

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 26

No Mass

### Tuesday, April 27

No Mass/Eucharistic Adoration

### Wednesday, April 28

St. Louis Mary de Montfort; St. Peter Chanel

7:15 AM Mass † Dolores Villers

### Thursday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

9:00 AM School Mass † Joseph Melsha

### Friday, April 30

St. Pius V

7:15 AM Mass † Joe and Tillie Regan

### Saturday, May 1

St. Joseph; First Saturday

4:00 PM Mass † Marty Welsh

### Sunday, May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

12:30 PM First Eucharist Liturgy

(Religious Education Late Session)

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### **Pilgrim Statue in the home of:**

Vern/Dorothy Haaland – 6825 Devonshire Dr NE

April 26-30 Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

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**Prayer Line:** Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

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### **Readings for the Week of April 25, 2010**

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

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24---13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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**Today, Sunday, April 25** at 12:30 PM is a special liturgy, First Holy Communion Mass. We have 26 children who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time from our St. Ludmila Parish Community. Those who will be receiving are: Alec Brockmeyer, Collin Brockmeyer, Emily Brunscheen, Ryan Cook, Mariah Cookson, Parker Davison, William Garner, Megan Gradoville, Samuel Haugen, Brogan Heefner, Makenna Hewitt, Zachary Hilleman, Summer Howard, Daniel Jacobi II, Katherine Kaufman, Isabella Koch, Kerrigan Levi, Max Locher, Morgan Norem, Chloe O'Shea, Anika Pisarik, Maxwell Rohret, Avery Schmidt, Jaslyn Stephen, Emma Svoboda, and Claire Vlcko. We congratulate these children. We pray that Jesus will always nourish their faith.



### Pastor's Message



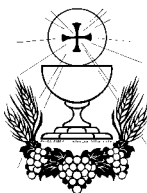
**Good Shepherd Sunday** finds Jesus speaking about giving eternal life to those who follow His voice just as sheep follow their shepherd's voice. We come today looking for that life we received in Baptism to be revived and nourished again in us. As we continue to listen to Jesus and his Word and receive him in the Eucharist, his life grows in us.

Our lives in the "world" (in John's Gospel the "world" means the part of the world that rejects Christ) can drain us. We give in to choices that threaten Christ's life in us, but Jesus offers those who receive his words a life that the world cannot destroy. Who else, or what other power, can offer us that life? Haven't we invested ourselves in enough empty promises of "life" to discover that any life we thought we had in them, has been all-too temporary?

We celebrate this weekend and next with the children of our parish family whose 1<sup>st</sup> Communion will begin that ongoing renewal of their lives that we experience at the table of the Lord. Really we speak of two tables at Mass: the table of Christ in His Word: the Scriptures, and the table of His very Self that is the Eucharist. Our regular and faithful presence for Mass, or our absence from it, will make a difference—to the good or ill—of how these children value the Eucharist themselves. Last weekend Jesus said to Peter "if you love me, then tend my lambs." For the rest of us as well as for yourself, keep following the Lord to the table of His life He offers!

One bit of shepherding I'd like to attend to is a response to a newspaper article on the cover of last Saturday's Gazette. In that article a woman shared her surprise and upsetness that her hospital chaplain had shared their visit with the hospital staff. She did not know of regulations directing hospital chaplains to share pertinent aspects of such visits with other staff. It seems hospitals handle this differently so I advise you to inquire how your hospital handles such matters. I do want you to know that **pastors are not hospital staff**. Unless we are asked about our perception of a patient's nervousness or mood, pastors usually share little with staff other than that you have been anointed. I hope I don't see you in the hospital, but if I do, I would not want you concerned that our conversations are part of your medical chart or anything but simply between us. May life in the risen Lord keep you in good health! Fr. Tom

**Communion to the hospitalized** is a great comfort when one is there. To continue providing this sacramental strength, we need more daily ministers of communion for St. Luke and Mercy hospitals. If you would be willing to help even one day a month, please contact Mary Orth at 396.5124. Of course, we are always looking for communion ministers to our own homebound on Sunday mornings. If you would like to know more about that ministry, please call Paul Pisarik at 365.9814.



