

Merry Christmas to All our Parishioner and Visitors.

Christmas Flowers and Decorations for St. Mary and St. Joseph have been donated in memory of the following.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Anderson	Fudge Family	Elain Moench
Ben Buckingham	Gergard Gorenjes	Bobbie Newsham
Charles Danaher	Don Hummel	Nicholson Family
Russell & Arlene Daughery	Marie Hummel	Anna & George Perlinger
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Samuel J & Ruth Ann Failla	Joseph Lorenz	Schwaller Family
Mary Freimuth	Blanche Luetkenhaus	Marilyn Survil
George Fritton	Luetkenhaus Family	Carol Wells
Doris Fong	Elodia Medina	

Stewardship Thought

Holy Family

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God’s service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down.

Do we hold on to old habits and customs tightly, or like Jesus are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?

Stewardship Thought

Epiphany

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship.

What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the new-born Savior?

Stewardship of time and talent needed! Our parishes need help clearing the sidewalks of snow and ice. Many people will ensure no one has to bear the whole load.

In Ashland speak to Norm Luetkenhaus, 944-2313, who will coordinator St Mary. (Reliable Plumbing generously volunteers to clear the parking areas.) Snow blowers are provided, we just need men and women who can help run them.

In Greenwood speak to Gary and Les Krings, 789-5375, who will coordinate for St Joseph. Please prayerfully consider if you can help.



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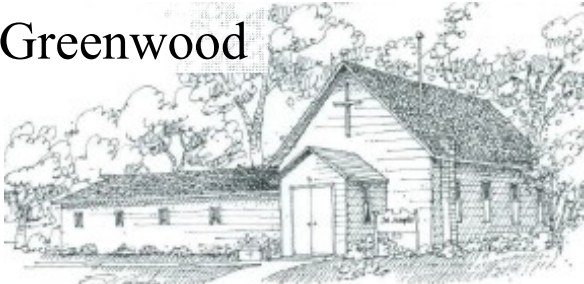
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St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Churches



1625 Adams Street, Ashland NE 68003
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:30 AM



7 Oak Street, Greenwood
Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Pastor: Father Gary Coulter

Rectory & Fax: 944-3554, CCD/Hall: 944-7509
Cell: 202-3782, stmaryashland@alltel.net

Mass Schedule for next two week				
Sat.	Dec. 27	5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Medina All Souls
Sun.	Dec. 28	8:30 AM	Ashland	Poor Souls
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People
No Daily Masses Dec. 29-Jan 3				
Holy Day of Obligation				
Wed. Dec. 31	6:30 PM	Greenwood	+ Fr. Ron Patterson	
Thurs. Jan. 1	12:00 Noon	Ashland	Poor Souls - AH	
Sat.	Jan. 3	5:00 PM	Ashland	Wemhoff Family
Sun.	Jan. 4	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	+ American Soldiers
Mon.	Jan. 5	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Sally Sohl
Tues.	Jan. 6	9:00 AM	Ashland	Fudge All Souls
Wed.	Jan. 7	9:15 AM	Care Center	+ Jerry Proctor
Thurs.	Jan. 8	6:30 PM	Ashland	Frank Hartman
Fri.	Jan. 9	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Doris Stewart
Sat.	Jan. 10	9:00 AM	Ashland	Pro-Life
		5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Ben Buckingham
Sun.	Jan. 11	8:30 AM	Ashland	+ Neal Smith
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People

December 28, 2008 - Holy Family

Ministries for Next Weekends

Sat. Jan. 3 - 5:00 PM
Servers: Dea, McGinley, Isaacson
Acolyte: Gerald Fudge
Lector: Rod Reisen

Sun. Jan. 4 - 8:30 AM
Servers: Adams, Campbell, Lyons
Acolyte: Tim Kirkpatrick
Lector: Kathy Broz

Sun. Jan. 4 - 10:30 AM
Lector: Ginny Hummel
Offertory: Egeberg

Sat. Jan. 10 - 5:00 PM
Servers: Novotny, Survil
Acolyte: Andy Lictas
Lector: Donna Nicholson

Sun. Jan. 11 - 8:30 AM
Servers: Kresak, Stander
Acolyte: Gene Kresak
Lector: Mary Logsdon

Sun. Jan. 11 - 10:30 AM
Lector: Kevin Hofferber
Offertory: Egeberg

Readings and Celebrations:

January 1, **The Blessed Virgin Mary**, the Mother of God [holy day of obligation]
Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

5 Mon 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Saint John Neumann, bishop

6 Tue 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44
[Blessed Andre Bessette, religious]

7 Wed 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52
[Saint Raymond of Penafort, priest]

8 Thu 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Lk 4:14-22a

9 Fri 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16

10 Sat 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 / Acts 10:34-38

January 4, 2009 - Epiphany

Our Return to the Lord, Dec. 20-21

	St. Mary	St. Joseph
Adult:	\$ 1,231.00	\$ 233.00
Plate:	\$ 73.00	\$ 19.00
Children:	\$ 1.00	

