

## Falling Down, We Adore Him

By Trent Beattie (www.catholicexchange.com)

Despite widespread appearance to the contrary, receiving Holy Communion on the tongue and while kneeling is still the universal norm for the Catholic Church. True, most of us who grew up in the 70s or 80s were told otherwise, but since when has catechesis from those years been considered accurate?

For centuries Catholics had received Holy Communion on the tongue and while kneeling. There was no popular uprising to change the practice, but in the 60s some dissident leaders in Europe and the United States took it upon themselves to do so, pushing the practice of taking Holy Communion in the hand.

In Memoriale Domini, an instruction from the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship released in 1969, we are told that “in certain communities...this practice [of taking Holy Communion in the hand] has been introduced without prior approval having been requested of the Holy See, and, at times, without any attempt to prepare the faithful adequately.”

It is explained further that a change in a matter of such importance, based on a most ancient and venerable tradition, does not merely affect discipline. It carries certain dangers with it which may arise from the new manner of administering Holy Communion: **the danger of a loss of reverence for the august sacrament of the altar**, of profanation, of adulterating the true doctrine.

Additionally, the traditional manner of receiving Holy Communion was promoted in the instruction, “not merely because it has many centuries of tradition behind it, but especially because it expresses the faithful’s reverence for the Eucharist.”

In Memoriale Domini we have an enthusiastic endorsement of the traditional practice, along with a grave warning about the inherent dangers of the novel practice, and yet the novel practice became commonplace. Therefore the Holy See allowed Episcopal Conferences the possibility, saying “weighing carefully whatever special circumstances may exist there, **taking care to avoid any risk of lack of respect or of false opinions with regard to the Blessed Eucharist**, and to avoid any other ill effects that may follow.... in order to promote the common good and the edification of all, and that mutual good example may increase faith and piety.”

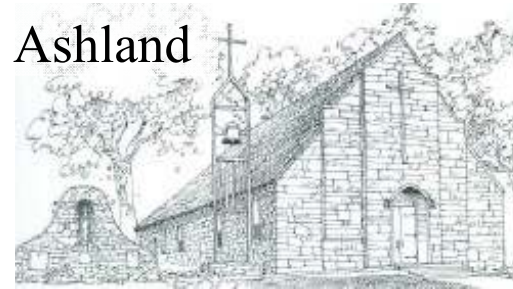
How the possibility of official (though reluctant) allowance for a practice backed by dissidents would promote the common good or increase faith and piety is a great mystery indeed. In point of fact, the eventual allowance for the novel practice did not promote the common good and did not increase faith or piety. Quite the opposite occurred... an almost wholesale destruction of these virtues in the 70s and 80s.

The widespread practice of taking Holy Communion in the hand coincided with (or led to) a great number of Catholics no longer believing in the Real Presence, and with a metaphorical taking of the Faith into one’s own hands. In other words, too many of the faithful thought to be able to change the Church’s doctrines into whatever suited him.

This is not what Pope Paul VI wanted, yet it is what occurred. Since taking Holy Communion in the hand carries with it many dangers, and since receiving Our Lord on the tongue expresses reverence, why don’t we all receive on the tongue? And outside of physical incapability, even if there are no kneelers, we can still genuflect before receiving. Let us continue to collectively **adore** Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

# St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Churches

## Ashland



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

## Greenwood



7 Oak Street, Greenwood  
**Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM**

Pastor: Father Gary Coulter

Rectory & Fax: 944-3554, CCD/Hall: 944-7509

View the weekly bulletin & monthly calendar Cell: 202-3782, stmaryashland@windstream.net  
 at our **website: home.windstream.net/stmaryashland**

**Welcome to new parishioners,**  
 please call the rectory to register  
 or for information on any of our parish  
 activities and organizations.

**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.	Aug. 7	5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Ben Buckingham
Sun.	Aug. 8	8:30 AM	Ashland	For the People
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	+ Joseph and Idella Lorenz
Mon.	Aug. 9	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ John Tafoya
Tues.	Aug. 10	9:00 AM	Ashland	+ Eric Lewis
Wed.	Aug. 11	9:15 AM	Care Center	+ Kenny Martin
Thurs.	Aug. 12	9:00 AM	Ashland	
		6:30 PM	Greenwood	+ Ralph Barber
Fri.	Aug. 13	9:00 AM	Ashland	Poor Souls
Sat.	Aug. 14	9:00 AM	Ashland	
		5:00 PM	Ashland	+ Raymond Svoboda Jr
Sun.	Aug. 15	8:30 AM	Ashland	+ Walt Yunker
		10:30 AM	Greenwood	For the People

