

September 20, 2026

TWENTY-FIFTH 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

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



TODAY IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY! PLEASE PRAY & GIVE THANKS FOR OUR TEACHERS!

Lord of all wisdom, we give You thanks for those who answer the call to teach the faith.
Bless our catechists with Your grace, fill their hearts with Your love,
and guide their words with Your truth.
May they be instruments of Your light in the lives of all they serve.
Walk beside them in every lesson, every conversation, and every prayer
shared with Your precious children.
May they know how grateful we are for their generous hearts and faithful witness.

AMEN

Kelsey Parsons
K4J & Kindergarten

Ashley McKown
First Grade

**Hailey Hanlin
& Sarah Hoesing**
Third Grade

Anthony Weaver
Confirmation Class
Fifth, Sixth, & Seventh Grades

**Cole & Alyssa
Kalkowski**
High School Youth Group

Amber Holz
First Grade
& CCD Coordinator

Erin Keithley
Second Grade

Jenna Drelicharz
Fourth Grade

Christy Noffsinger
Eighth Grade

Joanna Torpy
CCD Coordinator

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

SAT	19	STM	5:00PM	+MARY KRESAK
SUN	20	STJ	8:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
	20	STM	10:30AM	+ROD REISEN
MON	21	-----		DAILY MASS NOT SCHEDULED
TUE	22	STM	8:30AM	+PAT PROCTOR
WED	23	CC	10:00AM	ALL SOULS' DAY INTENTIONS
THU	24	STM	8:00AM	+JERRY BORNEMEIER
FRI	25	STM	8:00AM	ALL SOULS' DAY INTENTIONS
	25	OXB	10:30AM	PASTOR'S INTENTION
SAT	26	STM	5:00PM	JADEN WILSEY
SUN	27	STJ	8:30AM	FOR THE PEOPLE
	27	STM	10:30AM	+MICHELLE CHRISTINE KETTELER

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Mon	<i>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Tue	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
Wed	<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thu	Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
Fri	Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
Sat	<i>Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i> Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
SUN	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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	Sep 26	5:00pm	St. Mary Church
	Acolytes	Patrick Prince & James Wilsey	
	Reader	Donna Nicholson	
	Server	Jacob Wade	
	Greeter	Kadavy	
Sun	Sep 27	8:30am	St. Joseph Church
	Reader	Terese Brown	
	Offertory	Brown	
Sun	Sep 27	10:30am	St. Mary Church
	Acolytes	Craig Buescher & Kent Ketteler	
	Reader	Paul Rohrs	
	Servers	Noah Drellicharz	
	Greeter	Torpy	

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD SEP 10 – SEP 15

St Mary and St Joseph parishes are sustained by the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you!

	St Mary	St Joseph
Adult Envelopes	\$1,840.00	\$375.00
Plate	275.00	56.00
Votive Candles	16.00	
Mass Stipends	20.00	
TOTAL	\$2,151.00	\$431.00
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

St. John Nepomucene (Weston) Church Annual Chicken & Ham Dinner

Sunday, September 20th, from 11:00am-2:00pm in the school gym. Kids' Games, Raffle, Bake Stand. Mark Vyhlidal Polka Band. Beer Garden. Serving Pan Fried Chicken, Ham, Dumplings, Kraut, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Gravy, fresh vegetables, fresh baking! Adults: \$20; Children 5-12: \$10; under 5: Free.



ST. ELENA PRAYER ROOMS

Catholic women praying for the Holy Spirit and Miracles. September 26, 2026, 9:00AM to 1:00PM. \$20. St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 11802 Pacific St, Omaha. Mass at 8:30AM. Please make your reservation now, as seating is limited and will close when filled or by September 20th. Reserved seating is ONLY for tables of 8. Box Lunch (Wraps) & Breakfast Bites provided. For More Info & to Register: StElenaPrayerRooms@gmail.com



St. Wenceslaus Church, Wahoo Fall Festival 2026

Sunday, Sept. 27th at Bishop Neumann High School. Roast Beef Dinner 10:00am-2:00pm Adults: \$20 Kids (12 & under): \$10 (includes 4 free game tickets) Preschool: Free. Tickets on sale at the door. Carryout available. Games, raffle, cake walk, silent auction & more



SAVE THE DATE - FALL MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL -

October 17 - 9:30 a.m. to Noon at Sacred Heart Parish Facility in Lincoln with Speaker Sarina Stokes sharing her Magnificat! Be a friend and bring a friend to share the Joy of the Holy Spirit through the Mystery of the Visitation as Our Blessed Mother Mary proclaimed her FIAT with Saint Elizabeth! Please Register by Monday, October 12 <https://www.osvhub.com/magnificatmorningstarchapter/forms/sarina-stokes-october-17> Contact Coordinator Rhonda Litt by text at 402.525.6396 for further information. The Morning Star Chapter of Magnificat is celebrating our 30th Anniversary this year, 1996-2026! A special thank you to all the women of our Diocese who have supported the Ministry throughout the last three decades.



