

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 12

No Mass

Tuesday, April 13

St. Martin I

6 PM Mass † Charles and Mary Ann Porazil
Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, April 14

7:00 PM Confirmation Liturgy † Bob Ormsby

Thursday, April 15

9:00 AM School Mass † Joe and Adeline Regan

Friday, April 16

Glorious Wounds of Jesus

7:15 AM Mass Dale and Sadie Feye, Lvg

Saturday, April 17

4:00 PM Mass † Robert Mackey

Sunday, April 18

3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Youth Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Margaret Easton – 4310 Maureen Ct SE

April 12-16 Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of April 11, 2010

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;
Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14;
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Born to a new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the water of Baptism, we welcome:

Holly Jo Heber

daughter of William and Paula Heber.



The Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the families of Mabel Ludvick and Louis Martinez who recently passed away. May they rest in peace.



Pastor's Message




“Peace Be With You” are Jesus first words to the frightened apostles in the Gospel today. They are wonderful words for us to ponder on Divine Mercy Sunday. The **peace** of God that is being in **right-relationship** with God, is the *fruit* of Divine Mercy. We could have been left estranged, but with Jesus’ resurrection God puts an absolute exclamation point on Scripture’s expressions of God’s desire that God and us be one. Even the doors **we** lock between God and us can’t keep Jesus from coming and offering the peace of reconciliation and companionship.

Notice how Jesus does not leave the disciples behind their door. He re-establishes relationship with them, and then *sends them out*. God’s mercy does not just wash over us and comfort us. God’s mercy always changes us: freeing us from the chains of sin, encouraging us to risk more for love, opening our attitudes to the mysterious workings of God. Forgiveness is one aspect of God’s mercy. We need that! But God’s mercy is the conveyor of **all manner** of helps to a more right relationship with God, God’s people, and oneself too! I can be estranged from my true self. The closer I am to Christ the perfection of my humanity, the more one, the more at peace I am with myself. Hopefully your Lenten disciplines, and the grace of Holy Week continue to encourage you, as they do me, to allow God’s mercy to transform my relationship with God into something more right, dependent, and true!

Speaking of God’s mercy. I have come to the conclusion that a great deal of God’s mercy—all that God pours upon us for righting relationships—is needed in our church! Like me, perhaps you are alternating between anger and deep sadness! I found a helpful article (to me) at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-james-martin-sj/how-could-it-happen-traci_b_514965.html if you want a review of the major reasons the abuse of children by priests, and the lack of oversight by bishops, could have gone on as long as it did. Its not my perfect response, but it does offer more "light than just heat" about this painful time. My response has been to pray for Divine mercy, to heal victims, to help the Holy Father and the Bishops to respond pastorally and in justice, to help the faithful trust as this unfolds, and to help media shed light without generating only more heat. In the midst of her brokenness, the Church remains the Body of Christ risen in the world. I hope you can be patient and pray for her as Divine mercy transforms her to better show Christ’s face. Fr. Tom

Msgr. Russell Bleich will be Confirming our youth at the special Mass on Wednesday, April 14 at 7 PM. Please make *companionship* our Confirmation class into this sacramental relationship with us a priority for that evening. Msgr. Bleich is always an engaging homilist, and his joy in sharing the Spirit is always uplifting. We need these new channels of the Holy Spirit into our lives! Come and thank God with us for the witness these young men and women are promising to offer us!

 **Welcome To Our Parish Family!**
Nicholas and Jessica Mullnix and family
Brian and Sarah Wendling and family

Vocations are in our midst! If you would like me to invite a young man 17 to 40 yrs old to an evening of finding out a bit more about priesthood as a vocation, please leave me his name and phone number, and one reason why he might make a good priest. I need that information by Monday evening April 12. Pray, and dial! Fr. Tom

1st Portion Appeal: This week you will begin receiving my annual 1st Portion Appeal letters asking you to consider what your financial support to the parish might be in the coming year, and indicate that by responding with a special envelope provided. Please remember this is not a pledge. Rather, it is an indication of your intention so we can budget properly. I do ask that you consider an element of sacrifice as you consider what you hope to do. One week ago we reflected on Christ's willingness to sacrifice for us. Hopefully one's return to the Lord from God's blessings in the form of finances reveal your own embrace of the cross and trust in the Father's provident care. The first reading has the disciples putting everything at the feet of the disciples to share. I'm not asking for that! But what gratitude we show to God when what we give recognizes that life in common is worth sacrificing to achieve! Fr. Tom.

