

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 11

No Mass

Tuesday, January 12

6:00 PM Mass † Alma Schaufenbuel

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, January 13

St. Hilary

7:15 AM Mass Jeanne Wylder and Family, Lvg

Thursday, January 14

7:15 AM Mass † James Klimesh

Friday, January 15

7:15 AM Mass † Helen Zrudsky

Saturday, January 16

4:00 PM Mass † David Gudenkauf

Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Lorrenne Mulherin - 1807 Woodcrest St NE

Jan 11-15. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis/Prayer: Confirmation candidates are reminded your next required activity is Catechesis/Prayer session on Wed, Jan 13, from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Parish Center.

Congratulations to all who have recently, or soon will, celebrate the birth of a child. Those intending to have a child baptized, need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class. St. Ludmila is hosting one on **Sunday, Jan 17** from 1-3 PM in the Social Hall. If you attend Mass regularly, are active in the parish, and have already been through the class on two prior occasions, you need not attend again. However, you still need to contact the Parish Center to schedule a baptism and be reacquainted with the Church's requirements for Godparents. Please be aware when scheduling that except for emergencies or other serious reasons, **the Church continues to refrain from celebrating Baptism during Lent (Feb 17–April 1)** as part of its "fasting" to deepen our appreciation for the gift of faith.



FROM OUR PASTOR

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord this weekend closes the Christmas season, for it makes

manifest the identity of who Jesus, born for our salvation, really is: the Father's beloved Son upon whom the Spirit rests. With each of our Baptisms, we become by grace—God's freely given love—what Jesus was by nature: a beloved child of God. But, with our becoming Christ-like in that way, we also become Christ-like in that God has a plan for each of us in bringing God's kingdom to be.

Baptized into Christ, we can have certainty of this most defining aspect of our lives: we are called to be like Christ. There's no identity more expressive of our true selves. Whatever I might undertake to "find myself" if I don't hold it up against the template of revealing that Christ-likeness, and it takes me into a lifestyle or attitudes that hide my relationship with Christ's Body: the Church, then ultimately it will be a false self I am pursuing. We "find ourselves" in Christ alone!

This feast begins **National Vocation Awareness Week**. In the Gospel everyone is praying after Baptism: Jesus too. Are you praying about your role in God's plan? Are you praying to be faithful to the call God has given you so you might best return the love of God you are created and held within? We can all ask

to be led more and more by the Spirit to follow Jesus wherever he leads us. And we can all help each other identify with Christ who serves, in the service to the Church God calls each of us to embrace as part of who I am! Call me if you or someone you know could use a visit about one's vocation! I also have some magazines with stories and reflections that might help someone think through their questions further.

As we leave the Christmas season, thanks to all, especially the liturgical and hospitality ministers, who helped with our celebrations! And thank you all for your financial generosity in gratitude to God. God's favor does rest on us in ways every bit as visible as was the dove that descended upon Jesus. Its fitting that we respond as Jesus did: placing our lives at the disposal of our Heavenly Father's will. Fr. Tom



KOLACH FESTIVAL 2010 dates are again over the second weekend of June: the 10th through the 13th. There will be an initial **organizational meeting** on **Monday, January 25 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center**. Bring your new ideas! We have experienced Co-chairs; I

already have indication from past leaders of the various parts of the Festival that they will help again, but we are always looking for new help and new leadership! If you can make some flexible time in April, May, and June, please give Todd Garrison a call at 265-3529. The Kolach Festival is St. Ludmila's "signature" event—please be generous in stepping forward to help make its 2010 version a wonderful success.

Congratulations to Debra Akerly and Zachary Herold 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.



ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, January 10

9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH-Multipurpose Room
 9:05 AM RCIA, SH
 11:45 AM Christmas Decoration Removal, CH
 1:00 PM Family Movie, SH
 4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

MONDAY, January 11

6:00 PM Board of Education, PC
 6:00 PM Credit Union, SH
 6:30 PM KC Rosary, CH
 6:30 PM Altar and Rosary, SH-Multipurpose Room

TUESDAY, January 12

11:30 AM St. Monica Circle, 16th Ave Grill Restaurant
 5:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM
 7:00 PM Finance and Administration, PC

WEDNESDAY, January 13

1:00 PM St. Anne Circle, SH-Multipurpose Room
 5:15 PM Early Session Religious Education, SC
 6:45 PM Late Session Religious Education, PC-SC-SH
 7:30 PM Confirmation Catechesis and Prayer, PC

THURSDAY, January 14

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

FRIDAY, January 15

No activities/meetings scheduled

SATURDAY, January 16

6:30 AM Church Cleaning, Leader Paula Fries

SUNDAY, January 17

Donut Sunday - Hosts: Faculty & Staff of St. Ludmila Center
 9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH-Multipurpose Room
 9:05 AM RCIA, SH
 1:00 PM Baptism Class, SH
 4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

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

Appreciation

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week **Dec 27**: Gary and Mary Stodola.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretary for the week of **Dec 27**: Laverne Fisher.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Future Catholics and their parish sponsors will meet Sunday, January 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 9:05 AM in the Church Social Hall.

Children's Catechumenate will meet Sunday, January 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 9 AM in the Multipurpose Room in lower level of the Church.

Family Life

Please join us for the March for Life on Sunday, Jan 17 from St. Matthew Church on 1st Ave to Planned Parenthood. Meet at 1PM - St. Matthew Church parking lot to march or at Planned Parenthood to join in the Pro-Life Rosary.

Prayer for Life Day 2010: This year, several organizations including lowans for Life, Knights of Columbus, the Councils of Catholic Women, and others have come together to sponsor "Day of Prayer 2010" in Des Moines on Monday, February 8. Workshops are scheduled for the morning and a visit to the Capitol with rally and prayer with Bishop Pates in the afternoon. The ACCW would like to provide you with bus transportation from Dubuque with stops in Dyersville, and Waterloo. However, seating is limited and advance reservations are required. Lunch provided in Des Moines for a good will offering. For more information: contact Ann at accwann@gmail.com or 563.923.5415; or Edna at edna@brunkhorst.org or 319.352.3486. "Crying Out to God for Those Who Have No Voice"

Events Happening Today

Christmas Decoration Removal will take place **today** Sunday, January 10 immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass. Please consider helping with this task. Thank you.



Family Movie Time is Today!
 Sunday, Jan 10 at 1 PM in the Social Hall
 Let's bring the Christmas season to a close by watching: The Ultimate Gift.
 Bring a snack to share!

Robert Duval Benefit Luncheon • Today Sun, Jan 10 from Noon to 2 PM • BBQ Pulled Pork Lunch • Cost: Good will offering • Bake Sale and Raffle • Location: John XXIII Church - 8100 Roncalli Dr SW • Proceeds will help defray costs associated with out-of-state care.



A Quiz for Husbands ... Does your wife remember what you gave her for Valentine's Day? Do you? Why not do something really special and give each other the gift of a satisfying and intimate relationship? You'll like

the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! The next weekend is in Cedar Falls on February 12-14. To register or for more info contact Roger/Marsha Luensmann at 563.927.4352 or visit www.iowa-wwme.org

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 February and March. **PLEASE** call by **January 17**. Thank you!

Catholic Schools Week

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

In honor of Catholic Schools Week, St. Ludmila Elementary Center will be hosting their annual Chicken Noodle Soup and Kolach Supper on Thursday, February 4 from 5:00-7:00 PM in the school cafeteria. The cost of the supper \$5/adults and \$3/children which includes: chicken noodle soup, crackers, kolach, maid-rite and drink. We will also be taking orders for kolaches. If you would like to order some they are \$8/dozen. We will be selling cherry, strawberry, prune, apricot, and poppy seed. We will be taking orders through Tues, Feb 2. You may place your orders by calling the school office 362.1943. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the 2010 Catholic Schools Week.