The Diocese of Lincoln is seeking a **Marriage Tribunal Administrative Assistant** to assist in the Church's canonical ministry of assisting those seeking declarations of nullity of marriage. This position provides administrative support, transcriptions of testimony, case management, and correspondence while working closely with clergy, tribunal staff, and the faithful.

Candidates should possess strong organizational, communication, and computer skills, maintain strict confidentiality, attention to detail, and have a commitment to supporting the mission of the Catholic Church. For more information or to apply, contact Marsha Bartek at 402-904-8052 or marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org



DIOCESAN VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

This week please pray and give thanks for Thomas Rajewski from Sacred Heart Parish in Lincoln, currently Theology 3 at Mount St. Mary Seminary.

And for Gretchen Kleinschmit, from Bow Valley, NE, currently a Postulant with the School Sisters of Christ the King.



PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIVE MUSIC BY RIVERFRONT
ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



BLOCK PARTY

20TH TODAY!
5-8^{PM}
17TH & ADAMS



FREE ENTRY | DRINKS | FOOD | GAMES FOR ALL AGES

ST. MARY COFFEE & ROLLS All parishioners & visitors, come downstairs following 10:30AM Mass today, Sunday, September 20, for Coffee, Rolls, Fellowship, & Celebrating our Catechists!



ALPHA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21! St Mary's is again hosting Alpha, an 11-week course that explores the Christian faith in a welcoming, open environment. Join us beginning September 21 from 6-8pm at a location TBD, and on most Monday nights following that. Each night includes dinner, a dynamic video, and small group discussion. There is no cost for participating and all walks of faith are invited. Sign up for the class or to provide dinner for a night in the back of St Marys! Questions? Julie Bogatz, (402) 570-1832



PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE AWARE of fraudulent texts & emails seeming to be from Fr. Matya. They are usually vague in nature, sound "urgent," and not from his actual cell number or email address. Please check with father personally before responding to or acting on these requests.



ST. MARY PRESCHOOL- ENROLL ANY TIME!

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

Please contact us for more information:

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



ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP

The first meeting for 9th-12th grades will be held Sunday, September 27, from 6:00-7:30 pm at the home of Cole & Alyssa Kalkowski, 2546 Silver Street, Ashland. All high school students welcome and wanted! Please reach out with any questions:

Alyssa: 402-606-7145 or alyssa.moser20@gmail.com
Cole: 402-957-0000 or cjkalkowski@gmail.com



ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH CCD CCD for Kindergarten through 8th grades has begun. It's not too late to sign up. If you didn't receive information, don't hesitate to contact coordinators Joanna Topy or Amber Holz at AshlandGreenwoodCCD@gmail.com



Mission Trip: Please sign up NOW!

If you are interested in our Mexico City Mission Trip in October, sign up now! The trip costs \$850 plus cost of flight. People inside and outside of our parish are most welcome. Sign up via our parish website. No Spanish required!:) **HOPE OF THE POOR**



HOME-MADE PULLED PORK

Purchase ready-to-serve pulled pork from the Knights before it's gone! \$10 per 1lb frozen package. Venmo or cash. Contact Craig Buescher @ 402-469-8390 or Patrick Prince @ 402-630-6826.

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



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

- Sep 20 Catechetical Sunday
St. Mary Coffee & Rolls
St. Mary & St. Joseph Block Party
- Sep 21 Alpha Begins!
- Sep 27 **YOUTH GROUP BEGINS!**
- Oct 4 Life Chain



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

September 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— Cans or Cups of Pasta

St. Mary Preschool— Clorox/Disinfectant Wipes

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 Thursday 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 coordinators Joann Torpy or Amber Holz at AshlandGreenwoodCCD@gmail.com for more information.

St. Mary & St. Joseph Youth Group Grades 9-12. Meets Sunday evenings at the home of Cole & Alyssa Kalkowski. Contact Alyssa:402-606-7145 or Cole: 402-957-0000 for more info.

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.