

## Have a "Pence" for Peter?

### Annual Collection Held for Pope's Charity Fund

The annual Peter's Pence drive is an opportunity for Catholics to participate in the works of charity that characterized them as followers of Christ, says the director of the collection. This worldwide collection officially began in our diocese last Sunday, the solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul.

The Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to the needy throughout the world, especially those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, disease and natural disaster.

Monsignor Tullio Poli said the drive "manifests the affection of the faithful for the Supreme Pontiff and is an act of ecclesial solidarity with which Catholics participate in the good works that characterize them as followers of the Gospel."

"Peter's Pence enables the Pope, visible sign of unity in the Church, to respond to different needs with speedy and effective action," he added.

According to the latest figures released by the Vatican, the offerings of the faithful worldwide for the Pope's charity amounted to over \$100 million in 2006. Last year the U.S. dioceses reported sending over \$1.6 million to the Holy Father for this collection., almost a 6% increase from 2006.

The bishops of the United States announced that the theme for the Peter's Pence collection in our country will be "Christ Our Hope." The theme is the same as that of Benedict XVI's visit to the United States in April, and echoes the theme of his last encyclical, "Spe Salvi" - "Saved by Hope".

Bishop John Vlazny of Portland, Oregon, chairman of the conferences' Committee on National Collections, noted with gratitude the "Catholic faithful who stand in solidarity with the needs of Catholics around the world."

"Their generous contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection connect them to a centuries-old tradition of providing financial support to the works of the Holy Father."

Pope Pius IX formally instituted the modern Peter's Pence Collection in the 1860s. Special appeals are held in many countries on the Sunday closest to July 29, the solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. The tradition of an annual collection continues today for the charitable works of the Holy Father.

# St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Churches

## Ashland



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

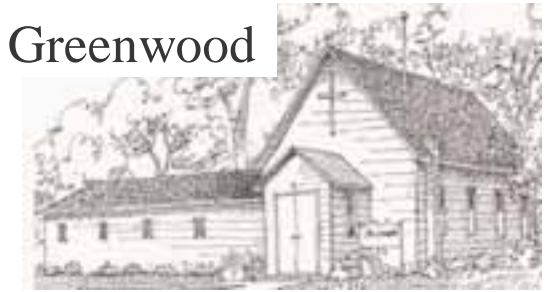
Pastor: Father Gary Coulter

### Welcome to new parishioners,

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

CCD & Youth Group each Wed. 7:15 PM

## Greenwood



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

Rectory & Fax: 944-3554, CCD/Hall: 944-7509  
 Cell: 202-3782, stmaryashland@alltel.net

### 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.

### Mass Schedule for this week

Sat.	July 5	5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Fidencia Medina
Sun.	July 6	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	Poor Souls
Mon.	July 7		No Daily Mass [+ Franklin Oppold]	
Tues.	July 8		No Morning Mass	
		6:30 PM	Greenwood	+ Boy Scout
Wed.	July 9	9:15 AM	Care Center	Jim Fong
Thurs.	July 10		No Daily Mass [Special Intention]	
Fri.	July 11		No Daily Mass [Schwaller Boys]	
Sat.	July 12	9:00 AM	Ashland	
		5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Dorothy Lococo
Sun.	July 13	8:30 AM	Ashland	+ Wanda Tesmer
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People

<p>Mark Your Calendars  <b>Ashland Stir-Up Days</b>                  July 11-13, 2008</p>	<p><b>BARN DOOR</b>                  Restaurant &amp; Lounge</p>	<p><i>Eat In - Carry Out</i>  <i>7 Days a week!</i>                  440 East Elm                  Ceresco NE  <b>402-665-2500</b>  <i>Catholic Owners</i></p>	<p><b>Thomas Dredging &amp; Excavating</b>                  Lake Development &amp; Restoration                  944-7852 Cell: 432-7852                  www.thomasdredging.com</p>
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July 6, 2008

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Ministries for next weekend**

Sat. July 12 - 5:00 PM  
 Servers: Kasuskes, Survil  
 Acolyte: Todd Survil  
 Lector: Mary Logsdon  
 Sun. July 13 - 8:30 AM  
 Servers: Kresak, Novotny  
 Acolyte: Ken Broz  
 Lector: Sandy Sheef  
 Sun. July 13 - 10:30 AM  
 Lector: Jeannine VanLaningham  
 Offertory: Schweigart

**Our Return to the Lord, June 28-29**

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
Adult:	\$ 1,602.00	\$ 181.00
Plate:	\$ 95.27	\$ 11.69
Children:	\$ 3.00	
Peter's Pence:	\$ 53.50	
New Weekly Budget:	\$ 1,587.49	\$ 390.59

**Please pray for this week's Seminarian:**

Christopher Zubrod from Sacred Heart, Roseland College 4 at St Gregory the Great Seminary.

