

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, August 17

No Mass

Tuesday, August 18

6:00 PM Mass † Charles Hromidko
Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, August 19

St. John Eudes
7:15 AM Mass † Helen Zrudsky

Thursday, August 20

St. Bernard
7:15 AM Mass † Iva Thibodeau

Friday, August 21

St. Pius X
7:15 AM Mass † Joseph Polansky

Saturday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 PM Mass † Shirley Stravel

Sunday, August 23

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners
10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Leon/Mary Hartough 1990 Country Club Dr Marion
August 17-21. Recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of August 16, 2009

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b;
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69




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

Keegan Elliot Miller
Christopher and Erin Miller

Congratulations to Bethany Murphy and Nathan Votroubek

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





Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Amanda Kleitsch
Keith and Tammy Meyer and family
Gerald and Sarah Phipps and family

FROM THE PASTOR "Come, eat of my food, drink of the wine I have mixed... forsake foolishness that you may live" says Lady Wisdom in our first reading this weekend. Then Jesus, the Wisdom of God made flesh says the one "who feeds on me will have life because of me." But we know that the life Christ calls us to look like the height of foolishness in light of our culture's values. His way of love and forgiveness and sacrifice for the sake of healing and renewing and maintaining relationships costs us a lot in a world where "how does this benefit me?" determines a lot more than business transactions. The Wisdom Jesus offers in response is that the benefit is in holding together the Body of Christ: nurturing it and our place within. When all the other reasons we make decisions pass away with this world, love invested in relationships of care are all that will remain. And along the way, we will come to recognize the Wisdom in putting people before things, and God before all other gods we might serve.

But Jesus' Wisdom is an acquired taste like coffee: it takes some getting used to. So participating at Mass becomes a critical part of expressing our desire to draw closer to each other in this sharing the Food that moves drawing close in relationship from one's desire, to one's life... life in Christ!

There is a bulletin piece below about the ongoing planning for fewer priests to serve Cedar Rapids. The insert with the charts and graphs refers to the history of priestly ordinations and other information that drives these discussions. The changes these facts require have touched other parts of the archdiocese, and now they are touching ours. We are a Eucharist-centered church and so the number of priests will determine how many Masses we can gather for to deepen our communion with each other and with God. Will you please encourage, and make known to me, those you feel have a vocation to the Priesthood?
Fr. Tom

Please note the blue insert with its financial information. You might be concerned that some of the expense lines are very different from 2008. Salaries are low due to a Holy Family reimbursement from 08 received this year; Operations & Office Supplies are high due to inventory purchase timing; and debt interest is low because rates have dropped and payments of \$12,000/mo in 08 can now only be \$5,000/mo. There are a couple areas of concern for me too. One is that even with the reduced income in the weeks following the flood last year, we are still lagging that rate. As the economy now makes things difficult, I hope that would bring those who can do a little more to do so. Have you begun the increase you hoped would be possible in response to the 1st Portion Appeal last May? The willingness of all to sacrifice a little makes all the difference!

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You will see that our Bingo income is down 40% from last year. Even reduced as it is, it still brings in over \$60,000 per year. That is equal to what we have budgeted for debt reduction. Hiring workers reduces that income! Hiring slows our debt reduction at a time with low interest rates when every dollar significantly reduces the debt! You will see on the blue page many of those who have volunteered for Bingo over the last couple of months. Most of them did so several times! We need 5-6 volunteers per night so that list of names won't go very far at that rate! If the economy has limited your ability to support the church as you would like, or if you are in high school and want to do something for the faith-community that wants to be here for you, please call Jim Nowadsky at 390-1249. A most heartfelt thank you to all who do sacrifice for the mission and life of this parish! Fr. Tom

Pastoral Planning for the Cedar Rapids Deanery: The Task Force created by the parish councils met Wednesday night, August 5. The task force consists of two representatives from each parish, the Episcopal Vicar, the Director of Archdiocesan Planning, the Dean and two priest and two deacon representatives of our deanery. The Task Force will have the responsibility to be a liaison between the parishes and Archbishop Hanus. They will be charged with developing a pastoral plan for the Cedar Rapids Deanery which will include sharing priests (in five years we could have four or five less priests) and resources to enable the Body of Christ to continue to develop and serve the people of the Cedar Rapids area. The topics discussed were:

- Task Force Charter: The Task Force's job description
- Description of the committees developed from the task force members and outside resources.
- Task Forces responsibility to take information to their Parish Councils for direction and input.
- The Task force will put together different scenarios to aid the Archbishop who will ultimately make the final decision.
- The first considerations for the task force will be the committees of the parish council; starting with Parish Life, Social Concern and Faith Formation.
- Communication to the area will be through parish bulletins, bulletin inserts, the Witness and local news media.

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead our parishes to cooperation. Thank you, The Cedar Rapids Deanery Task Force

Appreciation

WOW!! A generous thank you to all who donated diapers, baby wipes, and additional baby items during our drive these past few weeks. The donations have been delivered to Aid to Women and Birthright agencies who (along with your generosity) make a difference in the lives of young mothers and their little ones!

St. Ludmila Pro-Life with Love Group

A huge thank you to Nancy Macek, Elaine Samek, and Kathy Shelton for cleaning the Social Hall Kitchen. A few jobs remain to be completed on Monday, Aug 17 beginning at 9 AM. Please join us if you can!

Thank you to Bette Krall, Esther Benesh, Janet Hayek, Kathy Shelton for completing the cleaning of Parish Center

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week of **Aug 2:** Gary/Mary Stodola, Carole/Brian Palas, Brett/Tara Simonsen, Dalton/Dakota Simonsen, Mindy Kranig, Alan Zaehring, Robert/Loretta Claes, Shawn/Chloe Conrad.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week of **Aug 2:** Mary Lou Roman, Laverne Fisher, and Carole Ryan.

