

Companion of St. Paul: St. Barnabas, Apostle

Barnabas, a native of Cyprus, sold his farm and gave the proceeds to the Apostles. They changed his name from Joseph to Barnabas. Although he was not of Jewish parents, he lived in Jerusalem prior to the crucifixion of Christ and served as a Levite there. Tradition has it that he was converted after Pentecost, and was highly respected by the Apostles. Even though, from earliest times, he is referred to as an “apostle”, he was not one of the twelve Apostles, i.e. not one of the twelve chosen by Jesus himself. Much in the same vein, we come to refer to St. Paul as an “apostle” and both Paul and Barnabas shared considerable authority in the early days of the Church.

It was Barnabas who first introduced Paul to Peter and the rest of the apostles. His sponsorship of Paul and his acceptance by the Apostles and the early Jerusalem Church provides ample testimony to the high regard and esteem Barnabas enjoyed at that time. Imagine, presenting Paul as a friend to the very community he had persecuted - this previous enemy of Christ - this onetime zealot who had witnessed and approved the stoning of Stephen, Christianity’s first martyr.

Almost all that we know about Barnabas comes from the scriptural book of the Acts of the Apostles. It describes how Barnabas, together with Paul, embraced the task of preaching and converting the gentiles to Christianity. At one point however, in a dispute over the choice of a travel companion, Barnabas and Paul went their separate ways: Paul with Silas to Antioch, Barnabas to Cyprus with John Mark (the future Evangelist). Little else is known about Barnabas, although there are unverified apocryphal / legendary accounts from the early centuries.

Joseph became Barnabas, just as Saul became Paul, after his conversion. Both were instrumental in bringing the Gospel to the gentiles. Both are revered to this day as intimately associated with Christ’s mission — both are placed on a level equal to the chosen twelve. St. Paul the Apostle, St. Barnabas the Apostle, pray for us.

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Churches

Ashland



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

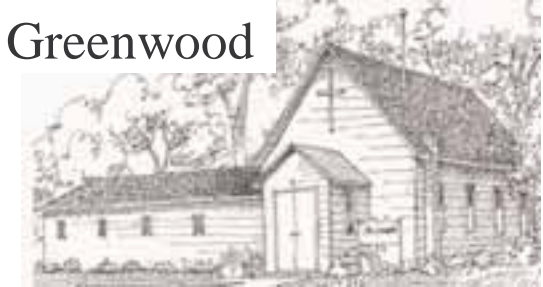
Pastor: Father Gary Coulter

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.

<p><u>Advertise Here</u> Call: 944-3554 Email: stmaryashland@alltel.net</p>	<p><i>Mark Your Calendars</i> Ashland Stir-Up Days July 11-13, 2008</p>	<p>Thomas Dredging & Excavating Lake Development & Restoration 944-7852 Cell: 432-7852 www.thomasdredging.com</p>
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Mass Schedule for this week				
Sat.	June 28	5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Charles P Crosby Sr
Sun.	June 29	8:30 AM	Ashland	+ Franklin Oppold
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People
Mon.	June 30	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Elodia Medina
Tues.	July 1	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Boy Scout - AH
Wed.	July 2	9:15 AM	Care Center	Special Intention
Thurs.	July 3	9:00 AM	Ashland	Faye Survil
		7:00 PM	Greenwood	[Knights of Columbus]
Fri.	July 4	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Jerry Schwaller
Sat.	July 5	9:00 AM	Ashland	Pro-Life
		5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Fidencia Medina
Sun.	July 6	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	Poor Souls

June 29, 2008

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Ministries for next weekend

Sat. July 5 - 5:00 PM
 Servers: Dea, Pease
 Acolyte: Craig Pease
 Lector: Donna Nicholson

Sun. July 6 - 8:30 AM
 Servers: Adams, Stilles
 Acolyte: Dave Romans
 Lector: Karen Stille

Sun. July 6 - 10:30 AM
 Lector: Jon Sundermeier
 Offertory: Krings

Our Return to the Lord, June 21-22

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
Adult:	\$ 1,785.00	\$ 782.00
Plate:	\$ 124.22	\$ 16.00
Children:	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
Masses:	\$ 105.00	
Saunders Country Right to Life (total):	\$ 71.00	

Please pray for this week's Seminarian:
 Michael Zimmer, from St. James, Firth NE
 Theology I at Mount St Mary Seminary, Maryland.

