

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, January 18

No Mass

#### Tuesday, January 19

2:00 PM Mass at Silver Pines

6:00 PM Mass † Marguerite Boudreau

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

#### Wednesday, January 20

St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

7:15 AM Mass † Bob Skvor

#### Thursday, January 21

St. Agnes

9:00 AM School Mass † Vernon Schulte

#### Friday, January 22

St. Vincent; Day of Penance

7:15 AM Mass Mark Feye, Lvg

#### Saturday, January 23

4:00 PM Mass † Richard Hach

#### Sunday, January 24

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

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

Jeff/Mary Scherrman - 7009 High Point Lane

Jan 18-22. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

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

#### **Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010**

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

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;  
Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10;

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

**Cecilia Rose Upah**

daughter of Jesse and Amber Upah.



**The necessary class** for parents planning to celebrate the baptism of their child will be offered this **Sunday, Jan. 17 at 1pm** in the Social Hall. If you hope to have a child baptized prior to the beginning of Lent (Feb 17) you will need to attend this class.



### FROM OUR PASTOR

**Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** is the anniversary of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision

that legalized abortion on demand in the United States. We will join others across the country in observing this as a particular day of *penance* for violations to the dignity of the human person, and of *prayer* for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. You might stop by the church to offer the short litany of our Blessed Mother there on the font, (it will be there all week long) or any other prayer for life you choose. I hope all will engage in some penance: something you do or don't do, or something you give up or take on, to express our sorrow at contributing to a culture that de-values life. Please make that part of this January 22 and more days as well in 2010.

**The wedding at Cana** gives us Jesus changing six big stone jars full of water into wonderful wine. Scholars point to this as the first of several ways the gospel of John, through Jesus' actions and teachings, illustrates how Jesus came to replace the Law, the temple, its feasts and the institutions with himself. Jesus would become the truth by which human beings are to live, the source of life and the way to God and to salvation. Some even point to the six jars of water recalling the six days of creation through which the watery abyss was transformed by God's Word into life and light. Jesus changes things!



With the start of the new year as a point of change for many of us, we well might ask "what in my life needs to be replaced by Jesus?" What habit or attitude, focus of my energy or use of my time needs to be re-created by the Word of God? Do you, like me, find yourself at times describing what you did with your day: "same old same old"? Is that experience not an invitation from Jesus to let him turn water into the wine of His presence? The Discipleship Covenant process offers seven areas of life to consider: Ministry, Thanksgiving, Celebration, Witness, Relationships, Reflection, and Prayer. Are one or more of them water that Jesus would gladly turn into the wine of the Kingdom for you? It is in prayer, as Church, and through commitment that we invite Christ to the wedding between who I am, and the life for which God created me. Will you make Him your guest?

**Though National Vocation Awareness Week** ends today, the need to help each other come to hear God's particular calling for you is a year-round obligation of Christians. The sacramental life of our church begins and ends not with water turned into wine, but with bread and wine changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We need priests to keep Christ as able to come to us in this way as He wants to be. The Eucharist we share now is a fore-taste of the wedding feast of heaven's abundance. Do encourage vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and deaconate in your homes and friendships this year! Fr Tom

 **Welcome To Our Parish Family!**

Robert and Gillian Cruse and family  
Blake Hodgins  
Carmen Lyness  
Betty Shearer  
Megan Skala

**ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS**

**Financial News:** On behalf of the Finance Council, I share their gratitude to the parish for your stewardship! Instead of the \$5,000 we normally pay on debt each month, we could pay \$13,000 in December, and will have another large payment in January. If you look at the monthly financial report, you will see that our debt is under \$800,000 now, and though Bingo income is down significantly, and even our Christmas collection is below last year's, we are still ahead of 2008's income. We have received recently checks from employees whose employers allow church or school to receive matching funds from their donations or volunteer hours. Please see if your employer allows for this! Lastly, to make Bingo more profitable we need volunteers rather than paid help. I recently asked those with children in our school and Religious Ed program to make a committed effort to help a few times per year. We need to hear from you especially! Please contact Patty Schwab at 213-2089 to offer your help. Thanks to all for your commitment to return to God from your blessings *by way of your parish!* Fr. Tom

<b>Appreciation</b>
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**Thank you to** all who assisted with un-decorating the church last Sunday. Items are stored in an orderly fashion to facilitate easier decorating for Christmas 2010. (See you then!!)

**Thank you to God's Housekeepers** for the week **Jan 3:** Gary/Mary Stodola, Mary Brecht, Denise Pudil, Kelly Hiserote, Denise Benesh, Fran Musel, Rosann/Natalie Sandersfeld, Jim/Lorilei Christner, and Joyce Janovec.

**Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries** for the week of **Jan 3:** Jeanne Ross/Kim Simoens

<b>Faith Formation</b>
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**Thank you** Trish Prokop for your donation of \$200 to our Religious Education program.

God Bless you for your generosity!

**No Religious Ed classes - Wednesday, Jan 20 due to the city-wide Catechist In-service.**

**In this era of ever-increasing allergies,** many people have discovered that they have an intolerance to gluten, a substance found in wheat and many other grains. As a result, they are not able to receive Holy Communion because of the wheat hosts that are usually used. We now have a low-gluten host available for our parishioners who may have this allergy; this special host has received official approval to be used in our liturgies. If you have a gluten intolerance, please contact Fr. Tom for directions on how to obtain this host at the Masses you attend.

