

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 19

No Mass

Tuesday, April 20

2:00 PM Mass at Silver Pines

6 PM Mass † Bernie Grimm

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, April 21

St. Anselm

7:15 AM Mass † Bill Davis

Thursday, April 22

9:00 AM School Mass † Family of Marie Peters

Friday, April 23

St. George; St. Adalbert

No Mass

Saturday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

4:00 PM Mass Larry and EstherBelle Steinbach
65th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, April 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

12:30 PM First Eucharist Liturgy

(Holy Family/Religious Education Early Session)

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

David/Katie Lammers-4000 Meadowknolls Rd, Marion

April 19-23 Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of April 18, 2010

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51---8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17;
Jn 10:27-30

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

Noah Dean Mullnix

son Nicholas and Jessica Mullnix.



Pastor's Message



Each Scripture text this weekend reminds us that countless voices try to grab our attention each day. Some speak the truth and offer enlightenment. Others, although they may have good intentions, speak only partial truths. Still others distort the truth or twist it to serve their own concerns. Because these many voices are often forceful and tempting, we need to listen carefully, pray intently and discern wisely which ones we will heed.

Two things to help us sort through those voices are said by Jesus in this weekend's Gospel. One is Jesus inviting Peter to cast his nets again even when it seemed like a waste of time and energy. Even the impossible becomes possible when we realize that we don't rely solely on ourselves, but rather rely on the Eucharist and Christ's risen body as a renewable source of strength. Do I turn to the Eucharist when other voices are telling me to turn from the practice of my faith, the promises of my vows, or the care of my brothers and sisters in need? The second is that if I like Peter profess "Yes Lord, you know I love you," Jesus' response "then tend my lambs" challenges us to translate our words of love into deeds of love too! Am I listening for Jesus' voice in the midst of all the others?

You received the first of our "First Portion Appeal" letters this past week as part of our annual invitation to reflect on how financial stewardship is part of my parish life. Through the programs our financial sacrifices support, we do feed and tend Jesus' "lambs". I believe all that God asks of us is that there is an element of sacrifice in how we make our return to the Lord. Maybe this year what had been **impossible** in our eyes might **be possible** if we heed Jesus' encouragement, and cast into the deeper waters of great trust in Him! But whether your response can be an increase or not, please do respond! Many responses give us the witness of committed reflection on your part!

We celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with 31 of our youth this week. We are grateful for Msgr. Russ Bleich's presence with us. We owe a debt of gratitude as well to Sue Berger and Bob Gardner for their leadership, and also to their catechists and team: Julie Leytem, Lisa Meyers, Adam Tiedt, Amanda Venditti, Chris Miller, and Kate Camp. But thanks most of all to our youth who open themselves to the voice of Christ, and the grace of the Holy Spirit. We look forward to all the ways your lives will shape ours to be like Christ's! Fr. Tom

I will be away at another Good Leaders Good Shepherds leadership in-service from Wednesday to Friday this coming week. For that reason there will be no Friday morning Mass. Please seek answers to your immediate questions from the Staff, and please keep the diocesan priests I will be with and all those who exercise leadership in the Church in your prayers this week. Fr. Tom

Congratulations to Sarah Wieneke and Patrick Kastel who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church. May God bless them as they begin to walk together the lifelong journey of Christian married life.



Faith Formation

The New Catholics will continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 9 AM in the 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, please contact Sister Mary 362.7282 or dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

Save the Date! Renowned Catholic speaker, Matthew Kelly, will be visiting Immaculate Conception Church, April 25-26, at 7 PM each night. (Please note these dates are correct. Due to an unexpected conflict, Mr. Kelly will not be able to speak on April 27). From his passion for life and Catholicism, **Matthew Kelly** awakens our hearts and minds with a vision that sets us free to celebrate ourselves as unique individuals: *“God’s dream for us is that we become the best-version-of-ourselves. It is in pursuing this dream that we find lasting happiness in a changing world.”* Mr. Kelly will be addressing the Xavier student body and the 8th grade Catholic Middle School students on Thurs, April 29 at 10 AM in the Xavier school gymnasium.

Do not miss this opportunity!

Appreciation

Thank you to God’s Housekeepers for the week April 4: Gary/Mary Stodola, Carole/Brian Palas, Brett/Tara Simonsen, Dalton/Dakota Simonsen, Mindy Kranig, Alan Zaehring, Chet Sheetz.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week April 4: Darlene Chmelicek and Carole Ryan.