Congratulations

Marriage Anniversaries

Richard & Zelia Lichtas
Mace & Cindi McGinley
Susan & Dennis Thomas
Jeff & Karen Kasuske
Bob & Marilyn Craven
Mel & Char Horton

Birthdays: Theresa Lyons

Marilyn Craven
Hailey Geneski
George Schaub
Erma Claycomb
Eric Pike
Sandy West
Vicki Lancaster
Matthew McConnell
Libby Reisen
Doug Stewart
Julianna Schweigart
Earl Brauckmuller
Cheyanne Herzog
Annette Schmidt
Krissie Roth
Molly Sundermeier

Calendar for next Two Weeks

Wed. Dec. 31, 6:30 PM **Holy Day** at Greenwood

Thurs. Jan. 1, 10:30 AM **Holy Day** at Ashland

Fri. Jan. 2, Optional **First Friday Adoration**

Wed. Jan. 7, 7:00 PM **CCD & Youth Group**

Thurs. Jan. 8, 6:30 PM **Mass** at Ashland
7:00 PM **Altar Society** Meeting

Sat. Jan. 10, 6:00 PM **Men's Social** at Ashland

Parish Announcements

We have launched a new parish **e-Newsletter** and website with updated calendar. If you do not already receive the monthly calendar, send an email to stmaryashland@alltel.net and bookmark the **Website** at home.alltel.net/stmaryashland

Start the New Year with a **Holy Day Mass**, Mass in Greenwood on Wed. Dec. 31, 6:30 PM, Mass in Ashland on Thurs. Jan. 1, 10:30 AM.

First Friday Adoration this Fri. Jan. 2 will be optional. You do not have to find a substitute if you cannot attend. All are invited to stop by the Church and spend some time in prayer.

The St. Mary's Altar Society will have a **White Elephant Auction** for their meeting on Thurs. Jan. 8, 7:00 PM, bring items for sale and join in the bidding and fun. Installation of officers beforehand during the 6:30 PM Mass.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual **Men's Social** on Sat. Jan. 10, 6:00 PM. All men of both parishes are invited to this event with food and fun, bring a snack and beverages.

Congratulations to Ken Broz and Karen Stille who were elected to the St Mary **Parish Council**. A special thanks to Cindi Tylski and all those who serve on this advisory council.

Thank you for the generous year-end gifts. Donations need to be received by Dec. 31 to count for the 2008 tax year.

Fr. Coulter is on vacation Dec. 29-Jan 4, there are no daily Masses. Call St Wenceslaus in Wahoo or a nearby parish in an emergency.

Community Announcements

Men in Mission meets this Sat. Jan. 3 at the Ashland United Methodist Church.

The ROC Youth Center, has been helping our area youth for three years thanks to the generous giving of our community and many volunteers. Donations and gifts can be made to St Mary or mailed to PO Box 143, Ashland 68003.

Diocesan Announcements

Save the Date: Annual **Walk for Life** 2009 is Sat. Jan. 31, 10 AM in Lincoln.

Holy Innocents Mass for those who have lost a child is Sun. Dec. 28, 2:30 PM at the Bl John XXIII Chapel, Lincoln.

Catholic Coffee House at Bl John XXIII Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd in Lincoln on Jan. 11, 6:30-8:00 PM. Bishop Bruskewitz will speak on "Evangelization and the Spread of Islam."

Cursillo Weekend Retreats from Thurs. evening to Sun. consist of talks given by priests and laity, and celebration of the sacraments. Upcoming weekends are Jan. 8-11 for men, and Jan. 15-18 for women, both in Lincoln. For more info, contact Mark Pribyl, Cursillo Lay Director for the Lincoln Diocese at 641-7199 or mpribyl@diodecom.net, or your pastor.

Waverly Retreat House: Retreat for Men & Women Jan. 2-4 with Msgr Hain; Retreat for Men Jan. 16-18 with Msgr Roh. Call 786-2705

Diocese of Lincoln **NFP Intro Sessions** on Thurs. Jan. 8 and Tues. Jan. 20. Call 488-2040.

Please remember in your prayers the **Retired Priests** who have served our two parishes:

Fr. Paul York
515 E 14th St
Crete, NE 68333-1604

Fr. Francis Murphy
#1 West End
Millstreet, County Cork,
Republic of Ireland

Msgr. Ivan Vap
1301 E 9th St
Hastings, NE 68901

Please Pray for our Seminarians

Pray for Deacon Jonathan Haschke from St. Francis, Humphrey, and Deacon Andrew Heaslip from St. Teresa, Lincoln; both in Theology 4 and preparing to be ordained priests in May.