

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter

No Mass

Tuesday, February 23

St. Polycarp

6:00 PM Mass † Wes Novak

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, February 24

7:15 AM Mass Sharon Rajthe and Family, Lvg

Thursday, February 25

9:00 AM School Mass † James Klimesh

Friday, February 26

No Mass

Saturday, February 27

4:00 PM Mass † John and Mary Dvorak

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Dan/Colleen Bear - 4877 Deer View Rd NE

Feb 22-26. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2010

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17---4:1
or 3:20---4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

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



Addison Anne Phipps

daughter of Gerald and Sarah Phipps.

Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation Retreat: St. Ludmila Confirmation candidates are reminded your big retreat is this weekend - Feb 27-28 - at the parish. Check-in will be Saturday 1:15-1:45 PM in the school gym, so please arrive during that time. The retreat will conclude Sunday at 3 PM; please have your ride waiting to pick you up.

Palm "Braiding" can be a family activity:

Three folks have offered to teach others following Masses on Palm Sunday. Can you help also? Contact Sister Mary: 362.7282.

Wear a shade of PURPLE on the Sundays of Lent. Be part of the Church environment!



*Pastor's
Message
for Lent*

One of the crucial aspects of Jesus redeeming us—taking us back from—the power of sin, is that He shared fully in our human nature. Today's gospel encourages us with the reality that like us, Jesus was tempted to assert His will over the will of

the Father, and to use His freedom and power for His own purposes. If Jesus had not really been able to be tempted, then He really could not redeem our ability to be tempted, for that part of us would not have been joined to God in Jesus. But as it is, Jesus submission of His will and power and freedom to God the Father's plan to redeem the world tells us we can too! Jesus' Spirit is in us! Sin is not too strong for us!

Lent is a time to look at those qualities that are so fundamental to being created in God's image: I can choose what I apply my **will** to make happen; I have the **power** to act against feelings and instincts; I have the **freedom** to give myself in genuine love, or not. Jesus so understood Himself in oneness with God that He made God's will His own. Do you see yourself as one with God in Jesus? As part of His Body, you and I are! If we understand ourselves as that close to God already, it can make clearer to us how I misuse my power and freedom, and misdirect my will. You and I are always held close in God's faithful love. May that oneness with God in baptism help us turn our hearts, our whole selves, over to making God's will **my will** this Lent.

Speaking of hearts, the insert in this bulletin offers us a "lesson of the heart" to ponder daily throughout Lent. Jesus went to His heart--His deepest and truest understanding of Himself as God the Father's beloved child--to find the freedom and power to steady His will against temptation to be. Isn't being the beloved child of God my truest self too? Is not that identity what I most want to reclaim this Lent? Let these simple lessons return your heart to its rightful owner! Fr. Tom

My thanks to all who made the time to explore the ministry fair last weekend. Jesus reminded Satan in today's Gospel that we are to serve God alone! Our parish ministries are specific service to God and God's people. There are lots of temptations that whisper "I have too little time, too few gifts, too many obligations to serve in the midst of the Church. I hope those who visited, and those who did not, will use this Lent to find your place of service in the midst of God's church! Call me if you want help! And a heart-felt THANK YOU to the Pastoral Council, Discipleship committee, and those who volunteered for putting on the Fair for us! Fr. Tom

Please visit **Iowa Catholic Conference Action Center** at www.capwiz.com/iowanascdd to see an explanation of the issues we are working on from a faith-perspective. Website asks for your street address, so it can automatically send the message to your legislator should you choose to do so after reviewing the info. It helps our cause greatly when legislators have been contacted beforehand by constituents. Thanks! Fr. Tom

Each year Loras College in Dubuque makes available to each parish in the Archdiocese a scholarship of \$500 (renewable) for one new student. To be considered for this year's Loras Parish Scholarship, please submit to Fr. Tom a 250 word essay that answers the questions: 1) What has been my involvement in my faith and parish up to now? 2) What difference will a Catholic College education make in my life. Submissions must be received by March 22nd. The selection committee will inform you who was chosen to receive it by April 5. Loras has also added two additional scholarship opportunities for students wanting to enrich their Catholic faith life: the John Paul II Memorial Scholarship and the Breitbach Catholic Thinkers and Leaders program. Information on these two scholarships can be acquired by contacting Loras College at 800.245.6727 or julie.dunn@loras.edu

Rite of Christian Initiation

The **Candidates** (already Baptized) and **Catechumens** (unbaptized persons) will be presented to the parish community on Sunday, and sent forth to the Rite of Election in Dubuque at St. Raphael Cathedral where Archbishop Hanus will receive them as Elect, chosen by God.

