

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

How should we celebrate this great Feast of Mercy?

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699) It is required of all Catholics to confess their serious sins at least once every year. If you haven't yet met this obligation then take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises in this sacrament. Everyone is also encouraged to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday".

The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church. Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said "I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish". (Diary 341, 48) Please take the time to visit with this Image of The Divine Mercy and venerate Jesus.

Jesus said to St. Faustina "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You". (Diary 327) "The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." (Diary 299)

About the feastday "Divine Mercy Sunday", Jesus said "...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy". (Diary 699)

Our Lord said: "Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy". (Diary 1602)

<p><u>Area Dinners</u> St John, Weston, Wild Game Feed, Sun. Apr. 6, 4:30-7:30 PM. Buffet of all you can eat wild game cuisine for \$10.</p>	<p>Sharon Schaub <i>Tax Return Preparation</i> <i>Bookkeeping Services</i> (402) 944-3907 St. Mary Parishioner</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.

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.	Mar. 29	5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Genevieve Oppold
Sun.	Mar. 30	8:30 AM	Ashland	+ Freeman Haase
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People
Mon.	Mar. 31	9:00 AM	Ashland	Beatrice Prell
Tues.	Apr. 1	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Frank & Mary Styskal
		6:30 PM	Greenwood	Fr. Zygmund Ryzd
Wed.	Apr. 2	9:15 AM	Care Center	+ Valentine Meduna
Thurs.	Apr. 3	9:00 PM	Ashland	+ Ronca Easter Intentions
Fri.	Apr. 4	7:00 PM	Ashland	+ Dorothy & Roman Curtis
Sat.	Apr. 5	9:00 AM	Ashland	Pro-Life
		5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Ebert Easter Intentions
Sun.	Apr. 6	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	+ Don & Marie Hummel

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Second Sunday of Easter

Ministries for next weekend

Sat. Apr. 5 - 5:00 PM
 Servers: Dea, Holbrook, Survil
 Acolyte: Andy Lichtas
 Lector: Mary Logsdon
 Sun. Apr. 6 - 8:30 AM
 Servers: Kresak, Kasuskes
 Acolyte: Gene Kreasak
 Lector: Sandy Scheef
 Sun. Apr. 6 - 10:30 AM
 Lector: John Schweigart
 Offertory: Fuller

Our Return to the Lord, Mar. 22-23

	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>St. Joseph</u>
Adult:	\$ 750.00	\$ 107.00
Plate:	\$ 252.86	\$ 67.67
Children:	\$ 2.50	\$ 1.00
Easter:	\$ 1,173.00	\$ 284.00
CSS:	\$ 198.34	
Holy Land:	\$ 131.55	

Please pray for this week's Seminarian:
 Wesley Skillet, from St. John, Lincoln NE
 College 2 at St Gregory the Great Seminary.

Readings and Celebrations this week:

31 Mon Is 7:10-8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 /
 Lk 1:26-38 - The Annunciation of the Lord

1 Tue Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15

2 Wed Acts 5:17-26 / Jn 3:16-21
 [Saint Francis of Paola, hermit]

3 Thu Acts 5:27-33 / Jn 3:31-36

4 Fri Acts 5:34-42 / Jn 6:1-15
 [St Isidore, bishop and doctor]

5 Sat Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21
 [Saint Vincent Ferrer, priest]

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Acts 2:22-33 / 1 Pt 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35

Stewardship Thought

2nd Sunday of Easter

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection.

What do I need to become His disciple?
 What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

Congratulations

Anniversaries:

Chris & Jenn Craven 3/31
 Alice & Earl West 4/3
 Lefty & Carol Anderson 4/4

Birthdays:

Geri Frank 3/31
 Landon Sobota 4/2
 Scott Allington 4/3
 Dian Hofferber 4/4
 Violette Swartz 4/4
 Sean Ryan 4/5

Calendar for This Week

Sun. Mar. 30, 3:00 PM Divine Mercy **Holy Hour**

Wed. Apr. 2, 9:15 AM **Mass** at Care Center
 7:00 PM **CCD** and **Youth Group**

Thurs. Apr. 3, 7:00 PM **Mass** at Ashland
 7:30 PM **Knights of Columbus** Meeting

Fri. Apr. 4, All Day **First Friday Adoration**

Sat. Apr. 5, 5:00 PM **First Communion**

Sun. Apr. 6, 9:30 AM **Coffee & Rolls**

Parish Announcements

A **Thank You** to all who helped out with the Easter cleaning, decorating and the Holy Week luncheon. And special thanks to our choir and musicians. Your efforts contributed to a wonderful Holy Week and Easter.

Today, Mar. 30 is **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Join us for a Holy Hour at 3:00 PM in Ashland, with Divine Mercy devotion and confessions.

At the **Holy Hour** we will also offer prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr. Zygmund Rydz, who passed away Mon. Mar. 24. He was pastor of St Mary and St Joseph from 1979-1986.

Volunteers are needed to assist at bingo at the Ashland Care Center on Mon. Mar. 31, 2:00-3:00 PM. Call Rita at 944-3409.

Want to support the **World Youth Day** trip? Throughout April, the Ashland SC Station Diner will collect "tips for a cause" for those going. Thanks for your support.

St Mary Altar Society is having a **Baby Shower for Birthright** during April. Donated items (for babies up to 2 years old) can be left in the church basement, including: sleepers, sweaters, socks, shoes, outfits, shampoo, baby lotion / powder. No diapers or baby wipes please.

Easter Flowers - thank you to all who donated towards the beautiful Easter decorations - names will be published next week.

Thank you for the **Generous Donations** throughout Lent. Combined Collection: \$775.00; Rice Bowl: \$ 60.97; Catholic Social Services: \$198.34 Holy Land: \$181.55.

Do you have worries about managing your **Household Finances**? Would you like tools to help? Would you be interested in a program focusing on **Faith and Finances**? Contact Fr. Coulter about a program Apr. 25 or 26th.

Community Announcements

Husker Hoops this Sat. Mar. 29, 7:00 PM at AGHS. Sponsored by Ashland Rotary Club.

Saunders **Hospital Auxiliary** Buffet and Auction Thurs. Apr. 3, 5-7 PM Buffet, 6 PM Auction - Starlite Ballroom.

The Methodist Church **Auction** will be Sat. Apr. 19th. Donations to be auctioned on consignment can be left in the rectory garage.

Diocesan Announcements

Magnificat invites women of all faiths to a prayer meal and workshop on Sat. Apr. 5, at the Lincoln Cathedral. Dr. Carol Razza will speak on "God's Extreme Makeover of Soul Healing." Brunch at 10 AM, Workshop at 2:00 PM. Attend either (\$15) or both (\$25). Send check to 5500 L St, Lincoln NE 68510 or call Mary 476-1880.

Programs to promote respect for human sexuality and chastity: **Mother/Daughter** (age 9-13) will be Sun. Apr. 6, 2-4:30 PM. **Father/Son** (age 10-14) will be Sun. Apr. 20, 2-4:30 PM at the Bl. John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln. Registration forms available at the parish or call 488-2040. \$10.

Divorced, separated and widowed Catholics are invited to a special Mass on Mon. Apr. 7 at the Bl. John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln. Confessions: 7 PM, Mass: 7:30 PM followed by a talk / refreshments.

Quest - A retreat for **Freshman and Sophomores** is being offered on Sat.-Sun. April 12-13, in David City. This retreat, which focuses on the three dimensions, love of God, others and self, is a great way to enhance the faith of our youth. If you are interested, there are registration forms available at the parish or by calling Vicky at the Office of Youth Ministry at 402-488-2040.

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