

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, August 10

St. Lawrence

No Mass

Tuesday, August 11

St. Clare

2:00 PM Silver Pines Mass

6:00 PM Mass † Frank Stadler

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

7:15 AM Mass † Emma Konasek

Thursday, August 13

St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus

7:15 AM Mass † Frances Daly

Friday, August 14

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

7:15 AM Mass † Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith Family

Saturday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Mass † Tony Junko

4:00 PM Mass † Marcella Sumner

Sunday, August 16

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Dick/Karen Alberts - 2930 30th Street Drive SE

August 10-14. Recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of August 9, 2009

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

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21---19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58



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

Joel Alan Freeman

Son of Jasen and Tanya Freeman.

The Sisters of Notre Dame of Toledo, Ohio, are most grateful for the generosity of parishioners at St. Ludmila Parish the weekend of July 25-26. It was a joy to meet so many warm and welcoming new friends! May the good and provident God continue to empower you in your efforts as missionaries in Cedar Rapids. Count on the prayers of our congregation both in Toledo and in Papua New Guinea.



FROM THE PASTOR

The Lord ordered “Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you.” Is what God said to Jeremiah in the first reading the same thing God says to me many Sunday mornings? I’m sure God is referring not to breakfast, but to Eucharist! The journey of life is long in the stretches when challenges are arriving at my door. I might not think I need Eucharist that often when things are going okay. I see two problems with that: will I think to turn to the Eucharist when I am challenged? And, what about the others whose getting through their challenging day might depend on my being at Mass in the midst of a good day for me? Deacon Jim visited with us about the size of the host, compared to what it contains: the size of a quarter yet we receive Word of God whose creation is measured in the distance light will travel in a year! The big things that challenge us are certainly manageable with such a God, are they not? Isn’t trust in that God when life is challenging is so much more possible when I have believers around me? Sometimes God’s “get up and eat” is more for my neighbor’s sake, than perhaps my own! Are we not in this together?

“Get up and eat” in terms of being part of Mass is not only about receiving Jesus in that little host. We are fed from the altar, but also fed at the table of God’s Word: the Scriptures we hear that feed our virtues, our hopes, our attitudes and convictions. The 2nd reading challenges us to “be imitators of God, and live in love, as Christ loved us, and handed himself over for us.” Does your conviction, your hope to do that need to be fed? Mine does. Every day mine regularly faints, no doubt, from weakness!

Jesus in the Gospel reminds a skeptical crowd “they will all be taught by God” and we are taught by God’s history with us in the Old Testament, and by Jesus Himself in the Gospel or through the apostleship of St. Paul, or Peter, or others in the 2nd reading. If you take the time before Mass to read through the text of the hymns we will soon be singing, you can learn a lot about what our relationships with each other and God are created to be. I can offer a pretty bad homily, and there is still lots to feast on at Mass. Your absence is the one thing that will impoverish the table for all who are there. There is no need to be hungry! 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.

If you did not get a bookmark with the readings for the coming Sundays, you will find them in the left column on page 1 in this bulletin every week!

Health care reform efforts will continue after Congress's August recess. Please use this time to contact your legislators and let them know that bills now under consideration in committee are seriously deficient in removing protections for the dignity of life and conscience protection for health care providers. Bishop William Murphy, in his July 17 letter to Congress said the US Bishops have advocated comprehensive health care reform for decades and recommended **four criteria that must all be present for fair and just health care reform: respect for human life and dignity, access for all, pluralism and equitable costs.**

*On respecting life and dignity, he said, "No health care reform plan should compel us or others to pay for the destruction of human life, whether through government funding or mandatory coverage of abortion. Any such action would be morally wrong."

*On pluralism, after citing protections from public funding of abortion in U.S. law, Bishop Murphy added, "Health care reform cannot be a vehicle for abandoning this consensus which respects freedom of conscience and honors our best American traditions. Any legislation should reflect longstanding and widely supported current policies on abortion funding, mandates and conscience protections because they represent sound morality, wise policy and political reality."


*On the issue of access for all, Bishop Murphy said, "All people need and should have access to comprehensive, quality health care that they can afford, and it should not depend on their stage of life, where or whether they or their parents work, how much they earn, where they live, or where they were born. *The Bishops' Conference believes health care reform should be truly universal and it should be genuinely affordable.*"

*In regard to equitable costs, he went on to cite that, even after the implementation of health care reform, some families, including many immigrants, will not be covered and urged Congress to adequately fund clinics and hospitals that serve as a safety net for these people.