Thank you

- To the workers who helped with the oiling of the pews last Monday: EstherBelle/Larry Steinbach, Betty Schulze, Clarice Holland, Esther Benesh, Sally Welch, Bob/Karen Doyle, Joyce Janovec, Mark Sandersfeld, Jane Milcoff, Ruth Kuhn, Carol/Janet Hayek, and Nancy Macek.
- To all the volunteers and who supported our annual Social Concerns Spaghetti Supper on March 20. The proceeds will help support our local needs.
- To Tom/Jeanette Nicolai, Emily Corcoran, EstherBelle Steinbach, and Joyce Janovec for their dedicated efforts to begin backing up our Sacramental Records to keep them safe.
- To Phil Phillip for organizing the removal of the stumps in front of the Parish Center.

Confirmation



Sacrament of Confirmation: On Wed, April 14, 31 youth members of our St. Ludmila Parish community received the Sacrament of Confirmation in a special liturgy at St. Ludmila Church. Monsignor Russell Bleich – Episcopal Vicar for the Cedar Rapids region – served as presider and homilist, and he was assisted by our pastor, Fr. Tom McDermott. The newly confirmed are: Jason Beer, Jameson Billick, Laura Birky, Zachary Brunscheen, Kimberly Coppess, Aaron Davis, Rachel Flaherty, Taryn Freiling, Kenna Fry, Bridget Karnik, Spencer Kelly, Sarah Koenighain, Abigail Kolosik, Adam Kopecky, Kelsey Kuba-Tresnak, Chloe Lueck, Samuel Manternach, Brittany McCauley, Emily Metz, Jacob Meyers, Ben Ockenfels, Taylor Parks, Carly Pasker, Brittany Rains, Rachel Sedlacek, Jared Smith, Ashley Spicer, Michelle Wharton, Michael Wiltgen, Zoe Wolter, and Katilyn Yanecek. We congratulate all of these wonderful young people for taking this important step on their faith journeys and committing themselves to a deeper, more personal relationship with Christ and our Church. We pray that the Spirit of God may continue to guide, support, and inspire them throughout their lives!

Confirmation Celebration Thanks: Many members of our St. Ludmila community helped to make our Confirmation liturgy and reception on April 14 such a beautiful and meaningful celebration! We are grateful to all who contributed to the liturgy including Fr. McDermott, Deacon Jim Berger, Adam Tiedt, Chris Miller, Kate Camp, Andrew and Caleb Billick, Danielle Heckart, Ben Janney, Ryan Smith, Sami Wehr, Theresa Detert, Leah Detert, Justin Cervantes, Olivia Fries, Nikkie Hernandez, Noah Rickertsen, Cory Rude, Scott Titler, Carrie Darden, Robert Gardner, Karen Koenighain, Randy Tresnak, Amanda Venditti, and Sr. Mary Lechtenberg, as well as those who assisted with the reception including: Julie Farmer, Kim Gradoville, Samantha Farmer, Brandon Gradoville, Andrew Leytem, Maddie Myers, and Sue Berger. A special thanks to Mary Pacha for producing our great program and worship aide.

We are blessed at St. Ludmila to have so many adults – especially parents and young adults – who support our Confirmation process and help to make it a positive, life-giving experience for our youth! A very special thank you to our small group leaders: Kate Camp, Chris Miller, Adam Tiedt, and Amanda Venditti; our support crew: Teri Billick and Barb Manternach; and our parish support staff: Sue Berger and Mary Pacha for your wonderful gifts of time, faith witness, support, and good energy . . . you are all deeply appreciated!



Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Shelby Lint
Wendy Scott and family

Parish Life



St. Ludmila 2010 Cookbooks are here! Over 1,000 recipes! Cost is \$15.00. For more

information contact: Ann Picray 396.9154 or Sara Radke 378.8321. They will be selling them following this weekend Masses.

There will be **stripping and waxing** of the church floors on Monday, April 19, at 9 AM.

The **Senior Citizens Group** will meet on Wednesday, April 21, at 12:00 noon in the Social Hall for their potluck and fellowship. Our speaker this month will be Christi Regan who will speak about the Headstart Program. Everyone is welcome for a fine meal and fellowship.



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 Communion 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

St. Monica's Rummage Sale will be held May 20 and 21. We need your good used items.

