

**"Behold your Mother" Reflections on a Happy Mother's Day by Cheryl Dickow**

When my husband and I built our house many years ago I did my best to share the experience with my mother. But as many mother-daughter relationships go, we have our moments of extreme closeness and times of growing and stretching (i.e. not so much closeness).

Looking back, it is easy for me to see that while I chose to grow and stretch (i.e. not listen to my mother), my mother was displaying extreme closeness in her words and manner towards me, her oldest, stubborn daughter. You see, every time my husband and I made a decision, my mom would say, "How are you going to clean that?"

**Today, I feel a bit ashamed at having not listened to my mother.**

Sure, sure, I realize that this is part of any mother-daughter relationship and yet I have no real, honest to goodness, I could say it to God, sort of defense. My boys were pre-teens at the time and I thought I had a fairly good handle on mothering. I still wasn't able to look out into the unknown future and fathom a time where my knees would crack and my back would ache and I would be facing a house full of six-panel doors to clean.

My mother, however, was able to do just that. And like all good mothers, she voiced her concern over these things that were completely off my radar. **Like all good mothers, mine boldly said things that needed to be said.** And she took my disdain in stride. It was, after all, her job to be my mom and she did so in love and compassion. Even at my then age of, well, old enough to know better, my mom was being my mom.

She turns 70 this month and not a day goes by where **I don't realize how blessed I am that she has always decided to ask the tough questions**, even when I was old enough to have asked them myself.

I had the very good fortune to participate in a woman's conference last week with Heidi Hess Saxton. Heidi spoke of her own Catholic conversion and of the time during which she held Mother Mary at arm's length. It was a beautiful story of a mother's unending love and ability to "be there" even when Heidi chose to ignore this blessed woman.

As Heidi points out, Mary always directs us to her Son. There's nothing about Mary's mission that is covert. In fact, I can't help but feel that in just this way she is like all earthly mothers, saying what needs to be said - even amidst our disdain. **Like all good mothers, Mary boldly encourages us in our earthly journeys.** Certainly we live in a world where our daily walk with Christ isn't always the easy path.

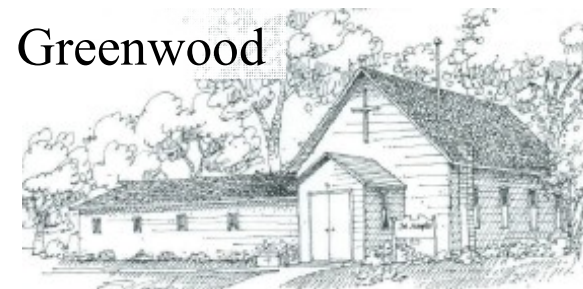
But **Mary doesn't change her message: "Do what he tells you to do."** The Blessed Mother has a vision that extends well beyond anything we can fathom and in her understanding of our eternal life; she reaches out to us, to guide us, to point us to our Savior. Mary makes us ask the tough questions about our faith and our relationship with Christ; and she does it lovingly and with compassion. She does so knowing that even if we are old enough to ask the tough questions of ourselves, they still ought to be asked from her heavenly perspective.

# 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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**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.	May 11	8:00 PM	Ashland	+ Elodia Medina
Sun.	May 12	8:30 AM	Ashland	Poor Souls
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People
Mon.	May 13	9:00 AM	Ashland	Thanksgiving BVM
Tues.	May 14	9:00 AM	Ashland	Ed Polacek
Wed.	May 15	9:15 AM	Care Center	St. Isidore
		9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Jim Parys
Thurs.	May 16	6:30 PM	Greenwood	
		7:00 AM	Ashland	Nicholson Family [note time]
Fri.	May 17	9:15 AM	Oxbow Living Center	
		5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Billy Schuelke
Sat.	May 18	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	Special Intention

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May 12, 2013

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ministries for Next Weekend

Sat. May 18 - 5:00 PM
Servers: Dea, Kasuske, Washburn
Acolyte: Tom Spears
Lector: Mace McGinley
Sun. May 19 - 8:30 AM
Servers: Ludwig, Tejeda-Morales
Acolyte: Todd Survil
Lector: Karen Stille
Sun. May 19 - 10:30 AM
Lector: Dian Hofferber
Offertory: Chaffin

Our Return to the Lord, May 4-5

Table with 3 columns: Item, St. Mary, St. Joseph. Rows include Adult, Plate, Children, Weekly Budget, Masses, and a thank you message.