Please do contact your Congressmen at (202) 224-3121 and let them know reform needs to include all four aspects cited by Bp. Murphy. More information is available at: www.iowacatholicconference.org

We need your help for Bingo in two ways: First, for the annual waxing & stripping of the Bingo auditorium floor, and also replacing the ceiling tiles in the school cafeteria. Please save one evening of August 12-14 to give to this project. I see mostly the same people doing this each year. I'd like to see some new faces helping! This would be an excellent expression of desire to be "church" for those to be confirmed this year. Second, I need you, each of you, to bring a friend and volunteer to help on a Sunday or Tuesday evening. Let this be one more experience you share in common. And if you don't have a friend, you will have several by the time you are finished. No special skills needed for either to help! Fr. Tom

Guests with us: In mid August as parents bring new students to Kirkwood and other colleges, we often find ourselves with folks in our midst who are trying to connect their children with a new church for the first time in that child's life. At a critical time of transition and ownership of one's own faith that worries many parents, we can do our part to help them, in the way we would want someone to be helpful to our own children where they go to college. Please be especially aware of saying hello to those walking in the doors with you, or of moving into the center of your pew so those who "got lost" trying to find us, will have a warm experience of church, and return to receive the Lord's help in making the transition to adulthood, and independence.

 **Welcome To Our Parish Family!**
Colene Bowersox and family
Randall and Kelly Crawford and family
Ann Murphy
Patrick and Cynthia Nulty

Appreciation

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week of **July 26:** Gary/Mary Stodola.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week of **July 26:**
Jeanne Ross and Esther Belle Steinbach

Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation Committee will be hosting "Movie Time" for parishioners on Sunday afternoons in the Social Hall. A brief discussion will follow each film. Efforts will be made to recall significant actions and statements as well as any religious themes found in each film. Dates will be announced in the near future.



St. Anne Circle annual picnic will be held in the Social Hall on Wednesday evening, August 12 at 5:30 PM for members and spouses. Meat and coffee will be provided. Bring your own table service, a covered dish, and any beverage other than coffee.

Religious Education

HELP...HELP...HELP... Catechists are needed for these grades - 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM early session: 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Training is available. Call 362.8148 for more info.



Be A Teacher
There's a place where only you fit!

Share your love of God, church and children through this special ministry!

Rite of Christian Initiation

Future Catholics: Inquiry sessions will continue on **Tues, Aug 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, x327 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.

Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation Information Session

A required Confirmation Information Session for all prospective candidates and your parents/guardians will be held on Wednesday, August 26 from 7 to 8:15 PM in the Social Hall (church lower level). This is your best opportunity to learn more about our one-year Confirmation preparation process, including expectations, a schedule of activities and registration information. All St. Ludmila Parish youth who are 10th grade or older who have not yet been confirmed and who were enrolled in religious education classes last year (either at our parish or as Xavier students) are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. We need **YOU** to be an active, enthusiastic, committed member of our parish community and we want to nurture and support you as you take this very special step on your journey of faith. If you have questions; contact Bob Gardner, St. Ludmila Youth Minister at 298.9525.

Coffee and Donut Sunday is August 16. Join your fellow parishioners following the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Masses. Members of our Parish Council are hosts.



Support

In our society, approximately one out of three women have experienced an abortion, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute. Many are within our churches, held captive by guilt and shame, fearing others would shun them if their past was discovered. Aid to Women continues on our mission to educate women about the risks of abortion and to empower them to choose life-affirming alternatives. In addition, we are also passionate about ministering to those who have been wounded by a past abortion decision, who were deceived into believing it was a good choice that would get their lives "back on track." Two biblically based recovery classes will begin the week of September 14: Mondays from 7 PM to 9 PM, and Thursdays from 1 PM to 3 PM with childcare provided on Thursdays, lasting 10 weeks. Materials are provided. If interested or know someone who might be interested, please call Marilyn at 364.8967 to register or ask questions. You may call after hours and leave a message at Marilyn's extension: 304. All calls are confidential. Classes are led by caring post-abortive women. Marilyn Schneiderman, Director of Counseling

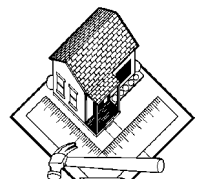
Pro-Life with Love Committee would like to offer memorial bricks to commemorate all children who have died whether from abortion or from other causes in our memorial garden. We have a beautiful Madonna & Child Sculpture on display there with benches for prayer and/or reflection. Interested? Sue Martinek 366.1684.

