

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, July 20

St. Apollinaris

No Mass

Tuesday, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

2:00 PM Silver Pines Mass

6:00 PM Mass † Alma Schaufenbuel

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

7:15 AM Mass † Joe and Adeline Regan

Thursday, July 23

St. Bridget of Sweden

No Mass

Friday, July 24

St. Sharbel Makhluf

7:15 AM Mass † Marie Peters

Saturday, July 25

St. James

4:00 PM Mass † Marty Welsh

Sisters of Notre Dame Mission Appeal

Sunday, July 26

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

Sisters of Notre Dame Mission Appeal

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Arlene Thome - 6605 Kent Dr NE

July 19-24. Recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of July 19, 2009

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21---15:1; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15



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

Scarlett Madonna Ferin, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Ferin; **Eris Jean Jeffords**, **Evan Lee Jeffords**, and **Jake Roland Jeffords**, children of Eric and Jennifer Jeffords; **Madeleine Rose Monnahan**, daughter of Shawn and Diana Monnahan; **Jaxson Ried Pick**, son of Nathan and Ashley Pick.

FROM THE PASTOR "Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them..." There are days--and times within the day-- when its especially consoling to know that Jesus' heart is moved by our human situation. When one stops and considers all the concerns that pull us in different directions at once, I find it is like I am a sheep without a shepherd! Other times the voice of reason or practicality, pleasing others or following my appetites, all prove to be the misleading shepherds Jeremiah pronounced woe upon in the 1st Reading! Too little guidance that has us chasing our tails, or too much control that sends us off in the wrong direction, both can come from our own will or desires.

And so Christ in His pity for us gladly provides the shepherding we need, if we will only follow! When we can't decide what to do first or tend to most, Christ has offered us priorities like "first, love God with all your hearts... and second, love neighbor as yourself." When we have been chasing after even beneficial successes but to the point that the chase is not benefitting my life in Christ, Jesus tells us to make sure "the treasure our heart is set upon is treasure that will last!" He **will** keep us on His Way if we allow Him to!

His guidance begins in that pause where we look up from the direction we are going to check our bearings. We won't stop if we don't consider that we might be wandering, or barreling down the wrong road! So how do we let Christ lead? It begins in the questions about my relationship with God: "Where is Jesus seen with me?" and "How is this direction taking me closer to Christ?" Until we can answer those two about a few aspects of my life each day, I better keep resting, so His shepherding becomes clear! Fr. Tom

I will be on retreat July 27 to Aug 1 at American Martyr's Retreat House in Cedar Falls. Please keep me and the 15 or so brother priests with me in your prayers. If you will need me that week, please contact me soon. Fr. Tom

Fr. Walt Kleinfehn generously joined us for Masses this weekend to help offer the Sacrament of the Sick. He has been a most generous and gentle Shepherd in our corner of the diocese for many years. Our thanks to him and to all who made these celebrations possible! As they talk about rationing health care in various congressional debates, are you concerned that this means of spiritual healing might become less available? Pray **and act** to encourage vocations! It won't be God's generosity that is too little! Let me know of your questions! Fr. Tom



We need your help for the annual waxing and stripping of the Bingo auditorium floor, and also replacing the ceiling tiles in the school cafeteria. I see mostly the same people doing this each year. I'd like to see some new faces helping! Please save one evening of August 12-14 to give to this project. No special skills needed! Fr. Tom

Parish and Community Life

Cancer Survivors and Caregivers: "The Weavers Journey" • A weekend retreat designed to nurture and support cancer survivors and their caregivers • Intended audience - any survivor and one invited caregiver • American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls • Registration begins at 8 AM on Sat, Sept. 26 • Retreat closes at 3 PM on Sun, Sept. 27 • Offering: \$100.00 • Facilitators: Kris Admire, RN and Michelle Schneider, RN; Jeannie Mullen, a hospice counselor; Jean Gomes will weave our stories • Call 319.266.3543 for more info.

Out of the office: Sister Mary will be attending her Franciscan Community gathering in Dubuque from July 23 through 26.



Adult Faith Formation

Cedar Rapids area Theology on Tap will be hosting a summer grill-out on this Thurs, July 23 at 6:30 PM in the Ellis Park Harborview Pavilion. We will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs, and invite you to bring a beverage of your choice and a dish to share. There will be theology discussion questions giving us a preview of our upcoming October ToT sessions, and we'll be looking for your input and ideas! We invite all young adults ages 21-39 to join us for food, fellowship, yard games, and discussion! For more information or to RSVP contact Jesse Sheedy at 390.3520 or j.sheedy@judes.org You can also look us up on Facebook.

Appreciation

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week of **July 5:** Gary/Mary Stodola, Mark/Sandy Serbousek, Kris Chambers, Jane Milcoff, Janann Anderson, Linda Hoffman, Carol Hayek, Esther Benesh, Emery/Asa Tew, & Marilyn Schulte.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week of **July 5:** Chelo Collier, Darlene Chmelicek & Carole Ryan.

Liturgical Ministers

Two points for Liturgical Ministers: As a new month begins, 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!

Altar & Rosary Society invites all ladies of the parish to help complete cleaning of the Parish Center on Monday, July 27 beginning at 9 AM.

Future Catholics: Inquiry sessions about joining the Catholic faith are meeting NOW. If you know someone who is interested in further information, please inform them of the next Inquiry session on **Tues, July 28, 6:30PM** in the Parish Center, 2107 J St. Contact Sister Mary: dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us or 362.7282, ext 327.