Readings and Celebrations this week:

30 Mon Am 2:6-10, 13-16 / Mt 8:18-22
 [First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church]

July

1 Tue Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12 / Mt 8:23-27
 [Blessed Junípero Serra, priest]

2 Wed Am 5:14-15, 21-24 / Mt 8:28-34

3 Thu Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29
 Saint Thomas, apostle

4 Fri Am 8:4-6, 9-12 / Mt 9:9-13
 [Saint Elizabeth of Portugal]

5 Sat Am 9:11-15 / Mt 9:14-17
 [Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest]

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11:25-30

Stewardship Thought

Saints Peter and Paul

Saints Peter and Paul answered the Lord's call and worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel.

We, too, must be good stewards of our vocations, using the gifts we've been given in the service of God's kingdom.

Congratulations

Anniversaries:

Steve & Becky Pfeiffer 6/29

Birthdays:

Suzanne Brudny 6/29
 Andrea Dea 6/30
 Kamie Fuller 7/1
 Scott McGinley 7/1
 Mike O'Rourke 7/1
 Liz Romans 7/1
 Erin Tylski 7/2

Calendar for This Week

Sat. June 28, Opening of Year of St Paul
 5:00 PM **Vigil Mass of Sts Peter and Paul**

Wed. July 2, 9:15 AM **Mass** at Care Center

Thurs. July 3, 7:00 PM **Mass** at Greenwood
 7:30 PM **Knights Meeting** at Greenwood

Fri. July 4, 9:00 AM **Mass, First Friday**

Today begins the **Year of St. Paul**. Pope Benedict is offering a *Plenary Indulgence* (for oneself or for the deceased) on the usual conditions: do the required work (in this case, public prayers to St Paul), prayer for the Pope, reception of Holy Communion and Confession within a week before or after, and detachment from sin.

Parish Announcements

The **Knights of Columbus** meet this Thurs. July 3, 7:30 PM at Greenwood (after Mass). Plan to attend the Knight's Bingo at the Stirup Days on July 12, 7:00 PM.

July 4 is the **First Friday**, we will have adoration, but not exposition. If you cannot make it you do not need a substitute this month. All are still invited to stop and spend some time in prayer (and please pray for our nation).

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.

Can you help with **Bingo** at the Care Center 2 PM on Mon. June 30? Call Rita at 944-3409.

The **Catholic Social Services** annual golf tournament is Fri. Aug. 8, 1:00 PM at Firethorn. Would any golfers want to form a parish team? Please contact Fr. Coulter.

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

Final Report of Last Year's **Charity and Stewardship Appeal**, DDP. St. Mary Pledged: \$ 8,025, Paid: \$ 7,570, Goal: \$ 6,834; St. Joseph Pledged: \$ 2,480, Paid: \$ 1,830, Goal: \$ 2,103. Thank you to all who fulfilled their pledges.

Community Announcements

Today (Sunday) June 29, the Patriot Guard Riders and the Village of Greenwood invite all to a 2:00 PM ceremony at the Greenwood City Park to dedicate a street sign memorial in honor of **Cpl. Dustin Workman II**, who gave his life for his country in Iraq one year ago this month.

Ashland **Men in Mission** meets at the Methodist Church on Sat. July 5, 6:45 AM.

Diocesan Announcements

The **Lincoln Planned Parenthood** abortion facility reopened on May 30 after being closed for 8 weeks! Thank you for your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of the unborn. All are invited to pray anytime at the clinic Fridays 6:30 AM to 3:30 PM at 3705 South Street, Lincoln.

You Can Help Your Marriage - Feel alone? Frustrated? Angry? Do you argue? Or stopped talking? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential info about the Aug. 8-10 weekend, 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org

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.

What type of Legacy would you like to leave? Our parish priests perform baptisms, weddings, hear confessions and say Mass, visit us or our relatives. They encourage and pray for us when we lose a loved one, battle an illness, lose a job or struggle 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.

Marian Rung wrote recently and said to say hello. She is doing well but misses all her friends here at St. Mary's Church.

Marian Rung; 208-476-5868
 14225 #17 Hwy 12; Orofino ID 83544

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