Relay for Life: St. Ludmila parish team has walked in recent years to raise money for cancer research and treatment. IF your family is touched by cancer, please consider joining the parish team for a walk on June 4 at Kirkwood College. Contact: Sister Mary @ 362-7282 or by e-mail dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

From Our Children's Envelopes

These past weeks the kind deeds and prayers offered back to God who inspires all the good we do included - Praying For:



- Keep daddy's work safe
- For the sick
- My teacher

Kind Deeds:

- To accept people who no one talks to
- I was very nice to the new boy, Sam, at school
- Served the meal at the Special Olympics kickoff

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



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

MONDAY, April 19

9:00 AM Altar and Rosary Church Cleaning, CH
 5:30 PM Social Concerns Meeting, CrossRoads Mission
 7:00 PM Parish Council, PC

TUESDAY, April 20

5:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM
 6:45 PM Discipleship Council, PC

WEDNESDAY, April 21

8:00 AM Church Cleaning, Leader Mary Brecht
 12:00 PM Senior Dinner, SH
 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 22

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

FRIDAY, April 23

No activities/meetings scheduled

SATURDAY, April 24

No activities/meetings scheduled

SUNDAY, April 25

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

URGENT NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED: We need Hospitality Ministers at all Masses. Please call Tom and Jeanette Niccolai at 363.6115 anytime.

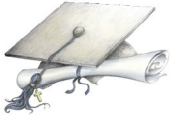
Elections to the St. Ludmila Parish Council and Parish Board of Education will be in May. Candidates are welcome for these two main leadership bodies of the parish. To be a candidate for the Parish Council, contact Linda McCoy 362.2536; for the Parish Board of Education, contact Tim Gradoville 632.1767. 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.

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

Senior High Open Gym: All St. Ludmila 9th- 12th graders and your friends are invited to our Senior High Open Gym on Sun, April 18, from 4-5:30 PM in the school gym. Come and join us for a great afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship.

Class of 2010 Mass and Dinner: All graduating high school seniors from St. Ludmila Parish are invited to a special liturgy in your honor on Saturday, May 15 at 4PM. Following Mass there will be a catered supper in the Social Hall for you and your guests. Please call the Religious Education Office 362.8148 by Tues, May 11, to make your reservation for both events.



Holy Family and Xavier

You can still **register your child/children** for the 2010-2011 school year at Holy Family School. There are openings in grades K-8, and limited space available in our preschool programs. Please call St. Jude at 396.7818 for information about preschool through 2nd grade; St. Ludmila at 362.1943 for information about preschool, 3rd and 4th grade; and LaSalle Middle School at 396.7792 for information about 5th through 8th grade. You can also find information at the Holy Family website: www.cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us.

The Xavier Players will present "**Deathtrap**" in the Regis/LaSalle Theatre on April 22, 23, and 24 at 7:30 PM. Reserved tickets on sale in the Activities Office beginning April 12 from 8 AM to 3 PM daily. Adults: \$6; students: \$4.

It's almost here! Plan to attend **Xavier Band's Fourth Annual Garage Sale/Bake Sale Fundraiser**, Saturday, April 24th from 8 AM to 2 PM in the Xavier Commons. Stop by to peruse a wide variety of quality items *price to sell!* Then enjoy a treat or two (or three) from the bake sale. If you've set aside items for donation to the sale, they can be dropped off in the band room Thursday, April 22, 3-6 PM and Friday, April 23, 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 info, call Paula Fries 848.4852.

Are you an adult who has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? St. Ludmila will be offering a 5-week program this summer on the Sacrament of Confirmation. This program is for baptized adult Catholics over 18 years of age who have received First Communion and are seeking Confirmation. For more info: Deacon Manning 365.3259; DeaconManning@aol.com

In Our Community

Knights of Columbus #5677 • today Sunday, April 18 • Serving 5-7 PM • Tenderloin dinner \$6; Chicken dinner \$7; Shrimp dinner \$8 • Located Mt Vernon Rd/Hwy 13 • 247.2000 • Open to the Public

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!

Knights of Columbus 909, 716 A Ave NE, will be hosting a **Fundraiser Fish Fry/ Auction**. The Fish Fry Dinner/Auction will be Friday, April 23 from 5:30-8:30PM and Silent Auction 5-9PM. The fundraiser is to help pay off a \$32,000 new boiler heating system.

Complimentary Estate Planning Seminar! Are you wondering how potential changes to the tax laws and other estate planning issues might affect you and your family? Join the Mercy Foundation for a complimentary Estate Planning Seminar: Wednesday, April 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. Mercy Medical Center - Hallagan Education Center - 701 10th Street, SE. Keynote speakers Patrick Courtney, Attorney, Kathleen Donnelly, and First Community Trust will provide an overview of what you need to know about estate planning in 2010. Limited seating available. RSVP: Mercy Foundation 398.6206 or e-mail mmcf@mercycares.org

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

Catholic Singles Group offers men and women 18 years and older an opportunity to expand their social and spiritual life and to meet new friends. Contact Lori 447.9218 or by e-mail: lbyrne10@hotmail.com or Teresa at 210.1557 for more information.