canned Fruits, Canned Tuna/Chicken, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly. *The Ashland Pantry is open every Wednesday from 4:30-6:00PM at the American Lutheran Church, 1941 Silver Street.*

Ashland Kids' Cupboard— Cereal

St. Mary Preschool— Liquid Bleach

Oxbow Volunteers Play games with residents on weekends, preferably in the afternoons. Especially in need of someone who knows sign language. Contact Mollie, 402-450-5903.



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 payable 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.*



PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACTS

Weekly Bible Studies Open to all adults from 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 Joseph and 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.

Meal Train Ministry Call/text Mollie Sundermeier 402-450-5903 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 vw30728@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.

St. Mary & St. Joseph Companions volunteer to regularly visit local elderly or homebound parishioner and build genuine friendship through listening, prayer, and shared time. Text/call Alyssa 402-606-7145, or Mollie, 402-450-5903.

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