

JULY 5, 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Mary Church
1625 Adams Street, Ashland
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00PM
Sunday Mass 10:30AM

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

BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD

- PSALM 33:12

Eternal God, stir our minds and stimulate our hearts
with a high sense of true patriotism
as we approach the Fourth of July.

May all this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom,
our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts
to keep a government of the people, by the people,
and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day
to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in
an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people,
justice shall be the light to guide their feet,
and peace shall be the goal of humankind:
to the glory of Thy holy name
and the good of our nation and of all mankind.

Amen.



OUR LADY OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
PRAY FOR US!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT	4	STM	5:00PM	+BRYCE BUDZ
SUN	5	STJ	8:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
	5	STM	10:30AM	JADEN WILSEY
MON	6			DAILY MASS NOT SCHEDULED
TUE	7	STM	8:00AM	+AGNES SCHWALLER
WED	8	CC	10:00AM	ALL SOULS' DAY INTENTIONS
THU	9	STM	8:00AM	+MARGARET JOAN KETTELER
FRI	10	STM	8:00AM	+MARY KRESAK
	10	OXB	10:30AM	PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
SAT	11	STM	5:00PM	+BETTY NOVOTNY
SUN	12	STJ	8:30AM	+PATSY MANDERY
	12	STM	10:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	<i>Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr</i> Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
Tue	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
Wed	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
Thu	<i>Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i> Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15
Fri	Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
Sat	<i>Saint Benedict, Abbot</i> Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33
SUN	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23

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 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	July 11	5:00pm St. Mary Church
	Acolytes	Tom Spears & Bruce Bolander
	Reader	Paul Rohrs
	Server	Volunteer Appreciated!
	Greeter	Volunteer Appreciated!
Sun	July 12	8:30am St. Joseph Church
	Reader	Kevin Hofferber
	Offertory	Aguirre
Sun	July 12	10:30am St. Mary Church
	Acolytes	Kent Ketteler & Anthony Weaver
	Reader	Kelly Briley
	Server	Eli Wolf
	Greeter	Frank & Jenna Drelicharz

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD JUN 24 – JUN 30 St Mary and St Joseph parishes are sustained by the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you!

	St Mary	St Joseph
Adult Envelopes	\$3,192.00	165.00
Plate	376.50	176.00
Votive Candles	20.00	
Mass Stipends	240.00	
Memorial	300.00	
Finigan Foundation		5,000.00
TOTAL	\$4,128.50	\$5,341.00
Weekly Budget	\$4,700.00	\$550.00

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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION Thank you for your generous support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Combined, your parishes collected \$505! These contributions join those



from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Simply place envelope in collection basket at any time or go to visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html



SOLEMN NOVENA The Carmelite Nuns invite you to the Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel July 8 - 16 at the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, 9300 W. Agnew Rd., Valparaiso, NE. Masses with homily and novena prayers will be said each weekday and Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday, July 12 services will be at 9:30 a.m. Bishop Robert Finn will officiate the final Mass on Sunday, July 16 at 5:30 p.m. Those who are unable to attend in person are welcome to send their intentions to the sisters

Wild at Heart Men's Retreat

July 24–26, 2026 | Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House: Men are invited to *Wild at Heart* with Deacon Matthew Hecker, PhD—a powerful weekend exploring the depth of a man's soul and God's call to authentic masculinity. Through Scripture, the saints, and the Church's wisdom, this retreat helps men rediscover purpose, courage, and identity in Christ. The retreat begins Friday at 7:00pm with Mass and concludes Sunday with Mass and noon lunch. For more information or to register, visit goodcounselretreat.org lunch. For more information or to register, visit goodcounselretreat.org



PRAY FOR CHILDREN'S RETURN TO THE CHURCH

The North American Martyrs Serendipity Bible Study Group invites you to join us for a one hour prayer session for the return to the practice of the faith of our prodigal and fallen away children and other loved ones. Prayers will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a Novena Rosary, as well as petitions and other prayers. The prayer session will be held at the NAM school multi-purpose room every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Contact Angel Ybarra at 402-802- 8781 or at papaman6x@mail.com for more information



Mater Filius Lincoln (MFL) Maternity Home Seeking Financial Support & Volunteers! MFL is a nonprofit Catholic Lay Association of the Faithful that assists women facing an under-supported or unexpected pregnancy. At no cost to mothers, our maternity home will provide safe housing and assistance with life essentials and mentoring. MFL will operate primarily with volunteer staff. We are seeking volunteers, financial support, and prayers. Please join our weekly Rosary and mission update at Sacred Heart Church (3128 S Street), each Wednesday at 12:15pm (except for Holy Days and funerals). For more information, please visit our website. Thank you. materfiliuslincoln.org info@materfiliuslincoln.org



Marriage Encounter Experience

September 18-20 in Grand Island
Open to all couples across Nebraska.

"Enlightening our couple-love".
Call/Text Gary & Brenda 402-370-5839
Register right-away so we may plan for you.



PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are blessed to welcome new parishioner



Kelly Gentrup
to the St. Mary & St. Joseph family!

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS FOR MR. & MRS. SARTORI

Please pray for Logan Sartori & Saige Christo who were recently united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary Catholic Church!



LAST RUMMAGE DONATION DROP-OFF!