Children's Catechumenate: If you are a Catholic parent and your child has not been Baptized, has not received First Eucharist, or has received little religious formation, this process is for them. Please contact Sister Mary about participating in the Children's Catechumenate 362.7282, ext 327 or dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

Know someone who "once was a Catholic"? Connect him/her to this web site: <http://www.oncecatholic.org/> They may also contact Sister Mary for further conversation and information: 362.7282, ext 327.

Pro-Life with Love

St. Ludmila Pro-Life with Love is sponsoring a diaper and baby wipes drive to help mothers and children in need. All sizes of diapers needed. Donations will be accepted beginning the weekend of Aug. 1/2 through Aug. 15/16. There will be a playpen in the Gathering Space where the donated items can be placed. The donated items will be delivered to our local non-profit agencies: Aid to Women and Birthright. Thank you for your generosity of making a difference in the lives of young women and their babies.



Service to Others

Habitat for Humanity: We have the opportunity to help out a parishioner whose "Habitat House" is being built at this time! Can you help work on the finishing touches so this family and other Habitat families can move into their new homes? All houses are worked on together, but any time we put in goes toward hours for our parish family. Questions? Call: [Jane Milcoff 365.8408](tel:365.8408)

The Catholic Worker House in Cedar Rapids is seeking a full-time house manager to oversee the day to day operations of this homeless shelter. Ideal candidates would be Catholic; have a degree in social work or other experience in management; have some familiarity with assistance programs; computer skills; and a willingness to help the homeless. Salary and benefits are negotiable and include paid room and board for the house manager and/or spouse. Interested persons should contact board chairperson Jim Podgorski at jamespod@mchsi.com or by mail PO Box 2321, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406 to arrange submission of a resume and interview.

Support



Support for Divorced or Divorcing Catholics

On Wednesday, September 9 there will be an informational meeting and registration for ***Divorce and Beyond***, a Catholic program available in our metro area. D&B is a facilitated, small-group conversation; a 10-week process of self-healing and support. This informational meeting will be at 6:30–7:30PM, St. Pius X, in the Clare Room (4949 Council St NE). The *Divorce and Beyond* sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, 6:30–8:30PM, in the St. Pius X Clare Room, beginning September 16. Information flyers are available on the mobile bulletin board and at the parish office.

(This program is currently being offered to parishioners of St. Pius X, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and St. Ludmila.)

For more information contact St. Ludmila Parish Rep: Jeannie Waite at datagirl57@hotmail.com or call St. Ludmila Parish Office 362.7282.

Xavier

The Xavier Foundation would like to thank donors who secured “matching donations” from their employers for their efforts to increase the impact of their contributions to the Foundation.

During the 08/09 fiscal year, the Xavier Foundation received nearly \$50,000 from employer matching gift programs. Your efforts and their support are needed and greatly appreciated!

Tickets are now on sale for the XAVIER X GAME football raffle. With every ticket purchase you have a chance to win \$500 each week during the upcoming NFL season. All tickets include three randomly selected NFL teams. If your three teams score the most points in a given week, you win \$500! You also have the chance to win multiple \$500 prizes with just one ticket over the course of the season. More than \$10,000 in cash prizes will be given away to lucky X GAME ticket holders throughout the entire football season. Tickets are on sale for \$25 at the Xavier activities and main office, or many Xavier parents. You may also e-mail ticket requests to: xavierboosters@yahoo.com The Xavier Booster Club provides funds for athletics, fine arts, and academic.

Knights of Columbus #5677 • today, Sunday, July 19 • Serving 4:30PM to 7PM • Tenderloin dinner \$5.50; Chicken dinner \$7; Shrimp dinner \$8 • Located Mt Vernon Rd and Hwy 13 • 247.2000 • Open to the Public

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

SUNDAY, July 19

1:00 PM Baptism Class, St. Jude

4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

MONDAY, July 20

6:00 PM Social Concerns, PC

TUESDAY, July 21

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

6:45 PM Discipleship Council, PC

WEDNESDAY, July 22

No activities/meetings scheduled

THURSDAY, July 23

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

FRIDAY, July 24

9:00 AM Church Cleaning, Leaders Hal/Betty Schulze

SATURDAY, July 25

No activities/meetings scheduled

SUNDAY, July 26

4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

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

IRTL Cord Blood Drive to Save Lives: Women who are giving birth can help save lives by donating their cord blood for ethical stem cell research right here in Iowa.

Iowa Right to Life is working with the John Paul II Stem Cell Research Institute (JP2SRI) in Iowa City to promote cord blood donation for ethical research. JP2SRI focuses on adult and cord blood stem cell research and education. The organization does not harvest stem cells from killing human embryos, nor does it participate in human cloning.

JP2SRI's current research programs include studies on lung cancer, cardiovascular disease and Parkinson's disease.

If you are having a baby, donating the umbilical cord blood is easy and there is no cost to the donor.

How the Process Works

Steps to donating cord blood to JP2SRI:

- 1) The potential donor contacts JP2SRI at 319.688.7367.
- 2) JP2SRI sends the donor a kit with all the supplies, including instructions for the doctor.
- 3) Donor gives the kit to the doctor.
- 4) The doctor collects the cord blood and gives it back to the donor.
- 5) The donor is responsible for packing the return box and mailing it to JP2SRI. The postage is pre-paid.

The donor does not have to be a resident of Iowa. JP2SRI is currently accepting cord blood donations from anywhere in the Continental United States. If you have friends or relatives who live out of state who might be interested in donating cord blood, please share this info.

Donating cord blood is not the same as “banking” cord blood. JP2SRI does not bank cord blood.

For more info, call JP2SRI at: 319.688.7367 or visit:

www.JP2SRI.org