

Bishop's Charity and Stewardship Appeal 2013

Dear Parishioners,

This week you should have received a letter from our new Bishop, James Conley, asking you to participate in the 2013 Bishop's Charity and Stewardship Appeal (DDP).

Because I believe that the Bishop's Charity and Stewardship Appeal is so important for the work of the Church and our parish families, I am asking your generous response to his request.

The Bishop's Charity and Stewardship Appeal **provides the resources for eighteen programs in education, formation, pastoral and social services.** As just three examples this year: we have the exciting news of the Newman Center building a new Church on the UNL Lincoln campus; increased numbers of families and youth attending programs and summer camps at Camp Kateri near McCool Junction; and our diocesan seminary, St. Gregory the Great in Seward, at nearly full capacity.

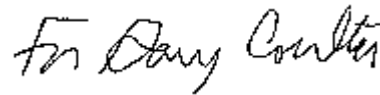
These programs bring new life and vitality to all of our parishes and our families. With the possibilities of helping not only one organization, but many, many more, I ask that you consider a generous gift to the Bishop's Charity and Stewardship Appeal (DDP).

So many programs supported by the Appeal **provide services that our parishes alone could not provide.** By answering God's call and giving a financial gift, you can touch the lives of thousands of people in southern Nebraska through programs that teach, heal, support, nurture and feed. And when reach our goal, the extra comes back to our own parish.

Please consider making a pledge that can be paid in four quarterly payments. This way you will be able to make a more generous gift. The Bishop's Charity and Stewardship, (DDP) Office will send you a reminder every quarter. Or you can also sign up for automatic withdrawal or credit card payments.

Please join me, along with Bishop Conley, in **praying for the success** of the Bishop's Charity and Stewardship Appeal (DDP). May God bless you for your support of our parishes and diocese.

Sincerely, Fr. Gary Coulter, pastor



Last Year's **Charity and Stewardship Appeal 2012** - to date:

St. Mary Ashland: Goal: \$8,430, Pledged: \$9,945, Paid: \$9,147.50 (92%)

St. Joseph Greenwood: Goal: \$1,883.00, Pledged: \$3,295, Paid: \$2,907.50 (88%)

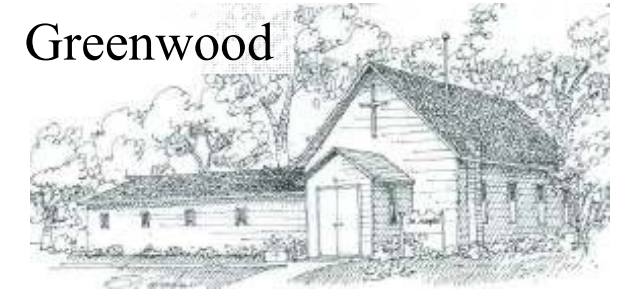
St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Churches

Ashland



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

Greenwood



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

Pastor: Father Gary Coulter

Rectory & Fax: 402-944-3554, Preschool & Hall: 402-944-7509

Cell: 402-202-3782, stmaryashland@windstream.net

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

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. 27	8:00 PM	Ashland	+ Ben Buckingham
Sun.	Apr. 28	8:30 AM	Ashland	Rosemary Powell
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People
Mon.	Apr. 29	9:00 AM	Ashland	Thanksgiving
Tues.	Apr. 30	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Pat Estey
Wed.	May 1	9:15 AM	Care Center	+ Agnes Happ
Thurs.	May 2	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Wolk & Wemhoff Family
		7:00 PM	Greenwood	
Fri.	May 3	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Ben Buckingham
Sat.	May 4	9:00 AM	Ashland	Pro-Life
		5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Gerhard Groenjes
Sun.	May 5	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	Charlotte Egger

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April 28, 2013

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Ministries for Next Weekend

Sat. May 4 - 5:00 PM
Servers: Ludwig, Lyons
Acolyte: Dave Romans
Lector: Amy Douglas
Sun. May 5 - 8:30 AM
Servers: Adams, Washburn
Acolyte: Gerald Fudge
Lector: Walt Del Vecchio
Sun. May 5 - 10:30 AM
Lector: Jon Sundermeier
Offertory: McNealy

Our Return to the Lord, Apr. 20-21
Table with columns for St. Mary and St. Joseph, listing costs for Adult, Plate, Children, Weekly Budget, Masses, and Rice Bowl. Includes a thank you message.

