

SS. Mary & Joseph Catholic Churches

January 6th, 2018

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Epiphany of the Lord

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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	7	----	-----	No Mass
Tue	8	StM	8:00am	+Larry Heser
Wed	9	CC	9:00am	Meehan Family
Wed	9	StM	7:15pm	CCD Students, Parents, Teachers
Thu	10	StM	6:30pm	All Souls Day Intentions
Fri	11	StM	8:00am	+Larry Heser
Sat	12	OxB	9:15am	Pastor's Intention
Sat	12	StM	5:00pm	+Joseph Sokolewicz
Sun	13	StM	8:30am	All Souls Day Intentions
		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

Readings and Celebrations this week

Mon 7	1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17,23-25 <i>St. Raymond of Penyafort</i>
Tue 8	1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44
Wed 9	1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52
Thu 10	1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22
Fri 11	1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16
Sat 12	1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30
Sun 13	Is 42:1-4,6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 or Is 40:1-5,9-11 / Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16,21-22 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>

Please pray this week for seminarian John McDonald
(Pre-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

Sat	Jan 12	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Anthony Weaver
	Lector	Rita Smits
	Servers	Servers Needed
Sun	Jan 13	8:30am
	Acolyte	Greg Logsdon
	Lector	Mary Logsdon
	Servers	Servers Needed
Sun	Jan 13	10:30am
	Lector	Ginny Hummel
	Offertory	Warner

When the world's messaging conflicts with the truth about the source of human dignity and happiness, it is easy to be misled and to mislead others.

"Redeemed by Grace - A Catholic Woman's Journey to Planned Parenthood and Back" is the story of Ramona Travino's journey and conversion. 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 Anniversary!

Mel & Char Horton

Happy Birthday!

Cheyenne Herzog Annette Schmidt
Joshua Keithley Brandon Pfeiffer Jennifer Bloomquist
Nolan Heusinkvelt Jason Hofferber

Our Return to the Lord, December 29-30

	StM	StJ
Adult	\$ 4,558.95	\$ 1,345.00
Plate	174.01	62.50
Special Collection	15.00	60.00
Candles	15.00	0.00
Holy Day	630.50	230.00
Total	\$ 5,393.46	\$ 1,697.50
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,379.00	\$ 514.00

Parish Announcements

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

CCD Mass will be this Wednesday evening, **January 9th**, from 7:15-8pm. Please join us!

St. Mary Altar Society Meeting will be Thursday, **January 10th**, at 7pm following the 6:30pm Mass. Please bring laundry and dish soap for the VFW Pantry.

St. Mary and St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Poker Social will be Saturday, **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.

Trivia Night Save the Date St. Mary Altar Society will be hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, **January 26th**, at 6:30pm in the church basement. Stay tuned for more details!

Book Club Beat the winter blahs with a good book! We are starting a book club. Meetings will be the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 or 7:00pm (we will decide which works best). We will be reading the book "Be Healed" by Bob Schuchts. If you are interested, please sign up on the signup sheet in the back of church.

Holy Hour Sub Needed Greg & Mary Logsdon are looking for a sub for their Holy Hour on the morning of **March 2nd** from 12am-1am. If you can help them out, please email Mary at mlogsdon@windstream.net.

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

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.

9 Days for Life The U.S. bishops' annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place **Monday, January 14th – Tuesday, January 22nd**. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message, or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

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.

Men's Retreat for Acolytes and Lectors will be at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly **January 18-20** with Fr. Eric Clark entitled "Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross". The retreat will also include Acolyte/Lector practical formation with the Knights of the Holy

Eucharist. Registration and information at www.goodcounselretreat.com or 402-786-2705.

Nebraska Walk for Life will be Saturday, **January 26th**, 9am Mass at St. Mary's, speakers at 10am at the State Capitol (14th & K St, North side), and walk to the Nebraska Student Union at 11:30am.

Vote for Your Favorite Catholic School! Catholic Schools Week is January 27th - February 2nd. During this time each year, Spirit Catholic Radio promotes the *Superstar Catholic School Contest* to shine a light on Catholic education in our communities. All Catholic elementary and high schools in Nebraska and western Iowa are eligible to receive your vote for the best school. This year's contest will run from **January 28th - February 8th**. Winning schools in each category will receive bigger and better prizes this year, including a grand prize of \$1,000 of free on-air promotion! Support Catholic education by voting online for your favorite Catholic school at spiritcatholicradio.com/superstar!

Unbound Retreat with Fr. Holoubek Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly invites you to a weekend Unbound Retreat **February 1-3**. Entitled "Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds", the retreat is for men and women of all ages. It begins Friday, February 1st, at 8pm with rosary and First Friday Mass, and ends Sunday, February 3rd, with Mass and lunch. Registration and information at www.goodcounselretreat.com or 402-786-2705.

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 - call ASAP

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>.

11 Days Alpine Europe Pilgrimage including "The Passion Play of Oberammergau." Come along May 18-28, 2020, to take in a spiritual event that happens only every ten years, "The Passion Play of Oberammergau". This international event has been taking place for over 400 years in Germany! This will all be part of a pilgrimage taking in three Alpine countries, Southern Germany, Austria and Switzerland. These are three of the most beautiful countries in all of Europe, and we'll visit great sites such as Heidelberg, the Rhine Valley, Lucerne, Salzburg, Munich and so much more! We will have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,499 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 311 – 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

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. Visit <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/marriage-family/engaged-encounter> for more information, dates, and to register.

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.