

Eucharistic Piety: A Strong Recommendation

The doctrine of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is one of those wonderful truths by which Christianity shines forth as a religion of mysteries far exceeding the capacity of the human mind. The Catholic Church has defined the dogma of the Real Presence by stating that Jesus Christ is present whole and entire under the appearances of bread and wine following the words of consecration at the Eucharist.

This sacred dogma of the Catholic Faith accounts for the tremendous reverence and solemnity which has traditionally accompanied the celebration of the Mass, reception of Holy Communion, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. One has only to recall the ringing of the bells, the kneeling and incense in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord, the reverent genuflections, along with the meditative and reverential silence which pervaded most Catholic churches and chapels. These symbols communicated this great mystery in a practical manner, even to the unschooled and to children, what words often failed to convey.

A piety void has set in.

Today, the toning down, and in some cases the deletion, of these symbols and signs of adoration and reverence regarding the Eucharist has resulted in a piety void in the life of a number of Catholics. This lessening or absence of concrete symbols of adoration is no doubt also hurt the transmission of the dogma of the Real Presence among Catholics. In places where these concrete symbols have been diminished, the Church has been left with merely a theoretical approach to teaching the doctrine of the Real Presence, which people find harder to understand and a growing number fail to even believe.

How can we recovery from this piety void and from doctrinal haziness about the Real Presence?

- Full and complete implementation of the Eucharistic doctrine of the Second Vatican Council and the call for our full and active participation (thus interior, not only exterior).
- Proper attire that is both formal and modest; avoiding shorts, t-shirts and other casualness.
- Silence in our Churches, including a moment of Thanksgiving prayer after Mass.
- Recognition of the importance of kneeling as a sign of reverence, and genuflecting in adoration towards the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion can be received kneeling as well).
- Communion on the tongue can remind us how precious is this gift we receive, not take.

<p><u>Area Dinners</u> Plasi Summer Festival & Roast Beef Dinner at Starlite Ballroom, Sun. June 8, 11-3. Lincoln, Cristo Rey Hispanic Festival, Sat. June 21.</p>	<p>St. Mary Ashland VBS Summer CCD <u>This Week</u> June 9-13, 2008</p>	<p>Thomas Dredging & Excavating Lake Development & 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.

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.	June 7	5:00 PM	Ashland	Special Intention - BN
Sun.	June 8	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	Poor Souls
Mon.	June 9	8:00 AM	Ashland	+ Marilyn Survil
Tues.	June 10	8:00 AM	Ashland	Schwaller Girls
		6:30 PM	Greenwood	
Wed.	June 11	8:00 AM	Ashland	Poor Souls
Thurs.	June 12	8:00 AM	Ashland	+ Dorothy Lococo
Fri.	June 13	8:00 AM	Ashland	+ Florence Anderson
Sat.	June 14	9:00 AM	Ashland	
		5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Elodia Medina
Sun.	June 15	8:30 AM	Ashland	+ Gen Oppold
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People

June 8, 2008

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministries for next weekend

Sat. June 14 - 5:00 PM
 Servers: Holbrook, Kasuskes
 Acolyte: Ken Broz
 Lector: Mary Logsdon
 Sun. June 15 - 8:30 AM
 Servers: Survil, Stilles
 Acolyte: Todd Survil
 Lector: Karen Stille
 Sun. June 15 - 10:30 AM
 Lector: Leslie Krings
 Offertory: T. Ortiz

Our Return to the Lord, June 1

	St. Mary	St. Joseph
Adult:	\$ 1,544.00	\$ 337.00
Plate:	\$ 235.75	\$ 20.06
Children:	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 1,522.11	\$ 354.92

Please pray for this week's Seminarian:

Sean Wilson, from Manitoba, Canada
 College 1 at St Gregory the Great Seminary.

