

SS. Mary & Joseph Catholic Churches

December 23rd, 2018

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4th 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 24 StM 8:00am Pastor's Intention

Christmas Mass Schedule

Mon 24 StM 5:00pm All Souls Day Intentions

Tue 25 StM 12:00am +Evelyn Case

Tue 25 StM 8:30am All Souls Day Intentions

Tue 25 StJ 10:30am People of the Parish

Wed 26 ----- No Mass

Thu 27 CC 9:00am Care Center Staff, Residents

Fri 28 TBA

Sat 29 OxB 9:15am Pastor's Intention

Sat 29 StM 5:00pm +Larry Hesel

Sun 30 StM 8:30am People of the Parish

StJ 10:30am All Souls Day Intentions

Readings and Celebrations this week

Mon 24 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 / Lk 1:67-79

Mon 24 Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17,22-25 / Mt 1:1-25
Christmas Vigil Mass

Tue 25 Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14

Christmas Mass during the Night

Tue 25 Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18

Christmas Mass during the Day

Wed 26 Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

St. Stephen

Thu 27 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a,2-8

St. John

Fri 28 1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

The Holy Innocents

Sat 29 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

St. Thomas Beckett

Sun 30 Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28 / Col

3:12-21 or 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 / Lk 2:41-52

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Please pray this week for seminarian Rev. Mr. Carson Kain (Theology 4).

Additional Confession Opportunities

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

Check Out the Website! Please visit the parish website www.StMaryAshland.org for parish registration forms, e-giving, and for information on our parish activities and organizations.

Happy Birthday! Anna Jamrog Pegi Young
Norm Luetkenhaus Chris Schmidt Don Kritenbrink
Karen Stille Josephine Kennedy Christy Noffsinger
Megan Bohlen Lisle Spears Theresa Lyons Joe Razey
Shea Perillo

Our Return to the Lord, December 15-16

	StM	StJ
Adult	\$ 1137.00	\$ 220.00
Plate	203.50	45.00
Christmas Flowers	360.00	30.00
Holy Day	25.00	0.00
Total	\$ 1,725.50	\$ 295.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 1,727.00	\$ 323.00

Parish Announcements

Thank You to all who went caroling at the Ashland Care Center and OxBow Living Center and to those who helped organize the event!

Children's Choir Practice for the Christmas Vigil Mass will begin at **4pm on Christmas Eve**. And the Children's Choir practice for the **January 6th** Children's Mass will begin at **8am** that day. Please have your children there at the scheduled times so we have time to practice together. Thank you for sharing your children with us, we love hearing their voices!

St. Mary and St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Poker Social will be **January 12th** in the St. Mary Church basement immediately following the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Chili will be provided, you can bring any snacks and drinks you may want.

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 \$425 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/>.

End of year donations All donations for the year 2018 must be put in the collection or brought to the rectory by December 31st. Checks must be dated 2018 to be

Ministries for Next Week

Mon	Dec 24	5:00pm
	Acolyte	James Wilsey
	Lector	Anthony Weaver
	Servers	Jaden Wilsey
Tue	Dec 25	12:00am
	Acolyte	Jim Sokolewicz
	Lector	Cathy Sokolewicz
	Servers	Servers Needed
Tue	Dec 25	8:30am
	Acolyte	Greg Logsdon
	Lector	Mary Logsdon
	Servers	Servers Needed
Sat	Dec 29	5:00pm
	Acolyte	James Wilsey
	Lector	Donna Nicholson
	Servers	Camden Chaffin & Ricardo Chairez
Sun	Dec 30	8:30am
	Acolyte	Kent Ketteler
	Lector	Denise Ketteler
	Servers	Servers Needed
Sun	Dec 30	10:30am
	Lector	Kevin Hofferber
	Offertory	Aguirre

Will you be watching movies together as a family this Christmas? Formed offers many family-friendly movies. Check out Formed.org for movies and many other FREE resources. Please log on and sign up. You will be asked for your parish code. It is **64C8RQ**.

Happy Anniversary!

Dennis & Sue Thomas

Richard & Zelia Lichtas

Jeff & Karen Kasuske

counted as 2018. All donations received after December 31st will be credited toward the year 2019.

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 sign-up 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

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

Lincoln Caroling Ladies and gentlemen, please join 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 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 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.

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 third presentation (**January 13th**) is entitled "The Necessity of Forgiving and How to Do It" by Ian Butler. 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.

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 Fourth Week The father of the household lights all four candles in proper sequence during the fourth week after repeating the following prayer.

Father: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.