

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, August 3

No Mass

Tuesday, August 4

St. John Mary Vianney

6:00 PM Mass † Harold Schaubroeck

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

7:15 AM Mass † Jennifer Carson Mapes

Thursday, August 6

The Transfiguration of our Lord

7:15 AM Mass † Joe and Tillie Regan

Friday, August 7

St. Sixtus II and his companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday

7:15 AM Mass † Shirley Strauel

Saturday, August 8

St. Dominic

4:00 PM Mass † Margaret Fitzpatrick

Sunday, August 9

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Leon/Geri Durivage - 2725 1st Ave, Marion

August 3-7. Recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of August 2, 2009

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24;
Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or
15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25---14:1, 26-29a,
34-35; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Mk 9:2-10

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30---5:2;
Jn 6:41-51



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

Louise Cora Votroubek, daughter of Lance and Margaret Votroubek.

Congratulations to Jacquelyn Novak and Paul Zillman 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.



FROM THE PASTOR "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" asked the crowd in today's Gospel. Jesus' response was "This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent." It sounds so simple! Of course we believe in Jesus! Mission Accomplished! But do I believe in Jesus *as the bread of life*? Is He *what will sustain my life each day*? I could say that if my life showed that I don't turn away from the crosses of sharing in the suffering of others; letting God take me where I'm needed and not only where I'm willing to go; really acting with love even toward my enemies; or standing up for what my faith holds to be true even if others laugh about it. Are those not the kinds of situations that really make me *rely on Jesus.... that make Jesus' life my own*? When I look at *faith as making Jesus' life my own* then I see more than a few cracks in what I wish was more solid! He really is "bread from heaven"—a look at human life from God's perspective—and I try to think about that when offering Mass. "Do this in memory of Me" is not only about the hour in church but about how I make Jesus life my own, the other 167 hours of the week! The only way to make the rest of those hours more resemble *His life*, is to let what he gives me at Mass: in His Word, in His Body, and in His relationship with me through you all, be what determines my choices and actions in more and more circumstances *in my life!* Thanks for your prayers while I was on retreat! Fr. Tom

Holy Day of the feast of the Assumption of Mary will be here August 15. The Church has set this day aside for decades for us to touch base with our fundamental hope that one day we will be where Mary is today. It is NOT a Holy Day of obligation this year, but we will celebrate this gift of God not just to Mary, but given to **us** too so we can look forward to the resurrection of **our** bodies. Mass for the feast will be offered at 8:30 AM on Saturday, August 15.

We need your help for the annual waxing and stripping of the Bingo auditorium floor, and also replacing the ceiling tiles in the school cafeteria. I see mostly the same people doing this each year. I'd like to see some new faces helping! Please save one evening of August 12-14 to give to this project. No special skills needed! Fr. Tom

Cancer Survivors and Caregivers: "The Weavers Journey" • A weekend retreat designed to nurture and support cancer survivors and their caregivers • Intended audience - any survivor and one invited caregiver • American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls • Registration begins at 8 AM on Sat, Sept. 26 • Retreat closes at 3 PM on Sun, Sept. 27 • Offering: \$100.00 • Facilitators: Kris Admire, RN and Michelle Schneider, RN; Jeannie Mullen, a hospice counselor; Jean Gomes will weave our stories • Call 319.266.3543 for more info.



Our Condolences



The Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family of John Hartz who recently passed away.



Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Jess and Annalie Miller and family

Appreciation

Thanks to the women of the parish who launder the altar linens. This is another one of those "behind the scenes" ministries often unnoticed. These faithful women are: Darlene Chmelicek, Regina Pisarik, Willy Connor, Marilyn Smith, Dorothy Emerson, Jane Milcoff, Bette Krall, Cello Collier, Esther Benesh, Maxine Kaplan, Mary Lou Van Cleve, and Jeanne Ross.

Thank you to Paula Fries, Jane Milcoff, Kathy Musel, and Jeanne Ross who minister to the devotional candles each week.

Thank you Paula Fries for creating our bulletin monthly calendar.

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week of **July 19**: Karen Neuhaus, Emily Fuoss, Vi Bentley, Velma/Bob Leuenberger, Don Schulte, Kelly Sanders, Paul/Leanne Junko, Chelo Collier, Chet/Shirley Sheetz, and Hal/Betty Schulze.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries week of **July 19**: Carol Guge and Kim Simoens.

Family Life

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is the perfect opportunity to give some precious time to your husband or wife to make your marriage come more alive. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is October 16-18 in Des Moines. Please register 6 weeks in advance. To register: call Roger/Marsha Luensmann at 563.927.4352. Visit www.iowa-wwme.org for more info or call Mark/Rosann at 848.8228.

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:

- Grandpa Dabrowski
- Jacob Giles and Conlon White
- People who are traveling



Kind Deeds:

- Helped cook supper
- Donated hair to Locks of Love
- Helped unload oats

Parish and Community Life

Do you like to have fun and socialize at the same time?

St. Ludmila Tea with Thee has a few tables up for adoption. All you need to do is think of a table theme and contact Janann Anderson at 848.3598 for more details. This is a fantastic opportunity to join other ladies in this special annual event. Hope to see you at the Tea!