**Readings and Celebrations this week:**

7 Mon Hos 2:16-18, 21-22 / Mt 9:18-26  
 8 Tue Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:32-38  
 9 Wed Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 / Mt 10:1-7  
 [Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and martyr, and his companions, martyrs]  
 10 Thu Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9 / Mt 10:7-15  
 11 Fri Hos 14:2-10 / Mt 10:16-23  
 Saint Benedict, abbot  
 12 Sat Is 6:1-8 / Mt 10:24-33  
 [Blessed Virgin Mary]

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 55:10-11 / Rom 8:18-23 / Mt 13:1-23

**Stewardship Thought**

**Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus says: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." one of the habits of a good steward is to "possess lightly," to free oneself of the burden of too many possessions. This should include the disproportionate amount of concerns so many of us carry around.

Are there ways in which we can lighten the weight of the cares and concerns we have, learn to trust the lord and place more of our burdens on His shoulders?

**Congratulations**

Anniversaries: Scott & Brooke Nelson 7/8  
 John & Kim Wipfler 7/8  
 Greg & Mary Logsdon 7/10  
 Birthdays: Katherine Dolan 7/6  
 Julie Rosenbaum 7/6  
 Caleb Brush 7/7  
 Marie Groenjes 7/7  
 Jessica Stander 7/7  
 Pat Stewart 7/7  
 Dominick VanLaningham 7/8  
 Jeff Haag 7/8  
 Evelyn Mathers 7/8  
 Nolan Kasuske 7/10  
 Justin Tylski 7/10  
 Haley Lyons 7/12

**Calendar for This Week**

No morning Mass at Ashland this Mon-Fri.  
 Tues. July 8, 6:30 PM **Mass** at Greenwood  
 Wed. July 9, 9:15 AM **Mass** at Care Center  
 Sat. July 12, 7:00 PM **Bingo** at Stir-Up Days  
 Sun. July 13, 7:00 PM St. Mary **Finance Council**

**Parish Announcements**

The **Knights of Columbus** invite everyone to attend Bingo at the Stir-Up Days on July 12, 7:00 PM near the Dairy Cone.

Please pray for our **World Youth Day** pilgrims Karen S, Danny M & Chaz R who depart today (Sunday) for New Zealand and Australia. Thank you to all who helped their fundraising.

Our two parishes received gifts from the **Pearle Francis Finigan Foundation**, in memory of her parents Francis & Pearl, brother Edwin, and sister-in-law Sid. If you know her be sure to thank Pearle Finigan and her brother William, and please keep them in your prayers.

Envelopes are available for the **Peter's Pence Collection**. Help the Holy Father respond to the world's needs (see back of bulletin). Please pray for the Holy Father, and consider a gift to help those most in need. Perhaps you could give one hour's or one day's wage.

**Community Announcements**

**Stir-Up Days** are here. Kiddie parade Sat. July 12 at 9 AM sponsored by Rotary. Main parade at 10 AM. Activities and events throughout the day July 11-13.

**In His Hands World Market** will feature handmade products from around the world. All money goes back to the artisans. During Stir-up Sat. at F&M Bank, Sun. at American Lutheran.

Red Cross **Blood Drive** at Wahoo Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wed. July 9, 12-6 PM; Thurs. July 10, 11 AM-5 PM. Call 443-3326.

**Diocesan Announcements**

**Natural Family Planning** Introductory Sessions on Thurs. July 10 and Tues. July 22, 7 PM. Pre-registration and info at 488-2040.

**Diocesan Canoe Trip** on the Niobrara for last-year's High School students. Aug. 3-5 or 5-7. Search YouTube for "Lincoln Canoe Trip" for a video. Registration forms at the rectory.

**One Book-One Diocese.** Read a book with fellow Catholics: "A Miracle for St. Cecilia's" by Katherine Valentine. A novel about a poor but good-hearted parish in a small New England town. Available at Catholic bookstore or online.

**Stress in Your Marriage?** Retrouvaille helps couples who feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, angry, cold, or in conflict. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in marriage. For confidential info about the Aug. 8-10 weekend, call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org

Save the date: the **Catholic Social Services** annual golf tournament is Fri. Aug. 8, 1:00 PM at Firethorn. The CSS annual Sporting Clay Tournament is Sat. Sept. 20 at Brainard. Talk to Fr. Coulter or see www.csssis.org for more info.

What type of **Legacy** would you like to leave? Our parish priests perform our baptisms, weddings, hear confessions and say Mass, visit us and our relatives. They encourage and pray for us when we lose a loved one, battle an illness, lose a job or struggled with important decisions. We are blessed to have a parish priest available to minister the sacraments and to our personal needs. Please pray for vocations and consider remembering the Church with a gift from your estate to help keep our parish, a Catholic school or other Catholic charity available for others.

**Know someone who's pregnant** and doesn't know what to do? There are options - call the **Option Line** at 1-800-395-HELP or visit www.pregnancycenters.org.

**Pope Benedict's Prayer Intentions for July**

**General:** That there may be an increase in the number of those who volunteer to serve the Christian community with generous and prompt availability

**Mission:** That World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, may kindle the fire of divine love in numerous young people and render them sowers of hope for a new humanity.