

SS. Mary & Joseph Catholic Churches

December 16th, 2018

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3rd 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	17	StM	8:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Tue	18	StM	8:00am	+Larry Heser
Wed	19	CC	9:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Thu	20	StM	8:00am	+Larry Heser
Fri	21	StM	8:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Sat	22	OxB	9:15am	Pastor's Intention
Sat	22	StM	5:00pm	+Todd & Doreen Survil
Sun	23	StM	8:30am	+Cleo Massinda
		StJ	10:30am	People of the Parish

Readings and Celebrations this week

Mon 17	Gn 49:2,8-10 / Mt 1:1-17
Tue 18	Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25
Wed 19	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a / Lk 1:5-25
Thu 20	Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38
Fri 21	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45
	<i>St. Peter Canisius</i>
Sat 22	1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56
Sun 23	Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45
	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>

Penance Service TODAY at St. Mary at 5:30pm

The Penance Service schedule for the deanery today

is:	2:00pm	Davey, Colon, Mead
	4:00pm	Weston, Prague, Morse Bluff
	5:30pm	Ashland, Valparaiso

Additional Confession Opportunities

12/20	4:30-6:00pm	StM
12/21	5:30-6:30pm	StJ
12/22	3:00-4:50pm	StM
12/23	8:00-8:20am	StM
	10:10-10:20am	StJ
	3:00-4:00pm	StM
12/24	12:30-1:30pm	StM

Christmas Mass Schedule

12/24	5:00pm	StM
12/25	12:00am	StM
12/25	8:30am	StM
12/25	10:30am	StJ

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.

Please pray this week for seminarian Robert Johnson (Theology 3).

Ministries for Next Week

Sat	Dec 22	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Tom Spears
	Lector	Rita Smits
	Servers	Jaden Wilsey & Joe Onwiler
Sun	Dec 23	8:30am
	Acolyte	Dave Romans
	Lector	Rod Reisen
	Servers	Colton & Rogan Cerveny
Sun	Dec 23	10:30am
	Lector	Leslie Krings
	Offertory	Hummel

Still looking for ways to prepare yourself for Christmas? Formed has something for you, from spiritual readings in both ebook and audio book forms, to videos for Advent and Christmas. Check out Formed.org for these and many other FREE resources. Please log on and sign up. You will be asked for your parish code. It is **64C8RQ**.

Happy Anniversary! Jacob & Tiffany Mohs

Happy Birthday! Debi McNealy Shelby Lyons
Delaney Poell Kay Wigle Trevor Rohrbough
Joanna Torpy Madeleine Washburn Kaylee Wilsey

Our Return to the Lord, December 9-10

	<u>StM</u>	<u>StJ</u>
Adult	\$ 2,532.00	\$ 1,000.00
Plate	180.25	58.00
Candles	24.00	0.00
Holy Day	572.00	56.00
Total	\$ 3,308.25	\$ 1,114.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 1,727.00	\$ 323.00
Contemplative Sisters	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00

Parish Announcements

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 Joseph Altar Society will meet Thursday, **December 20th**, for a 6:30pm Rosary with meeting to follow. We will discuss church cleaning and decorating (December 23rd following Mass). Please bring 1 dozen cookies to exchange with those present. Leslie Krings will serve refreshments

The Bishop's Appeal for Vocations St. Mary has pledged enough to meet its donation goal but some pledge payments have not yet been paid. St. Mary will be assessed \$625 and St. Joseph will be assessed \$740, if not paid by the end of the year. Thank you to all who have supported this campaign through prayer and contributions. 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>.

Caroling at Ashland Care Center and Oxbow Please join us in caroling on Saturday, **December 22nd**, at the Care Center at 10am. Once done there, we will go to Oxbow. Please come help spread the Christmas cheer!

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!!

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.

Community Announcements

Lincoln Food Bank The Lincoln Food Bank will be distributing food at the Ashland VFW tomorrow, **December 17th**, from 3-4pm. Volunteers are always needed to help setup and carryout. Please contact Alice West for more information.

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

Mass will be celebrated in Loma at St. Luke's Czech Catholic Shrine today, **December 16th**, 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 16th**) is entitled "Relationship, Transparency, and Obedience" by Fr. Sean Kilcovey. 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.

Lincoln Caroling Ladies and gentlemen, please plan to join Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women members in caroling on Thursday, **December 27th** in Lincoln. We will begin at Madonna, 5401 South Street at 5:15pm, where there are 4 retired priests in residence. We will then go to Bonacum House, 3301 Sheridan Blvd at 6:30pm, where there are 9 retired priests in residence. The more voices the merrier!

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 28th**. For more info visit spiritcatholicradio.com and help us Warm Up Winter!

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.

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.

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 **January** sessions are the **10th**, **16th**, and **29th**. Go online to register or download a registration form at www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp.

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 15th-17th**. 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. 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

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.

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.

The Advent Wreath Ceremony

The Third Week The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as Gaudete) is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week the mother of the family lights the pink as well as the two previously burned purple candles after the following prayer has been said.

Father: O Lord, we beg Thee incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.