Rite of Christian Initiation

Future Catholics: Inquiry sessions will continue on Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 PM in the Church Social Hall. Topic: "*Things which make us Catholic*". Think about places, furnishings, persons and practices.

Contact Sister Mary: 362.7282 ext 327 or dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us



Children's Catechumenate: If you are a Catholic parent and your child has not been Baptized, has not received First Eucharist, or has received little religious formation, and is of school age, this process is for them. Please contact Sister Mary about participating in the Children's Catechumenate 362.7282, ext 327.

Support

Support for Divorced or Divorcing Catholics

On Wednesday, September 9th there will be an informational meeting and registration for **Divorce and Beyond**, a Catholic program newly available in our metro area. It is a facilitated, small-group conversation; a 10-week process of self-healing and support. This information meeting will be held 6:30 – 7:30 PM, at St. Pius X, in the Clare Room (4949 Council Street NE, Cedar Rapids).

The *Divorce and Beyond* session will also be held on Wednesday evenings, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, in the St. Pius X Clare Room, beginning September 16th.

Information flyers are available on the mobile bulletin board and at the Parish Office.

*For more information contact our Parish Representative: Jeannie Waite datagirl57@hotmail.com or call our Parish Office: 362.7282.

Attention all High School Confirmation Candidates!

Here is an opportunity to earn service hours by volunteering at Vacation Bible School (VBS). VBS commences on Mon, Aug 3 and concludes on Fri, Aug 7. Hours are from 9 AM to 12 PM.

We are flexible with your daily schedules.

Feel free to come before 9 AM to the Church. We will direct you to help with a station or with a class.

Questions? Please call the Religious Ed Office at 362.8148 and leave a message.

Youth Ministry

Congratulations to Prairie senior Nikkie Hernandez, Jefferson junior Cory Rude, and Xavier juniors Sami Wehr, Rachel Wiltgen, and Stephanie Winders from our parish who attended the Christian Leadership Institute (C.L.I.) at Twin Lakes Christian Center near Manson, Iowa on July 19-24! C.L.I. - a nation-wide program co-sponsored by the Catholic dioceses of Iowa - is a week - long camp which trains Catholic youth to be Christian leaders in their parishes, schools, and local communities. Our St. Ludmila teens were among the 60 high school students from across the state who participated in this summer's two institutes, and we look forward to the continued sharing of their many gifts and talents as well as their great faith and positive spirit with our parish community . . . and beyond. In addition to these participants, University of Iowa junior Megan Popenhagen and our Youth Minister - Bob Gardner - both served on the team for C.L.I. Thank you Nikkie, Cory, Sami, Rachel, and Stephanie for your willingness to step out in faith and grow in your skills as Christian leaders . . .we're proud of you!

Xavier

Mark Your Calendars - Xavier High School Registration Dates and Times:

Senior Registration – Friday, August 7 at 8 AM.

Junior Registration – Friday, August 7 at 9 AM.

Sophomore Registration – Fri, Aug 7 at 10 AM.

Freshmen Orientation – Tuesday, August 18
from 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

Xpress Boys Basketball Coaches Needed: Two Xpress Boys Basketball 6th Grade teams need Coaches. Small stipend included. For more info call Doug Schmucker at 319.573.2984.

Free Programs for Kids, Teens, & Adults with Asthma: Enroll your child or teen in CHAMP, a free asthma education program, and learn about the new HFA inhalers and other topics. An expert from Linn County Public Health (LCPH) will also provide a free home inspection looking for mold and asthma triggers (a \$100 service). Contact Dr. Stephanie Nomura: 319.892.6022 or stephanie.nomura@linncounty.org at LCPH to sign up. Adults with asthma should also contact her to learn about a free adult asthma class on Saturday, August 29.

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, August 2

11:45 AM Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting, SH
1:00 PM Baptism Class, John XXIII Church
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM
7:00 PM Adult Confirmation, SH

MONDAY, August 3

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School, CH/SH
6:00 PM Board of Education, PC

TUESDAY, August 4

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School, CH/SH
5:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, August 5

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School, CH/SH
5:15 PM Adult Faith Formation, PC

THURSDAY, August 6

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School, CH/SH
10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC
5:00 PM Church Cleaning, Leader Carole Palas

FRIDAY, August 7

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School, CH/SH

SATURDAY, August 8

No activities/meetings scheduled

SUNDAY, August 9

4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM
7:00 PM Adult Confirmation, Multi-Purpose Room in SH
7:00 PM Kennon Recital, CH

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

Community Happenings and Information

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 PM • Immaculate Conception Scotus Hall • Potluck dinner • Bingo with white elephant prizes • Newcomers are welcome.

Young Adult Group meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at St. Pius Parish Pastor's Hall from 7-8 PM. Social time: 8-8:30 PM. Everyone from ages 18 to 40 are welcome whether you are married, single or engaged! Meet new people; discuss aspects of our faith; and many social events too! Come be apart of this great experience in a safe community of young adults!

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 info.



Holy Trinity Parish of Protivin welcomes all of you to their 28th annual Czech Days celebration August 18-20.