

Pope Benedict: The family is a Community of Peace.

Message for the celebration of the World Day of Peace - January 1, 2008

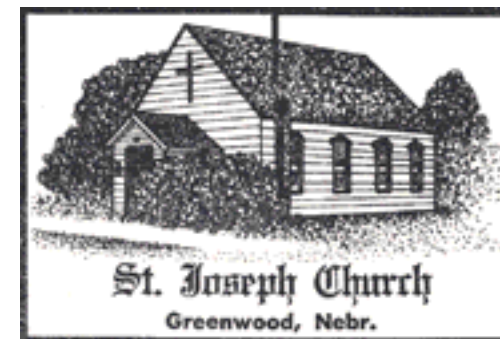
The family is founded on a marriage between a man and a woman as a model for establishing peace among all peoples. The family is the foundation of society for this reason too: because it enables its members in decisive ways to experience peace. It follows that the human community cannot do without the service provided by the family. Where can young people gradually learn to savor the genuine 'taste' of peace better than in the original 'nest' which nature prepares for them? The language of the family is a language of peace; we must always draw from it, lest we lose the 'vocabulary' of peace. In the inflation of its speech, society cannot cease to refer to that 'grammar' which all children learn from the looks and the actions of their mothers and fathers, even before they learn from their words.

The family, model of peace, must be protected as the subject of specific rights. The denial or even the restriction of the rights of the family, by obscuring the truth about man and woman, threatens the very foundations of peace. Consequently, whoever, even unknowingly, circumvents the institution of the family undermines peace in the entire community, national and international, since he weakens what is in effect the primary agency of peace.

Everything that serves to weaken the family based on the marriage of a man and a woman, everything that directly or indirectly stands in the way of its openness to the responsible acceptance of a new life, everything that obstructs its right to be primarily responsible for the education of its children, constitutes an objective obstacle on the road to peace. The family founded on marriage is a model for the human family as a whole.

The family community, in order to prosper, needs the generous consent of all its members. This realization also needs to become a shared conviction. We do not live alongside one another purely by chance; all of us are progressing along a common path as men and women, and thus as brothers and sisters. Consequently, it is essential that we should all be committed to living our lives in an attitude of responsibility before God, acknowledging him as the deepest source of our own existence and that of others.

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Churches



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

Confessions a half hour before Masses
 Saturday 4:15-4:50 PM St. Mary
 Sunday 8:00-8:20 AM St. Mary
 10:00-10:20 AM St. Joseph

Mass Schedule for this week				
Sat.	Jan. 12	5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Dorothy Lococo
Sun.	Jan. 13	8:30 AM	Ashland	+ Barb & Alonzo Kaiazek
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People
Mon.	Jan. 14	9:00 AM	Ashland	Special Int. - MM
Tues.	Jan. 15	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Fr. Phil Luther
		6:30 PM	Greenwood	+ Betty Eickhoff
Wed.	Jan. 16	9:15 AM	Care Center	+ Gerhard Groenjes
Thurs.	Jan. 17	9:00 PM	Ashland	Msgr. Leonard Kalin
Fri.	Jan. 18	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Joan Johnson
Sat.	Jan. 19	9:00 AM	Ashland	Priest's Intention
		5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Elodia Medina
Sun.	Jan. 20	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	Erma & Art Claycomb (Anniv.)

<p><u>Prayer Intention</u></p> <p>Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Philip Luther who died of cancer this week. The funeral is Monday, Jan. 14, 11 AM at the Cathedral. Fr. Luther was age 51, pastor of St. Joseph in Superior, NE. Please keep his family in your prayers.</p>	<p>Thomas Dredging & Excavating Lake Development & Restoration 944-7852 Cell: 432-7852 www.thomasdredging.com</p>
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Ministries for next weekend

Sat. Jan. 19 - 5:00 PM

Servers: McGinleys, Survil
Acolyte: Todd Survil
Lector: Sandy Sheef

Sun. Jan. 20 - 8:30 AM

Servers: Adams, Kresak, Smith
Acolyte: Ken Broz
Lector: Kathy Broz

Sun. Jan. 20 - 10:30 AM

Lector: Ginny Hummel
Offertory: Egeberg

Our Return to the Lord, Jan. 5-6

	St. Mary	St. Joseph
Adult:	\$ 961.00	\$ 456.00
Plate:	\$ 149.10	\$ 17.00
Children:	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 1,522.11	\$ 354.92

Please pray for this week's Seminarian:

Steven Mills, from St. Mary, Nebraska City, NE
Pre-Theology 1 at St Gregory the Great Seminary.

