

SS. Mary & Joseph Catholic Churches

April 28th, 2019

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Divine Mercy Sunday

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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-Ox Bow)

Mon	29	StM	8:00am	Persecuted Christians
Tue	30	StM	8:00am	Caden Cobb
Wed	1	CC	9:00am	Meehan Family
Thu	2	StM	6:30pm	All Souls Day Intentions
Fri	3	StM	8:00am	+Wanda Wurdeman
Sat	4	StM	8:00am	Pastor's Intention
Sat	4	OxB	9:15am	Pastor's Intention
Sat	4	StM	5:00pm	+Jay Hicks
Sun	5	StM	8:30am	+Gary Ferris
		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

Please pray this week for seminarian Joseph Wahlmeier (Theology 3).

Divine Mercy Sunday is today! Join us today for:

1:45pm - movie on St. Faustina and Jesus' revelations to her about Divine Mercy

2:50pm - Holy Hour with Exposition, confessions, healing prayers, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet
Jesus promised St. Faustina (and us) that on Divine Mercy Sunday, those who go to confession (before is okay) and receive communion worthily on that day "shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (para 699). This is the reason Jesus died and rose from the dead. All Jesus asks of us is to Trust completely in His infinite Mercy and Goodness.

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.

Readings and Celebrations this week

Mon 29	Acts 4:23-31 / Jn 3:1-8	<i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>
Tue 30	Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15	<i>St. Pius V</i>
Wed 1	Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21	<i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>
Thu 2	Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36	<i>St. Athanasius</i>
Fri 3	1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14	<i>Sts. Philip & James; First Friday</i>
Sat 4	Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21	<i>First Saturday</i>
Sun 5	Acts 5:27-32,40b-41 / Rv 5:11-14 / Jn 21:1-19	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>

Easter Octave The Celebration of Easter continues for eight days and is called the Octave of Easter. Each day has a different set of readings about the different resurrection appearances of Jesus. The Octave truly enables us to immerse ourselves in the glorious wonder of the Resurrection. Hearing and pondering the various appearances of the resurrected Jesus gradually deepens our joy in the resurrection, and increases our amazement at the goodness and tremendous love of our God and Savior.

Ministries for Next Weekend

Sat	May 4	5:00pm
	Acolyte	Tom Spears
	Reader	Rita Smits
Sun	May 5	8:30am
	Acolyte	Kent Ketteler
	Reader	Denise Ketteler
Sun	May 5	10:30am
	Reader	Kevin Hofferber
	Offertory	Aguirre

Happy Anniversary! Robert & Joan Machacek
 Rollie & Jen Bloomquist Brian & Teresa Chaffin

Happy Birthday! Emily Warnke Landon Mohs
 Ed Johnson Mary Hicks Ed Buglewicz Rob Allington
 John Heusinkvelt

Our Return to the Lord, Apr 19-21

		<u>StM</u>	<u>StJ</u>
Adult	\$	1,042.00	No info
Plate		460.50	
Religious Articles		15.00	
Easter Collection		2,810.00	
Candles		19.00	
Total	\$	4,346.50	
Weekly Budget	\$	2,379.00	\$ 514.00
Holy Land	\$	835.00	

Parish Announcements

Charity and Stewardship Appeal (CSA) kicks off this weekend! This is the annual appeal to provide for programs that benefit all Catholics and parishes of the Lincoln Diocese. See the bulletin insert for more details. Every parish member or family has a pre-printed pledge card that you will be asked to complete and sign. Please visit the lovely people stationed outside the church before and after Mass to sign your pledge card. Please give what you can, and any amount collected over our goal is returned to our parish.

Thank you to all who attended Holy Week services, all who served as musicians, cantors, acolytes, altar servers, and lectors/readers! Thank you also to all who helped clean and prepare the church and basement! Finally, thank you to all who made a good confession!

Closed Bid Auction for Dog Kennel, Small Shed, and Appliances Anyone interested in these items from the house across the street, please put a bid (forms available in the back of church) in a sealed envelope specifying which item and the amount of your bid. This is to allow any parishioner the opportunity to procure these items. Bids should be submitted via the collection basket or by mail to the rectory by **today, April 28th**.

St. Gianna House Collection The Altar Society is collecting new toiletry and self-care items. Items needed 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, by **today, April 28th**.

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!

Last CCD Class of the School Year is this Wednesday, May 1st! Class begins at 6:30pm as usual, but the year-end awards and ice cream party start at 7pm for all CCD students and parents.

