

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 1

No Mass

Tuesday, March 2

6:00 PM Mass † Richard Hach

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, March 3

St. Katharine Drexel

7:15 AM Mass † Joe and Adeline Regan

Thursday, March 4

St. Casimir

9:00 AM School Mass † Helen Zrudsky

Friday, March 5

First Friday; Friday of Abstinence

7:15 AM Mass † Jennifer Maples

Saturday, March 6

4:00 PM Mass † Leona Velky

Sunday, March 7

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Bruce/Kathy Tentinger - 7416 Idledale Rd NE

Feb 29 - Mar 5. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2010

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15;
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Sacramental Preparation



First Eucharist Parents are required to come to the School Cafeteria between 5 PM to 8 PM on Wednesday, March 3 to **sign up** for First Eucharist interviews and to **drop off** your First Eucharist book. Questions? Call the Faith Formation office at 362.8148.

Confirmation Mass Planning: All St. Ludmila Confirmation Candidates are reminded that the special session to plan your big Confirmation Mass will be Wed, March 3 from 7:30-9 AM in the Parish Center. This session is optional; we hope to see many of you there.



Pastor's
Message
for Lent

In the Scriptures this weekend, whether its Abram or Peter, James and John, we find people like us who are already journeying along with God, given a much greater insight into what God is about. Abram's trance and the fearful cloud that overshadowed the apostles are places of mystery for them. They are points of trusting further, or turning back. The implications of the promises to Abram and what the apostles hear are life changing! But that is what God intends Lenten prayer to bring about. Lenten prayer creates sacred space where we can wonder about God's hopes for me, or who I might become. God can use our openness to offer **me** the promises made and kept with God's people down through the centuries. Promises of faithfulness, care, and the strength we need for the changes in life we need, and deep down, we want. You and I will hear them if some of our Lenten prayer is sitting, letting Grace bring my best self to mind, and turn off the naysaying doubts that come to turn us from trusting in the promises of God.

Please keep in prayer the rest of this weekend our parish youth making their confirmation retreat, and the women on CEW. They have given themselves this time of mystery, of being in a space where God's Word can change them and encourage them. Please make a habit of looking at the mobile bulletin board for the opportunities to do the same in the retreats offered locally. Later in March will be the Men's CEW March 19-21, and the Men's Day of Prayer on March 27, both at LaSalle Middle School. There are parish Missions underway locally at St. Jude March 7-9 and All Saints February 28 - March 3. Take these opportunities to let God take you further into His mystery, and your future in faith!

I also hope you are building into your calendars the time to enter fully into the Paschal Mystery as we celebrate Jesus death and resurrection during Holy Week, April 1-4. Please keep those holiest days of our communal faith-life free of commitments so we can witness to each other our trust in God's promises. Fr Tom

The **Task Force** has completed its work on Pastoral Planning and forwarded the report with recommendations to Archbishop Hanus. The Archbishop will use the material to help him in his responsibility of assigning priests to the parishes in the Archdiocese. The report has also been sent to your Parish Council that will hopefully help us develop cooperation as parish communities to meet our needs in this area.

Rite of Christian Initiation

The **Scrutiny Rite** for those entering the Catholic faith will take place next weekend during the 10:30 AM Mass. The word "scrutiny" means to search. During these weeks of Lent, all of us take a closer look at our lives to search out all that is not "God-like", to ask forgiveness and to seek healing. Please continue to pray for our 9 adults and 3 children who await the Easter Sacraments.

Faith Formation

A **Scripture study** and reflection group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:10 AM in the Church Social Hall. Call: Dick Manning 365.3259

Returning Catholics: it's not the same without you! Join others in conversation and Lenten reflection. **Tuesdays of Lent - 7PM** at the Parish Center. Call Sister Mary 362.7282. Resource website: www.oncecatholic.org

The Cedar Rapids area **Theology on Tap** Committee is pleased to announce 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 at the Chrome Horse Saloon, beginning at 7 PM. Our first topic, on Monday, Mar 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.