Adult Faith Formation



The first of "Monthly Movie Time" will be Sunday, August 30. Join in the viewing of a feature length family-friendly film, beginning at 1 PM in the Church Social Hall. Bring a snack to share at "intermission". (Children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/adult). A discussion will follow the viewing, recalling any significant actions and statements as well as any religious themes found in the film.

The Great Adventure Bible Study on the New Testament book of Acts will show how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out His work in the world. The Acts of the Apostles provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. This exciting 20-week Bible study begins Sunday, Sept 27 from 7PM to 9PM in Scotus Hall, Immaculate Conception Church. Registration Info: http://immconcr.com/News_2009.html Registration deadline: **Mon, August 31.**

Religious Education Catechists are needed for these grades: 5:15-6:30PM Early Session: grades 2, 5, and 6; 6:45-8PM Late Session: grade 2. Do you feel called to teach your faith to young people; this is an excellent chance to do that and to learn about your faith more fully. We offer in-service training and many helps along the way. Give us a call 362.8148.

Parents are you planning for your child/children to attend the Religious Education Program for the 09/10 school year? Call 362.8148 for more info. **Classes begin Wed, Sept 16 with a Family Open House at 6:45 PM in the Church.**

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.



Rite of Christian Initiation

Future Catholics: Inquiry sessions will continue on **Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Center. Topic: *Why do Catholics use candles, water, crosses and specific gestures in their churches?* Contact Sister Mary: 362.7282 x327 or by e-mail 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.

HI VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FRIENDS!

Last week we had an exciting bayou adventure with *Crocodile Doc and friends!* What great fun we had discovering God is always with us through our daily bible point crafts and games; thrilling bible stories; and last but not least our rockin', stompin' bayou music!



Kids would you like to listen to the bayou music everyday? You have an opportunity to purchase the *Crocodile Doc Music CD* for \$5.00 through the

Religious Ed Office. Questions: 362.8148.

Bingo Cake Bakers Needed! Cakes are needed for Sunday and Tuesday evenings. Cake mixes, frosting, and pan are provided. Call 362.8148

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



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, SH

MONDAY, August 17

9:00 AM Altar and Rosary Cleaning of Social Hall Kitchen
6:00 PM Social Concerns, PC
6:30 PM Musician Practice, CH
6:30 PM Deanery Pstrl Plng, SH

TUESDAY, August 18

5:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM
6:30 PM RCIA, PC
6:45 PM Discipleship Council, PC

WEDNESDAY, August 19

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

THURSDAY, August 20

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

FRIDAY, August 21

No activities/meetings scheduled

SATURDAY, August 22

No activities/meetings scheduled

SUNDAY, August 23

4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM
7:00 PM Adult Confirmation, SH

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

Parish and Community Life

The Senior Citizens Group will meet for a potluck on Wednesday, August 19 at noon in the Social Hall. Our guest speaker will be Linda from Aid to Women who will update us on their programs. Please bring a canned good food item, paper items, or baby items to help replenish their shelves to help those in need.



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

Wondering what the menu is for Tea with Thee. Oops, can't tell but here is a big hint. It is coming from the kitchen of Clarice Holland and a few of her close friends. Now there is no guessing how delicious it will be! See you at the Tea!

St. Monica's Rummage Sale is September 17/18. Please keep us in mind.

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 Tues, August 18 from 8:30 AM – 3 PM.**

BINGO APPRECIATION

Thank you to the following people who have volunteered their time to make the bingo program successful: Mary Vosdingh, Carolyn Schulte, Denise Pudil, Gary/Michael Lamparek, Victor Randolph, Tony Hlas, Bob/Velma Leuenberger, Bob/Loretta Claes, Matt/Barb Teply, John/Katie/Max Locher, Sue Tresnak, Brittany Kuba, Dale Feye, Fran/Kathy Musel, Beth Kies, Colleen Camp, Barb Glass, Denise Benish, Kathy/Dan Shelton, Mary Myers, Jeff/Catherine/Colleen/Carolyn Pottebaum, Karen Billick, Connie Been, Patty/Amand Schwab, Paul/Leanne Junko, Mark/Rosann Sandersfeld, Bob Beer, Rich Samek, Jeanne Ross, Patty/Jan Wiltgen, Carol/Janet Hayek, Gary Plotz, Julie Leytem, Kristine Norem, Chris Gierut, and Monica/Emily/Heather Elwood.

Thank you to: Frank Roman for delivering our pop; and to Mike/Nadine Hackbarth for donating eggs.

Thank you to: Sue Berger, Joan Sylvester, Karen Billick, and Monica Elwood for baking cakes; and to Barb Glass for baking cookies.

Thank you to: Elaine Hensen, Jolene Schulte, Jeanne Ross, Darlene Chmelicek, Barb Jandl, Bette Krall, Carol/Janet Hayek, Paul/Leanne Junko, Fran/Kathy Musel, and Bob/Loretta Claes who made our bingo burgers.

Thank you to: Jim Nowadsky, who is our new scheduler for bingo; and to Bernie Drahozal who helps with bookkeeping duties.

Thank you to our regulars: Mary Locher, Bob Baker, Russ Helms, Linda/Larry Michalec and Karen Billick. You make bingo operate so much smoother with your presence.

If you see a friend's name above, please ask them what it's like to work at bingo.

How long is your shift? What do you have to do? Is there a lot of standing?

Can I sit down? We need more people to volunteer so that we can have a larger rotation.



Thank you again to everyone who helps with our program.

My humblest apologies to any person I forgot to list above.

Brian Elwood