

# SS. Mary & Joseph Catholic Churches

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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## St. Mary Church

1625 Adams Street, Ashland  
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM  
Sunday Mass 8:30 AM



## St. Joseph Church

7 Oak Street, Greenwood  
Sunday Mass 10:30 AM

### online

Parish: [StMaryAshland.org](http://StMaryAshland.org)

[StJosephGreenwood.org](http://StJosephGreenwood.org)

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

### Preschool

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## Mass/Service schedule for this week (StM-

Ashland, StJ-Greenwood, CC-Care Center, OxB-OxBow)

Mon	26	StM	8:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Tue	27	StM	8:00am	+Larry Heser
Wed	28	CC	9:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Thu	29	StM	8:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Fri	30	StM	8:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Sat	1	OxB	9:15am	Pastor's Intention
Sat	1	StM	5:00pm	Darlene Vandewall
Sun	2	StM	8:30am	People of the Parish
		StJ	10:30am	+Joseph & Idella Lorenz

**Confession** before Masses - any other time,  
call the rectory

Sat	StM	4:00-4:50pm
Sun	StM	8:00-8:20am
	StJ	10:10-10:20am

Please pray this week for seminarian Philip Hannigan  
(College 4).

## Readings and Celebrations this week

Mon 26	Rv 14:1-3,4b-5 / Lk 21:1-4
Tue 27	Rv 14:14-19 / Lk 21:5-11
Wed 28	Rv 15:1-4 / Lk 21:12-19
Thu 29	Rv 18:1-2,21-23:19:1-3,9a / Lk 21:20-28
Fri 30	Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22 <i>St. Andrew</i>
Sat 1	Rv 22:1-7 / Lk 21:34-36 <i>Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday</i>
Sun 2	Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 / Lk 21:25-28,34-36 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>

**Welcome, New Parishioners!** Please visit the parish website ([www.StMaryAshland.org](http://www.StMaryAshland.org)) or [www.StJosephGreenwood.org](http://www.StJosephGreenwood.org)) or call the rectory for a registration form and for information on any of our parish activities and organizations.

## Parish Announcements

**Marian Consecration** Bishop Conley is encouraging the faithful to consecrate/re-consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary according to the method of St. Louis DeMontfort on **December 8<sup>th</sup>**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The 33-day preparation period began **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, the day after our Eucharistic Procession. To that end, the Rosary Crusade (specifically Br. Julian, KHE) has made video meditations for each day as a way to go deeper with our consecration this year. Here are the various links:

Bishop's appeal to consecration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VjPr70TefQ>

Playlist of daily meditations: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLdESOVDQz8cmEhdepOWFVImMBa3Bqh9bS>

Daily Prayers and reading from St. Louis: <https://totalconsecration.newevangelizers.com/schedule/#part-i>

**Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Faith?** Father is offering Symbolon Faith inquiry classes on **Tuesday** nights at 7:15pm in the church basement for all who wish to know more about the Faith or are interested in becoming Catholic.

**Bishop's Appeal for Vocations Update:** Ashland has pledged \$4,890 towards the goal of \$5,330. Greenwood has pledged \$300 towards the goal is \$1,140. Any amount we do not raise will be assessed to our parishes at the beginning of the year. If you are able to give, please return your completed card in the collection baskets. Or, if you do not have your card, you can just place your check payable to the BAV in the collection baskets. Alternatively, you can give online at <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/>. Please pray for vocations, our seminarians, and the success of this appeal! Thank you for your generosity!

