

August 9, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN 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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Diocese of Lincoln: www.lincolndiocese.org



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

My saving Lord,
though You permit trials in our lives,
You always offer the grace we need
to endure them patiently
and to overcome them with trust and hope in You.
Help me, Lord, to always see You
in my suffering and confusion.
May I never give in to despair,
but instead grow in faith as I walk toward You.
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	+BILL & +DOROTHY SAHULKA
SUN	9	STJ	8:30AM	+JEANNINE VANLANINGHAM
	9	STM	10:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
MON	10	-----		DAILY MASS NOT SCHEDULED
TUE	11	STM	8:00AM	+GEORGE SCHAUB
WED	12	CC	10:00AM	ALL SOULS' DAY INTENTIONS
THU	13	STM	6:30PM	+PAT PROCTOR
FRI	14	STM	8:00AM	ALL SOULS' DAY INTENTIONS
	14	OXB	10:30AM	PASTOR'S INTENTIONS
SAT	15	STM	5:00PM	+ALFRED KELLEY
SUN	16	STJ	8:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
	16	STM	10:30AM	JADEN WILSEY

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	<i>Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr</i> 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Tue	<i>Saint Clare, Virgin</i> Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wed	<i>Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i> Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20
Thu	<i>Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</i> Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1
Fri	<i>Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</i> Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12
Sat	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Not a Holyday of Obligation this year. Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56
SUN	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 56:1,6-7/Rom 11:13-15,29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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	Aug 15	5:00pm	St. Mary Church
	Acolytes	Don Mandel & Bruce Bolander	
	Reader	Donna Nicholson	
	Server	Volunteers Appreciated!	
	Greeter	Jake & Nicole Crnkovich	
Sun	Aug 16	8:30am	St. Joseph Church
	Reader	Leslie Krings	
	Offertory	Hayes	
Sun	Aug 16	10:30am	St. Mary Church
	Acolytes	Cal Kadavy & James Wilsey	
	Reader	Scott Pavel	
	Server	Eli Wolf & Jacob Wade	
	Greeters	Nate & Ashley McKown	

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD JUL 29 – AUG 3 St Mary and St Joseph parishes are sustained by the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you!

	St Mary	St Joseph
Adult Envelopes	\$2,073.00	635.00
Plate	631.00	65.00
Votive Candles	59.00	
Mass Stipends	30.00	
Building Fund	50.00	
ACH	3,305.00	
TOTAL	\$6,148.00	\$700.00
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



SAVE THE DATE! St John Weston Garage Sale! August 27-28-29 in the school gym. Th-F 8am-6pm. Sa 8am-Noon with \$3 bag sale. Part of Bargains4You on 92. Hope to see you there!

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.



PRAY FOR CHILDREN'S RETURN TO THE CHURCH 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 papaman6x@mail.com for more info



THE LINCOLN DIOCESE IS HIRING!

Accounting & Payroll Specialist The Diocese of Lincoln is seeking a full-time Accounting & Payroll Specialist to support parish and school accounting, payroll, financial reporting, and training throughout the Diocese. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, or related field; 3-5 years of accounting or payroll experience; strong organizational and communication skills; proficiency with Microsoft Office (Sage Intacct experience preferred); ability to support the mission of the Catholic Church.

Part-Time Accounts Payable Specialist The Diocese of Lincoln is seeking a part-time detail-oriented Accounts Payable Specialist to join the Finance Office. Responsibilities include processing invoices, reimbursements, vendor payments, ACH transactions, credit cards, and maintaining accurate financial records. Schedule: 20 hours per week. Applicants should have a high school diploma/GED and two years of applicable accounting experience or an associate's degree in accounting. Strong attention to detail and Microsoft Office skills required; Sage Intacct experience preferred.

To apply for these positions, please send your resume to marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org

Mater Filius Lincoln (MFL) Maternity Home 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 materfiliuslincoln.org info@materfiliuslincoln.org



SISTERS VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray and give thanks for Sr. Maria Theresa Vi Nguyen, originally from Vietnam, who made her Final Vows on June 20, 2026, with the Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy.



PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2026 since it falls on a Saturday this year.



CONGRATULATIONS to
Casey & Samantha Nice
on the recent baptism of their new son,
Calum Jonathan!

