

## Reading the Scriptures with Lectio Divina

*Lectio Divina* is a Latin term meaning the practice of “sacred reading”. It is a very different method of reading to the skimming of the newspapers and the internet that we tend to do on a daily basis. It is a more personal and spiritual encounter with a text than we experience when we are studying literature or are caught up in an exciting novel.

*Lectio Divina* is also a very ancient form of reading that combines meditation, prayer and personal reflection and is only possible if we accept that certain writings, especially those of Sacred Scripture are “inspired” writings. It is not about scientifically analyzing the text nor is it only about “privatized revelation”. *Lectio Divina* is an intimate reading that is done “with the Church”.

Reading the Scriptures using the way of lectio divina takes us beyond the surface of the page, it helps to make scripture and faith come alive.

1. We begin lectio (reading) by selecting a scripture text and reading slowly, patiently and deliberately with a prayerful heart. A prayer to the Holy Spirit for guidance is helpful. Sometimes people read the text out loud or mouth the words carefully with their lips, treating each word as a treasure, like a message in a bottle from a long-lost friend. Usually a few lines or a short text is all that we need.
2. The next stage involves meditating carefully and quietly on particular aspects of the writing which strike a chord with our search for the true, good and beautiful we hope to find in God. Words or symbols might connect with a tragedy or puzzle we have experienced or the voice of a prophet might urge us to explore our own mission from God to the poor or the voice of Christ may tell us what God is calling us to do in the here and now.
3. The next stage of lectio divina involves praying to understand what we have “heard” in our hearts. In prayer we can become aware of being caught up in the urgency, peace or mystery of the scriptures.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people’s lives and teaching them to be holy.” (2 Tim 3:16)

“Love the Holy Scriptures, and wisdom will love you. Love wisdom, and she will keep you safe.”  
— St Jerome

<p><u>Area Dinners</u> Valparaiso <b>Salad Supper</b>, Mon. June 2, 6:30 PM. Plasi <b>Summer Festival &amp; Roast Beef Dinner</b> at Starlite Ballroom, Sun. June 8, 11-3.</p>	<p><i>Mark Your Calendars</i> <b>St. Mary Ashland VBS Summer CCD</b> June 9-13, 2008</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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# 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.	May 31	5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Elodia Medina
Sun.	June 1	8:30 AM	Ashland	+ Doris Fong
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People
Mon. June 2 - Wed. June 4			No Daily Masses	
Thurs.	June 5	7:00 PM	Ashland	Diane Sedlak
Fri.	June 6	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Margaret Owens
Sat.	June 7	9:00 AM	Ashland	Pro-Life
		5:00 PM	Ashland	Special Intention - BN
Sun.	June 8	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	Poor Souls

**June 1, 2008**

**Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Ministries for next weekend**

Sat. June 7 - 5:00 PM  
Servers: Dea, McGinley  
Acolyte: Dave Romas  
Lector: Dennis Holbrook

Sun. June 8 - 8:30 AM  
Servers: Adams, Pease  
Acolyte: Craig Pease  
Lector: Donna Nicholson

Sun. June 8 - 10:30 AM  
Lector: Mark Sobota  
Offertory: Hofferber

**Our Return to the Lord, May 24-25**

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
Adult:	\$ 852.00	\$ 193.00
Plate:	\$ 164.50	\$ 14.75
Children:		\$ 2.00
Masses:	\$ 70.00	
Weekly Budget:	\$ 1,522.11	\$ 354.92

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

Kenneth Wehrs, from St. Vincent, Milford NE  
Theology 2 at St Charles Seminary, Philadelphia.

**Readings and Celebrations this week:**

June

2 Mon 2 Pt 1:2-7 / Mk 12:1-12  
[Saint Marcellinus and Saint Peter, martyrs]

3 Tue 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 / Mk 12:13-17  
St Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs

4 Wed 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 / Mk 12:18-27

5 Thu 2 Tm 2:8-15 / Mk 12:28-34  
Saint Boniface, bishop and martyr

6 Fri 2 Tm 3:10-17 / Mk 12:35-37  
[Saint Norbert, bishop]

7 Sat 2 Tm 4:1-8 / Mk 12:38-44  
[Blessed Virgin Mary]

**TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Hos 6:3-6 / Rom 4:18-25 / Mt 9:9-13

**Stewardship Thought**

**9th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's readings call us to active discipleship. It is not enough to know the commandments; we must actively obey them. It is not enough to hear the words of Jesus; we must act on them. Good stewards demonstrate their gratitude for the gift of faith by putting it into action.

