

## Easter Flower - Memorial Offerings

Donations for the Easter Flowers and Decorations were generously given in memory of the following. Please keep them in your prayers.

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### Homily of Pope Francis, Divine Mercy Sunday 2013

Today we are celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as “Divine Mercy Sunday”. **What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God!** God’s love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on.

In today’s Gospel, the Apostle Thomas personally experiences this mercy of God, which has a concrete face, the face of Jesus, the risen Jesus. Thomas does not believe it when the other Apostles tell him: “We have seen the Lord”. It isn’t enough for him that Jesus had foretold it, promised it: “On the third day I will rise”. He wants to see, he wants to put his hand in the place of the nails and in Jesus’ side. **And how does Jesus react? With patience:** Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief; he gives him a week’s time, he does not close the door, he waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith. “My Lord and my God!”: with this simple yet faith-filled invocation, he responds to Jesus’ patience. **He lets himself be enveloped by divine mercy;** he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ’s hands and feet and in his open side, and **he discovers trust:** he is a new man, no longer an unbeliever, but a believer.

Let us also remember Peter: three times he denied Jesus, precisely when he should have been closest to him; and when he hits bottom he meets the gaze of Jesus who patiently, wordlessly, says to him: “Peter, don’t be afraid of your weakness, trust in me”. Peter understands, he feels the loving gaze of Jesus, and he weeps. How beautiful is this gaze of Jesus – how much tenderness is there! Brothers and sisters, **let us never lose trust in the patience and mercy of God!**

This is God’s way of doing things: **he is not impatient like us, who often want everything all at once,** even in our dealings with other people. God is patient with us because he loves us, and those who love are able to understand, to hope, to inspire confidence; they do not give up...

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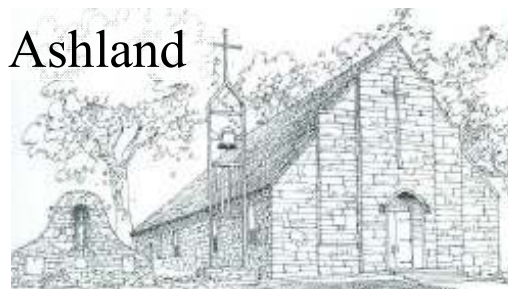
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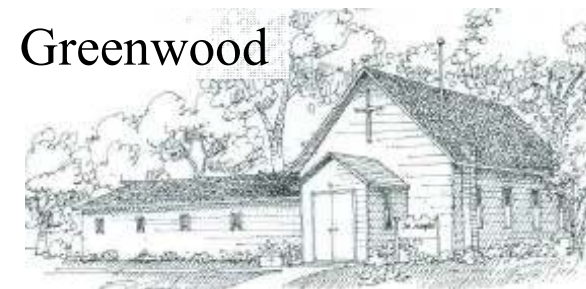
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# St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Churches

Ashland



Greenwood



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

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View the weekly bulletin & monthly calendar at our **website:**

[home.windstream.net/stmaryashland](http://home.windstream.net/stmaryashland)

**Confessions** a half hour before Masses

Saturday 4:00-4:50 PM St. Mary

Sunday 8:00-8:20 AM St. Mary

10:00-10:20 AM St. Joseph

Any time by calling the rectory.

**Welcome to new parishioners,**  
please call the rectory to register or  
for information on any of our parish  
activities and organizations.

### Mass Schedule for this week

Sat.	Apr. 13	8:00 PM	Ashland	+ Gerhard Groenjes
Sun.	Apr. 14	8:30 AM	Ashland	+ Pat Estey
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People
Mon.	Apr. 15	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Daniel Ottis
Tues.	Apr. 16	9:00 AM	Ashland	Nicholson Family
Wed.	Apr. 17	9:15 AM	Care Center	+ John Keilley
Thurs.	Apr. 18	9:00 AM	Ashland	
		7:00 PM	Greenwood	Michelle Babalky
Fri.	Apr. 19	9:00 AM	Ashland	Thanksgiving
Sat.	Apr. 20			no morning Mass
		5:00 PM	Ashland	Poor Souls
Sun.	Apr. 21	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	+ Jon Rowe

April 14, 2013

Third Sunday of Easter

Ministries for Next Weekend

Sat. Apr. 20 - 5:00 PM
Servers: Dea, Ludwig
Acolyte: Gerald Fudge
Lector: Donna Nicholson
Sun. Apr. 21 - 8:30 AM
Servers: Adams, Horn
Acolyte: Tom Spears
Lector: Walt Del Vecchio
Sun. Apr. 21 - 10:30 AM
Lector: Dian Hofferber
Offertory: Ortiz

Our Return to the Lord, Apr. 6-7
Table with columns for St. Mary and St. Joseph, listing adult, plate, and children's contributions, along with weekly budget and combined collection.

