

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 19

No Mass

Tuesday, July 20

St. Apollinaris

2:00 PM Mass at Silver Pines

6:00 PM Mass † Shirley Drahozal

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

7:15 AM Mass † Jacqueline Jo Davis

Thursday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

7:15 AM Mass † Sandi Thoman

Friday, July 23

St. Bridget of Sweden

7:15 AM Mass † Kiesh Meskimm

Saturday, July 24

St. Sharbel Makhluf

4:00 PM Mass † Kathryn Van Deusen

Sunday, July 25

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Dick/Karen Alberts – 2930 - 30th Street Drive SE from July 19-23. The rosary will be recited each evening at 7:30 PM.

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of July 18, 2010

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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

Dorian Mitchell Benesh

son of Rodney and Danielle Benesh

Celia Penelope Breheny

daughter of Patrick and Wyndee Breheny

Macie Lee Rummells

daughter of James and Laurie Rummells

Hailey Marie Spellerberg

daughter of Todd and Sarah Flanagan



Pastor's Message

Martha & Mary step forth from the Gospel to remind us that our active lives need a reflective side if our lives are to reflect what Christ says is important!

Last week the Good Samaritan highlighted the mistake the priest and Levite made in prioritizing prayer to the exclusion of caring for the bodily needs of one's neighbor. Today, Jesus' reaction to Martha's busyness in serving points tells us we can go too far being active, even *in service*, if we are not spending some time at our Lord's feet, listening so our activity remains rooted in Christ and not in something less! Does your life hold both: activity that flows out from reflection, and reflection on my activity that lets me see the presence of God in my life?

Sunday Mass places us in the midst of prayer, action, and song that can't help but bring the events of my past week, and the concerns of the week ahead, to the feet of our Lord. It also offers us the experience of slowing down and entering a different kind of time than the "one thing after another" of daily life. Then, as we leave Mass feeling renewed, our yearning for that renewal develops the habit of sitting with the Lord a bit even when I'm not at Mass. These days we can spend all our lives acting like Martha, so overwhelmed with practical duties that we end up intellectually and spiritually empty. Jesus offers us His *hospitality of the spirit* that Martha's *hospitality to the body* overlooked! I hope you take Him up on it and keep your body & soul in balance!

My thanks to Fr. Jack Paisley and to Msgr. Karl Glovik for coming this weekend and helping us celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick at the Masses. Through it the Holy Spirit comes to bring wholeness to us: body, soul, and mind in the way God knows we need it. So often illness limits our ability to find fulfillment in Martha's role of serving; we have to take Mary's role of receiving at Jesus' feet. Jesus encourages us to look and find in that role a goodness that Mary found.

Lastly, the readings all focus on the hospitality that is so central to our lives together! Blessings came and still come to those who received God generously! We do receive Christ and make Him welcome in our hospitality to each other. Summer finds lots of guests with us in Church: students visiting colleges, graduates moving into our neighborhood for new jobs, families getting established before the school year starts. Please make an extra effort to say hello to new faces! Invite them to join us, be part of our new parish photo directory, and bring the blessing **each of us is** into our parish family!

Fr. Tom

Congratulations to Victoria Virag who received Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, July 11. We pray that Jesus will always nourish her faith.



Liturgy

Students who have completed grade 4 are welcome to become altar servers. We are in desperate need of altar servers for the 4PM Saturday Mass and the 8AM Sunday Mass. Adult men are also welcome to serve at the 8AM Mass.

Interested? Contact Steve Schulte at 363.0088.

Appreciation

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week of July 4: Darlene Chmelicek and Carole Ryan.

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week of July 4: Chet Sheetz, Gary/Mary Stodola, Brian/Carole Palas, Brett/Tara Simonsen, Dalton/Dakota Simonsen, Mindy Kranig, and Alan Zaehring.

Ministry to Others

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Dubuque is currently resettling a Tanzanian refugee family of five in Cedar Rapids. This family has spent the last 11 years in a refugee camp awaiting their legal resettlement to the United States. The mother of these four children, ages 13, 11, 9 and 6, was widowed earlier this year following her husband's death. The family arrived in Cedar Rapids with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They are resettling legally to the United States and need significant support from the entire community to assist them in acclimating to a new country.

Through many donations have acquired adequate clothes, housewares, and furniture. We are currently working to secure housing for they have been sleeping in a shelter and spending the days in our Catholic Charities' office in Cedar Rapids. To ensure this family and others are provided with the best possible opportunity to acclimate in our country, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation to our refugee resettlement program.

You can make your donation payable to Catholic Charities and mail to: Archdiocese of Dubuque, Finance Office, 1229 Mount Loretta Ave. Dubuque, IA 52003. Please state: "Refugee Resettlement" in the memo of your donation. 100% of all donations will go directly to assist refugee families. If you have any further questions or can assist this family in another manner, contact the Cedar Rapids office at 364.7121. Thank you for your support!

St. Ludmila Post-Kolach Festival Bake

Saturday, July 24

Orders will be taken through Tuesday, July 20
between the hours of 9 AM to 7 PM

Apple, Apricot, Cherry, Cottage Cheese, Poppy Seed,
Prune, Strawberry, and Assorted

Kolaches are sold as pre-order only!

Call your orders into: Darlene 390.1277;
Elaine 364.0897; Mary 533.3072

On Retreat: I'll be away on retreat from July 26 to the 31st. Please contact me this week if you have matters that will need my attention during that time. I'll be at American Martyrs Retreat House in Cedar Falls. They offer retreats on different themes for men /women, young/old, of one day to several days in length, throughout the year. The schedule is always on the mobile bulletin board. It's a great place to make some time at the feet of Jesus! You won't regret it! Fr. Tom

Sacramental Preparation

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. Jude is hosting one **today Sun, July 18 at 3 PM**. If you attend Mass regularly, registered member of St. Ludmila parish, are active in the parish, and have already been through the class on 2 prior occasions, you need not attend again. However, you still need to contact the Parish Office to schedule a baptism and be reacquainted with the Church's requirements for Godparents. We do ask that if at all possible, both parents attend and that you arrange for childcare rather than bring your child to the class.

