

Pope Francis' Homily for his Inauguration Mass

Mar. 19, Feast of St. Joseph: On Joseph as a Father and Protector

“Joseph did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took Mary as his wife” (Mt 1:24). These words already point to the mission which God entrusts to Joseph: he is to be the *custos*, the protector. The protector of whom? Of Mary and Jesus; but **this protection is then extended to the Church**, as Blessed John Paul II pointed out: “Just as Saint Joseph took loving care of Mary and gladly dedicated himself to Jesus Christ’s upbringing, he likewise watches over and protects Christ’s Mystical Body, the Church, of which the Virgin Mary is the exemplar and model”.

How does Joseph exercise his role as protector? **Discreetly, humbly and silently, but with an unfailing presence and utter fidelity**, even when he finds it hard to understand. From the time of his betrothal to Mary until the finding of the twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem, he is there at every moment with loving care. As the spouse of Mary, he is at her side in good times and bad, on the journey to Bethlehem for the census and in the anxious and joyful hours when she gave birth; amid the drama of the flight into Egypt and during the frantic search for their child in the Temple; and later in the day-to-day life of the home of Nazareth, in the workshop where he taught his trade to Jesus.

How does Joseph respond to his calling to be the protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church? **By being constantly attentive to God, open to the signs of God’s presence and receptive to God’s plans, and not simply to his own.** This is what God asked of David, as we heard in the first reading. God does not want a house built by men, but faithfulness to his word, to his plan. It is God himself who builds the house, but from living stones sealed by his Spirit. Joseph is a “protector” because he is able to hear God’s voice and be guided by his will; and for this reason he is all the more sensitive to the persons entrusted to his safekeeping. He can look at things realistically, he is in touch with his surroundings, he can make truly wise decisions. In him, dear friends, we learn how to respond to God’s call, readily and willingly, but we also see the core of the Christian vocation, which is Christ! Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation!

[Being a protector] means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about. It means caring for one another in our families: **husbands and wives first protect one another**, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents. It means building sincere friendships in trust, respect, and goodness.

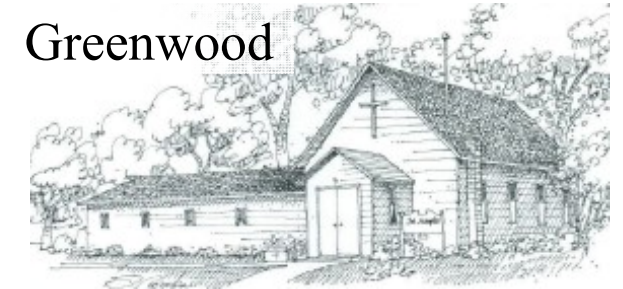
St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Churches

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 Thomas Au

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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.	June 15	8:00 PM	Ashland	+ Marjorie Kurtenbach
Sun.	June 16	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	+ Billy Schuelke
Mon.	June 17	9:00 AM	Ashland	Special Intention
Tues.	June 18	9:00 AM	Ashland	Poor Souls
Wed.	June 19	9:15 AM	Care Center	Fathers
Thurs.	June 20	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Ida Kritenbrink
		6:30 PM	Greenwood	
Fri.	June 21	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Clare Murphy
Sat.	June 22	9:00 AM	Ashland	
		5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Doris Fong
Sun.	June 23	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	+ Jerry Campbell

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Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ministries for Next Weekend

Sat. June 22 - 5:00 PM
Servers: Craven, Ludwig
Acolyte: Todd Survil
Lector: Mace McGinley
Sun. June 23 - 8:30 AM
Servers: Adams, Tejeda-Morales
Acolyte: Dave Romans
Lector: Rita Smits
Sun. June 23 - 10:30 AM
Lector: Kevin Hofferber
Offertory: VanLaningham

Our Return to the Lord, June 6-9
Table with columns for St. Mary and St. Joseph, listing Adult, Plate, Children, Weekly Budget, Tornado Relief, and Masses.