Readings and Celebrations this week:

May 13 Mon [Our Lady of Fatima]
Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33
14 Tue Saint Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15:9-17
15 Wed [Saint Isidore]
Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19
16 Thu Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26
17 Fri Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19
18 Sat [Saint John I, Pope and Martyr]
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Jn 21:20-25

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20:19-23

Stewardship Corner

The second reading today contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves.

Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"?

Congratulations

Anniversaries: Tom & Shari Styskal
Patty & David Chase
Birthdays: Jacob Ludwig
Greg Wilmes
Jeb Vavak
Braxton Lindhorst
Dawn Cerveny
Sarah Spears
Candace Spears
John Schweigart
Donny Pluta

Calendar

Happy Mother's Day!

Tues. May 14, 9:30 AM Bible Study
Wed. May 15, 9:15 AM Mass at Care Center
7:00 PM K4J & CCD Religious Ed
7:00 PM, Baccalaureate at Methodist Church
Fri. May 17, 7:00 AM Mass [note time]
5:00 PM Preschool Year-end Picnic
Sat. May 18, 9:15 AM Mass at Oxbow
Sun. May 19, 7:30 PM Totus Tuus planning mtg
May 18-19, Knight's Sausage/Brat sales

Sign-up to lead the rosary before Mass in May

Parish Announcements

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. Be sure to give a warm welcome to Fr. Thomas Au.

Happy Mother's Day: sign up the names of mothers, living or deceased, to be remember in prayer. Optional donations supports Saunders County Right to Life.

Volunteers and Helpers needed: a Totus Tuus planning meeting will be next Sun. May 19, 7:30 PM in the Education Center.

The 2013 Charity and Stewardship Appeal continues, your pledge or gift helps 17 different programs and apostolates. To date, St. Mary: 33 pledges, \$7,680; St. Joseph: 5 pledges, \$725.

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

Thank you St. Mary Altar Society for the many Baby Shower items for Birthright.

Plan ahead: Youth Group Rummage Sale will be June 6-8. Donations are now being accepted in Church basement throughout May.

Totus Tuus: Summer School VBS

Mark your calendars for Totus Tuus to be held June 9-14 at St. Mary. Totus Tuus means "Totally Yours" and is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through teaching, prayer, Eucharist, activities and fun. There are three programs:

Totus Tuus: Age 4-Kindergarten, 9-11 AM Mon-Fri, \$10 per student; Entering 1st-8th Grades, 9 AM-3 PM Mon-Fri. Bring a sack lunch. 1 student: \$25, 2 students: \$40, 3 or more: \$50; Entering High School, 8-10 PM Sun-Thurs, \$15 per student

To register for Totus Tuus contact Tanya Keith, 402-944-2167, bghkeith@hotmail.com. Volunteers are also need to assist with preschool, provide cookies, lunches and dinners for the team.

Next weekend, May 18-19, the Knights of Columbus will be selling Sausages/Brats.

Community Announcements

Wings under the Wings BBQ wing-tasting / cook-off Sat. May 18, Noon-3:00 PM at Strategic Air and Space Museum. \$12 adults, \$6 children.

Diocesan Announcements

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.

Diocese of Lincoln Natural Family Planning Creighton Model Introductory Session: Thurs. May 23, 7 PM. For info call 488-2040.

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.

Open Golf Tournament at Firethorn to benefit Lincoln Right to Life, Sat. June 8: www.catholicbusinesswomen.org

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.

Please pray for Religious Vocations

Sr. Mary Ruth (Fargo, ND), and Sr. Regina Marie (St. Joseph, Lincoln) in First Vows with the School Sisters of Christ the King.