**HELP!! WE NEED MEAL VOLUNTEERS starting with the December 4<sup>th</sup> meal!** We have youth in our community who are hungry, both physically and spiritually, and you can help feed them. Please consider providing a meal for the ROC Youth Center. See the signup sheet in the back of the church for more details and to sign up. If 45-50 kids seems like a lot to prepare for, it is, so consider

### Ministries for Next Week

Sat	Dec 1	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Tom Lindhorst
	Lector	Shelly Lindhorst
	Servers	Colton & Rogan Cerveny
Sun	Dec 2	8:30am
	Acolyte	Craig Buescher
	Lector	Marge Buescher
	Servers	Servers Needed
Sun	Dec 2	10:30am
	Lector	Mark Sobota
	Offertory	

**Catholic guilt? It isn't Catholic at all!** What if your mistakes don't shock, surprise or embarrass God? What if God knows all of your flaws and still wants you in Heaven? What if instead of perfection, what God needs from you is your heart? Read Dan Tarrant's "More God, Less Guilt" to learn more. Check out **Formed.org** for this ebook and many other FREE resources. Please log on and sign up. You will be asked for your parish code. It is **64C8RQ**.

**Happy Anniversary!** Tim & Eileen Thaden  
Edward & Catherine Bruneteau Scott & Molly Johnson

**Happy Birthday!** Jon Sundermeier Mary Roncka  
Kaelan Dea Clara Onwiler Isabel Guerrero  
Janice Reisen

### Our Return to the Lord, November 10-11

	StM	StJ
Adult	\$ 2,532.00	\$ 255.00
Plate	128.75	15.00
Total	\$ 2,660.75	\$ 270.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 1,727.00	\$ 323.00

### Our Return to the Lord, November 17-18

	StM	StJ
Adult	\$ 2,062.00	\$ 232.00
Plate	120.50	30.80
Candles	46.00	0.00
Total	\$ 2,228.50	\$ 262.80
Weekly Budget	\$ 1,727.00	\$ 323.00
Contemplative Sisters	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00

banding together with a few other families to put together (or purchase) a meal. Thank you to all who have been donating time, effort, and food to this cause!!

**Immaculate Conception Mass Obligation** A reminder that this year, December 8, 2018, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, falls on a Saturday. Since this is the patronal feast day of our country (and of our diocese) it is always a Holy Day of Obligation. It should be pointed out that people will need to attend two distinct Masses, one for the Immaculate Conception and one for the Second Sunday of Advent. Attending one evening Mass on Saturday evening will not suffice to fulfill the Mass obligation for both the Sunday and the Holy Day. Stay tuned for our parishes' Holy Day schedule.

**Knights of Columbus** Open to all Catholic men, this group meets the first Thursday of the month at 7pm.

**St. Mary Altar Society** This group includes all women of the parish and meets the second Thursday of the month at 7pm (excluding the summer months Jun-Aug). On Facebook "Ashland St. Mary's Altar Society".

**St. Joseph Altar Society** This group includes all women of the parish and meets the third Thursday of the month at 7pm.

**Young Women's Group** This group meets bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 8pm. Please contact Maggie Onwiler at [onwilerm@gmail.com](mailto:onwilerm@gmail.com) for more information.

**Eucharistic Adoration** Call Walt Del Vecchio at 402-521-2069 if you are interested in a holy hour on First Friday/First Saturday.

**Hall Rental** Call Karen Romans at 402-521-0272. There is no cost to rent the hall, but a donation of \$25 is suggested.

**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, 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.

**Bulletin** Send bulletin announcements to Joanna Torpy at [joannatorpy@gmail.com](mailto:joannatorpy@gmail.com) by midday Wednesday. All announcements will be approved by Father.

## Community Announcements

**November Food Requests** Please leave donations in the boxes in the back of the church.

- **VFW Food Pantry** canned peas, sides, deodorant
- **Kids' Cupboard** jelly

**Greenwood Community Food Pantry** If you need food, please contact Cindy Rex (402-789-7265), Beth Massa (402-540-8537), or Jarid Massa (402-430-0238) for confidential assistance with your food needs.

## Diocesan Announcements

**Knights of Columbus (Valparaiso) PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Today, **November 25<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30am-Noon at Sts. Mary & Joseph Parish Hall. Serving all-you-can-eat pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee & juice. FREE WILL offering. Raffle Prize: 1st Green Mountain Pellet Grill, 2nd \$100 gift card, 3rd \$50 gift card.