Service to Others

Hello St. Ludmila!

My name is Katie Parr and I'm with Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity. **Thank you for your generous donation and support this past year** as we continue to build simple, decent, and affordable houses for low-income families in our area. This summer CVHH is building 20 houses with the goal of having them finished in September. Though we are remaining on schedule, we still need volunteers to help us finish the interiors – everything from putting in trim and cabinets, to painting, to cleaning the house in preparation for move-in. We are looking for volunteers for the next few weeks to help on the build sites. We welcome groups as well as individuals wanting to help us with our cause. Unfortunately, we cannot have anyone 15 and under on our build sites, but we do have other opportunities that volunteers who can't be on the build site can help us with. We can always use help in our office with filing paperwork and we appreciate food donations of any kind (from baked goods to sandwiches for our volunteers). Interested in helping? Call us at 319.366.4485 to learn more about how you can volunteer, or go to www.cvhabitat.org Our office is open 9-5, M-F. Our build days are 8-4, T-Sat.

Thank you!
Katie



Xavier

Faculty and staff are busy planning orientation for all incoming freshmen. **Student attendance is required.** The orientation will include tours of the school, registration, a picnic (for freshmen only) and will end with Mass at 2 PM. Parents are welcome to attend Mass. **Freshman Orientation is Tuesday, August 18 from 8:30 AM – 3 PM.** Mark your calendars now!

Community Happenings and Information



St. Jude Sweet Corn Festival is August 14-16 • St. Jude Church, 50 Edgewood Rd NW • Festival hours are: Fri, 5PM-11PM; Sat, 11AM to 12AM; and Sun, 12PM-7PM • Food, fun, and games for people of all ages • Hot fresh sweet corn (only 50¢ an ear) • Raffle tickets are \$1 each, for a chance to win a 2009 Ford Mustang or \$15,000 cash.

The Kernel's Fun Run/Walk • Saturday, Aug 15 at 8 AM • Race fee: \$20 by Aug 14/\$25 day of event • Walk fee: \$15 • Run: 8K/5K; Walk: 5K/1M • Proceeds benefit St. Jude Church • Start/finish line is west of the corner at Ellis Blvd/Edgewood Rd NW • Registration forms can be downloaded from www.judes.org • For more information, e-mail Julie at jjgo262@gmail.com

Holy Trinity Parish of Protivin welcomes all of you to their 28th annual Czech Days celebration August 14-16.



ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



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

MONDAY, August 10

1:30 PM Foresters, PC
5:30 PM Parish Council, SH
6:30 PM Credit Union, SH
6:30 PM KC Rosary, CH

TUESDAY, August 11

5:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM
6:30 PM RCIA, PC
7:00 PM Finance and Administration, PC

WEDNESDAY, August 12

Strip/wax floors & replace ceiling tiles in bingo area, SC
5:30 PM St. Anne Picnic, SH

THURSDAY, August 13

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC
Strip/wax floors & replace ceiling tiles in bingo area, SC

FRIDAY, August 14

Strip/wax floors & replace ceiling tiles in bingo area, SC
7:00 PM Pro-Life with Love Hour of Prayer/Meeting, CH

SATURDAY, August 15

6:30 AM Church Cleaning, Leader Paula Fries

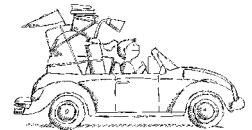
SUNDAY, August 16

Doughnut Sunday, SH - Hosting this event: Parish Council
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM
7:00 PM Adult Confirmation, Multi-Purpose Room in SH
C/CH: Church, PC: Parish Center, SC: School, SH: Social Hall

St. Monica Circle annual fall picnic will be held at T.J.'s Steakhouse on Wednesday evening, August 22 at 6 PM.

College Bound?

If you or someone from your family is going off to college or the military this fall, please take a moment, fill out this form and return it to the Parish Center in the next few weeks. We'll send you a newsletter every few months. I promise I'll do better than last year! Fr. Tom



NAME: _____

PARENT/S' NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS/PHONE: _____

COLLEGE ATTENDING: _____ YEAR: _____

COLLEGE/SERVICE ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ COLLEGE PH. _____