Lent

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



Palm "Braiding" will take place following the Masses on Palm Sunday, IF WE HAVE ENOUGH "teachers". If you can help, contact Sister Mary: 362.7282.

Today, from 1-3 PM at St Jude Parish Center, a reception will be held to **honor** Sister John Thomas Hackett, Sister Charmaine LeMaire, and Sister Mary Janine Wolff for their many years of teaching and volunteering in the Cedar Rapids community. If you cannot attend, but wish to send a card or letter of appreciation, their new address will be: 1150 Carmel Drive
Dubuque, IA 52003.

Appreciation

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week Feb 14: Sally Welsh, Bob/Karen Doyle, Mary Brecht, Denise Pudil, Kelly Hiserote, Denise Benish, Fran Musel, Angie Rohret, Rosann/Natalie Sandersfeld, Jim/Lorilei Christner, and Joyce Janovec.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week Feb 14: Laverne Fisher and Mickey Betz.

Thank you to our bingo volunteers for Feb 21/23: Curt/Samara Hayek, Carol/Janet Hayek, Jeff Pottebaum, Matt Teply, Beth Kies, Jeanne Larson, Dale Feye, Jeanne Wylder, Frank Roman, Jim McEniry, Mary Vosdingh, Monica Elwood, Connie Been, Kris Chambers, Sandy Tanberg, Don/Elaine Hansen. Colleen Knipper, Joan Sylvester, and Trudy Plotz baked cakes.

Thank you Lee Sedlacek, Harry McNeal, Francis LeBarge, and Denny Donnels for trimming out the reconstructed stairwell walls in the Parish Center! Its much warmer!

All Liturgical Ministers including Altar Servers and Ministers of Hospitality

Contact Tom/Jeanette Niccolai at 363.6115, if you will be unable to serve or minister for the months of April and May. Keep in mind Memorial Day weekend is **May 29/30**. If there is a possibility that you **CANNOT** minister on that weekend or any other weekends in April or May; please let Tom/Jeanette know by **March 14**. Thank you!

The **Adult Choir** is rehearsing for the Holy Thursday Mass and the Easter Vigil service, every Sunday through March 28, from 4 PM to 6 PM. Anyone who is high school age and older is welcome to join. Contact Linda at 364.6876.

Two points for Liturgical Ministers: As a new month begins; please check to see if you are scheduled. Please anticipate your vacation weekends and arrange for a substitute in your absence. It prevents "panic" as we are about to begin a Liturgy!

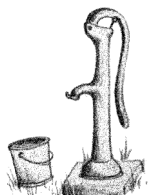
Parish Life

2010 Tea with Thee first meeting is Monday, March 1 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Questions: Melissa 841.2179.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Nearly 200 Prayer Shawls have been donated as a tangible sign of prayer support and comfort. As women make them, they PRAY with each stitch for the recipient, not knowing WHO it will be! If you know of someone whom we could gift with a prayer shawl, please phone Estherbelle: 364.3691.

Czech School (Česká škola) Chili Supper and Bake Sale
• Sat, Mar 13, from 4:30-7 PM in the Social Hall • Chili, rye bread, dessert, beverage for \$4 • Carryout available

Save the Date! A Kolach Bake on March 27 will benefit the Dubuque Franciscan (Sisters) Water projects in Tanzania and Honduras. Sign up to help or to place orders the weekends of March 13-14 and 20-21.



Holy Family and Xavier

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have donated their time and talent to coach the 7th and 8th graders on sports teams at LaSalle: Pam Barta (volleyball), Julie Gerke (cross country and girls track), Scott Lauer (boys tennis and basketball), Ellen Bouchard (girls soccer), Laura Burke (girls soccer), Jeff Thorsteinson (football), Pat Williams (boys basketball), Dave Miller (boys basketball), Steve Miller (boys basketball), Troy Lewis (girls basketball), Chris Chicchelly (wrestling), Kris Millsap (boys and girls swimming), and Rick Feeney (boys track).

