

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Monday, February 9

No Mass

### Tuesday, February 10

St. Scholastica

6:00 PM Mass † Kevin Slycord

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

### Wednesday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

7:15 AM Mass † Tillie and Joe Regan

### Thursday, February 12

7:15 AM Mass † John and Mary Dvorak

9 AM St. Ludmila Center Reconciliation Service, CH

### Friday, February 13

7:15 AM Mass † Earl Moeller

### Saturday, February 14

St. Cyril and St. Methodius

4:00 PM Mass † Robert Mackey

### Sunday, February 15

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

9:00 AM Youth Mass Personal Intention

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

Steve/Jacquie Udermann – 3316 Reston Ct NE

Feb 8-13. Rosary prayed at 7:30 PM.

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

### **Readings for the Week of February 8, 2009**

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20---2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31--11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** is being conducted in all parishes the weekend of Feb 14/15. A letter was mailed to your home asking you to support this worthy cause. You can contribute by mailing the envelope to Catholic Charities or put it in the parish collection basket. Please be as generous as you can. Catholic Charities provides much of the professional marriage, family, adoption, and flood recovery counseling/mental health support that our faith community offers those in need of such services! In supporting Catholic Charities, you extend the healing hand of Christ to those in need.

**ASH WEDNESDAY is Feb 25.** Ashes will be offered during Masses that day at 7 & 9 AM; 12 noon; & 7 PM. We will be looking to collect your Palm from 2008 to turn into the ashes for Lent, 2009. Please drop them in the container marked for them in the Church Vesting Sacristy no later than Sun, Feb 22. After that date you can burn them in a reverent way at home.



**A day in the life of Jesus** is what the Gospel gives us this weekend.

We hear of him healing, making time for prayer, preaching and teaching . . . sun up to sundown. When Jesus heals people, he does not simply restore them to a former state of well-being. Rather, physical healings are outer signs of a deeper transformation of body, mind and spirit. Simon's mother-in-law is "lifted up" from her sick bed by Jesus as he heals her. Its interesting that the word used for "lifted up" is the same word used for Jesus' resurrection. A new life has been given her, but not for her only. Lifted up, she now serves Christ. As with all disciples, it is a transformed life that is to be shared in service.

Jesus frees people from whatever binds them so that they can join him in proclaiming the transforming power of God's love. St. Paul says that there is not really any choice in the matter. When one has experienced God's gracious healing love, one is obliged to tell of it. In whatever circumstances we find ourselves, we are to preach God's love. We do this according to our own gifts and calling.

Do you see yourself as "lifted up" or do you see yourself as waiting on Christ to grasp your hand? Truth be told, its easy to wait to feel especially empowered, or able, or excited by an opportunity before we let the Gospel's desire to be proclaimed move us to *let it out*. But God's gracious, healing love has already lifted me up and transformed me in baptism! We live a resurrected life now! God has more to do in each of us, but so much has already been done! St. Paul reminds us that we don't only preach the Gospel from strength. We offer it in our weakness too! Raised up to life in Christ, we are obliged to proclaim the Gospel! How would God say I'm doing with that obligation? Do I need to better appreciate what my baptism has done for me? Fr. Tom

**We are blessed** to have a wonderful Catholic School to serve our families and offer that option for their faith and educational formation. I am deeply grateful to all the staff of Holy Family School and the Parent Association for all they did to make Catholic School Week a special time to **Celebrate Service!** My thanks to this parish for its ongoing commitment to Holy Family!

**Call your Statehouse!** Gov. Culver has proposed to cut the state's budget for textbooks and transportation for nonpublic school students by 7.9 percent, more than \$730,000. At the same time, public school districts are budgeted to receive at least a two percent increase in funding. We see this as an issue of fairness, but also of economic wisdom for non-public schools save the state over \$315 million in educational expenses each year. For details on these issues or to send a message to your legislator, go to [capwiz.com/iowanascdd](http://capwiz.com/iowanascdd) It would be even more effective to contact your legislator with a phone call. You can reach Senators at (515) 281-3371, and House members at (515) 281-3221.

**ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS**

**Lay formation** is a 3 yr program of studying basic aspects of our faith. Its purpose is to help deepen their own faith so they can better offer their leadership and service in ministries in their parishes. There is a new group beginning contact Fr. Tom if you are interested.

**Sunday by Sunday** Scripture reflection sessions will be offered during Lent. Materials will be available for \$5 per set. Consider hosting a small group in your home, or facilitating/leading a group. A clear guide is provided. Sign up is necessary to provide an adequate number of materials. Stop by the Gathering Space today! Questions? 362-7282.

**Appreciation**

**Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries** for the week of **Jan 25:** Jeanne Ross and Kim Simoens. **Thank you to God's Housekeepers** for the week of **Jan 25:** Mary/Gary Stodola, Don Schulte, Tricia Fuller, Karen/Cliff Klouda, Bob/Velma Leuenberger, and Chelo Collier.

**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:

- Everyone in Science Fair
- Disabled People
- Keeping everyone safe

Kind Deeds:

- I let my cousins play my D.S. for 1 hour
- Made hot COCOA for dad when he was cold
- Doing extra chores

**Holy Family School**

**Thank you to** the following people who spoke at weekend Masses during Catholic Schools Week about their experiences in Catholic education: Andy Allen, Joe Behmer, Ben Helms, Jamie/Andrea Henley, Ted/Sara Kepros, Jill Reicks, Michelle Ridder, Luann Schwach, Lisa Streif and Lynn Ties.

**Congratulations to** Trey Sampson, this years LaSalle Middle School recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Award. Trey and his family, along with Mr. Rick Louk and Mr. Joe Behmer, attended the 'Remembering Martin Luncheon' on Jan 19 at the Crowne Plaza Five Seasons Hotel. This annual luncheon is sponsored by the United Way of East Central Iowa and the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids. "Trey exemplifies Dr. King's philosophy of acceptance in his day-to-day activities at LaSalle." Great job, Trey!

**SUNDAY, February 8**

8:30 AM \$crip, CH  
8:30 AM RCIA, SC Cafeteria  
10:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH  
4:00 PM Divorce and Beyond, PC  
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

**MONDAY, February 9**

1:30 PM Foresters, PC  
6:30 PM KC Rosary for Life, CH  
6:30 PM Credit Union, SH

**TUESDAY, February 10**

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

**WEDNESDAY, February 11**

1:30 PM St. Anne Circle, SH  
5:15 PM Early Session Religious Education, SC  
6:45 PM Late Session Religious Education, PC-SC-SH  
7:30 PM Catechesis and Prayer Session 5, PC

**THURSDAY, February 12**

1:15 PM Legion of Mary, PC

**FRIDAY, February 13**

No activities/meetings scheduled

**SATURDAY, February 14**

6:30 AM Church Cleaning, Leader Paula Fries  
5:00 PM \$crip, CH

**SUNDAY, February 15**

Donut Sunday  
8:30 AM \$crip, CH  
8:30 AM RCIA, SC Cafeteria  
10:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH  
4:00 PM Divorce and Beyond, PC  
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

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

**RCIA continues** meeting Feb 8 & 15 in the SC Cafeteria.

**Children's Catechumenate** meets after the 9 AM Mass in the multipurpose room of the Social Hall, Feb 8 & 15.

**Religious Education**

**Teacher Appreciation Night is Wed, Feb 11. Thank you!** to our Catechists who have answered the call to serve through teaching, witness, prayer, service, and building community in this special vocation. Through word and example, catechists teach the Catholic faith and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are grateful to have all of you in our program.

**Reconciliation** for grades 6 through 9 is Wed, Feb 18.

**Registration** for Religious Ed classes for 2009-2010 school year will begin March 1.

**Mark this on your calendar:** Vacation Bible School (for pre-school age 4 through grade 5) will be Mon, August 3 through Fri, August 7.



**We welcome:**  
Clarissa Armstrong  
Nicholas Duffy  
**into our parish family!**



### Sacramental Preparation

**Confirmation Catechesis and Prayer:** All St. Ludmila Confirmation candidates are reminded that your next required activity is the Catechesis and Prayer session Wed, Feb 11, from 7:30-9PM in the Parish Center Youth Room. Don't forget to bring all your completed forms!