**Natural Family Planning - Creighton Model** The Creighton Model Fertility Care System is a system of natural family planning that helps couples achieve or avoid pregnancy based on their knowledge of their fertility cycles. The remaining **November** session is the **27<sup>th</sup>**. Go online to register or download a registration form at [www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp).

**Creighton Model NFP A Single Ladies Introductory Session** is being held **November 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Learn how to chart with Creighton Model; includes a particular emphasis on reproductive and gynecological health. Must preregister at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/single-women-intro>

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House** has upcoming weekend retreats of interest to all men and women. Learn more at [goodcounselretreat.com](http://goodcounselretreat.com) or call 402-786-2705.

- Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Deacon James Keating "Marriage and Intimacy" Couples' Retreat
- Dec. 14-16, Bishop Conley and Fr. Coulter "The Mysteries of Christmas"

**St. Gianna's Art and Gift Gallery** Looking for interesting Christmas gifts? Come support your local artists and a great cause while you get your Christmas shopping done. Artists will display and sell their unique collection of Christian artwork and gifts on Friday, **December 7** from 6-9pm and Saturday, **December 8** from 9am-6pm in the Guadalupe Center by Gianna's Java & Gelato, 2241 O St, Lincoln. 15% of all proceeds will be donated to benefit St. Gianna's Women's Homes in Lincoln.

**The Catholic Coffee House** is an adult faith formation series held at Gianna Java and Gelato, 2241 O Street, Lincoln from 7-8:30pm. The theme for this year is

“Navigating the Church Now.” The second presentation (**December 16<sup>th</sup>**) is entitled “Relationship, Transparency, and Obedience” by Fr. Sean Kilcowley. This series is oriented towards being in the church in the current climate of scandal. Each session includes prayer, a presentation, and Q&A. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0619 for questions.

**The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents** will be celebrated on Friday, **December 28<sup>th</sup>**. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30pm with Mass at 7pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner for this year, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on December 19<sup>th</sup>. *If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.*

**National March for Life** High School Students - join thousands in the fight to protect the most vulnerable **January 15-20!** For \$450 you can join your generation in marching for life and visiting our nation's capitol. To register or for more information, visit [www.lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/march-for-life](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/march-for-life). The trip must be paid in full by **December 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**Engaged Encounter** provides talks, discussions, and prayer time to help engaged couples prepare intellectually and spiritually for their Sacrament of Marriage, and is required for all couples marrying in the diocese. Retreat weekends fill quickly so couples are encouraged to register 3-6 months prior to the scheduled weekend. Upcoming weekends are **January 4-6**, and **January 25-27**. Please contact the Office of Family Life to register or for more information - 402-473-0620.

**Retrouvaille** A weekend experience with follow-up sessions for troubled marriages that helps couples rebuild loving relationships. Retrouvaille is offered twice a year with the next weekend being **February 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact the Office of Family Life at 402-473-0620 for more information.

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

**Rachel's Vineyard** For women and men who have experienced abortion, they often feel as if a part of their very selves has died. Jesus wants to touch these souls and raise them up to experience peace and joy. If you or

someone you know is suffering from an abortion decision, we can help. Call 877-467-3463.

**Fertility Problems?** Pope Paul VI Institute in Omaha is in full compliance with the teachings of the Church. 402-390-6600 or [www.popepaulvi.com](http://www.popepaulvi.com)

**Abortion Tuesdays** PLEASE we need people praying for mothers to choose life for their babies. Please consider praying and fasting on Tuesdays for this cause.

## **ADVENT WREATH BLESSING**

### **The Advent Wreath Ceremony**

The ceremony is simple. It starts at the evening meal **on the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent** with the blessing of the wreath.

(The head of the household is the one designated to say the prayers following which various members of his family light the candles. If the group is not a family then a leader may be selected to say the prayers and others appointed to light the candles.)

For blessing the wreath the following prayer is suggested:

*Father.* O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then follows the prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of the first week in Advent.*

### **The First Week**

*Father.* O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each night the first purple candle is lighted by the youngest child of the household and is left burning during the meal.