

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 1

No Mass

Tuesday, February 2

The Presentation of our Lord

6:00 PM Mass † Wencil/Irene Kremenak and Michael Schmidt

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, February 3

St. Blasé; St. Ansgar

7:15 AM Mass † Shirley Strauel

Thursday, February 4

7:15 AM Mass † Irma Kelly

Friday, February 5

St. Agatha; First Friday of the Month

7:15 AM Mass † Joe and Adeline Regan

Saturday, February 6

St. Paul Miki and his companions

4:00 PM Mass † Roszella Edgar

Sunday, February 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 Youth AM Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Elmer/Cecilia Rolfes - 3480 McGowan Blvd, Marion
Feb 1-5. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM.

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of January 31, 2010

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19;
1 Cor 12:31---13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8;
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

CEW: As we look ahead to Lent and the spiritual growth that season calls each of us to, I invite all to consider making a CEW retreat—they have been a great experience for getting a new focus on Christ in one's life, and a sense of how one's fellow Christians can be a great support in following Jesus. Spring dates are: Women's Feb 26-28; Men's March 19-21. I'll be working on the Men's retreat so it would be fun to do it with some parishioners! Check out the fliers on the mobile bulletin board, or call Carol or Len Steiner (366.6312) for more information. Registration forms can also be found online: www.crcw.org/admin/docs/RegistrationFormSpring2010.pdf Fr. Tom



FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week!

Among the greatest legacies of our Catholic faith community is its history of educating children and families in the experience as well as the knowledge of our faith. We celebrate that legacy this week! More importantly, we stand on its foundation of sacrifice and committed faith, to look to the future. The theme of Catholic Schools Week is *Dividends for Life*. Catholic schools work tirelessly to provide the *Dividends for Life* including a strong Catholic faith, love of neighbor and the environment, and a passion for learning grounded in exemplary academics and 21st century learning skills. These dividends are **for one's life now** in how they shape us to engage the world with faith. They are also **for the life to come** as they prepare us for oneness with Christ forever. It's an endowment that is potentially rich beyond imagining!!

In the Scriptures today, both Jeremiah and Jesus express the challenge the world brings to those who want to follow God's Word. Ours is not an easy life unless we have settled for being Christian in name rather than fact. Jesus said God is LOVE, but we know God's love is hidden in hard things, and asks hard things! St. Paul describes love with 17 different actions. In a sense, he is saying not only that true love is these 17 things, but that we will find God in them. That is why we need a very developed set of faith formation programs not just for youth through Religious Ed and our Catholic schools, but for Catholics of all ages. Developing the faith, commitment and understanding to find God in the challenges to be patient, selfless, forgiving and fore-bearing is a life-long task. St. Paul indicates as much in comparing how we see God now as in a poor mirror, compared to in heaven, face to face.

God IS indistinct in some hard situations. The faith-formation we receive allows for a lot of clarity in the midst of the challenges. Nothing replaces the home as a source of that formation. But I'm grateful we can offer our Catholic school as an opportunity to extend that formation into many hours of the week for our families. My heartfelt gratitude to all in the parish for your support of our Catholic schools, and to the families and staff whose sacrifices return such dividends on this most wise of investments!

We will be offering sign up for the Lenten adult faith-sharing small groups after Mass this and next weekend. Please give some time this Lent to exploring the nature of genuine love St. Paul describes. You will be better at finding God with you, for knowing better what God is like! Fr. Tom

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 17. Ashes will be offered during Masses that day at 7 AM, 9 AM, and 7 PM. We would like to collect your Palm from 2009 to turn into the ashes for Lent 2010. Please drop them in a basket marked for them in the Gathering Space no later than Sunday, Feb 14. After that date you can burn them in a reverent way at home.



Appreciation

The **members of St. Ludmila Social Concerns** and **our local agencies** want to express their gratitude to all who generously donated to our Advent Giving Tree. The amount of items donated: 1,377. By your generosity you have given hope to those in need!