Save the Date! Saturday morning, April 24 is set aside to clean up the campus from the wear and tear of winter. We have a lot of sand and some leaves to clean up. We want things looking nice for the 1st Communions the following Sundays. Perhaps families whose children received that sacrament last year, or will next year, would make a special effort to make things nice for **this** year's class? That would be a very **communal** tradition to start! Fr. Tom

Faith Formation

Parents are you planning for your child/children to attend the Faith Formation (RE) program for the 10/11 school year? If you have a child, kindergarten through 9th grade who are not attending the Catholic school, call or stop in at the Faith Formation office in the school to enroll your son/daughter. Our telephone number is 362.8148. Tuition is: \$120 for one child; \$140 for two children; \$160 for 3 or more children. Grants are available.

Do you feel called to teach your faith to young people? We are looking for Faith Formation (RE) Catechists and aides for the 10/11 school year. Interested: Contact the Faith Formation Office 362.8148. Training is available. This would be an excellent opportunity to learn about your faith more fully.

Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation candidates are reminded that your special liturgy to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Wed, April 14, at 7 PM in St. Ludmila Church. Practice for you and your sponsor begins promptly at 6 PM. Following the Mass, a reception for you and your guests will take place in the Social Hall.

First Eucharist Retreat for families is **today** Sunday, April 11 from 1-3:30PM in the Social Hall. All parents/students preparing for First Eucharist are to attend.

First Eucharist Interviews for parents/students begins this week. If you have questions, please contact 362.8148.

Appreciation

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week Mar 28: Gary/Mary Stodola, Sally Welch, Joyce Janovec, Ruth Kuhn, Chelo Collier, and Janet Hayek.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week Mar 28: Jeanne Ross/EstherBelle Steinbach.

Thank you

- For those who contributed \$\$ to the Easter plants: the Fairlie family; Lee Aetherton Monroe in memory of Stephen Aetherton; Bernie Drahozal in memory of Shirley; and to Marlene Steichen.
- To Karen Schulte and Linda Jacoby who assisted with arranging the Easter plants in the sanctuary.
- To those who continue to serve as the Parish sponsors and companions to the new Catholics: Paul Zillman, Monica Rannals, Patty Schwab, Kim Kopish, Kris Chambers, Jennifer Bohr, Joe Kopish, Marilyn Kies, and Carmen Wharton.
- To those who prepared the Reception for the new Catholics following the Easter Vigil: Chuck, Pauline, Nate, Leah, Kendall Kikuts and Mike, Jeff, and Nadine Hackbarth.

Thank you to Joan Sylvester for creating the First Eucharist banners. We couldn't have done it without you!

The New Catholics will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 9 AM in the Church Social Hall.

Becoming Catholic: Although we are received new Catholics during the Easter Vigil, folks are inquiring "year round". If you know someone who is curious about the Catholic faith, contact Sister Mary 362.7282 or dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

You are invited to an **Open House** at the **Catholic Worker House** on Sunday, April 18 from 2-4 PM. Fr. Tom will bless the house at 2PM. There will be refreshments and tours of the house. Come and meet Larissa Norris, the new house manager and other members of her staff, as well as some of the board members. The house is located at 1027 5th Ave SE {the big house on the corner of Fifth and McKinley}. All are welcome.

Elections to the St. Ludmila Parish Council and Parish Board of Education will be in May. Candidates are welcome for these two main leadership bodies of the parish. To be a candidate for the Parish Council, contact Linda McCoy 362.2536; for the Parish Board of Education, contact Tim Gradoville 632.1767. These leadership bodies meet on Monday evenings. Please pray about committing yourself to one of these ministries and help shepherd the flock of St. Ludmila.