Readings and Celebrations this week:

January

14 Mon 1 Sm 1:1-8 / Mk 1:14-20
15 Tue 1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28
16 Wed 1 Sm 3:1-20 / Mk 1:29-39
17 Thu 1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45
Saint Anthony, abbot
18 Fri 1 Sm 8:4-22 / Mk 2:1-12
19 Sat 1 Sm 9:1-10:1 / Mk 2:13-17

[Blessed Virgin Mary]

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

Baptism of the Lord

Stewardship Thought

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Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service.

The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "... there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church."

Congratulations

Anniversaries:

40th!!! Erma & Art Claycomb 1/20

Birthdays: Meghan Dea 1/13
Chris Haag 1/13
Cole Weston 1/13
Zach Zobel 1/14
Max Goldberg 1/15
Mary McCarty 1/15
Ashleigh Pike 1/17
Branson Starns 1/19

Calendar for This Week

Tues. Jan. 15, 6:30 PM **Mass** at Greenwood

7:00 PM **Adult Ed**

Wed. Jan. 16, 9:15 AM **Mass** at Care Center

7:00 PM **CCD Class & Youth Group**

Sat. Jan. 19, 7:30 AM **Men's Reflection**

Sun. Jan. 20, 6:00 PM **Christian Unity Dinner**
at Congregational Church

Plan ahead:

The Nebraska **Walk for Life** is Sat. Jan. 26, 10:00 AM beginning at the Capitol Building in Lincoln.

Parish Announcements

The Ashland Ministerial Association will sponsor a **Covered Dish Dinner for Christian Unity** on Sun. Jan. 20, 6:00 PM at the Congregational Church. I hope many can attend this potluck and pray to build unity among all Christians. Bring table service and a good appetite.

What is the greatest Christmas gift you could give? Consider having a **Mass Offered** for someone you love. Masses can be scheduled on a Birthday or Anniversary.

Members of the Knights of Columbus and the Youth Group are selling raffle tickets to support the **World Youth Day** trip in July 2008. Win a nights stay for 2 with meals at the Lied Lodge. Call Danny 944-7526 or Chaz 944-7341.

St. Mary's parish **Prayer Chain** is available for anyone in need of prayers. Call either Marie Groenjes (944-7458) or Pat Estey (944-2790) with intentions.

If you or someone from our parish is in the **Hospital or Homebound**, especially if they are very ill, please let Fr. Coulter know so they can be visited and receive the sacraments.

Community Announcements

Angels Among Us cookbooks on sale for \$15 each! A great gift. All proceeds go to Angels Among Us (www.myangelsamongus.org) to assist parents of children with cancer in Nebraska. If interested, please contact Teresa Livers at 944-2784 or tliversbasket@hotmail.com.

Diocesan Announcements

Group tickets available to **St. Matthew Passion** by the Lincoln Symphony and various choirs. Sat. Mar. 15, 7:30 PM at Lincoln Lied Center. Special group price of \$22/ticket. Contact Fr. Coulter to join. Deadline Feb. 14.

Marriage Encounter Weekend in Lincoln Feb. 8-10. Call Jeff & Lori: 402-765-3441 (daytime) or 402-366-4004 (evenings).

Sts. Cyril & Methodius **Soup Buffet** Sun. Jan. 13, 11 AM-2:30 PM at Prague Parish Hall.

St. Wenceslaus School **Pancake Feed** Sat. Jan. 19, 5:30-8 PM, Sun. Jan 20, 8 AM-Noon.

St. Vitus **Soup Dinner** on Sun. Jan. 27, 11 AM-2PM at St John's gym in Weston.

NFP Intro Sessions Jan. 22, 7 PM in Lincoln. Call 488-2040 for registration info.

Catholic Coffee House adult faith formation of Sun. Jan. 13, 6:30 PM at Bl John XXIII Center in Lincoln. Fr. Coulter will speak on Catholic Church History in the U.S.

Quest - Sat. & Sun. Feb 2 & 3, in Hastings. A retreat for Freshman and Sophomores, which focuses on three dimensions: love of God, love of others and love of self - a great way to enhance the faith of our youth. If you are interested in coming, there are registration forms available at the parish or by calling Vicky at 488-2040.

Catholic Convention for Women Jan. 24-27 at Omaha Regency Lodge features outstanding guest speakers on "God is Love". See Abby Breen (944-6123) or Fr. Coulter for info.

Give the **Gift of a Retreat** at the Waverly Good Counsel Retreat House, 786-2705. For Men: Jan. 18-20, For Women: Jan. 25-27.

4 Stages of Marriage - 1. Romance, 2. Disillusionment, 3. Misery, 4. Awakening. Many marriages get stuck in the first 3 stages, leading some to decided to divorce. Don't give up without learning about the 4th stage of Awakening. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential info or to register for a February weekend in Schuyler, call 1-888-317-5654 or see www.retrouvaille.org.

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