

The Little Pill that Changed the World

By Margaret Sitte, North Dakota State Representative

The little pill that changed the world has been on the market 50 years. The birth control pill has probably changed society more than any other factor. It has spawned the sexual revolution, caused major health problems in millions of women, and created environmental havoc.

Feminists who first pushed the pill told women how “free” they would be once they could be in charge of their own fertility. Women took the bait, but no one informed them that emotional, physical and spiritual scars would follow. The website ThePillKills.com lists many of the pill’s side effects, including depression, nervousness, blood clots, strokes, heart attacks, and cancer.

Sexual promiscuity comes at a high price. The United States Department of Health and Human Services reports that more than 65 million Americans have an incurable sexually transmitted disease, with 13 million new cases each year. In 2005 the World Health Organization classified oral contraceptives as Type I carcinogens (cancer-causing agents). The following year, “Mayo Clinic Proceedings” published an analysis in which 21 of 23 studies proved the link between oral contraceptives and breast cancer.

One of the authors, Chris Kahlenborn, M.D., said, “Anyone who is prescribing oral contraceptives has a duty to tell women that 21 of 23 studies showed an increased risk.” The analysis said overall risk for breast cancer increases 44 percent, with younger women especially susceptible. Kahlenborn says, “There’s a growing sense that it’s really just a matter of time before the lid blows on this thing... We will start seeing a new attitude towards the pill, and it will be fueled by lawsuits.”

Writing in the May 2 issue of “Our Sunday Visitor,” Professor Janet Smith uncovers “the string of lies” that supports the pill. For instance, most women never learn that birth control pills prevent implantation of fertilized embryos, causing early abortions when women aren’t even aware they are pregnant. Smith says by forgetting to take the pill one day or by taking the pill at a different time, women may ovulate, conceive and abort without ever knowing it.

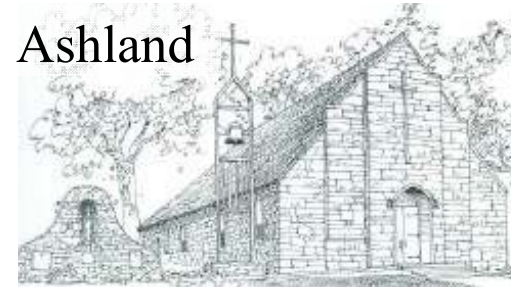
Smith reports that 50 percent of women who have unwanted pregnancies and more than 50 percent of women having abortions say they were using a contraceptive when they became pregnant. Was the pill designed to fail to foster the billion-dollar per year abortion industry?

The pill also has serious detrimental effects on the environment. In 2005, the University of Colorado randomly netted 123 trout downstream from the city’s sewer plant: 101 female, 12 male and 10 “intersex,” possessing both male and female features. Scientists determined that the high level of estrogen and other steroidal hormones—residual effects of birth control pills and patches in the water—caused the intersex changes.

The pill has had many unintended consequences. While the secular press celebrates this 50-year milestone, informed citizens need to continue to discuss its long-term personal, societal and environmental consequences.

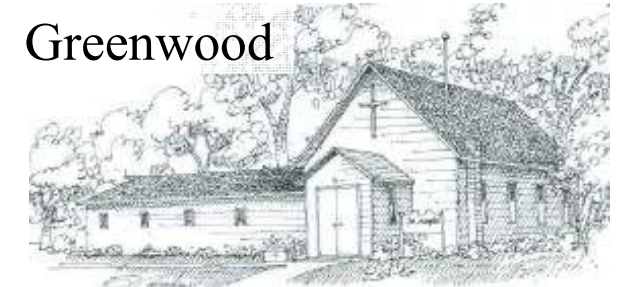
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Confessions a half hour before Masses
 Saturday 4:00-4:50 PM St. Mary
 Sunday 8:00-8:20 AM St. Mary
 10:00-10:20 AM St. Joseph
 Any time by calling the rectory.

Mass Schedule for this week				
Sat.	July 31	5:00 PM	Ashland	Prendez Family
Sun.	Aug. 1	8:30 AM	Ashland	+ Walter Yunker
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People
Mon. Aug. 2 - Wed. Aug. 4			No Daily Mass	
Thu.	Aug. 5	7:00 PM	Ashland	+ John Tafoya (note time/location)
Fri.	Aug. 6	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Jerry Campbell
Sat.	Aug. 7	9:00 AM	Ashland	Pro-Life
		5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Ben Buckingham
Sun.	Aug. 8	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	+ Joseph and Idella Lorenz

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August 1, 2010

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministries for Next Weekend

Sat. Aug. 7 - 5:00 PM
Servers: Dea, Stille
Acolyte: Dave Romans
Lector: Rod Reisen
Sun. Aug. 8 - 8:30 AM
Servers: Adams, Stander
Acolyte: Todd Survil
Lector: Mary Logsdon
Sun. Aug. 8 - 10:30 AM
Lector: Tim Ortiz
Offertory: Schweigart

Our Return to the Lord, July 24-25
Table with 3 columns: Category, St. Mary, St. Joseph
Adult: \$ 977.00, \$ 215.00
Plate: \$ 186.50, \$ 46.27
Children: \$ 2.00
Weekly Budget: \$ 1,619.86, \$ 396.58
Peters Pence: \$ 20.00

Stewardship Thought
Jesus urges us to be rich in what matters to God. The psalmist warns us against hardening our hearts.
Are our hearts open to what really matters?