Stewardship Corner
In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep."
He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."
See John 21:15f

Congratulations
Anniversaries: Virginia & Rob Showers, Donna & Bill Nicholson, Joy & Joe Warner
Birthdays: Trevor VanLaningham, Mary Reinke, Lisa Isaacson, Anna Spears, Aurelio Gomez, Lelia Razey, Bruce Bolander, George Lancaster, John Schrunk, Al Ortmeier

Readings and Celebrations this week:

April
15 Mon Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29
16 Tue Acts 7:51-8:1a / Jn 6:30-35
17 Wed Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40
18 Thu Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51
19 Fri Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59
20 Sat Acts 9:31-42 / Jn 6:60-69

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 13:14, 43-52 / Rv 7:9, 14b-17 / Jn 10:27-30

Calendar

Sun. Apr. 14, 4:00-7:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner
Tues. Apr. 16, 9:30 AM Bible Study
Wed. Apr. 17, 9:15 AM Mass at Care Center
7:00 PM K4J, CCD Religious Ed
Thurs. Apr. 18, 1:15 PM Prayers
at Oxbow/Care Center
Sat. Apr. 20, no morning Mass
5:00 PM First Communion
Plan ahead: Mon. Apr. 22,
4:00-5:00 PM Mobile Food Pantry

Parish Announcements

Congratulations to our newest members:
Sabrina Engelmann (fiancée: Brandon Koch) and
Kyley Weaver (husband: Anthony), baptized and
confirmed respectively at the Easter Vigil.

You are invited to a Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by CCD today Sun. Apr. 14, 4:00-7:30 PM at St. Mary. Contact Cheryl 402-944-7692 or Tanya 402-944-2167 about volunteering.

St. Mary Preschool allows 3 to 5-year-old children to explore and experience, search and wonder, and treasure the joy of learning in a loving Christian atmosphere. We offer morning and afternoon sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2013-2014 school year: pick up a registration packet from the school or rectory.

Job Opening: St. Mary Preschool is looking for a Teacher starting in August. Competitive hourly wage based on experience. Contact stmaryashland@windstream.net, 944-3554.

Plan ahead: Vacation Bible School, Totus Tuus ("Totally Yours") will be June 9-14, 2013.

Thank You for the donations for the Easter Flowers and Decorations, late memorials will still be accepted, see the back of the bulletin.

Missing your favorite pan or bowl?? Please check the church kitchen for your cookware and THANK YOU for cooking for our church events.

Be sure to turn in any Rice Bowls for Catholic Relief Services, Coin Boxes for Missionary Childhood Association (CCD students), and Combined Collection envelopes from last month.

Diocesan Announcements

The Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land will have a Holy Hour on Sun. Apr. 14, Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln at 3:00 PM, led by Fr. Scott Courtney. Pray for peace and for the Christians in the Holy Land. All are invited to join in this unified prayer opportunity.

Catholics Come Home is a program for Catholics of all ages who are no longer practicing the faith. It makes no difference whether they left due to lack of interest, or for a more definitive reason. Including divorce, past hurts, issues, relationships, ; or if people simply stopped going to Mass. We just want to welcome them back. Program provides people a chance to be heard with a priest and supportive team present. Small group interaction in a safe, confidential environment and there is no commitment; come to any or all three sessions Sundays 2:00-4:30 p.m., April 14, 21, 28 at: Blessed Sacrament School, 1725 Lake St in Lincoln. For more info: Father Hashke 474-4249, Ann 474-2217 or Jill 435-6158 or www.blessedsacramentlincoln.com

St. John School, Weston Garage Sale Wed. Apr. 17th, 3-6 PM, Thurs. 18th, 9AM-6PM, Fri. 19th, 9AM-3PM. Lunch also available.

Men of Faith, an evening with Steve Bollman (founder of That Man is You!) and Bishop James Conley. Thurs. Apr. 25: 4:30 PM Confessions, 6 PM Speaker, 7 PM Mass, 7:45 PM Dinner, Speaker, Q&A. Pre-registration required, \$30, online at: www.dicksmithsolutions.com/MensConference/MenofFaith.htm

Golf 'Fore' the Newman Center Mon. May 20, 12:30 PM at Quarry Oaks, Ashland. Contact Fr. Coulter for more info or to assemble a team.

14th Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference, Aug. 2-4, Wichita, KS. See info at: www.catholicfamilyconference.org

Tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio, 102.7 FM KVSS, online at spiritcatholicradio.com

Summer Camps 2013

- See www.dioceseoflincoln.org or call 488-2040
• Leadership Camp: for boys entering grades 6-9, July 14-20 or July 21-27
• SKY Camps: for all student entering grades 6-9, nine 3-day camps in May and June.
• Marian Camp: for girls entering grades 6-9, June 27-30th, contact: 402-786-2750.