

SS. Mary & Joseph Catholic Churches

February 17th, 2019

Father William Holoubek

6th 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	18	StM	8:00am All Souls Day Intentions
Tue	19	StM	8:00am +Francis & Loretta Torpy
Wed	20	CC	9:00am All Souls Day Intentions
Thu	21	StM	6:30pm Special Intention CW
Fri	22	StM	8:00am +Marcella Wurdeman
Sat	23	OxB	9:15am Pastor's Intention
Sat	23	StM	5:00pm +Mary Ann Wilson
Sun	24	StM	8:30am Steve Novotny
		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 18	Gn 4:1-15,25 / Mk 8:11-13
Tue 19	Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5,10 / Mk 8:14-21
Wed 20	Gn 8:6-13,20-22 / Mk 8:22-26
Thu 21	Gn 9:1-13 / Mk 8:27-33 <i>St. Peter Damian</i>
Fri 22	1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19 <i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i>
Sat 23	Heb 11:1-7 / Mk 9:2-13 <i>St. Polycarp</i>
Sun 24	1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 / 1 Cor 15:45-49 / Lk 6:27-38 <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Please pray this week for seminarian Loudon Redinger (Spiritual Year).

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.

Parish Announcements

Interested in learning more about the Faith? Father is offering Symbolon Faith inquiry classes on **Tuesday** nights at 7:15pm in the church basement. All are welcome!

St. Mary and St. Joseph Altar Societies will have a combined meeting this month on Thursday, **February 21st** at 7pm in the St. Mary church basement. Mass will be held at 6:30pm. Father will be sharing his vocation story with us. All ladies of the parishes are invited!

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 in the back of the church. Thank You!

Altar Society Booklets and Dues All ladies of the parish are part of the Altar Society. Every year, we ask members to contribute \$20 in dues, which primarily pays for the weekly cleaning of the church. Dues envelopes are included in this bulletin as well as the Altar Society 2019 booklets, which are being distributed at this weekend's Masses. If you are able, please pay your 2019 dues using the envelopes provided (or in any envelope marked "Altar Society Dues"), and drop the envelopes in the collection baskets at Mass. As always, we invite all ladies in the parish to join us at our monthly meetings!

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 11pm-12am**, as its current adorers cannot continue in this time slot. If you can cover this hour (or if you currently have a daytime hour and would be willing to trade), please contact Walt Del Vecchio at 402-521-2069.

Ministries for Next Week

Sat	Feb 23	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Jim Sokolewicz
	Lector	Cathy Sokolewicz
	Servers	Servers Needed
Sun	Feb 24	8:30am
	Acolyte	Greg Logsdon
	Lector	Mary Logsdon
	Servers	Servers Needed
Sun	Feb 24	10:30am
	Lector	Dian Hofferber
	Offertory	Warner

Do you look forward to Confession? Try listening to "7 Secrets of Confession" by Vinny Flynn. This talk presents a whole new approach to Confession, inviting you to begin an exciting personal journey to healing and holiness. Check out Formed.org for this audio presentation 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 & Cheryl Holbrook

Happy Birthday! Hailee Horn Zelia Lichtas
 Gabe Lyons Steve Gress Patricia Scharfen
 Maggie Torpy August Barry Amelia Koch

Our Return to the Lord, February 2-3

	StM	StJ
Adult	\$ 2,017.00	\$ 50.00
Plate	119.25	69.25
Catholic Press	345.00	0.00
Candles	29.00	0.00
Total	\$ 2,510.25	\$ 119.25
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,379.00	\$ 514.00
Matt Talbot	\$ 257.00	\$ 0.00

Our Return to the Lord, February 9-10

	StM	StJ
Adult	\$ 1,897.00	\$ 931.00
Plate	118.50	42.00
Catholic Press	150.00	75.00
Candles	41.50	0.00
Total	\$ 2,207.00	\$ 1,048.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,379.00	\$ 514.00

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

VFW and American Legion Speaker Event Nebraska State Senator Tom Brewer will be speaking at the Ashland VFW on **February 23rd** at 1pm. Senator Brewer will be presenting a program on his six tours in Afghanistan. Following the program will be a meet and greet with Senator Brewer, as well as other federal and local-level dignitaries. All are welcome.

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

St. John Nepomucene Men's Club (Weston) is having their annual "Pancakes, Eggs, and Sausage Feed" **today, February 17th**, from 8am-12pm at St. John's School gym in Weston. Adults-\$7, children under 12-\$4, preschool and under-free. There will also be a bake stand, games, and a raffle.

St. Mary (Sutton) Soup Feed is **today, February 17th**, from 11am-2pm in the Church Hall. Serving soup, sandwiches and desserts for a free will offering.

Mass at Loma will be celebrated at St. Luke Czech Catholic Shrine in Loma **today, February 17th**, at 4pm. The Ostry Family Singers will provide the music.

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 **today, 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.

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. The Holy Spirit provides this loving time of healing for us. Any questions, call Fr. Rod at 402-892-3464.

Mardi Gras Celebration hosted by the Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish at the Prague Parish Hall on **February 23rd**. Featuring social time from 5-6:30pm, a New Orleans Style buffet at 6:30, games, Karaoke, auction, wine bar, and lots of fun! Advance tickets \$20, at the door \$25. Costumes encouraged! Adults 21+. Contact Jo at (402)663-5242 for tickets.

Catholic Daughters' Meeting is Monday, **February 25th** at St. Wenceslaus in Wahoo with Mass at 6:30pm and meeting to follow. Items to be discussed are the Brunch in March and the State Convention in April.

FEEL LIKE GIVING??? Help Saunders Catholic Schools GALA event by donating funds and gifts. Donations can easily be dropped off at any of our three schools. If you have questions about sponsorships or would like to contribute to GALA, please contact: Sheri Meduna at sheri-meduna@cdolinc.net or 402-443-4151. Raffle tickets can be purchased by stopping by the Neumann offices or from one of our raffle volunteers. The price is \$100 and the drawing date is: Saturday, April 13th. Grand Prize: \$5000 * Prize 2: \$4000 * Prize 3: \$3000 * Prize 4: \$1000 Only 375 sold! Need not be present to win.

Anyone wanting to know more about our Blessed Mother? Then mark your calendar for **March 16th**. The Catholic Daughters of America are hosting a brunch with a presentation about our Blessed Mother on **Sat. Mar. 16 at 9:30 AM at St. John's school gym in Weston, NE**. Guest speaker will be Mother Superior Ann Marie Zierke of the Marian Sisters. There will be limited seating so plan now to join us for a great brunch, fellowship and presentation about our Blessed Mother. This is open to the public, you do not need to be a Catholic Daughter to attend. Tickets are \$6 in advance. Please contact Mary Ann Osmera (402) 443-9074, Teresa Virgil (402) 480-5590, or Shirley Masek (402) 443-2193 for tickets or questions.

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.

Save the Date for Sunday, April 7th! St. Gregory the Great Seminary is holding its first Benefit Banquet to help support the seminarians and various projects at the Seminary. The "Table of St. Gregory" will begin at 5pm with sung Vespers (evening prayer) presided by Bishop Conley, followed by cocktails and Open House, and concluding with a plated dinner at 6:30pm served by the seminarians. To make reservations or to find out more information, please call the Seminary at (402) 643-4052 or email us at: events@sggs.edu We hope to see you there!

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.