**Congratulations**

Anniversaries: Pat & Jean Stewart	6/1
20 Years!! Don & Kay Wigle	6/3
Birthdays: Derrick Dea	6/1
Pat Deleski	6/1
Patty Christen	6/2
Seth Holbrook	6/2
Rod O'Rourke	6/2
Connor Chase	6/5
Rich Rinschen	6/5
Shane Lewin	6/6
Betty Novotny	6/6
Bella Chaffin	6/7
Brooke Nelson	6/7

**Calendar for This Week**

Mon.-Wed. June 2-4 No Daily Mass

Thurs. June 5, 7:00 PM **Mass**  
7:30 PM **Knights of Columbus** at Ashland

Fri. June 6 All Day **First Friday Adoration**

Sun. June 8 Knights' Concessions at **Car Show**

Plan Ahead: June 9-13, **Summer VBS**

**Parish Announcements**

**VBS Summer CCD** is June 9-13, 9 AM-Noon mornings at St Mary Ashland:

- We are in need of empty plastic water bottles (12-16 oz) for craft supplies.
- We are still in need of adult & teen helpers.
- Please turn in your registration forms. Extra forms in back of Church.

If you are available to help or have questions please contact Fr Coulter at 944-3554.

No daily Mass Mon-Wed June 2-4 this week as Fr. Coulter is on retreat.

The **Knights of Columbus** meet this Thurs. June 5 at 7:30 PM after Mass. The Knights will be serving lunch concessions at the Corvette Car Show on Sun. June 8, be sure to stop by and show them your support.

Sun. June 22, is the Altar Server Outing to the **Saltdogs Baseball** game at 6:05 PM (Altar Servers are asked to RSVP by June 8). Extra tickets are available to anyone who want to purchase them at the group discount of \$8 each. Contact Fr. Coulter, stmaryashland@alltel.net.

Thank you to all who donated the many **Household and Kitchen Items** for Catholic Social Services and refugee families, such as pots, pans, silverware, towels, pillows, sheets, etc. This week is your last chance to leave items in the St. Mary basement.

A blessed **Thank You** to all who contributed to the **Charity and Stewardship Appeal, DDP**. While we have pledged enough to reach our goals, we still have to fulfill those pledges. We want to exceed our goal in case some are not paid, and any excess will come back to our parishes. Its not too late to join in supporting the 17 vital programs and services throughout the Diocese of Lincoln.

Danny McGinley will do yard work, baby-sitting, etc. to raise money for the **World Youth Day** trip. Call Danny at 944-7526.

**Diocesan Announcements**

Sts Mary & Joseph Valparaiso PCCW, **Salad Supper "Jokes and Jests"** with local talent providing entertainment. Monday June 2, 6:30 PM, \$6, everyone welcome. Door prizes and raffle.

**Men's Faith Group** at St. Michael Cheney this Sat. June 7, 9-11 AM. Mass, Breakfast and Presentation by Fr. Jeff Eickhoff.

Plasi **Summer Festival** Sun. June 8 at the Starlite Ballroom. Mass at 10 AM, **Roast Beef Dinner** 11 AM-3 PM with music, auctions, bake sale, etc. \$7 adults, \$3 children. **Dance** 4-8 PM.

Creighton Model **Natural Family Planning** Introductory Session, Thurs. June 12 and Tues. June 24, 7 PM. Call 488-2040 for information.

Ladies: **Grace Filled Moments** study group will be offered at Blessed John XXIII Center on Wednesdays, June 4-July 30, 6:30-8 PM. Contact Terri at 328-0933 or dvontz@neb.rr.com

Ladies: **Magnificat** prayer meal on Sat. June 21, 11 AM at Pius X High School, Lincoln. MaryAnn Gardner will speak about her ministry to lapsed Catholic loved ones. To register send \$15 to 5500 L St, Lincoln NE 68510 by June 18.

**Divorced, Separated & Widowed:** Mass on Mon. June 23, 7 PM, Blessed John XXIII Center.

**Charity & Stewardship Appeal to date**

<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
Pledged: \$7,870	Pledged: \$2,100
# Pledges: 59	# Pledges: 16
Goal: \$7,699	Goal: \$2,011

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for June**

General: That Christians may cultivate a deep and personal friendship with Christ so they are able to communicate the strength of His love to those they encounter

Mission: That the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec, Canada, may lead to ever deeper understanding of the Eucharist, the heart of the Church and source of evangelization.