**Appreciation**

**1<sup>st</sup> Portion Appeal:** Many thanks for the 72 that responded so far! Next week I'll be able to start giving you some participation results. Please remember that what you express on the response envelope is your *intent* to contribute, *not a pledge!* Some are reluctant to respond for fear they will not be able to fulfill their intention. Others don't like to respond if they can't increase. The leadership of the parish does recognize that what is indicated is a goal, an intention, but not a pledge. I appreciate your part in our partnership: I invite all to reflect on one's financial expression of supporting the work of our parish, and you take the time to take that invitation to reflection and prayer. The Holy Spirit will take care of the rest! Thank you for reading, and responding! Fr. Tom

The **Spring 3-in-1 Appeal** will be taken up in our parish on the weekend of May 1-2. The 3-in-1 is a combination of several collections that were traditionally taken up separately and are now combined into one spring and one fall appeal. The collections included in the Spring 3-in-1 are: **Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services, and Catholic Communications.** You will be receiving from the Archdiocesan 3-in-1 Office a brochure and offertory envelope by direct mail. Please read the brochure carefully as it gives details of the three collections. On the offertory envelope you will have the choice of dividing your contribution equally among the collections, or you can designate how you would like to have your contribution distributed. Please be as generous as possible with your contribution, and remember these important efforts of the universal Church in your prayers.

**Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week April 11:** Florence Moellers, Charity Schneekloth, Janann Anderson, Kris Chambers, Helen Cigrand, Janet Hayek, Jane Milcoff, Marilyn Schulte, Emery/Asa Tew, Paula Fries  
**Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week April 11:** Jeanne Ross and Mickey Betz.

**Thank you**

- To Carol/Janet Hayek, Karen Doyle, Joyce Janovec, Esther Benesh, Jane Milcoff, Hal/Betty Schulze, Sally Welsh, Bernie Drahozal, and Nancy Macek for stripping and waxing of the church floors on April 19.
- To Jim Berger who made new racks for buttering kolaches for the kolach bakes.



**THANK YOU to all cookie bakers** for your extreme generosity! Thanks to all who contributed cookies and bars for the "Tuesdays @ 2:00" cookie break! We loaded up approximately 130 dozen cookies and delivered them to the Block by Block offices to be distributed to those who are continuing, still 22 months later, to rebuild homes and lives for our neighbors. Thank you all for assisting in flood recovery by making all of these delicious treats! The response was overwhelming and very much appreciated by many who enjoyed your homemade goodness. Thanks for making many peoples' Tuesday sweeter!

**Thank you to our bingo volunteers-April 18/20:** Monica Elwood, Frank Roman, Jeff Pottebaum & family, Jeannie Larson, Dale Feye, Jennifer Jordebek, Don/Elaine Hensen, Paul/Leanne Junko, Beth Kies, Jim McEniry, Deb Pasker, Amanda Schwab, & Hope Hugh. Mary Beth Neal, Renee Levi, Holly Bruns, Trudy Plotz baked cakes.

**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](mailto:dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us)

**A Scripture study/reflection group** meets each Wednesday morning at 8:10 AM in the Social Hall. Contact: Deacon Dick Manning 365.3259.

**This summer, set sail for VBS fun!** Feel sea spray on your face as sails snap overhead - and you and your crew experience the deep, rolling waters of God's love!

Join us for a wild journey on the *High Seas!*

**Vacation Bible School: Mon, Aug 2 through Fri, Aug 6!**

**Divorced & Separated Catholics:** Come to a spiritually healing weekend for divorced and separated Catholics: April 30-May 2 at 320 Todd Center Dr, Columbia, IL~62236. Cost \$95. Info/register: 636.946.7782.

**Fr. Tom, we appreciate YOU!** The National Catholic Education Association has declared Sunday, April 25, as National Catholic Schools Pastor Appreciation Day. Today, on Good Shepherd Sunday, we take time to express our gratitude to Father Tom for accepting God's invitation to shepherd a parish that has Catholic schools. Holy Family School and Xavier High School is very fortunate to have Fr. Tom dedicated to ministering to the students and families of the school community. We are truly appreciative of his unending service that provides for the growth and development of the St. Ludmila Parish. Thank you, Fr. Tom!