Knights of Columbus The Knights will be meeting in the church basement this Thursday, **May 2nd**, at 7:00pm, following the 6:30pm Mass.

Important First Friday Notice Reflecting on this Easter season I am in awe of how much our God shows His love for us. Words cannot express my love and gratitude for His gift of eternal salvation. **There is someone that Jesus wants to pour his love upon from 11pm-12 midnight on the first Friday of each month. Are you the one?** Would you be willing to let Jesus love you for this one hour each month? Jesus also welcomes more adorers at any other hour. Please reach out to Walt as soon as possible to schedule a time between 8:30am First Friday through 8am First Saturday. Contact Walt Del Vecchio (402) 521 - 2069. **Could you not watch one hour with Me?** Mark 14:34.

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.

Are you tired of all the mistakes in the bulletin, or maybe you have some good ideas for improving the bulletin? Put an end to your weekly frustration by taking over bulletin duties! The current bulletin preparer is going to be indisposed beginning in late May or early June, and we will need someone to prepare the bulletin for up to two months (although, if you love it, you may have a full-time opportunity). If you are interested, please let Father or Joanna Torpy know. **This is a paid position** but can also be a way to give back to God for all He has given to you.

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!!

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.

God is to be found in the simplest of our daily activities and especially through total surrender to His will for us. That is the message of the inspirational classic by Jean Pierre de Caussade, "Abandonment to Divine Providence." 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**.

Community Announcements

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

- **VFW Food Pantry** cooking oil, boxed cereal, evaporated milk
- **Kids' Cupboard** granola bars

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

Bishop Neumann High School Presents..... Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat today, **April 28th** at 2pm. Wahoo Performance Learning Center. General admission available at the door, \$10 adult, \$6 student.

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 **April** session is the **30th**. The **May** sessions are the **6th** (online), **9th**, and **21st**. Go online to register or download a registration form at www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp.

Magnificat Prayer Meal Speaker - FATHER MICHAEL VOITHOFER, founder of Ablaze Worship Ministry and Spiritual Advisor for Magnificat of Omaha, will be our Speaker on Saturday, **May 4th**! "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49) is Father Michael's his favorite scripture. His priesthood and helping people open their lives to the transformative power of the Holy Spirit is what Father Michael loves to do. Join us to hear Father Michael's testimony of living his life in and leading others to Christ's Spirit of Love! "Be a friend and bring a friend" - a "sister in Christ" or one from your family - at 9:30am, Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln. Pre-paid registration only before Tuesday, **April 30th**. Send \$25 check payable to Magnificat, (students \$10) c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. For information call or text Rhonda 402-525-6396.

Retreat for Couples Experiencing Infertility There will be a Day Long Retreat for couples experiencing primary or secondary infertility held in Lincoln on **May 5th** from 9am-3:30pm, led by Fr. Tim Danek with other guest speakers. Cost is \$40 and includes Mass and brunch. Sign up/more information at: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/infertility-retreat>

Rosary Crusade Bishop Conley invites and encourages all families and individuals to set aside time the evening of **May 5th** to join together at Haymarket Park in Lincoln to give praise to God for his merciful and faithful love. Beginning at 7pm, there will be a diocesan family Rosary, followed by a beautiful Eucharistic Procession and time for Adoration of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

High School Summer Mission Trip Bishop Neumann High School has 2 openings for their Chicago Mission Trip that are being opened to any high school student in Saunders County. The trip is **May 28th–June 1st**. Students work with the Missionaries of Charity and the Franciscans of the Eucharist at 2-3 places each day. Please contact Gery Kenney at Bishop Neumann for more information or if you are interested. 402.443.4151 or gery-kenney@cdolinc.net

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 last retreat of the school year is **June 8-10** in David City. For more information or to register, visit www.lincolndiocese.org/retreats/tec.

Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference will be **July 12th-14th**. There is an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians, and presenters, to challenge Catholic youth to stand firm in their faith, to rely upon the awesome power of Jesus Christ as their guide, friend, and Savior, and to show that faith to the world. Keynote this year is nationally known speakers Fr. Mike Schmitz and Katie Prejean McGrady. For more information or to register, go to www.lincolndiocese.org/pilgimages/Steubenville-youth-conference

The Diocesan Canoe Trips are coming up! This three-day outdoor adventure includes daily Mass, confessions, talks, private reflection time, and other opportunities for youth to grow in their relationship with Christ. A campfire and Rosary fill the evening hours. Dates are **July 14th-16th**, and **July 16th-18th**. Cost is \$100. To register, go to www.lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip

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.