*Train a boy in the way he should go;
even when he is old, he will not swerve from it. -PROVERBS 22:6*

Card Shower for Marie's 100th Birthday!

Long-time parishioner, Marie Lutz will reach an amazing milestone on August 27th! All are invited to shower her with love & birthday blessings by sending cards to:



Marie Lutz
1617 Bills Dr Apt 203
Ashland, NE 68003



Let's make this already incredible day even more special for the birthday girl!

NEW DATE FOR BACKYARD PARTY! All parishioners & families of both parishes are invited to Father's backyard to celebrate summer before it's gone, **Wednesday, August 12, 7:00PM.** Plentiful food, drinks, & yard games for all ages. Just bring a lawn chair & come relax!



ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY will meet Thursday, August 13, at 7:00PM down in St. Mary Church Hall. Daily Mass will be celebrated just before at 6:30PM. All ladies are always welcome. We hope you'll consider joining us!



MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION If you ordered the Magnificat for the next year, you can now pick up the August edition in the server room (on Joseph's side of the altar). They are located on the little tower shelf. Please write your name on the list when you pick up. Contact Lisa with questions 402-314-4340.

St. Mary Preschool There's Still Time to Enroll!



Ages 3-6. 3-days per week in the morning,
or 4-days per week in the afternoon.

This is the perfect schooling introduction for your little one. Please contact us for more information:

402-944-7509 (leave a message if prompted & we will call back)
or e-mail ashlandstmarypreschool@windstream.net



CONGRATULATIONS
to the new Mr. & Mrs. Green!
Nate & Liseth were united in
Holy Matrimony at St. Mary Church
on Sunday, July 26th.

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose." -ROMANS 8:28*

OUR ANNUAL MISSION PRIEST VISIT

Our visiting mission priest will celebrate all weekend Masses on August 15 & 16 to share the details and needs of his mission. Please help us welcome him!



We are also looking for volunteers to provide some meals while he's with us, August 15-21. Please sign up at the back of St. Mary Church or contact Lisa Isaacson, 402-314-4340. This can be taking him out, hosting him in your home, or eating with him at the rectory. **We also need help getting him to & from Mass in Greenwood on Sunday, August 16.** Please let Lisa or Fr. Matya know if can help with this transportation. Thanks!



CCD

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH CCD for Kindergarten through 8th grades will begin Wednesday, August 19, including a mandatory parent meeting. Parents & kids will start by gathering upstairs in St. Mary Church at 6PM. Look for more information and registration forms to be sent directly to you. If you are new and haven't registered or you don't receive something in the next week, don't hesitate to contact coordinators Joanna Torpy or Amber Holz at AshlandGreenwoodCCD@gmail.com

Youth Group for grades 9th-12th
will begin at a later date to be announced.

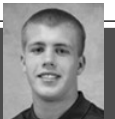
HOME-MADE PULLED PORK Purchase the Knights' ready-to-serve pulled pork after weekend Masses. \$10 per 1lb frozen package. Venmo or cash. Or contact Craig at 402-469-8390.



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. Sign up via our parish website.



Let us pray & give thanks for Jaden Wilsey, son of James & Kristin Wilsey, and parishioner from St. Mary. He will begin his second year at seminary this Fall!



DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS!

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

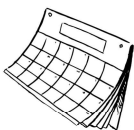
March 19-21 @ David City Aquinas

April 9-12 @ Camp Kateri, McCool Junction

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

UPCOMING EVENTS-SAVE THE DATE

Aug 12 New Date for Backyard Party
Aug 13 Altar Society Meeting
Aug 15-16 Annual Mission Priest Visit
Aug 19 First Night of CCD, K-8
Aug 24 First Day of Preschool
Sep 20 Catechetical Sunday
St. Mary & St. Joseph Block Party



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

August 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— Check back next month!

St. Mary Preschool— White 8 1/2 x 11 Printer Paper

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 Joanna Torpy or Amber Holz at AshlandGreenwoodCCD@gmail.com

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 Lily Burr 402-480-1412 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 Please contact Sharon Schaub at 402-499-6705 or sharonschaub46@gmail.com, to place a prayer request on or to join the St. Mary & St. Joseph 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.