

# SS. Mary & Joseph Catholic Churches

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Father William Holoubek

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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	10	----	-----	No Mass
Tue	11	StM	8:00am	+Larry Heser
Wed	12	CC	9:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Thu	13	StM	6:00pm	+Larry Heser
Fri	14	StM	8:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Sat	15	OxB	9:15am	Pastor's Intention
Sat	15	StM	5:00pm	+Todd & Doreen Survil
Sun	16	StM	8:30am	People of the Parish
		StJ	10:30am	All Souls Day Intentions

## Readings and Celebrations this week

Mon 10	Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26
Tue 11	Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14 <i>St. Damasus I</i>
Wed 12	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a;10ab / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Thu 13	Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15 <i>St. Lucy</i>
Fri 14	Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>
Sat 15	Sir 48:1-4,9-11 / Mt 17:9a,10-13
Sun 16	Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>

**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

**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.

**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.

**Happy Birthday!** Chris Ray Diane Starns Aric Kasuske Nick Starns Thomas Spears Ginger Rist Jenny Cich

Please pray this week for seminarian Santiago Izquierdo (College 4).

## Parish Announcements

**CCD Children's Christmas Program** The annual CCD Christmas Program will be this evening, **December 9<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in the Church – all are welcome!

**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.

**St. Mary Altar Society** is meeting this Thursday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. The meeting is earlier with Mass at 6pm and a Soup Supper at 6:30pm. We will also be working on gifts for residents of the Care Center. Please join us! The December committee will be providing the food. No need to bring anything for supper, but you can bring shampoo for the Food Bank.

**Advent Penance Service** will be Sunday, **December 16<sup>th</sup>** with multiple priests available to hear confessions:  
2:00 pm Davey, Colon, Mead  
4:00 pm Weston, Prague, Morse Bluff  
5:30 pm Ashland, Valparaiso

**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/>.

**Need Help Focusing on the Advent Season?** Sign up for daily emails with guided reflections from Matthew Kelly and Allen Hunt of Dynamic Catholic at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>.

### Ministries for Next Week

Sat	Dec 15	5:00pm	
	Acolyte	Anthony Weaver	
	Lector	Donna Nicholson	
	Servers	Ricardo Chairez	
Sun	Dec 16	8:30am	
	Acolyte	Greg Logsdon	
	Lector	Mary Logsdon	
	Servers	Matthew McConnell & Kevin Tejada-Morales	
Sun	Dec 16	10:30am	
	Lector		
	Offertory	Frank	

**How much do you know about Our Lady of Guadalupe?** Formed has both a children's cartoon, "Juan Diego, Messenger of Guadalupe", and a normal video, "Guadalupe, the Miracle and the Message". Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe this week by learning more about her message for us. Check out **Formed.org** for these videos and many other FREE resources. Please log on and sign up. You will be asked for your parish code. It is **64C8RQ**.

**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.

**HELP!! WE NEED MEAL VOLUNTEERS starting with the February 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

**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 **December** session is the **13<sup>th</sup>**. Go online to register or download a registration form at [www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp).

**Retreat with Bishop Conley December 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** at Good Counsel Retreat House. Bishop James Conley and Father Gary Coulter will lead a for men and women of all ages. Entitled, "The Mysteries of Christmas," the retreat theme ties in with the Rosary Crusade that Bishop Conley has invited the diocese to participate in this year, encouraging families to take time in daily prayer and the rosary. The retreat begin 8pm Friday with a Rosary and Mass, and ends at noon Sunday with Mass and lunch, for a suggested donation of \$170. *Note: Bishop Conley will present 3 talks, Father Coulter will present 4 talks.*

**Mass will be celebrated in Loma** at St. Luke's Czech Catholic Shrine on Sunday, **December 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 4pm. The Ostry family will sing Czech Christmas carols beginning at 3:30pm.

**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.

**Help Spirit 102.7-FM** (Spirit Catholic Radio) bring warmth to people in the Lincoln area as we **Warm up Winter!** We're accepting donations of **NEW** socks, coats, mittens, hats and boots for both adults and children. The donated items can be dropped off at our Lincoln studios at 630 N. Cotner Blvd., Ste. 101 or at Catholic Social Services at 2241 O Street in Lincoln. Drop off your new, unwrapped donations of warm, winter gear by December 28<sup>th</sup>. For more info visit [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com) and help us Warm Up Winter!

**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.*

**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.

**Give Your Spouse a Special Gift** Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! For more information call Pat & Janelle Benson (308) 940-1105 or visit [WWME.org](http://WWME.org). Upcoming dates:

**February 15-17** in Nebraska City- Lied Lodge

**March 29-31** in Hastings- Comfort Inn

**August 2-4** in Lincoln- Staybridge Suites

**October 18-20** in Chadron- Holiday Inn Express

\*Deadline to register is 1 month prior to the date of the weekend\*

**TEC Teens Encounter Christ** is a three-day retreat for high school juniors and seniors, and college freshmen and sophomores that focuses on the Paschal Mystery. A great chance to learn more about having a relationship with God and meet new people. The upcoming retreats are **February 16-18** in Wahoo, **April 27-29** at Camp Kateri, and **June 8-10** in David City. For more information, call the Youth Ministry Office at 402-473-0625. To register, go to

**GIVE THE GIFT OF A RETREAT** Immaculee Ilibagiza Retreat: This Christmas season, give yourself or someone you love tickets to a weekend retreat to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, **March 22-23**. Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide and author of the book "Left to Tell", will bring her message of forgiveness, healing, and hope to all who attend. Give the gift of experiencing her powerful journey and remarkable message. Cost is \$57 for one, or \$76 for two. For details, tickets, and registration visit [www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com), or contact RaNae O'Brien at [ranaeobrien1@gmail.com](mailto:ranaeobrien1@gmail.com).

**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.

## **The Advent Wreath Ceremony**

**The Second Week** *Father:* O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then the eldest child lights not only the first but a second purple candle. Both candles burn during the evening meal as before.*