**Liturgy**

**Lectors** only if you have a substitute, please call us by **Sunday morning** so we can mail the readings to your substitute on Monday.

### Parish Life

There is an **Altar & Rosary meeting** April 26, at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. All women of the Parish are welcome. Come and join us in helping to serve our Parish in many ways.

**Wish List:** Persons to arrange flowers during the summer months for the beauty of our church. Contact: Sister Mary @362-7282.

**Relay for Life:** IF your family is touched by cancer, please consider joining the parish team for a walk on June 4 at Kirkwood College. The team members will collect \$\$ following each of the Masses on May 1-2. Please make a donation to cancer research and treatment. Contact Sister Mary 362.7282; [dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us)

**Couples married 50 years or more** please contact the Parish Center to be invited to the Archdiocesan Mass for couples married 50 years or more. There is a special Mass on August 22, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 2 PM. We want to include everyone. Call Liz at 362.7282.

### Youth Ministry

**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.

**Teens Encounter Christ Retreat:** Congratulations to Xavier seniors Nikkie Hernandez and Kenzie Philipp from St. Ludmila who attended a T.E.C. (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat at Wahlert High School in Dubuque on the weekend of April 17-19! We applaud you for your willingness to step out in faith and deepen your relationship with Christ. Please keep them in prayer.

**Coffee/Doughnuts Thanks:** A big thank you to the senior high youth from our parish who served coffee/doughnuts after Masses on April 18: Carrie Darden, Aaron Davis, Rachel Flaherty, Brandon Gradoville, Sydney Hiserote, Kelsey Kuba-Tresnak, Maddie Myers, Noah Rickertsen, Leo Tonyan. Thanks to parents Sue Kuba-Tresnak & Kelly Hiserote for providing supervision & assistance. You are all greatly appreciated!

The annual **Camp Courageous of Iowa Open House/Omelet Breakfast** is **today** Sun, April 25 from 7AM to 1PM. Cost: \$5 adults; \$3 children under 12. Camp Courageous is a year-round facility for campers with special needs. Located 5 miles SE of Monticello off Hwys 151, Exit 65 & 38. Leo Greco will provide a live broadcast on WMT.

### ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



#### 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

#### MONDAY, April 26

6:30 PM Altar and Rosary, SH

#### TUESDAY, April 27

5:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM

#### WEDNESDAY, April 28

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  
7:30 PM Reunion: Life after Confirmation, PC

#### THURSDAY, April 29

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC  
6:00 PM Kolach Festival Mtg, PC

#### FRIDAY, April 30

9:00 AM Church Cleaning, Leaders Hal/Betty Schulze

#### SATURDAY, May 1

Relay for Life Collection

#### SUNDAY, May 2

Relay for Life Collection  
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 Liturgical Ministers including Altar Servers and Ministers of Hospitality

Contact Tom/Jeanette Niccolai at 363.6115, if you will be unable to serve or minister for the months of April and May. Keep in mind the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. If there is a possibility that you **CANNOT** minister on that weekend or any other weekends in June or July; please let Tom/Jeanette know by **May 9**. Thank you!

#### Holy Family and Xavier

On April 10-11, 43 seventh graders from LaSalle participated in the annual **Discovery Retreat at Camp Wapsie**. The retreat - which focused on the theme "Gotta Find My Place in This World" - provided a wonderful opportunity for our middle schoolers to grow in faith and friendship while having fun in a beautiful, relaxing setting in nature. The 7th grade participants from our parish: Angelina Chadwick, Evan Gradoville, Matt Janney, Sam Hiserote, Kari Tanberg, and Kayla Thompson.

#### In Our Community

**St Jude Parish Garage Sale** is the last week in April. They will start accepting items for the sale on Sunday, April 25, from 1 to 5 PM. They will also accept items Monday and Tuesday all day until 5 PM. Please NO JUNK or BIG ITEMS! Call Rosie at 521.2104 if you have any questions.

**The times for the garage sale are:**

**Wed, April 28 - 8 am to 5 pm**

**Thurs, April 29 - 8 am to 5 pm**

**Fri, April 30 - 8 am to 1:00 pm (Bag Sale on Friday)**