

SS. Mary & Joseph Catholic Churches

December 2nd, 2018

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1st Sunday of Advent

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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
StJosephGreenwood.org

Diocese: www.lincolndiocese.org

Preschool

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Mass/Service schedule for this week (StM-

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

Mon	3	----	-----	No Mass
Tue	4	StM	8:00am	+Larry Hesel
Wed	5	CC	9:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Thu	6	StM	6:30pm	+Larry Hesel
Fri	7	StM	8:00am	Pastor's Intention

Immaculate Conception Holy Day Masses:

Fri	7	StJ	5:30pm	+Donald & Marie Hummel
Fri	7	StM	7:00pm	Pastor's Intention
Sat	8	StM	8:00am	+Todd & Doreen Survil
Sat	8	OxB	9:15am	Pastor's Intention

Sat	8	StM	5:00pm	Pastor's Intention
Sun	9	StM	8:30am	+Nathan Ward
		StJ	10:30am	People of the Parish

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

NO TWO-FERS - Saturday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Catholics are required to attend two separate Masses – one for the Solemnity and one for the First Sunday of Advent. See the Mass schedule for Mass times and see inside for additional information.

Readings and Celebrations this week

Mon 3	Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11 <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Tue 4	Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24 <i>St. John Damascene</i>
Wed 5	Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37
Thu 6	Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21,24-27 <i>St. Nicholas</i>
Fri 7	Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31 <i>St. Ambrose; First Friday</i>
Sat 8	Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sun 9	Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>

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

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 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, to place a prayer request or to join the prayer chain.

Bulletin Send bulletin announcements to Joanna Torpy at joannatorpy@gmail.com by midday Wednesday. All announcements will be approved by Father.

Wondering how to help form your children in holiness? The ebook, "My Path to Heaven, A Young Person's Guide to the Faith" is an old-fashioned "Retreat-in-a-Book" that helps children ponder the truths of the Faith and teaches them the relevance of these truths in their lives and in the decisions they make. 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 Birthday! Grayson McConnell Ashley Carroll
Caleb Bohlen Joey Onwiler Kacey Kopf Ryan Torpy
Abby Craven

Our Return to the Lord, November 24-25

	StM	StJ
Adult	\$ 1,342.00	\$ 115.00
Plate	98.60	34.00
Holy Day	40.00	0.00
Total	\$ 1,480.60	\$ 149.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 1,727.00	\$ 323.00
Contemplative Sisters	\$ 364.00	\$ 0.00

Please pray this week for seminarian Caleb Hile (Theology 3).

Parish Announcements

Coffee and Rolls Today Join us downstairs after 8:30am Mass for coffee and rolls.

Immaculate Conception Mass Obligation A reminder that this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, falls on a Saturday (**December 8th**). 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. See the Mass schedule for the Holy Day and Sunday Masses.

Advent Meditations Book Available Contact Father if you are interested in a copy of the Fr. Mark Tours book,

Ministries for Next Week

Fri	Dec 7	7:00pm
	Acolyte	Tom Spears
	Lector	Walt Del Vecchio
Sat	Dec 8	8:00am
	Acolyte	Craig Buescher
	Lector	Marge Buescher
Sat	Dec 8	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Phil Onwiler
	Lector	Anthony Weaver
Sun	Dec 9	8:30am
	Acolyte	James Wilsey
	Lector	Karen Stille
	Servers	Thomas Spears & Camden Chaffin
Sun	Dec 9	10:30am
	Lector	Jon Sundermeier
	Offertory	Hofferber

“Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary.” Father has obtained 25 copies of the book to share with anyone who may be interested.

CCD Children’s Choir Practice, Mass, and Christmas Program Choir practice will be held after CCD on Wednesday, **December 5th**, from 7:45-8pm. The Children’s Mass will be next Sunday, **December 9th**. The annual CCD Christmas Program will be next Sunday evening, **December 9th**.

Knights of Columbus The Knights will be meeting in the church basement this Thursday, **December 6th**, at 7:00pm, following the 6:30pm Mass.

First Friday Adoration Please consider spending an hour in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament this Friday. Adoration is held every First Friday beginning with Exposition following Friday morning’s Mass and ending with Saturday morning’s 8am Mass. A potluck breakfast is also held following the Friday morning Mass.

First Saturday Devotion Please join in praying the Rosary and meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary from 8:30-9:30am Saturday after the 8am Mass. This prayer and meditation, in addition to receiving Communion and going to Confession, done with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, fulfills the First Saturday of five consecutive months devotion as revealed by Our Lady of Fatima.

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 8th**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The 33-day preparation period began **November 5th**, 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>

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.

Attention Farmers Donating crops and livestock at the time of sale directly to the Church can lower your taxable income just like a deductible expense. The elevator gives credit to you for the grain but makes the check out to the parish so this gift does not affect your reported average yield.

Giving an asset such as corn, wheat, beans, sorghum or cattle (instead of cash) can have great tax benefits, allowing you to be more generous to your school or parish. For example:

1000 Bushels of Corn @ \$3.00/Bu.	1000 Bushels of Corn @ \$3.00/Bu.
Total Value: \$3000	Total Value: \$3000
Corn sold and cash taken: \$3,000	Corn placed in a parish or school acct.
TAXES: 15% Fed. 15.3% SE <u>6.8% State</u> 37.1% Total Total taxes = \$1,113	TAXES: 0% Fed 0% SE <u>0% State</u> 0% Total Total taxes = \$0
Potential cash gift to your parish or school: \$1,887	Total value of this gift to your parish or school: \$3,000

The above information is not intended as personal financial or tax advice. Please consult with your financial advisor or tax preparer before making gifts to the parish.

The Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations We are very close to our donation goal! Thank you to all who have supported this campaign through prayer and

contributions! If not paid in before the end of the year, **St. Mary and St. Joseph will be assessed \$400, and \$790, respectively.** If you have not yet contributed and would like to, please place your check payable to the BAV in the collection baskets. Alternatively, you can give online at <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/>.

HELP!! WE NEED MEAL VOLUNTEERS starting with the January 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 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!!

Community Announcements

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

- **VFW Food Pantry** soda crackers, shampoo, conditioner
- **Kids' Cupboard** tuna fish

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

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 16th**) is entitled "Relationship, Transparency, and Obedience" by Fr. Sean Kilowley. 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 28th**. 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 19th. *If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.*

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.