Readings and Celebrations this week:

June
17 Mon 2 Cor 6:1-10 / Mt 5:38-42
18 Tue 2 Cor 8:1-9 / Mt 5:43-48
19 Wed [Saint Romuald, Abbot]
2 Cor 9:6-11 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
20 Thu 2 Cor 11:1-11 / Mt 6:7-15
21 Fri Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 / Mt 6:19-23
22 Sat [Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;
Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas
More, Martyrs
2 Cor 12:1-10 / Mt 6:24-34
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Zec 12:10-13:1 / Gal 3:26-29 / Lk 9:18-24

Stewardship Corner
Like Nathan in today's first reading, we sin when we begin to feel entitled and act as if what we have is ours by right, when we forget that everything we have is an unmerited gift from God. But God is gracious and forgiving — even when we use His gifts wrongly or squander them thoughtlessly — if, like Nathan, we confess our guilt and ask His pardon.

Congratulations
Anniversaries: Andy & Quin Kelly
Larry & Sandy Scheef
Don & Suzanne Brudny
Josie & Larry Rhodus
Greg & Lauren Wilmes
Justin & Becky Crouse
Tom & Shelly Lindhorst
Birthdays: Carol Anderson
Emily Rohrbough
Tim KirkPatrick
Sandy Svoboda
Noah Carroll
Stella Warren
Bill Woitaszewski
Paula Spears
Pauline Linder
Winnie von Rentzell
Reid & Jaxson Thomas
Rita Powers

Calendar
Sun. June 16 - Happy Fathers Day
Tues. June 18, 9:30 AM Bible Study
Wed. June 19, 9:15 AM Mass at Care Center
June 22-23 Peter's Pence Collection
Sun. June 23, 5:30 PM Potluck Dinner Ashland
Mon. June 24, 4:00 PM Mobile Food Pantry

Parish Announcements

Thank you for the many volunteers and helpers that made Totus Tuus a great success. Many thanks to those who hosted the team and provided meals and snack, to all our workers, and special thanks to Tanya Keith for all her organization. Thanks for participating.

The Peter's Pence Collection gives each of us the opportunity to be a pilgrim of charity around the world. Out gifts to this annual collection help the Holy Father strengthen dioceses, religious orders, and struggling communities of faith. Thank you for your generosity.

Welcomes and Goodbyes: Bishop Conley has transferred Fr. Coulter to become the director of Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly, effective June 17. A Potluck Supper to say goodbye to Fr. Coulter and welcome Fr. Thomas Au will be held Sun. June 23, 5:30 PM at St. Mary.

Happy Father's Day! A poster is available to sign up the names of fathers, living or deceased, to be remember in prayer during June. Optional donations support Saunders County Right to Life. SCRL is dedicated to honor and protect the sacred gift of life at all stages—through prayer, education and information, political advocacy, public witness, and financial support to programs.

Volunteers needed to help with the Mobile Food Pantry and Rummage Giveaway, Mon. June 24, 4-5 PM (3:30 PM setup).

St. Mary Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2013-2014 school year: pick up a packet from the school or rectory.

Community Announcements

Donations of non-perishable food, kitchen and personal items for the Ashland VFW Food Pantry can be left in the back of St. Mary. The food pantry needs: soda crackers, evaporated milk, deodorant and toothbrushes.

Prayer Intentions? Contact the Prayer chain Mary Frances, 944-2817 or Marie, 944-7458.

Diocesan Announcements

4th Heartland Catholic Men's Conference, Sat. Aug. 3, 8:30AM-5 PM at Creighton. See www.archomaha.org/mensconference for a great line-up of Catholic speakers, \$30 includes lunch.

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

Mark your calendar: Catholic Social Services Golf Classic is Fri. Aug. 9, www.csssisu.org

Pregnancy Problems? Pope Paul VI Institute in Omaha can help. In Vitro Fertilization is expensive, is not all that effective, is a rather cold, dehumanizing practice, and is immoral in the eyes of the Church. Pope Paul VI Institute is in full compliance with the teachings of the Church and has a 90% success rate helping women who've been told they will never conceive. 402-390-9851, www.popepaulvi.com

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Pray to end Abortion over 20 innocent human lives are ended each Tuesday at the Lincoln Planned Parenthood. Come pray a group rosary at 9:30 AM, or anytime 7AM-3PM. The new facility is on the west side of 48th and Old Cheney. Go to lincolnrightrighttolife.org for more info.

Please pray for Religious Vocations

Sr. Maria (Eudora, KS) and Sr. Teresa (Topeka, KS); Jr. Professed Novices with the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Agnew.