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministries for Next Weekend

Sat. Aug. 14 - 5:00 PM
Servers: Kasuske, Survil
Acolyte: Ken Broz
Lector: Donna Nicholson
Sun. Aug. 15 - 8:30 AM
Servers: Lyons, Stander
Acolyte: Gerald Fudge
Lector: Karen Stille
Sun. Aug. 15 - 10:30 AM
Lector: Kevin Hofferber
Offertory: Sundermeier

Our Return to the Lord, Aug. 1
Table with 3 columns: Category, St. Mary, St. Joseph
Adult: \$ 1,515.00 \$ 445.00
Plate: \$ 236.75 \$ 60.00
Children: \$ 4.00
Weekly Budget: \$ 1,619.86 \$ 396.58

Readings and Celebrations this week:

August
9 Mon Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c / Mt 17:22-27
[St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin & martyr]
10 Tue 2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26
Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr
11 Wed Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Mt 18:15-20
Saint Clare, virgin
12 Thu Ez 12:1-12 / Mt 18:21-19:1
[Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, religious]
13 Fri Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 / Mt 19:3-12
[Saint Pontian, pope and martyr, and Saint Hippolytus, priest and martyr]
14 Sat Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 / Mt 19:13-15
St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-16:2 / 1 Cor 15:54-57 / Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19-12:10 / 1 Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56

Stewardship Thought
Am I waiting for the "right" time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents "later?"
Today's Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared — "at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
Give generously and thus build up treasure in heaven.

Congratulations
Anniversaries: Jim & Carol Neneman
Rod & Sandy Svoboda
Rob & Nicole Scholl
Ashley & Max Goldberg
Birthdays: Sherry VanLaningham
Preston Kelly
Mat Walker
Stefanie Kudera
Carrie Rosenbaum
Tony Egeberg
Debbie Sturzenegger
Patty Chase
Zach Holbrook
Bridget Pease
Gary Stover

Calendar for this Week
Sun. Aug. 8, 6 PM Summer Catechism Class
Wed. Aug. 11, 9:15 AM Mass at Care Center
Sun. Aug. 15, 6 PM Summer Catechism Class
7:30 PM St Mary Parish Council

Plan Ahead:
St. Joseph Greenwood Pancake Breakfast
Sat. Aug. 21, 6:00-10:00 AM, All you can eat, free will offering.

Parish Announcements

Congratulations to our newest member, Emma Irene Scholl, daughter of Rob and Nicole, baptized Sun. Aug. 1 at St. Joseph.

Thanks to the Knights for their work cutting down the trees at St. Joseph, Greenwood, and Special Thanks to Vogt T&T Excavating Inc. for generously providing the heavy equipment. Please thank them and consider them for your dirt, grading and construction needs.

Our parishes received Thank You Cards from the students who used the Education Center for their AGPS summer school classes.

Several parents have expressed interest in St. Mary, Ashland opening a Catholic Preschool in our Education Center. We may soon be looking for Preschool aged toys, manipulatives and books. Talk to Fr. Coulter or contact Tayna Keith at 944-2167, bghkeith@hotmail.com.

Charity and Stewardship Appeal to date:
St. Mary pledged: \$9,815, paid: \$3,385, 34%.
St. Joseph pledged: \$1,794, paid: \$240, 13%.
Thank you for your generosity which helps 19 different diocesan programs and services.

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.

Communion Announcements

The Ashland Men in Mission is hosting a Community Barbeque at Wiggenhorn Park at 5:30 PM this Sat. Aug. 14th (all are welcome to come a little late after 5 PM Mass.)

The entire community is invited for free Hamburgers, Brats, Hot Dogs, Chips, & Drinks. Entertainment, music, speaker and a door prize drawing for Girl's and Boy's Bicycles.

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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend for couples seeking deeper intimacy and communication, Aug. 13-15, contact 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

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

A Benedictine Oblate Orientation for new members will be held Sun. Aug. 22 or Mon. Aug. 23 (attend either) at 7 PM, at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Lincoln. Oblates are Christian men and women of all faiths, learning Lectio Divina (holy reading, meditation, prayer & contemplation) and the Liturgy of the Hours. There is no cost except for occasional books. See sites.google.com/site/nebraskabenedictineoblates or call Sr. Phyllis Hunhoff, OSB, at 488-6731 or email phunhoff74@windstream.net.

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.

Please Pray this week for our Religious Sisters In 1st Vows preparing to become School Sisters of Christ the King: Sr. Mary Agnes, Sr. Mary Guadalupe, Sr. Marie Caritas.