Xavier

Xhilaration's, Xuberance's, and Xcitement's first performances of the year is Thurs, Jan 7. The show will begin at 8 PM in the Regis/LaSalle Theatre. Tickets are reserved seating and go on sale to the general public on Wed, Jan 6 in the Activities Office. All seating is \$5.

Mark your calendars for Xavier High School's Speech Showcase on Monday, January 18 beginning at 7 PM in the Regis-LaSalle Theatre.

Xavier High School is pleased to host its 5th Annual "**Discover Xavier Night**" for 8th graders and their parents on Tuesday, January 19. Doors open at 6:30 PM "Discover Xavier Night" is an evening designed to provide prospective students and their parents an opportunity to learn about the Xavier experience. The evening will include an information session, building tours and activity fair. Students and parents will also have an opportunity to meet and interact with Xavier teachers, students, coaches, directors and moderators throughout the evening. All 8th graders and parents in the Cedar Rapids Metro area are welcome to attend!

Grab your family and head to Xavier on Friday, January 22! Root for the Xavier boy's varsity basketball team who will take on Cedar Rapids Prairie at 7 PM and then cheer on Leslie Charipar (L85), Kirk Haefner (R84), Steve Havlik (R69), and Tom Lilly (R73) who will be inducted into the LaSalle – Regis – Xavier Alumni Hall of Fame during halftime. A reception, held in their honor will take place preceding the game. Please stop by and show your support of this outstanding group of alumni!

Youth Ministry

Middle School/High School Ski Trip: All middle school and high school youth from our parish who are signed up to participate in the big ski trip to Sundown Mountain in Dubuque on Sat, Jan 16, are reminded that you need to be at St. Pius X Church parking lot by 1:30 PM ready to go. We will return there by 11 PM . . . please have your ride waiting to pick you up.

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Quest Retreat: On January 30-31, the Cedar Rapids, Area Youth Ministers (C.R.A.Y.M.) will be sponsoring their annual Quest Retreat for freshmen and sophomores at LaSalle Middle School. Quest provides a terrific opportunity to get away from your regular routine, meet new people, talk about important life and faith issues, and have a lot of fun, too. The retreat begins Saturday at 1 PM and concludes Sunday at 3 PM; it includes witness talks, small group faith-sharing, recreation, and meals as well as Mass and a special reconciliation service. The cost of this overnight event is \$30/person, space is limited and registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so if you're interested send your registration form and money in TODAY. .the deadline to register is Friday, January 22. All 9th and 10th graders from St. Ludmila have received 2 registration forms (friends are welcome) extra forms are available. If you have questions or need more forms call Bob at 298.9525 ASAP. Now is the time to begin your quest to discover more about yourself, others, and God . . . and the Quest Retreat is the perfect place to start. PLEASE NOTE: check should be made payable to: Archdiocesan Deposit and Loan and all forms and money must be sent to St. Matthew Youth Ministry at address listed on the form (**do not send to St. Ludmila**).



Do you have any old Christmas cards that can be recycled? St. Ludmila Social Concerns Committee is looking for old Christmas cards . . . just drop off your cards in any of the food baskets in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

In Our Community

KC New York Strip Steak & Shrimp Fry • Friday, Jan 15 • Serving from 6 PM to 8 PM • Adults \$8, children 12 and under \$4 • Located 716 A Avenue NE; 362.6931.

Attention RNs! Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids will be sponsoring the Basic Parish Nurse Prep Course, March 23-26. This course will consist of 33 contact hours to meet the ANA practice requirements for Parish Nursing. Cost is only \$100. Contact Anne at 221.8568 to register.

Coffee and Donut Sunday is January 17. Join your fellow parishioners following the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses. The Faculty and Staff of St. Ludmila Center are hosting.