At this time, we are in **need of coaches** for Girls Tennis and Boys Soccer. Please call Ed Betsworth (LaSalle Athletic Director) at 396.7792 if you can help out with tennis or soccer this spring, or if you are interested in coaching any of the sports next year (2010-2011 school year).

Ongoing Registration: There are openings at all of the Holy Family School Centers for Pre-school through 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. Contact St. Ludmila 362.1943; St. Jude 396.7818; and LaSalle 396.7792 for more info.



Xavier will host its Middle School Show Choir Competition, Xtravaganza, on Saturday, Mar 6, with performances beginning at 9 AM. Xtravaganza will feature show choirs competing from area middle schools. Fourteen choirs will compete during the day with the six highest scoring choirs advancing to the evening finals. The Xavier show choirs Xhilaration and Xuberance will perform in exhibition. Evening finals are scheduled to begin at 6 PM. For more detailed info/schedules: www.xaviersaints.org
Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 students (age 6 - up). Concessions sold throughout the day.

An **informational meeting** for Xavier parents and girls trying out for **Poms** is 5:30 PM on Tuesday, March 2 at Xavier. Clinics will be March 8, 9 and 11 from 4-6 PM. Tryouts will follow on Friday, March 12 from 5-9 PM.

The **Xavier Foundation** would like to thank you for all that you do for Xavier. Thank you for your Parish subsidies, your individual gifts to fund raising appeals, taking the time to request a matching gift from your employer, and your heartfelt prayers. All of these efforts help ensure that Xavier High School can continue to provide excellence in education within the framework of the Gospel and the tradition of the Catholic Church. Thank You!

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



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

MONDAY, March 1

6:00 PM Board of Ed, PC
6:00 PM Kolach Festival Mtg, PC
6:30 PM Tea with Thee Mtg, SH

TUESDAY, March 2

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

WEDNESDAY, March 3

5 PM to 8 PM First Eucharist Interview Sign-up, SC Cafeteria
5:15 PM Adult Faith Formation, PC
5:15 PM Early Session Religious Education, SC
6:30 PM Divorce and Beyond (closed session), PC
6:45 PM Late Session Religious Education, PC-SC-SH
7:30 PM Confirmation Liturgy Planning Session, PC

THURSDAY, March 4

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC
12:45 PM Rosary over Lunch, CH
5:00 PM Church Cleaning, Leader Carole Palas
6:30 PM Liturgy Mtg, PC

FRIDAY, March 5

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross, CH

SATURDAY, March 6

No activities/meetings scheduled

SUNDAY, March 7

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

Flood Recovery Volunteer Opportunity: The Linn Area Long Term Recovery Coalition and Block by Block needs skilled volunteers to work on framing and carpentry projects to help prepare homes for the Church World Service Blitz Build coming to Cedar Rapids in April and May. Volunteers are needed **immediately** and through the month of March. Contact the Volunteer Center at 319.540.4810 and ask for Laura Narum, to register as an individual or as a group. Volunteers needed: Monday-Saturday 8 AM - 4:30 PM.



St. Patrick Church is hosting a **bus trip** on Wed, Mar 24 to Sinsinawa, WI Mound Retreat Center (across the river from Dubuque) to see the dramatic presentation---Women of the Bible presented by Anita Gutschick. Cost: \$50 includes transportation, lunch, and perform. ticket. Bus will leave St. Patrick Church parking lot: 120 5th Ave NW, at 10 AM and return following performance. Reservations: 362.7966 or e-mail kcoco@stpatrickscr.org by **March 4**.

World Day of Prayer Church Women United • Friday, Mar 5, 9 AM • St Wenceslaus - Chihak Hall • Continental breakfast: \$3 • For child care call Marilyn 377.8609