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week **Jan 17**: Karen Neuhaus, 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 **Jan 17**: Laverne Fisher/Kim Simoens

Altar and Rosary Society

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

Credit Union

The **annual meeting** of St. Ludmila Credit Union is at 1 PM on Sunday, Feb 21 in the Social Hall. Everyone is invited. Snacks and door prizes.

Lent

LENT is around the corner. We invite adults to join in a faith sharing group during the 6 weeks of Lent. A booklet for reflection will be provided. Reflections will be shared during each weekly session. Sign up: Jan 30-31; Feb 6-7.

Palm "Braiding": If anyone knows how to make crosses, braids, roses, etc using Palm fronds, please contact Sister Mary: 362.7282. We are looking for "teachers" to pass on this craft to the next generation on Palm Sunday.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Thanks Barb Malina for sharing insights on the life of St. Paul with RCIA community last Sunday.

Future Catholics and their parish sponsors will meet Sundays, Jan 31 and Feb 7 at 9:05 AM in the Social Hall. January 31st topic is Prayer.

Children's Catechumenate will meet Sundays, Jan 31 and Feb 7 at 9 AM.

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 info: 362.7282 or dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

"Returning Catholics" Those who have "left active practice for awhile" are invited to gather on Tues, Feb 9 at 7 PM in the Parish Center. It may be possible to have a group continue during the season of Lent.

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, January 31

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

MONDAY, February 1

6:30 PM Altar and Rosary Society, Social Hall

TUESDAY, February 2

5:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, February 3

5:15 PM Adult Faith Formation
5:15 PM Early Session Religious Education, SC
6:45 PM Late Session Religious Education, PC-SC-SH

THURSDAY, February 4

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC
12:45 PM Rosary over Lunch, CH
5:00 PM Church Cleaning, Leader Carole Palas
5:00 PM Chicken Noodle Supper, SC Cafeteria
6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting, PC
6:30 PM Baptism Class at St. Jude

FRIDAY, February 5

No activities/meetings scheduled

SATURDAY, February 6

No activities/meetings scheduled

SUNDAY, February 7

9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH-Multipurpose Room
9:05 AM RCIA, SH
11:45 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word In-service, SH
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 5:30 PM

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

Ministries of Support

Catholic Charities Jail and Prison Ministry is having an informational meeting on Thursday, Feb 4 at 6:30 PM at the KC Hall, 716 A Ave NE. Anyone is invited to attend that has a desire to share their God given gifts with people who have made mistakes in the past, but who now are trying to re-enter society and become productive members. No reservation needed, just a desire to make the Cedar Rapids area a better place to live. Questions? Call Dan at 270.0003 or by e-mail Marticedar@aol.com



Support for Divorced or Divorcing Catholics: PLEASE NOTE: THESE DATES ARE CORRECT, LAST WEEKS NOTICE WAS IN ERROR: On Wednesday, February 10 there will be an informational meeting and registration for **Divorce and Beyond**. This information meeting will be held from 6:30-7:30PM, at St. Ludmila Parish Center, 2107 J St SW, Cedar Rapids. *Divorce and Beyond* is a facilitated, small-group conversation; a 10-week process of self-healing and support. *Divorce and Beyond* sessions are held on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8 PM, at St. Ludmila Parish Center. The first session is Feb 24. Flyers are available on the mobile bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

*For more information contact our parish representative:

Jeannie Waite waitejm@hotmail.com



Faith Formation

You are invited to an Adult Education session on **"Totally Dedicated to You"** presenter Rev. Neil Manternach, Pastor, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Session is **Feb 11, 7-9PM, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Lower Level.** *A love song? No, but it does describe God's relationship to us in Christ. When a new church is built, it is dedicated to God. The Church's rites for dedicating a church generally happen only once in the life of a parish, yet these rites are rich and expressive of deep spiritual realities. Explore the rites of dedication of a church and the significance of this holy moment.*

Xavier

The Xavier Foundation will launch its 2010 Business Campaign on Feb 4. Randy Schuler of All Saints Parish is the campaign chair. Doug Valentine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is the associate chair. A campaign kickoff breakfast for volunteers will be at 7 AM on Feb 4 on the Xavier campus. Eighty volunteers will be contacting local businesses for their support. Nine volunteers will serve as team captains: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Jeff Kaiden, Bruce Kramer, Kirk Sadilek; St. Joseph: Jim McPartland; St. Jude: Tom Ekland, Duane Jasper, Joe Kirby; St. Pius X: Donna Garland, Becky Picard.

