

SS. Mary & Joseph Catholic Churches

March 24th, 2019

Father William Holoubek

3rd Sunday of Lent

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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 schedule for this week (StM-Ashland, StJ-Greenwood, CC-Care Center, OxB-OxBow)

Mon	25	----	-----	No Mass
Tue	26	StM	8:00am	+Jay Hicks
Wed	27	CC	9:00am	All Souls Day Intentions
Thu	28	StM	8:00am	Dave Dostal
Fri	29	StM	8:00am	+Jay Hicks
Sat	30	OxB	9:15am	Pastor's Intention
Sat	30	StM	5:00pm	Joe Estey
Sun	31	StM	8:30am	+Jay Hicks
		StJ	10:30am	People of the Parish

Confession before Masses, or call the rectory

Sat	StM	4:00-4:50pm
Sun	StM	8:00-8:20am
	StJ	10:10-10:20am

Stations of the Cross – Wednesday 7:15pm at St. Mary (Children's Stations); **Friday, 6:30pm** at St. Mary (preceded by potluck at 5:45pm).

Fridays of Lent Requirements: Abstinence is not eating meat (or gravy from meat) and obliges all Catholics age 14 and up. Please remember that all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Readings and Celebrations this week

Mon 25	Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38 <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Tue 26	Dn 3:25,34-43 / Mt 18:21-35
Wed 27	Dt 4:1,5-9 / Mt 5:17-19
Thu 28	Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23
Fri 29	Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34
Sat 30	Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14
Sun 31	Jos 5:9a,10-12 / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3,11-32 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>

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.

Please pray this week for seminarian Rev. Mr. Andrew Schwenka (Theology 4).

Ministries for This Week

Sat	Mar 30	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Jim Sokolewicz
	Reader	Cathy Sokolewicz
Sun	Mar 31	8:30am
	Acolyte	Phil Onwiler
	Reader	Anthony Weaver
Sun	Mar 31	10:30am
	Reader	Kevin Hofferber
	Offertory	Van Laningham

Happy Birthday! Shane Allington Macee Cerveny
Tiffany Mohs Travis Kopf Mason Mohs Ty Miller
Alicia Bohlen Nicole Crnkovich Jill Kielty Mitch Faltin
Princess McElroy

Our Return to the Lord, March 16-17

	StM	StJ
Adult	\$ 1,199.00	\$ 476.00
Plate	164.00	6.00
Candles	0.00	0.00
Total	\$ 1,363.00	\$ 482.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 2,379.00	\$ 514.00
Flood Relief	\$ 293.25	\$ 0.00

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. Gianna House Collection The Altar Society is collecting gently used purses/totes/pocket books to be filled with new toiletry and self-care items, which we are also collecting. Items needed in addition to the purses/totes are dental care items, skin care items, make-up, and hair care items. These will be given to St. Gianna House to be gifted to women fleeing abusive situations, many of whom leave without any possessions. If you can donate, please leave any items in downstairs or at the back of the church, labeled for St. Gianna's.

33 Days to Merciful Love Journey with St. Therese of Lisieux and discover *33 Days to Merciful Love: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Consecration to Divine*

Mercy, the stirring sequel to the Fr. Gaitley's 33 Days to Morning Glory. Following the same format, each day has a short reading and prayer. Father will also have weekly videos to accompany the booklet. The preparation helps us understand what this devotion and consecration is and means. We will make the consecration on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28th. This is a beautiful work of grace for our parish and all individuals and families. I look forward to leading you and sharing with this blessed moment our in lives. If you are interested in joining this retreat and consecration, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

Volunteer to Care Center Needed Father is looking for someone to lead a short service of the Sunday readings at 9:15am on the first Sunday of every month at the Ashland Care Center. An acolyte would bring Communion for the Catholic residents. If you would be able to help with this ministry, please let Father know.

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.

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 it does not currently have coverage. If you can cover this hour, please contact Walt Del Vecchio at 402-521-2069.

Flood Relief Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska is now accepting monetary donations to assist those affected by the horrific and ongoing flood/storm damage in Nebraska. Checks may be mailed to us at our administrative offices (2241 O St. Lincoln NE 68510) OR you may donate via our website link below. If donating by check, be sure to list "flood relief" in your check memo. If donating online, designate "flood relief" in the "specific designation for your gift" field. God bless you for your support and continued prayers!

https://www.cssisus.org/what_you_can_do/donate.html

Group/Bulk Subscription to MAGNIFICAT

MAGNIFICAT is a monthly publication containing a short morning, evening, and night prayer, a short daily meditation, as well as the Scripture readings for the daily & Sunday Masses, essays on the lives of the saints, and spiritual insight into masterpieces of sacred art. Magnificat is a good way to learn more about your faith & deepen your prayer life and your relationship with God. The annual group subscription rate is \$23 each. That is a savings of \$24 off regular (individual price of \$47.00). The parish would need at least 10 subscriptions to qualify for mailing directly to the parish. If you would like to be a part of the group/bulk subscription, please turn in your payment to the Rectory. The group subscription runs from August 2019 – July 2020. The subscription also includes online access. The parish order must be placed by April 10th so please submit your order and payment to the rectory by **April 1st**.