Faith Formation

The Cedar Rapids area **Theology on Tap** Committee is hosting a new Lenten Series, meeting every Thursday in March at the Chrome Horse Saloon. All young adults ages 21-39 are invited to join us for faith discussions, fellowship, and your favorite beverages beginning at 7 PM. *Topics: March 4: is Why Can't Catholics cut out the Middleman? Sin and Reconciliation. If forgiveness comes from God, why should I tell my sins to a priest? And if I can be forgiven any time, why shouldn't I wait to be forgiven later? For Catholics, Lent is a season to reflect a little bit extra on our sins, so we'll talk about what it means to sin and how we can use confession to repair our relationship with God. Fr. Nick March will be our presenter. March 11: Angels and Demons – and we don't mean with Tom Hanks; March 18: The Bible, the Wall-Street Journal, and Hansel and Gretel: Where is the Truth?; March 25: War (on Terror): What is it Good For?*

Are YOU called to be a Prayer Line Volunteer?



We need interested adults to help contact other adults for prayer intentions. There's perhaps no greater gift and service that we can offer one another than that of our prayers, especially for those who are in need. Interested? Call Darlene 390.1277.

Appreciation

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week **Feb 7:** Chet Sheetz, Florence Moellers, Charity Schneekloth, Janann Anderson, Esther Benesh, Janet/Carol Hayek, Jane Milcoff, Emery/Asa Tew, and Paula Fries.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week **Feb 7:** Kim Simoens.

The Bingo staff would like to thank the people who took the time to stop by our table last weekend to add to our growing list of volunteers. Your willingness to help with this service reminds us that this is a vital aspect of our parish life. **Thank you to those** who have donated their time on a weekly basis to ensure that we provide a fun social activity for our patrons. Thank you for your continued generosity. Reminder: On Sunday evenings bingo doors open at 3:30PM and we begin playing bingo at 5:30PM.



Thank you to the Senior Citizens Group who came out on a cold winter day and enjoyed a fine meal and fellowship last Wednesday. There were approximately 35 people, including the band that ate well as usual with the good food brought in by all you good cooks. Our entertainment was provided by the Four Corrigan Brothers plus 3 who played and sang some of the old songs.

Thank you to:

Elaine Samek who faithfully waters our church plants.
Susie Vecerka and Fran & Kathy Musel for assisting with the Lenten church environment.
Don & Roger Steichen for repairing the school fire alarm system.
Jim Berger for helping keep the snow out of the way.
Ron & Todd Prokop for painting the new stairwell walls in the Parish Center.
All the liturgical ministers, especially Sr Mary & the Liturgy & Environment committees, for a great start to Lent!

Liturgy

The **Adult Choir** will begin rehearsing for the Holy Thursday Mass and the Easter Vigil service, on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 4 PM in the church. Rehearsals will be held every Sunday from Feb. 28 through March 28, from 4 PM to 6 PM. Anyone who is high school age and older is welcome to join. Questions, call Linda Lehmann 364.6876.

Returning Catholics: it's not the same without you! Do you know someone who is an inactive Catholic? used to sit next to you? had a "falling out" with the Catholic Church? would return if they could talk to someone? Please invite them to "Returning Catholics" on **Tuesdays of Lent at 7PM** in the Parish Center. Contact Sister Mary at 362.7282

Have you mailed back your Catholic Charities support yet?