### St. Ludmila Board of Education

**Interested in a leadership role** on the St. Ludmila Board of Education? This board is responsible for education from "womb to tomb". If you would like to share your gifts in this way, please call 362.7282.

### Vocation View

**The afflicted Job** in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind--there is nothing to it. Sorrow and sadness strike many people; only those who have been afflicted, who know sorrow themselves, are poor enough to minister to others.

### Youth Ministry

**Teens Encounter Christ Retreat:** Congratulations to Jefferson senior Bo Anderson and Prairie senior Alison Brodsack from St. Ludmila who attended a T.E.C. (Teens Encounter Christ) retreat at Columbus High School in Waterloo on the weekend of Jan 31- Feb 2! We applaud you for your willingness to step out in faith and deepen your relationship with Christ. Serving on the T.E.C. team from our parish were youth adults Shawn Leuck, Chris Miller, Maggie Roling, and Adam Tiedt as well as college students Megan Popenhagen and Kelsey Simoens. In addition, our youth minister - Bob Gardner - served as the lay director of the retreat. Thank you all so much for sharing your time, positive energy, and faith to help our youth encounter Christ in a positive, personal way. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

### Xavier

**Xavier High School** will host freshmen registration for all in-coming 9<sup>th</sup> graders on Mon, Feb 16 at 7 PM. Students/parents will receive information about Xavier's academic program, meet with teachers, and pre-register for freshmen classes. A \$50 scheduling fee is due that evening. Janet Lukan may be contacted by e-mail [jlukan@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:jlukan@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us) or by phone (294-6635 Ext. 390) for further information.

**Last weekend Pro-Life with Love** participated in the Fight Freedom of Choice Act Postcard Campaign organized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to retain existing laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. 826 single postcards were mailed in to our representatives in Congress following the campaign. The donations collected were a valuable help to defray costs of the campaign. Thanks to all who signed postcards and let their representatives know how they feel. What a witness to life at this important time!

**Welcome Home to Spc. Andrea Brandon and Spc. Jory McMann** serving in the 109th Medical Unit in Egypt the last year. They arrived back in Iowa on Mon, Feb 2. We are proud on your unselfish international service to keep peace especially as unrest has grown along the Gaza Strip. Thank you to all who have given your thoughts and prayers for their safe return. If you have a direct family member you would like included in our memorial area, please contact: Sue Martinek 366-0684 or Lori McMann 721-6150 so it can be included in our display for those deployed.



### In Our Community

**A Quiz for Married Couples:** Does your honey remember what you gave him/her for Valentine's Day last year? Do you? Why not do something really special and give each other the gift of a satisfying and intimate relationship? The next weekend is in Cedar Falls, Feb 13-15. To register contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Visit <http://www.iowa-wwme.org> for more information or call Mark and Rosann Sandersfeld at 848-8228.

**Please join All Saints** as we honor Deacon Laverne Flagel upon his retirement on Sun, Feb 15 at 10:30 AM Mass. Light refreshments will be served and a short program will follow.

**Please come to the** Adult Education session on "Israel: Ancient and Modern," presented by Charlotte Martin, Ph.D., Chair, Religious Studies, Mount Mercy College. This session will be Feb 18, 6:30-8 PM at St. Pius Parish Hall.

**Martha & Mary Women's Conference:** Sat, Feb 21 • Grand River Center, Dubuque • Open to women, young adults, and teens • Speakers: Therese Cirner, Sharon Lee Giganti, and Fr. Bob Gross. To register: 563.583.6117 or visit [www.springtimeofhope.org](http://www.springtimeofhope.org) Brochures are on the mobile bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

**What is a (CEW) Christian Experience Weekend?** The CEW is a renewal weekend for adults, designed to enable you to more deeply 'experience' yourself as well as your relationship with God and the Christian community. The women's weekend is Feb 27-Mar 1 and the men's weekend is Mar 13-15. Brochures are on the mobile bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Cost \$35. Call: Lenny/Carol Steiner 366.6312 for more information.