Community Happenings

Join us for a free forum to learn where Iowa's second Congressional district candidates stand on key issues. We've invited all declared candidates, including: Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Steve Rathje, and Christopher Reed. Since this is a forum rather than a debate, we hope to keep the event focused on positive solutions and understanding how the candidates approach issues. After the forum, you can meet the candidates personally. It's increasingly more important to learn about the candidates before the June primaries. The forum will take place on Sat, Feb 6 from 1:30-3:30 PM on Mt. Mercy College campus in Betty Cherry Heritage Hall. Linn Area Pro-Life United and the Mt. Mercy Political Science Club will host the event.

Martha & Mary Women's Conference. Saturday, Feb 20, Grand River Center, Dubuque. Open to women, teens through seniors. Speakers: Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J. & Patty Schneier, plus talks for teens. To register: 563.580.9373 or visit www.springtimeofhope.org

Catholic Schools Week and Holy Family Information

Monday, February 1

Registration for **current families** of the Holy Family School System (pre-school through grade 8) begins. Call any Center: St. Jude: 396.7818; St. Ludmila: 362.1943; or LaSalle Middle School: 396.7792 for more information.

Tuesday, February 2

Students in the Metro Catholic School system grades 6-12 will gather together with Xavier students to celebrate **Mass for Catholic Schools Week** at 10 AM in gymnasium.

St. Ludmila kolach order deadline is today! You can order: apricot, cherry, poppy seed, prune, and strawberry kolaches. Call in your order to the school office 362.1943; Mary 533.3072; or Karen 350.4145. Volunteers are needed to help bake kolaches on Thursday. Call the school office 362.1943 if you can help.

Join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week by attending **St. Jude's Chili Supper and Open Classroom Night** from 5-7PM. The menu: chili, chicken noodle soup, sloppy joe sandwich, cinnamon roll, applesauce, and drink. Cost: \$5/adults; \$3/children. Everyone, especially parents of incoming pre-schoolers and kindergarteners, are invited to attend the supper and to stop in the classrooms to view student's work and visit with teachers and staff.

Thursday, February 4

St. Ludmila Kolach Bake happens today! Don't forget to pickup your orders in the school cafeteria from noon-6PM.



The students, faculty, and staff **invite you to come and celebrate Catholic Schools Week with us** at the **St. Ludmila Center** from 5-7PM. We will have our annual **Chicken Noodle Soup/Kolach Supper.** Enjoy chicken noodle soup, maid-rite sandwiches, kolach, and a drink for \$5 (children \$3). Visit the classrooms and see what the pre-schoolers and the students of grades 3-4 have been working on. LaSalle Show Choir "Center Stage" will perform 7 PM in the gym.

Friday, February 5

Students from **Holy Family School System** will gather in celebration of Catholic Schools Week with **Mass** at St. Jude commencing at 10 AM. Join us for this special Mass.

Saturday, February 13

Falcon Night Famous Couples 2010: Festivities begin at 6 PM at St. Jude Parish Center. The evening includes a catered dinner by Touch of Class Catering, open bar, great music, and silent/live auction items. Cost is \$75/couple or \$37.50/single. For more info: call Jana 390.4132 or Koleen 632.3031. Reservations are due by Feb 4. Come make a difference in your child's education!

Monday, February 15

Registration for **new families** to the Holy Family School System (pre-school through grade 8) begins. Contact any Center: St. Jude: 396.7818; St. Ludmila: 362.1943; or LaSalle Middle School: 396.7792 for more information.