In Our Community

Cookies Needed for Flood Volunteers!

The flood recovery effort continues. We have a great number of volunteers in our city each week doing the work needed to get our families back into their homes. Each Tuesday at 2 PM, the volunteers break for a well-deserved treat of cookies! On Tuesday April 20th the cookies will be provided by our St. Ludmila Parish Family. If you are able to donate cookies for these wonderful volunteers, please package them one dozen per plate (disposable) in zip lock bags, and mark the bag with the type of cookie, mentioning if they contain peanuts or nuts (for allergy purposes). The cookies can be dropped off at St. Ludmila's Social Hall in the lower level of the church where there will be a table marked for drop off. The cookies can be dropped off on Monday, April 19th or on Tuesday the 20th in the morning before 9 AM (the church doors will be open Monday until 8 PM and open Tuesday at 7 AM). If you have any questions, please call Denise Pudil at 362.5711. Thank you for your continued support in the effort of flood recovery!

St. Monica Circle from **St. Wenceslaus Parish** will hold it's annual Kolach Bake Sale on Sat, April 24. Only advanced phone orders will be taken. To order call on Tues or Wed, April 20 and 21, 10 AM to 5 PM: Arlene 373.0897 or Angela at 365.4560. Orders may be picked up on Sat, April 24 in the gym between 1-3:30PM.

Divorced and Separated Catholics: Come to a weekend Retreat, Friday, April 30 thru Sunday afternoon, May 2 at 320 Todd Center Dr., Columbia, IL. Cost is \$95 for weekend; a \$25 deposit holds your registration. This is a spiritually healing weekend for divorced and separated Catholics, co-sponsored by Diocese of Springfield, IL and approved by Archdiocese of St Louis. Info/registration call Lee 636.946.7782

OnceCatholic.org

You may wish to visit the following website if you have ever "drifted away from the church" and wish to find resources:

www.oncecatholic.org

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, April 11

- 9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH
- 9:00 AM New Catholics, SH
- 1:00 PM First Eucharist Bread Day, SH
- 1:00 PM Baptism Class, John XXIII Church
- 3:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 5:30 PM

MONDAY, April 12

- 9:00 AM Altar and Rosary Church Cleaning, CH
- 6:00 PM Board of Ed, PC
- 6:30 PM KC Rosary, CH

TUESDAY, April 13

- 11:30 AM St. Monica Circle, Clarion
- 5:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM
- 7:00 PM Finance and Administration, PC

WEDNESDAY, April 14

- 1:00 PM St. Anne Circle, SH-Multipurpose Room
- 5:15 PM Early Session Religious Education, SC
- 6:30 PM Divorce and Beyond (closed session), PC
- 6:45 PM Late Session Religious Education, PC-SC-SH

THURSDAY, April 15

- 10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC
- 10:00 AM Resurrection Choir Practice, CH
- 12:00 PM Resurrection Choir Luncheon, SH
- 12:45 PM Rosary over Lunch, CH

FRIDAY, April 16

- 7:00 PM Bingo Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, SC

SATURDAY, April 17

- Zimbabwe Collection
- 6:30 AM Church Cleaning, Leader Paula Fries

SUNDAY, April 18

- Zimbabwe Collection
- Donut Sunday – Hosts: Youth Group
- 9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH
- 9:00 AM New Catholics, SH
- 3:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 5:30 PM

C/CH: Church, PC: Parish Center, SC: School, SH: Social Hall

All volunteers who have assisted with the bingo program during the past year are invited to a dinner on Friday night April 16 at 7 PM in the school. Let us take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and dedication to this community building event. We couldn't do it without you. Please call Patty Schwab (213.2089) or Brian Elwood (365.4193) to RSVP.

To all those who bring Communion to our homebound parishioners;
To all those who visit the ill members of our parish;
To all Be-Frienders;
To those who have experienced personal loss;
On **Tuesday, April 20**, you are invited to St. Pius X Parish Hall, 6:30-8:30 PM to share and to listen to a panel discussion. TOPICS include: bereavement, cycle of grief, visiting parishioners in Care Centers, and those who are homebound.

