

All are Welcome (part 1) - a blog by Cardinal Dolan of New York

It was a lesson I began to learn when I was seven or eight . . . My buddy Freddie from across the street and I were playing outside. Mom called me for supper.

“Can Freddie stay and eat supper with us?” I asked.

“He’d sure be welcome, if it’s okay with his mom and dad,” she replied.

“Thanks, Mrs. Dolan,” Freddie replied. “I’m sure it’s okay, because mom and dad are out, and the babysitter was just going to make me a sandwich whenever I came in.”

I was so proud and happy. Freddie was welcome in our house, at our table. We both rushed in and sat down. “Freddie, glad you’re here,” dad remarked, “but . . . looks like you and Tim better go wash your hands before you eat.”

Simple enough . . . common sense . . . **you are a most welcome and respected member** now of our table, our household, dad was saying, **but, there are a few very natural expectations** this family has. Like, wash your hands! . . .

So it is with the supernatural family we call *the Church: all are welcome!*

But, welcome to what? To a community that will love and respect you, but which **has rather clear expectations defining it**, revealed by God in the Bible, through His Son, Jesus, instilled in the human heart, and taught by His Church.

The Church is *Catholic* [universal]. . . that means *all are welcome*;

The Church is *one* . . . that means we have a Person — Jesus — and His moral teaching that unite us;

The Church is *apostolic* . . . that means that His teaching was entrusted to His apostles, and carefully handed-on by His Church. **The sacred duty of the Church is to invite people, challenge people, to live the message and teachings of Jesus.**

This balance can cause some tensions. Freddie and I were loved and welcomed at our family table, but the clear expectation was, no dirty hands!

Blessed John Paul II used to say that **the best way to love someone was to tell them the truth: To teach the truth with love.** Jesus did that — He was love and truth in His very person — and so does His Church.

We love and respect everyone . . . but that doesn’t necessarily mean we love and respect their actions. Hate the sin; love the sinner . . .

Who a person is? We love and respect him or her . . .

What a person does? Truth may require that we tell the person we love that such actions are not consonant with what God has revealed.

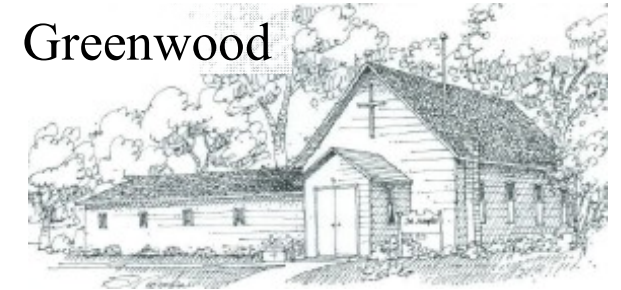
We can never judge a person . . . but, we can judge a person’s actions.

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Churches

Ashland



Greenwood



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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 25	8:00 PM	Ashland	+ Gerhard Groenjes
Sun.	May 26	8:30 AM	Ashland	+ Wolk & Wemhoff Family
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People
Mon.	May 27	9:00 AM	Ashland	Thanksgiving
Tues. May 28—Thurs. May 30 No Daily Mass				
Fri.	May 31	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Joseph Fuentez
Sat.	June 1	9:00 AM	Ashland	Pro-Life
		5:00 PM	Ashland	Schwaller Family
Sun.	June 2	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	+ Harre & Barber Family
		4:00 PM	Ashland	Fr. Stander’s Mass of Thanksgiving

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May 25, 2013

Ministries for Next Weekend

Sat. June 1 - 5:00 PM
Servers: Kasuske, Isaacson
Acolyte: Gerald Fudge
Lector: Rod Reisen
Sun. June 2 - 8:30 AM
Servers: Ludwig, Tejeda-Morales
Acolyte: Dave Romans
Lector: Amy Douglas
Sun. June 3 - 10:30 AM
Lector: Leslie Krings
Offertory: Jamrog

Our Return to the Lord, May 18-19

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
Adult:	\$ 1108.00	\$ 229.00
Plate:	\$ 133.48	\$ 19.00
Children:	\$ 3.00	
Weekly Budget:	\$ 1,727	\$ 323
Masses:	\$15.00	
Thank You for your generosity.		

The Most Holy Trinity

Stewardship Corner

Today's psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands.
But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts!

Congratulations

Anniversaries: Mark & Jenny Cich
Tom & Pat Deleski
Ginger & Bob Rist
Debbie & Dale Sturzenegger
Gary & Leslie Krings
Michael & Sharon Laughlin
Perry & Diane Storm
Dave & Karen Romans
Mary Jo & Terry Warren
Pat & Jean Stewart

Birthdays: Michaela Pluta
Doreen Survil
Denny Mogis
Frank Demeter
Daniel Young
Pat Deleski
Derrick Dea
Joy Warner

Calendar

Mon. May 27, 9:00 AM Memorial Day Mass
Tues. May 28-Thurs. May 30 No Daily Mass
Tues. May 28, 9:30 AM Bible Study
Sat. June 1, 9:30 AM First Saturday Devotions
Sun. June 2, 4:00 PM Mass for Fr. Ed Stander's 50th Anniversary

Note: Fr. Coulter is gone Tues.-Thurs. (no daily Masses) if you need a priest in an emergency call a nearby parish such as St. Wenceslaus, Wahoo 402-443-4235.

Parish Announcements

All are invited to attend a Mass celebrating **Fr. Ed Stander's Golden Jubilee** on Sun. June 2, 4:00 PM at St. Mary. Join us in prayer and thanksgiving for 50 years of priestly service; and a priestly vocation from Ashland. You are invited also to a dinner that follows; no gifts, please. (This Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.)

First Saturday Devotions: join us to pray the rosary and other prayers after 9:00 AM Mass this Sat. June 1 at St. Mary (see attachment).

Mark an envelope or check for "**Tornado Victims**" to donate to assist the victims of the devastating tornado that hit Oklahoma last week-end. Any money collected will be forwarded by Catholic Social Services to Oklahoma.

Thank you for the gifts and pledges to the 2013 **Charity and Stewardship Appeal**, helping 17 diocesan programs and services. St. Mary has: 53 pledges, \$11,920; St. Joseph: 7 pledges, \$1,075 (still short of our goal). Call or email the rectory if you haven't yet made your pledge.

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

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.

Youth Group **Rummage Sale** to support our trip to World Youth Day Brazil this summer will be June 6-8. Donations are now being accepted in the Church basement throughout May.

Diocesan Announcements

St. Mary & Joseph, **Valparaiso Salad Supper**, Mon. June 3, 6:30 PM, with musical entertainment. \$7 adults, \$4 children.

Adult Volunteers are Needed to help as a cook or nurses at SKY Camps taking place at McCool Junction between May 28 and June 13. If you are interested in volunteering for a 48 hour camp, please contact Michele at 402-488-2040 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net.

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

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

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. Carmela (Wichita, KS), and Sr. Mary Candida (Conway, AR); Jr. Professed Novices with the Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph..

Readings and Celebrations this week:

May
27 Mon Sir 17:20-24 / Mk 10:17-27
[St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop]
28 Tue Sir 35:1-12 / Mk 10:28-31
29 Wed Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 / Mk 10:32-45
30 Thu Sir 42:15-25 / Mk 10:46-52
31 Fri Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-56
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
June
1 Sat Saint Justin, Martyr
Sir 51:12cd-20 / Mk 11:27-33

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

Gn 14:18-20 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Lk 9:11b-17