Congratulations
Anniversaries this week:
Tom & Detta Chapman
Tom & Anna Jamrog
Ferd & Elnore Ortiz
Jack & Rita Smits
Shannon & Tony Dobias
Birthdays this week:
Brittan Novotny
Landon Novotny
Alivia Pike
Logan Sobota
Al Hartman
Amy Douglas
Pierce Isaacson
Camryn Ray

Readings and Celebrations this week:

August
2 Mon Jer 28:1-17 / Mt 14:13-21
[Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, priest]
3 Tue Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / Mt 14:22-36
4 Wed Jer 31:1-7 / Mt 15:21-28
Saint John Mary Vianney, priest
5 Thu Jer 31:31-34 / Mt 16:13-23
[Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome]
6 Fri Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Lk 9:28-36
The Transfiguration of the Lord
7 Sat Hb 1:12-2:4 / Mt 17:14-20
[Saint Sixtus II, pope and martyr, and his companions, martyrs; Saint Cajetan, priest; BVM]
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis 18:6-9 / Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 / Lk 12:32-48

Calendar for this Week
Sun. Aug. 1, 1 PM Summer Catechism Class
Mon.-Thurs. Aug. 2-5, No Daily morning Mass
Thurs. Aug. 5, 7:00 PM Mass at Ashland
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting at Ashland
Fri. Aug. 6, First Friday Adoration
9:30 AM Potluck Breakfast
Sun. Aug. 8, 6 PM Summer Catechism Class

Parish Announcements

Special Thanks to the Knights for their work cutting down the trees at St. Joseph, Greenwood.

First Friday Adoration & Breakfast - please join our parish by stopping by to spend some time in prayer on Fri. Aug. 6. All are invited to the potluck breakfast after 9 AM Mass.

Our parishes' new Photo Directories have arrived. Pick up your directory in the back of Church. Please take one per family.

Several parents have expressed interest in St. Mary, Ashland opening a half-day Catholic Preschool in our Education Center. For this to be feasible, we would need a part-time Preschool Teacher, flexible scheduling, competitive hourly wage, mileage. Talk to Fr. Coulter or contact stmaryashland@windstream.net, 944-3554.

Members of our Youth Group are going to World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid Spain! They have been working hard at fundraising but need your help. They are available to do yard work, cleaning, babysitting, etc. Contact: Scott Ginley 944-3339, Pierce Isaacson 944-6097, Chaz Rosenbaum 944-7341, Dennis Stille 944-7851, Jake Vavak 944-7300.

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Coulter and Fr. Damien Cook Nov. 7-17, 2010. Wign-up this week to guarantee the low price of \$2,835/person, double occupancy. Contact Fr. Coulter.

Communion Announcements

Ashland Men in Mission meets Sat. Aug 7, 6:45 AM at Ashland Baptist Church.

Swedeburg Covenant Church 9th Annual Country BBQ Sun. Aug. 8, 4:30-7:30 PM, live Christian bands, free will offering.

Diocesan Announcements

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Creighton Model Introductory Sessions in Lincoln Mon. Aug. 9 and Tues. Aug 24. For location and pre-registration call: 488-2040.

Stop Planned Parenthood from opening an abortion clinic in Omaha at 3105 N 93rd St near a strip mall. Nebraskans United for Life has created a Petition that all are invited to sign. Go to nebraskansunitedforlife.org for more info.

Two Marriage Enrichment Weekends - Retrouvaille for marriages that are struggling Aug. 6-8, 1-888-317-5654, www.retrouvaille.org. Marriage Encounter for couples seeking deeper intimacy and communication, Aug. 13-15, call Jeff & Lori, 366-4005, jlmckillip@usadig.com.

Waverly Retreat House, weekend retreats Aug. 13-15 Men & Women; Aug. 27-29 Women. Contact 786-2705 www.goodcounselretreat.com

Poor Clare Sisters Monastery Fundraiser Wed. Aug. 11. www.omahapoorclare.org

Catholic Social Services memorial Golf Classic & Auction on Fri. Aug. 13 at Hillcrest Country Club. www.csisus.org

Holy Trinity, Brainard Chicken Dinner & Bazaar is Sun. Aug. 15, 11AM-3 PM, \$7; after 10 AM Mass. Bake sale, Games, Raffle, Polka.

Pope Paul VI Institute, to honor its 25th Anniversary, will hold a Celebration of Life and Love - a free Family Fun Day Sat. Sept 4, 9 AM-4 PM at the Omaha Quest Center. Rides, games, entertainment, concessions, speakers and more. www.PopePaulVI.com

Two day Catholic Charismatic Conference Sept 3-4 at New World Inn, Columbus. Features James 'Butch' Murphy of www.veracruzcm.com \$15 if registered by 8/25. To register or for more info call 246-9219 or email sothoth@aol.com.

St. Louis Motorcoach Tour: Our Lady of the Snow and Vatican Splendors Exhibit, Sept. 8-10, \$288/person. Call Elite Tours 1-800-488-2114.

Please Pray this week for our Religious Sisters Novices preparing to become School Sisters of Christ the King: Sr. Mary Ruth Jones, Sr. Mary Veronica Walsh, St. Mary Jacinta Gordon.