2019 Envelopes and 2018 Tax Statements are available in the back of the church. If you would like envelopes and do not see a box in your name, please contact the rectory.

We Are Struggling to find volunteers for the ROC Meals on the first Tuesday of every month, so we are going to try a new approach. If you can provide a whole meal for 30-35 by yourself, that would still be welcomed, but we will now try to find volunteers to provide parts of a meal (ie, entrée, side dishes, desserts). See the signup sheet in the back of the church for more details and to sign up. 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.

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

- **VFW Food Pantry** Cocoa, mustard, ketchup

- **Kids' Cupboard** mac & cheese cups or packets

Lincoln Food Bank The Lincoln Food Bank will be distributing food at the Ashland VFW tomorrow, **March 25th**, from 3-4pm. Volunteers are always needed to help setup and carryout. Please contact Alice West for more information.

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

MASS with Prayers for HEALING today, **March 24th** at John XXIII Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Please join together to pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church and our Nation.

+Sacrament of Reconciliation, beginning 1:15pm

+Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 1:30pm

+Praise and Worship 1:40pm

+Blessing of salt/water/religious articles immediately before Mass begins at 2pm

+Anointing of the Sick after the homily

+Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayer after the Mass

** Future Mass dates: June 9, Sept. 29, Dec. 8.

Sponsored by St. Benedict Prayer Team. Please join us.

"Unplanned" Premiere Watch the premiere of the movie 'Unplanned' at Lincoln Grand Theater in downtown Lincoln hosted by Lincoln Pius X Foundation & High School. Show times are 4:45 and 7:30 on **March 28th**, and tickets can only be purchased at <http://piusx.net/unplannedmovie>. The movie is based on a true story about a woman who used to work for Planned Parenthood, but when she witnessed a horrifying event in her own clinic, she became a leading advocate for Pro Life. Tickets cost \$6, and Pius X will donate \$3 of every ticket purchased to a local Pro-Life organization.

NOTE: This film is Rated R, and does contain scenes and conversations unsuitable for some audiences. Viewers under the age of 17 should attend with a parent or guardian.

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 remaining **March** session is the **28th**. Go online to register or download a registration form

at www.lincolndioocese.org/nfp. Also, exciting news for Spring 2019 - **We are offering a SINGLE LADIES Introductory Session on April 4th at 7pm.** This session is for single women only ages 18+. Please visit the registration page for additional information.

Catholic Education Scholarships – Apply Now With the recent announcement of The Good Shepherd Scholarship program for Catholic education, families can apply for scholarships through one application for all Catholic schools in the Lincoln Diocese. The Good Shepherd Scholarship, the Family Cap Scholarship and local school scholarships help to keep Catholic education affordable for any family. The Good Shepherd Scholarship is available to any student, regardless of religious affiliation. The application **deadline** is **March 31st**, go to www.goodshepherdscholarship.com or your local school website to apply.

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@sogs.edu We hope to see you there!

Healing Mass 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 and for any need for healing. There will be a healing Mass on Thursday, **April 11th**, at 7pm, at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, 120 Cherry St., Clarkson. Confessions will be heard at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call Fr. Rod at 402-892-3464.

Easter Monday Pilgrimage Join Fr. Gary Coulter for an Easter Monday Pilgrimage on Monday, **April 22nd**. Departing 7am from St. Patrick’s in Lincoln, the charter bus will stop at St. Peter in Omaha on the way to Trinity Heights in Sioux City; on our return pray the magnificent Stations of the Cross at Cloisters on the Platte. Mass and prayers throughout the day, return by 6:15pm. \$50 includes snacks and lunch. Make your reservations early: frcoulter.com/EasterMonday. Please register online, or else email goodcounsel@cdolinc.net or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705.

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 **April 27-29** at Camp Kateri, and **June 8-10** in David City. For more information or to register, visit www.lincolndioocese.org/retreats/tec.

Villa Marie Home and School has been providing a Christ-Centered, quality education for special needs children, ages 6 – 18, from all faith backgrounds since 1964. If you are a parent with a special needs child, and if you would like to see what Villa Marie may be able to offer your child and family, please contact Sr. Jeanette, Principal, 402-786-3625. May God bless you.

Open Position Villa Marie School is accepting applications for a Food Service Manager for the 2019-2020 school year. Must have a Bachelor’s or Associate’s degree OR experience in school nutrition programs. Please contact Sr. Jeanette at 402-786-3625 or sr.jeanette-ruerucha@cdolinc.net for more information or to apply.

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.