Pope Benedict echoes Pope John Paul II in calling us to build "a civilization of love," where the rights and dignity of each person – especially those most vulnerable, the unborn and the frail elderly – are respected from conception until natural death. February 17 - March 28 we will have prayer for greater respect for human life. Join us for 40 Days for Life to save lives of adults as well as children from abortion through prayer, fasting, community outreach and a vigil at Planned Parenthood. Questions can be directed to Sue Martinek 366.1684. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the following times and hosting locations:

Mon: St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church: Rosary 7PM

Tues: Outside Planned Parenthood: Rosary 2 PM
St Ludmila Church: 6 PM Mass followed by Adoration until 8:15 PM Benediction

Wed Outside Planned Parenthood Rosary 12PM

Thurs: St. Matthew: Adoration 9 AM - 6 PM

Fri: St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church: Mass 6:30AM

Sat: Outside Planned Parenthood: Rosary 11 AM

Youth Ministry

Parish Ministries Fair: Special thanks to all the senior high youth who staffed the youth ministry booth at our parish ministries fair last weekend, including volunteers Kenzie Philipp, Rachel Wiltgen, Kyle Eberle, Bethany Chambers, Stephanie Winders, Jason Beer, Rachel Flaherty, and Sam Manternach. A huge thank you to Parish Council youth representative Rachel Wiltgen for coordinating our efforts!

Xavier

Xavier is accepting applications for all grades for the 2010-2011 school year. If you would like more information about Xavier High School or would like a tour, please call Janet Lukan at 294-6635 x390 to set up an appointment.

Community Happenings

KC #5677 • today, Sunday, Feb 21 • Serving 4:30PM to 7PM • Tenderloin dinner \$6; Chicken dinner \$7; Shrimp dinner \$8 • Mt Vernon Rd/Hwy 13 • 247.2000 • Open to the Public

American Cancer Society - I Can Cope: An educational program for cancer patients, their families, friends • Managing Cancer-Related Fatigue • Thurs, Mar 4 from 5:30–7:30PM • Hall Radiation Center, 603 10th St SE • Free of charge • Pre-register 247.6004.

Birthright Dance for Life • Sat, March 6 from 7-11 PM • KC Hall, 5650 Kacena Ave, Marion • D.J. Dorrington will provide the music • Sandwiches/Snacks • Silent Auction/Door Prizes • Tickets \$7; 4 & under free • Tickets or info: Birthright 393.3251 or Cathy 393.4283.

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, February 21

No Donut Sunday This Month
10:00 AM RCIA and Children's Catechumenate, SH
1:00 PM Credit Union Annual Meeting, SH
3:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 5:30 PM
6:00 PM Senior High Movie Night, PC

MONDAY, February 22

No activities/meetings scheduled

TUESDAY, February 23

5:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM
7:00 PM Returning Catholics, PC

WEDNESDAY, February 24

5:15 PM Early Session Religious Education, SC
(RE Parent Night for grades K-1)
5:30 PM Confirmation Catechesis and Prayer, PC
6:30 PM Divorce and Beyond (closed session), PC
6:45 PM Late Session Religious Education, PC-SC-SH
(RE Parent Night for grades K-1)

THURSDAY, February 25

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

FRIDAY, February 26

9:00 AM Church Cleaning, Leaders Hal/Betty Schulze
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross, CH
9:00 PM Confirmation Retreat Team set-up, SC Gym

SATURDAY, February 27

1:15 PM Confirmation Retreat check-in, SC Gym

SUNDAY, February 28

9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH
9:05 AM RCIA, SH
3:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 5:30 PM
4:00 PM Adult Choir Practice, CH

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

St. Ludmila Social Concerns Annual Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, March 20 at 5 PM in the Social Hall

Proceeds to help the less fortunate in our community.

Have a night off and bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious spaghetti supper.

Dubuque Franciscan Sister Water Kolach Bake

Saturday, March 27

To benefit water projects in Tanzania and Honduras.

Think about volunteering as a family in support of this special bake. You may contact Karen at 350.4145 to setup a time.

Let us join together by caring for those in need and by expressing our gratitude for all that God has given us.



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