Readings and Celebrations this week:

June
 9 Mon 1 Kgs 17:1-6 / Mt 5:1-12
 [St Ephrem, deacon & doctor of the Church]
 10 Tue 1 Kgs 17:7-16 / Mt 5:13-16
 11 Wed Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 / Mt 5:17-19
 Saint Barnabas, apostle
 12 Thu 1 Kgs 18:41-46 / Mt 5:20-26
 13 Fri 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 / Mt 5:27-32
 Saint Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor
 14 Sat 1 Kgs 19:19-21 / Mt 5:33-37
 [Blessed Virgin Mary]

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 19:2-6a / Rom 5:6-11 / Mt 9:36-10:8

Stewardship Thought

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“It is love that I desire, not sacrifice,” says Hosea in today’s first reading.

But for love of us, Jesus sacrificed everything — even His life. Are my small sacrifices gifts of love and gratitude?

See Hosea 6:6

Congratulations

Anniversaries: Harold & Loraine Ebert 6/8
 Jamie & Troy Henningson 6/8
 Jack & Judy Schmit 6/10
 30 Years!!! Craig & Bridget Pease 6/11
 Dorsey & Peggy Curtis 6/12
 Birthdays: Mason Stander 6/8
 Nancy Campbell 6/11
 Dave Romans 6/12
 Isabel Boggs 6/13
 Ellen Sundermeier 6/13
 Sara Kopf 6/14
 Amber Schweigart 6/14
 Lily Sundermeier 6/14

Calendar for This Week

Mon.-Fri. June 9-13, 9 AM-Noon **Summer CCD**

Notice the **Daily Mass** schedule: 8 AM Mon-Fri this week at Ashland due to Summer School

Altar Society does not meet in the summer months

Parish Announcements

VBS Summer CCD is here! This week, June 9-13, 9 AM-Noon mornings at St Mary Ashland. If you are available to help or have questions please contact Cheryl at 944-7692. If you have not turned in a registration form, please bring it with you on Monday.

The **Knights of Columbus** concessions at the Sunday car show have been canceled.

Sun. June 22, is the Altar Server Outing to the **Saltdogs Baseball** game at 6:05 PM. Extra tickets are available to anyone who wants 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.

A blessed **Thank You** to all who participated in 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. It's not too late to join in supporting the 17 vital programs and services throughout the Diocese of Lincoln

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

Community Announcements

The Ashland **VFW Food Pantry**, besides accepting non-perishable food items, is in need of paper products, condiments and deodorant.

Charity & Stewardship Appeal to date

St. Mary	St. Joseph
Pledged: \$7,895	Pledged: \$2,200
# Pledges: 60	# Pledges: 18
Goal: \$7,699	Goal: \$2,011

Thank You for your Generosity!

Ashland Methodist Church **Barbeque** Sat. June 14, 5-8 PM. Adults \$8, Kids \$4.

ROC Youth Center **Father's Day Brunch** Sun. June 15, 10AM-2PM at the Ashland VFW.

Diocesan Announcements

Plasi **Summer Festival** today Sun. June 8 at the Starlite Ballroom. **Roast Beef Dinner** 11 AM-3 PM, **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.

Magnificat invites all women to a luncheon on Sat. June 21, 11 AM at Pius X High School, Lincoln. MaryAnn Gardner will speak about her ministry to lapsed Catholics. To register send \$15 to 5500 L St, Lincoln NE 68510 by June 18.

Cristo Rey Catholic Church, **Hispanic Festival** Sat. June 21, Noon-8 PM, 4421 J St, Lincoln.

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

Introduction to **Theology of the Body**, by Christopher West. Sat. June 28, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 5419 N 114th St, Omaha, 9AM-4PM.

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille will be offering another weekend in Nebraska. Pronounced retro-vi, this program has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of marriage. For confidential info about the Aug. 8-10 weekend, call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org

Our Prayers for all those affected by the recent Storm Damage. Unfortunately, our regular advertiser, the Barn Door Restaurant in Ceresco, will be closed for 2-3 weeks.

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