Upcoming Baptism Class schedule: July 18 at 3 PM: St. Jude; Aug 1 at 1 PM: John XXIII; Sept 19 at 1 PM: St. Ludmila. Call St. Ludmila Parish Office (362.7282) to register.

Stewardship Quote

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire - a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint.

Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

Faith Formation

Cedar Rapids area **Theology on Tap** will be hosting a summer grill-out on Thursday, July 29, in the Noelridge Park Lagoon pavilion, starting at 6:30 PM. We will be providing hamburgers, and invite you to bring a beverage of your choice and a dish to share. The plan doesn't stop at food. We're bringing yard games, frisbees, and other summer cook-out fun. We'll also be bringing back 'speed theology' - a speed-dating inspired series of two minute theology discussions which will preview the topics we intend to use in our fall session 2010! We invite all young adults ages 21-39 to join us for food, fellowship, yard games, and discussion!"

Youth Ministry

Mission: Possible 2010: On July 7-11, a team of senior high youth and young adults from St. Ludmila Parish - under the direction of our Youth Minister, Bob Gardner - traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, for an annual service outreach experience. Mission: Possible 2010 was an exciting, challenging opportunity for our young people to share their time, talents, faith, and positive energy by serving those in need at an inner-city day care, a food bank, a literacy program for at-risk children, and a Catholic care center for the elderly. As part of this service learning, the group shared meals, recreation, and prayer as well as celebrated the Eucharist at an inner-city Catholic Church known for its dynamic, uplifting worship. Youth participants were: Mackenzie Philipp, Haley Brimmer, Jason Beer, Rachel Flaherty, Jared Smith, Carrie Darden, Drew Distler, Jimmy Moore, and Maddie Myers, while young adults Ryan Laudick and Libby Dunnigan served as chaperons. We thank and applaud all of these caring, generous, dedicated young people for stepping out in faith and bringing Christ's love, compassion, and joy to our hurting, troubled world.

Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Xavier

Future Saints Football Camp: The Varsity Football Staff at Xavier will host a football camp for athletes entering grades 5 through 8. The camp will be Monday through Wednesday, August 2-4, from 5-7 PM at Xavier. Cost is \$25, which includes a camp T-shirt. Call Coach Dave Sullivan at 294.6635, ext. 331 for more info.

Girls Saints Softball Tryouts for the 2010/11 season: 12U Aug 4 (5:30-7:30 PM); 14U Aug 4 (7:45-9:15 PM); 10U Aug 5 (6:00-8:00 PM); 12U Aug 9 (5:30-7:30 PM); 14U Aug 9 (7:45-9:15 PM); 10U Aug 11 (6:00-8:00 PM).

Tryouts held at Xavier HS softball field.

Registrations can be found on our website:

www.crsaintssoftball.com

August 13-15---MARIAN RETREAT: "Walk the Walk with Mary" Director: Sr. Jeanine Kuhn. Retreat will begin at 8PM with Mass. Concludes on Sunday after lunch. Register early. If you have a special picture or icon of Mary, please bring it with you to the retreat. Sr. Jeanine will share her walk with Mary; using the Scripture stories from the film: "Jesus of Nazareth". Fr. Jim Starbuck will be the Sacramental priest. Donation: \$115 Partial Scholarship money available. Contact info on mobile bulletin board in Gathering Space.

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, July 18

3:00 PM Baptism Class, St. Jude

3:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 5:30 PM

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation, SH

MONDAY, July 19

No Parish Council Meeting

5:30 PM Social Concerns, PC

TUESDAY, July 20

Kolach Order Deadline

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

6:45 PM Discipleship Council, PC

WEDNESDAY, July 21

8:00 AM Church Cleaning, Leader Mary Brecht

12:00 PM Senior Citizen Group, SH

THURSDAY, July 22

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

FRIDAY, July 23

No activities/meetings scheduled

SATURDAY, July 24

Post-Kolach Festival Bake, SC

SUNDAY, July 25

3:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 5:30 PM

7:00 PM Adult Confirmation, SH

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



Time Is Winding Down!

Have You Made Your Photo Appointment?

St. Ludmila is compiling a new Parish Directory. There is no cost to have your family photo taken and you will receive a **free** 8/10 portrait and a new Parish Directory. Information is available through our website: www.stludmila.org and on the church bulletin boards. Registration is available through a link on the website. Photos will be taken July 20-24, July 27-31, and Aug 10-14. Times are 2:30-9 Tues thru Fri and Sat from 10-2. By signing up online and including your e-mail address for confirmation, you will be sent a \$10 coupon to be used toward the purchase of any additional photos you choose. Questions? Call Linda (389.1106) or Janice (329.5628). You can also e-mail your questions to Linda at: linda.larry.michalec@gmail.com

Parishioners do you have photos of parish activities you think would be a good addition to the new Parish Directory? If so, please e-mail them to Linda linda.larry.michalec@gmail.com along with info on what the activity is. Or call Linda (389.1106) and we can discuss them. The photos need to be of good quality and content. Distance shots will not depict the event, in most cases. All submissions cannot be guaranteed to be used, but we would like to have a good cross-section of what our parish does.

Senior Citizen's Group will meet for potluck and fellowship on Wednesday, July 21 at noon in the Church Social Hall. This month we will play card bingo so bring your nickels and dimes.