Stewardship Corner
In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples — and us — a new commandment: "Love one another."
Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.
See John 13:34

Congratulations
Anniversaries: Bonnie & Bill Yard
Jen & Rollie Bloomquist
Teresa & Brian Chaffin
Birthdays: Jen Romans
Ashleigh Campbell
Will Dolan
Chuck Henzlik
Dennis Stille
Ed Buglewicz
Rob Allington
Mary Jo Allington
John Wipfler
Lindsay Kellams

Calendar

Sun. Apr. 29, 6:00 PM Holy Hour for Marriage, Life and Liberty at St. Joseph Greenwood
7:30 PM St Mary Parish Council Meeting
Tues. Apr. 30, 9:30 AM Bible Study
Wed. May 1, 9:15 AM Mass at Care Center
7:00 PM CCD Religious Ed
8:00 PM Children's Choir Practice
Thurs. May 2, National Day of Prayer
7:30 PM Knights at Greenwood
Fri. May 3 All Day First Friday Adoration, 9:30 AM Breakfast
Sat. May 4, 6:30 AM Men in Mission
9:30 AM First Saturday devotions
Sun. May 5, 8:30 Mass, Children's Choir, May Crowning and Honors Breakfast

Readings and Celebrations this week:

29 Mon St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor
Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26
30 Tue [Saint Pius V, Pope]
Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a
1 Wed [Saint Joseph the Worker]
Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8
2 Thu St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor
Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11
3 Fri Saints Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14
4 Sat Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 / Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 / Jn 14:23-29

Parish Announcements

Congratulations to our newest members, Ian Capps, Landon Parton and Jon Parton, who were baptized Apr. 18; Easton and Montana Mitchell who made a Profession of Faith Apr. 20.

Join us today, 6 PM for a Holy Hour to pray for Marriage, Life and Liberty at Greenwood (in anticipation of the Feast of St Joseph).

First Friday May 3, with a potluck breakfast after 9:00 AM Mass. All day adoration will conclude with 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday, and First Saturday devotions at 9:30 AM (see attachment).

All are invited to a Breakfast next Sunday after 8:30 AM Mass, at which we will honor the First Communicants and Senior Graduates.

St. Mary Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2013-2014 school year: pick up a packet from the school or rectory. We are also looking for a Preschool Teacher starting in August. Competitive wages based on experience: stmaryashland@windstream.net, 944-3554.

Flower Power! Please join us on Thurs. May 9, 7 PM for the Altar Society meeting: everyone can bring seeds and plants to share and exchange. Place your seeds in labeled envelopes to help the new gardener know what flowers they will be planting. Hope to see you there!

St Mary Altar Society is having a Baby Shower for Birthright till May 12. Items may be left in the church basement, including: laundry baskets, diapers, wipes, blankets and sleepers.

High School Seniors interested in applying for the Altar Society Scholarship can pick up an application at the back of St. Mary. Deadline for accepting applications is Monday, April 29th. The recipient will be announced at the Graduation Breakfast on Sunday, May 5th.

Plan ahead: Youth Group Rummage Sale will be June 6-8 (donations accepted in Church basement in May). Vacation Bible School, Totus Tuus ("Totally Yours") will be June 9-14.

Community Announcements

Red Cross Bloodmobile at Ashland VFW Thurs. May 2, 11:30AM-5:30 PM, 944-7035.

National Day of Prayer, Thurs. May 2nd. Join the Ashland Community in prayer Noon-1:00 PM at the 15th & Silver St compass.

Ashland Men in Mission meets here at St. Mary this Sat. May 4, 6:30 AM coffee and breakfast. Speaker is Paul Pankomin, Int'l implement dealer.

Ashland VFW Food Pantry needs: crackers, evaporated milk, deodorant, and toothbrushes.

Diocesan Announcements

Upcoming Retreat at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly: Mother's Retreat May 10-11 with Fr. Scholl. See more info at www.goodcounselretreat.com.

Diocese of Lincoln Natural Family Planning Creighton Model Introductory Sessions: Tues. May 7 and Thurs. May 23, 7 PM. For registration or information call 488-2040.

Religious Awards for Girls! Leaders of Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, or 4-H: workbooks are available for your girls to earn a religious award. Inquire at the Family Life Office, 402-488-2040 or www.dioceseoflincoln.org.

Pilgrimage to Czech Republic and Poland, Sept. 1-13. In the footsteps of Blessed Pope John Paul II and St. Faustina. An informational meeting will be held Mon. May 13, 7:00 PM with Fr. Connor at North American Martyrs Church, Lincoln. Cost: \$3,250. Registration and \$1,250 deposit is due May 15. See: www.namartyrs.org.

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

Please pray for Religious Vocations

Sr. Teresa Marie (St. Isidore, Columbus), and Sr. Peter Marie (Overland Park, KS) in First Vows with the School Sisters of Christ the King.