

SS. Mary & Joseph Catholic Churches

February 3rd, 2018

Father William Holoubek

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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	4	----	-----	No Mass
Tue	5	StM	8:00am	+Francis & Loretta Torpy
Wed	6	CC	9:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Thu	7	StM	6:30pm	Steve Mainelli
Fri	8	StM	8:00am	Special Intention JT
Sat	9	OxB	9:15am	Pastor's Intention
Sat	9	StM	5:00pm	+Gregg Rueschhoff
Sun	10	StM	8:30am	+Michael Hicks
		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 4	Heb 11:32-40 / Mk 5:1-20
Tue 5	Heb 12:1-4 / Mk 5:21-43 <i>St. Agatha</i>
Wed 6	Heb 12:4-7,11-15 / Mk 6:1-6 <i>St. Paul Miki & Companions</i>
Thu 7	Heb 12:18-19,21-24 / Mk 6:7-13
Fri 8	Heb 13:1-8 / Mk 6:14-29 <i>St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita</i>
Sat 9	Heb 13:15-17,20-21 / Mk 6:30-34 <i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Sun 10	Is 6:1-2a,3-8 / 1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lk 5:1-11 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Please pray this week for seminarian Andrew Ojeda
(College 3).

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	Feb 9	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Tom Lindhorst
	Lector	Shelly Lindhorst
	Servers	Servers Needed
Sun	Feb 10	8:30am
	Acolyte	Phil Onwiler
	Lector	Karen Stille
	Servers	Servers Needed
Sun	Feb 10	10:30am
	Lector	Jon Sundermeier
	Offertory	Hayes

What are some small steps you can take to enrich your families? Listen as Dr. Scott Hahn explains how the theology and practice of Catholic family life, as based on the image of the Blessed Trinity, is in God's Word, in his talk, "Counting Your Blessings." Check out Formed.org for and many other FREE resources. Please log on and sign up. You will be asked for your parish code. It is **64C8RQ**.

Happy Anniversary! Doug & Vickie Stewart

Happy Birthday! Christine Gress Melanie Artl
Leon Fialla Brady Horn Molly Johnson Rory Whaley
Gavin Showers Teresa Hayes

Our Return to the Lord, January 26-27

	<u>StM</u>	<u>StJ</u>
Adult	\$ 1,547.00	\$ 202.00
Plate	135.35	129.00
Catholic Press	20.00	0.00
Candles	20.00	0.00
Total	\$ 1,722.35	\$ 331.00
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, February 3rd**, for coffee and rolls hosted by the Altar Society.

Souper Bowl Sunday The soup pot in the back of the church is now accepting donations which will be given to the Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach in Lincoln to help the homeless and near-homeless. Please donate what you can!

A BIG THANK YOU to the cooks who provided a fantastic potluck feast and all the parishioners who attended Trivia Night. The winning team donated their cash prize back to the parish, true winners! (Knowing they had exceptional intellectual ability over the rest of the contestants was enough of a victory for them!)

Catholic Press Month Did You Know the Southern Nebraska Register is sent to *all* Catholic homes registered in our parish? It provides current International, National, State, and local news of interest to all Catholics. *Your donation greatly assists the parish in paying for your Southern Nebraska Register subscription.* NOTE: The subscription rate this year is \$15/family. All families automatically receive a subscription. This is a large yearly expense that the parish needs your help to pay. Envelopes have been included in your 2019 envelope set, and extras are included with this week's bulletin and in the back of the church. Thank You!

Knights of Columbus The Knights will be meeting in the church basement this Thursday, **February 7th**, at 7:00pm, following the 6:30pm Mass.

So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour? Please consider spending an hour with Jesus in the Eucharist during First Friday adoration. Your presence is welcome anytime during the 24 hours of adoration following the First Friday morning Mass, but especially **consider taking the hour from 6-7pm**, as it does not currently have coverage. If you can cover this hour, please contact Walt Del Vecchio at 402-521-2069.

SKY Camp & Leadership Camp Registration Online registration is open for SKY Camp and Leadership Camp! Camp Kateri is also looking for youth counselors and adult volunteers for all summer camp programs. To learn more about these outdoor experiences, to register your child, or to download an application form, go to www.campkateri.org.

Sponsors Needed! Sky Camp is a powerful experience providing all the fun activities of sleep-away summer camp with the all-important addition of our Catholic faith. For many of our children, it is hard to find friends their age who are also practicing Catholics. Being around so many other kids practicing the faith greatly reinforces their own. However, the camps cost \$155-\$195, which can be expensive for families, especially when compared

to local non-Catholic Christian camps which are free (but do not support our children's Catholic beliefs). Please consider being a Sky Camp sponsor for the youth of our parishes – you can sponsor at any amount, but we'd suggest considering a half (\$77.50 or \$97.50) or a whole (\$155 or \$195) sponsorship. If you can be a sponsor, please put your contribution in an envelope in the collection, designated as Sky Camp sponsorship. The sponsorship program was very successful last year as we had 15 of our youth attend Sky Camp in 2018, compared to just 4 youth in 2017. Please contact Joanna Torpy (joannatorpy@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you!

2019 Envelopes Please check the back of the church for your 2019 envelopes. If you do not see a box in your name and would like envelopes, please contact the rectory.

2018 Year End Tax Statements are now available in the back of the church.

HELP!! WE NEED MEAL VOLUNTEERS starting with the March 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!!

Community Announcements

Free Tax Preparation Services for households earning \$66k or less annually. Available every Monday evening from now through April 15th, 5-7:30pm at the Ashland Public Library. Call 402-471-4515, ext. 102 to make an appointment.

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

- **VFW Food Pantry** pancake mix and mustard
- **Kids' Cupboard** pudding and jello cups

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

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!

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 **February** sessions are the **7th, 20th, and 26th**. Go online to register or download a registration form at www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp.

Magnificat Winter Prayer Meal Saturday morning **February 16th**, 9:30 am, Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln. Special guest speaker is Diocesan Priest, Father John Rooney. "...I know the One in Whom I have put my trust..." 2 Timothy 1:12 is Father Rooney's favorite scripture verse in his exciting journey that is continually challenged and renewed in Christ! His vocation grew out of a dedication and devotion of his parents in their Catholic Faith. What appeared to be a total disaster when sent in 2003 for treatment of alcoholism has become an amazing blessing in his life and priesthood. Register by sending \$20 check payable to Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. (students \$10) **Deadline is February 11th**. For information call or text Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396 or call Barb Bechtolt at 402-489-6905.

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.

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 fourth and last

presentation is **February 17th**, and is entitled “How to Live Prayerfully in Difficulty” by Matt Simmons. 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.

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

Healing Mass at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Are you ready to receive the loving touch of Jesus, the great Healer? What is it like to be healed of your pain? Come with your pain and struggles, we pray with everyone. The Mass will be held on Thursday, **February 21st**, at 7pm, at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, 120 Cherry St, Clarkson. Confessions will be heard at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this healing Mass. The Holy Spirit provides this loving time of healing for us. Any need for healing, we pray for in this healing service. Any questions, call Fr. Rod at 402-892-3464.

Immaculee Ilibagiza Retreat will 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>.

Give Your Spouse a Special Gift Sign up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. For more information call Pat & Janelle Benson (308) 940-1105 or visit WWME.org. Upcoming dates:
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

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.

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.

Pray and Fast on Tuesdays PLEASE we need people praying for mothers to choose life for their babies. Please consider praying and fasting on Tuesdays for this cause.

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.