Monday, July 6 6:00-8:00PM ED Center

Park on 17th street near the door by the playground.
Let us know you arrived and we will help you unload.

or contact Tanya for other
arrangements 402-658-7322

This event supports our high school youth going on pilgrimages and retreats. We appreciate your support!



Shop the Rummage:

Thu July 9
4-8pm

Fri July 10
8am -2pm

Sat July 11
8-11am

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH COUNTRY DRIVE FAMILY NIGHT

All parishioners and families are invited to a night at Country Drive Golf Course (951 Co Rd 4) on Wednesday, July 8th, at 6pm. Enjoy live music by the Drew Phillips Band, grab a snack or taco at the food trucks, cold drinks & yard games. Free admission for all ages. We had a huge turnout last year and look forward again to this fun summer evening together!



Mission Trip: Please sign up NOW! If you are interested in participating in our Mexico City Mission Trip in October, please sign up as soon as possible! The trip cost of \$850 is based on having a group of 15 participants, so we need to get an accurate count of those who plan to attend. Once we know our numbers, we can determine whether we need to open registration to people outside our parish. You can sign up via our parish website. Thank you!

HOPE
OF THE POOR

St. Mary Preschool Enrolling for 2026-27

Ages 3-6. 3-days per week in the mornings or 4-days per week in the afternoons. This program is the perfect schooling introduction for little ones. Please contact us for more information: 402-944-7509 (leave a message if prompted & we will call back) or e-mail ashlandstmarypreschool@windstream.net



HELP ST MARY & ST JOSEPH PARISHES SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT LIFE

Not sure how to put pro-life into action?

Then join the Saunders County Pro-Life Committee for Parade Bag Stuffing, Tuesday, July 14, 4-8PM (or until all bags are filled), at The Gathering Place, 110 Vine Street in Yutan, NE. Stop by any time, whether you can stay a few minutes or for a few hours. Every helping hand is appreciated. Snacks will be provided. Everyone welcome!



The bags will be used when Saunders County Right to Life participates in local summer parades, including our very own ASHLAND STIR-UP DAYS!

HOME-MADE PULLED PORK Purchase ready-to-serve pulled pork from the Knights after weekend Masses. \$10 per 1 lb frozen package. Venmo or cash. For large orders contact Craig Buescher at 402-469-8390.



STIR-UP FOOD STAND HELP St. Mary Altar Society is serving Sloppy Joes, Brats, & Hot Dogs for Stir-Up on Sat, July 18. Many hands make lighter work! Sign-Up at the back of St. Mary Church or call/text Karen Romans 402-521-1272.



ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH KIDS' SUMMER PROGRAM

TOTUS TUUS (Latin for "Totally Yours")

July 19-24 at St. Mary Church in Ashland

Ages 3 to entering kindergarten

Monday-Friday 9:00-11:00am \$10 per child

Entering 1st thru 8th grades

Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00pm

Send a sack lunch M-Th (picnic provided Fri)

\$25 for one child, \$40 for two children,

\$50 for three or more children

Entering 9-12 Grades & Entering College Freshmen

Sunday-Thursday evenings 6:30-8:30pm

Dinner included for kids

(Thursday is a fun/social night & may start earlier &/or run later)

\$15 per high school student

Registration forms on back table in St. Mary Church or contact: Joanna Torpy at joannatorpy@gmail.com or Tanya Keith at bghkeith@hotmail.com



IN SEARCH OF FLOAT COORDINATOR for this

year's St. Mary & St. Joseph Parade Float! Parade is July 18 @ 10am and Stir Up Days Theme is "GAME TIME!" Consider sharing your imagination, ideas, and talent to help design, organize, and execute a fun parade float — and call on our parish family to help bring it to life! Think board games, game shows, arcades, and more. Interested? Talk to Mollie 402-450-5903 or anyone on the evangelization team.



Let us pray & give thanks for seminarian, Jaden Wilsey, son of James & Kristin Wilsey, from St. Mary Parish.



DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS!

GIRLS DAY CAMP

Jul 16, 2026, 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM
Cor Mariae Schoenstatt Shrine
340 Hwy 103, Crete



Open to girls 6 to 13 years of age. Older girls are needed as helpers. Costs \$30 per camper, and includes activities, supplies, lunch and snack. All attendees are encouraged to stay for 6 p.m. Mass with their families. Register at www.schoenstatt-nebraska.com/event-details/girls-day-camp-1

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST is a weekend retreat for Sophomores and above in High School and college Freshmen and Sophomores, 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.



Dec 5-7 @ Nebraska City Lourdes
Feb 6-8 @ Wahoo Neumann
March 19-21 @ David City Aquinas
April 9-12 @ Camp Kateri, McCool Junction
Register @ <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec>

UPCOMING EVENTS-SAVE THE DATE

Jul 6 Rummage Donation Drop 6-8pm Ed Center
Jul 8 Parish Family Night at Country Drive
Jul 9-11 Annual Rummage Sale
Jul 18 Stir-Up Sloppy Joes & Bingo
Jul 19-24 Totus Tuus
Jul 30 Backyard Party @ Rectory 7pm



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

July 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, Canned Corn & Vegetables. *The Ashland Pantry is open every Wednesday from 4:30-6:00PM at the American Lutheran Church, 1941 Silver Street.*

Ashland Kids' Cupboard— *Thanks for all the donations!*

St. Mary Preschool— *Have a happy & safe summer!*

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 ww30728@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 11:00am Wednesday. All announcements will be reviewed and approved by Father.