Youth Ministry

Middle School Fun Night: Attention all 6th-8th graders! Don't miss out on our wild 'n crazy Fun Night at Planet X on Fri, April 16, from 7 PM to 9 PM. The cost is only \$15 (food and drinks not included) for 2 fantastic hours of fun, fun, fun! Registration forms were distributed to all LaSalle and Religious Ed students on Wed, March 31, but extra forms will be available at the Religious Ed Office in St. Ludmila School or in the commons at LaSalle. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 15, so don't delay . . . join the party at Planet X!

St. Ludmila has a staff person **visit the hospital** Wednesday, Friday, and some Mondays. We keep the sick in our prayer. We are notified of your presence in the hospital if and only if you tell the Admitting Person that it is all right to notify the parish. However, if you are admitted to the hospital after an emergency room visit, the hospital does not ask you the question about parish affiliation, and therefore we do not receive your name. If you are in the hospital for a couple of days and no one has visited you; please contact the parish or have someone call us for you. No visit from us means that we do not know you are there. If you go to a hospital outside of Cedar Rapids, we would be happy if you would notify us so that we can keep you in prayer while you are away, and, if desired, bring Communion when you return home. Finally, if you transfer from a hospital to a Care Center or Assisted Living, or if you simply move to one of these, please notify the parish so that we can visit you. You are important to us, and we want to keep in touch with you!

Coffee and Donut Sunday is April 18.

Join your fellow parishioners following the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses.

Members of the Youth Group are hosting.



The reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist normally take place when a child is in the 2nd grade. The reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the 10th grade. It is the policy of St. Ludmila parish that **all** children preparing for these sacraments to have **completed at least one year** of formal catechesis in the form of parish based Faith Formation (RE) classes or attendance at a Catholic school **immediately prior** to receiving these sacraments. Questions? Call 362.8148.

Holy Family and Xavier

On Friday, April 9, the third graders and teachers from the six **Cedar Rapids Metro Catholic Schools** participated in a **city-wide service project** at All Saints School. The students' activity during the school year centered around the elderly that are in our area nursing homes and care facilities. Students visited residents in the care centers, performed plays, sang, and made projects for them throughout the year. Our final celebration, at All Saints included a prayer service and a chance for students to mingle with each other. This was a worthwhile project for students, teachers, and parents who had volunteered their time to help. During the past year, the St. Ludmila third graders visited the Silver Pines Care Center and Evergreen Estates II.

St. Jude Kindergarten Parent/Student Night will be held on Monday, April 12th from 6-7:30 PM. Children should accompany their parents that evening as they will be doing an activity with the Kindergarten teachers while their parents attend a meeting in the gym. We look forward to having you join us for an informative evening. Contact St. Jude at 396.7818 for more information.

Parents, students, faculty, staff, parishioners, supporters and all interested Cedar Rapids Metro community members are invited to attend the public presentation of the **2010 Xavier High School Vision Report** by visioning facilitator, Mr. Jeff Johnson. The presentation will be on Monday, April 12, at 7 PM in the Ron Thillen Gymnasium. Mr. Johnson will explain the year long visioning process Xavier undertook to conduct an internal and external examination of itself. He will reveal the important findings, both facts and perceptions, compiled after interviews with 24 groups (over 200 participants), will be shared. Mr. Johnson will also share the three major objectives which have emerged from this important process. Principal Tom Keating will share how this report will help shape Xavier High School's future.

Plan to attend **Xavier Band's** biggest fundraiser of the year Saturday, April 24th! The **garage sale and bake sale** takes place from 8AM - 2PM in the Xavier Commons. If you're doing some spring cleaning and have items you would like to donate to the sale, we welcome them! The following items have sold very well in the past: clothing for infants and children, toys, games, sporting goods, household items, small appliances and hand-held electronics. Donations can be dropped off in the band room Thursday, April 22nd 3-6 PM; Friday, April 23rd 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. A tax receipt will be available upon request. After the sale, any unsold items will be donated to area charitable organizations. If you have questions or need additional information, call Paula Fries 848.4852.

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