

SS. Mary & Joseph Catholic Churches

December 30th, 2018

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The Holy Family

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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 31 ---- No Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

Mon	31	StM	5:30pm	+Larry Hesel
Tue	1	StM	8:30am	All Souls Day Intentions
Tue	1	StJ	10:30am	People of the Parish
Wed	2	----	-----	No Mass
Thu	3	StM	8:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Fri	4	StM	8:00am	+Larry Hesel
Sat	5	StM	8:00am	Pastor's Intention
Sat	5	OxB	9:15am	Pastor's Intention
Sat	5	StM	5:00pm	All Souls Day Intentions
Sun	6	StM	8:30am	People of the Parish
		StJ	10:30am	All Souls Day Intentions

If anyone does not believe that Holy Mary is the Mother of God, such a one is a stranger to the Godhead. – St. Gregory Nazianzen

Tuesday, January 1st, is a Holy Day of Obligation,

all Catholics need to attend Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God:

12/31	5:00pm	StM
01/01	8:30am	StM
01/01	10:30am	StJ

Readings and Celebrations this week

Mon 31	1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18 <i>St. Sylvester I</i>
Tue 1	Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21 <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>
Wed 2	1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28 <i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>
Thu 3	1 Jn 2:29-3:6 / Jn 1:29-34 <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>
Fri 4	1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday</i>
Sat 5	1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51 <i>St. John Neumann; First Saturday</i>
Sun 6	Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</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

Please pray this week for seminarian Matthew Kovar (Theology 2).

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.

Ministries for Next Week

Mon	Dec 31	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Jim Sokolewicz
	Lector	Cathy Sokolewicz
	Servers	Servers Needed
Tue	Jan 1	8:30am
	Acolyte	Craig Buescher
	Lector	Marge Buescher
	Servers	Servers Needed
Sat	Jan 5	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Tom Lindhorst
	Lector	Shelly Lindhorst
	Servers	Servers Needed
Sun	Jan 6	8:30am
	Acolyte	Phil Onwiler
	Lector	Karen Stille
	Servers	Servers Needed
Sun	Jan 6	10:30am
	Lector	Kevin Hofferber
	Offertory	Aguirre

Why is Mary so important? In “Mary, the Indispensable Mother of God” Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church’s understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines and dogmas safeguard what we believe about her Son. Using penetrating insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say “Yes” to God! Check out Formed.org for this audio book and many other FREE resources. Please log on and sign up. You will be asked for your parish code. It is **64C8RQ**.

Happy Anniversary!

Phil & Maggie Onwiler

Bob & Marilyn Craven

Happy Birthday!

George Schaub Michael Scharfen
Sandy West Erik Pike Ricardo Chairez Lauren Wipfler
Vicky Lancaster Rod Svoboda Libby Reisen
Doug Stewart Matthew McConnell

Our Return to the Lord, December 22-23

	StM	StJ
Adult	\$ 5,022.00	4,545.00
Plate	613.25	30.00
Christmas Flowers	10.00	0.00
Candles	62.00	0.00
Holy Day	6,166.00	273.00
Total	\$ 11,873.25	\$ 4,848.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,379.00	\$ 514.00

Parish Announcements

Thank You to all who cleaned and decorated the churches for Christmas! They were beautiful! And thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Masses – acolytes, servers, readers/lectors, ushers, offertory, musicians, and choir!

From Father: Thank you to all who gave me cards, gifts, and food items for Christmas. I wish everyone a very blessed Christmas season and holy and happy new year!

Holy Hour Join us for a holy hour on January 31st from 11pm-midnight.

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

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.

First Sunday Coffee and Rolls Join us downstairs after 8:30am Children's Mass and Choir **next Sunday, January 6th**, for coffee and rolls hosted by the Altar Society.

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.

Hall Rental Reminder If you are using the parish basement, please be sure to clean up after your event. It is the responsibility of those using the basement to clean up after themselves, including, but not limited to, taking the trash out, sweeping, wiping down tables, and spot mopping.

Please help If you know of any parishioners in nursing homes or assisted-living facilities outside of the Ashland-Greenwood area, please let Father know.

Lost and Found If the pews swallowed any of your personal items during Mass, be sure to check out the Lost and Found basket located in the back of the church just outside the sanctuary (next to the elevator).

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

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

- **VFW Food Pantry** laundry and dish soap
- **Kids' Cupboard** cereal

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

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

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. Cost is \$57 for one, or \$76 for two. For details, tickets, and registration visit www.immaculee.com, or contact RaNae O'Brien at ranaeobrien1@gmail.com.

QUEST is a retreat for young Catholics who are freshmen and sophomores in high school. It is designed to bring young people together to seek out a deeper understanding and appreciation of themselves, others, and God. Cost is \$80 for the retreat. The next QUEST Retreat is **March 23-24** at St. Joseph Church in Auburn, NE. For more information, call the Youth Ministry Office at 402-473-0625. To register, go to <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/quest>.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly offers weekend retreats for men and women who seek to find a place of refuge and solitude, a place of renewal and conversion, a place of sanctuary and prayer. Upcoming retreats and themes can be found at www.goodcounselretreat.com or call 402-786-2705.

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

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.

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.