**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

**MONDAY, January 18**

6:00 PM Social Concerns, PC  
7:00 PM Parish Council, PC

**TUESDAY, January 19**

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

**WEDNESDAY, January 20**

No Religious Education Classes  
8:00 AM Church Cleaning, Leader Mary Brecht  
12:00 PM Senior Citizen Dinner, SH  
7 PM Catechist City-wide In-service, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**THURSDAY, January 21**

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC  
12:45 PM Rosary over Lunch, CH

**FRIDAY, January 22**

No activities/meetings scheduled

**SATURDAY, January 23**

No activities/meetings scheduled

**SUNDAY, January 24**

9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH-Multipurpose Room  
9:05 AM RCIA, SH  
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

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

<b>Rite of Christian Initiation</b>
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**Thanks to** the following "new" Catholics who shared the importance of Baptism in their lives: Amy Larson, Kim and Joe Kopish and Marci Weber.

They truly inspired the RCIA community!

**Future Catholics and their parish sponsors** will meet Sundays, Jan 17, 24, and 31 at 9:05 AM in the Social Hall. January 10<sup>th</sup> topic is the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Children's Catechumenate** will meet Sunday, Jan 17, 24, & 31 at 9AM in the Multipurpose Room of the Social Hall. Their reflections have included forgiveness and Baptism.

**Inquiring about the Catholic faith:** You may know someone who is curious about the Catholic faith and would like to ask some questions. Contact Sister Mary for further information: 362-7282 or [dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us)

**The special edition of the Christmas bulletin** may be shared with those who have been away from participation in a Catholic church. Alert them to the inside page written especially for them. After your conversation, invite them to visit with Fr. Tom, Sister Mary, Deacon Jim or Deacon Dick.

<p>Do you have extra plastic grocery bags you don't know what to do with? St. Ludmila Social Concerns will take them. Put the plastic bags in any of the food baskets in the Gathering Space. Thank you.</p>
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### Altar and Rosary Society

#### Altar & Rosary Society Officers for 2010:

President: Nancy Macek  
 President Elect: Melissa Dostal  
 Secretary: Julie Schneekloth  
 Treasurer: Sara Radke

#### Retiring Officers:

President: Kathy Shelton; Secretary: Paula Fries

I extend to both those who have served, and those beginning in these roles, the gratitude of the parish for your generosity in offering your gifts of leadership to the Altar & Rosary Society. So much happens here at St Ludmila's that has the fingerprints of A & R all over it! If you have not been part of any of their services, or celebrations, I do hope all the women of the parish check into the many opportunities A & R present to us to grow in faith, or community, or sense of service. Please congratulate these women when you see them, and follow their lead to a fulfilling sense of parish life! Fr. Tom

**All women of the parish** are invited to the Altar and Rosary meeting Mon, Feb 1 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. This organization is responsible for helping with many parish functions. This is a wonderful way to participate in Discipleship. Come and join us. Nancy, Pres.

### Catholic Schools Week

**Celebrate Catholic Schools Week** at St. Jude by attending the Chili Supper and Open Classroom Night on Tuesday, Feb 2, from 5-7 PM. Cost: \$5 for adults; \$3 for children. Parents of incoming preschoolers and kindergarteners are invited to the Chili Supper and encouraged to stop in the classrooms to view student's work and visit with the teachers.

St. Ludmila Elementary Center is hosting their annual **"Chicken Noodle Soup/Kolach Supper"**



the evening of Thursday, Feb 4 from 5-7 PM in the cafeteria. You are also invited to visit the classrooms and with the teachers.

Orders for kolaches will be taken until Tuesday, Feb 2 by contacting the school office 362.1943; Mary 533.3072; or Karen 350.4145. Volunteers are needed to help bake kolaches. Call the school office 362.1943 if you can help. Come support our efforts to offer the choice of a Catholic faith-based education to parents in our community!

Discover what LaSalle has to offer at **"Celebrate LaSalle Night"** on Mon, Jan 25. Join us at 5:30 PM for a Spaghetti Dinner. Speakers, a Culture Fair, tours of the facilities. All are welcome, 4th/5th graders are encouraged to attend.

### Xavier

Xavier is pleased to host **"Discover Xavier Night"** for 8th graders and their parents on Tuesday, Jan 19. Doors open at 6:30 PM. An evening designed to provide prospective students and their parents an opportunity to learn about the Xavier experience: information session, building tours, activity fair. Students/parents can meet and interact with Xavier staff throughout the evening. All 8th graders and parents are welcome to attend!

### Youth Ministry

**Quest Retreat:** On Jan 30-31, the Cedar Rapids, Area Youth Ministers will be sponsoring their annual Quest Retreat for freshmen and sophomores at LaSalle MS. Quest provides a terrific opportunity to get away from your regular routine, meet new people, and 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. Cost 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 Fri, Jan 22. All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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:** make check payable to: Archdiocesan Deposit and Loan and all forms/money must be sent to St. Matthew Youth Ministry at address listed on the form (**do not send to St. Ludmila**).

**T.E.C. Retreat:** Attention high school seniors! If you want to do something good for yourself then make plans to attend a Teens Encounter Christ (T.E.C.) retreat this school year. T.E.C. is a fantastic opportunity to reflect on important life and faith issues in a positive, fun, supportive Christian community as well as meet some incredible new people. A number of T.E.C. weekends are being held at various sites around the Archdiocese of Dubuque from November through April. To register or for more information: contact Bob Gardner at 298.9525.



### In Our Community

**KC Roast Pork & Dumpling Dinner • today** Sun, Jan 17 • Serving 4:30-7 PM • Adults \$8, children 12 & under \$4 • Located corner of Mt Vernon & Hwy 13; Ph: 362.6931.

**What About Us?** is a fun, free, 3 session program designed to help children 5-12 cope with a loved one's cancer. Register for Tuesday sessions: Feb. 9, 16 and 23 from 5:30-7:00 PM in the St. Luke's Resource Center. A light supper served. Hands on activities and yoga will be facilitated by licensed social workers and trained yoga instructor. Free. Call Gems of Hope 393.9681 to register.