

### MASS INTENTIONS



**Monday, July 27**

No Mass

**Tuesday, July 28**

No Mass

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesday, July 29**

St. Martha

No Mass

**Thursday, July 30**

St. Peter Chrysologus

No Mass

**Friday, July 31**

St. Ignatius of Loyola

No Mass

**Saturday, August 1**

St. Alphonsus Liguori

4:00 PM Mass † Darlene Fries

**Sunday, August 2**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

**Pilgrim Statue in the home of:**

Aaron/Jean Randolph - 3805 Monarch Ave, Marion  
July 26-31. Recitation of the Rosary at 7:30 PM

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

**Readings for the Week of July 26, 2009**

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

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Jn 11:19-27 or  
Lk 10:38-42

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;  
Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24;  
Jn 6:24-35



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

**William Thomas Toner III**, son of William and  
Becky Toner; **Adalyn Mae Van Voorst**,  
daughter of Braden and Tanya Van Voorst.

**Congratulations to Haley Springman and  
Morgan Wiebel** 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.



**FROM THE PASTOR** The multiplication of the loaves to  
feed thousands is among the few  
stories that were included by all four Gospel writers. We  
will hear St. John's version of the feeding of the 5000 as  
the Gospel for the next 4 weekends. Deacons Dick and  
Jim and I have decided to use this to explore with you  
aspects of what the Eucharist teaches about God, and  
says about us as the community that gathers for the  
Eucharist, and defines ourselves by it.

The bookmarks you took from your pew are for your  
Bibles! On them are the readings for each of the next five  
Sundays. Find the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter of John and mark it, and  
please spend some time on the verses for each Sunday.  
This week notice how for both Elisha and Jesus, people  
are amazed at how God turns seeming lack into more  
than enough for the situation. We might say "well Jesus  
isn't here now to make what I have enough" but we would  
be falling into the same mistake that the soon-to-be-  
amazed did then: we focus on the enormity of the need  
and what we lack, rather than taking what we do have,  
and letting God make it enough! Each time we say the  
simple host could never be the Body and Blood of Christ;  
we focus on the inadequacy of the bread, rather than the  
overwhelming desire of God to be with us. Focusing on the  
lack will always leave us coming up short!

We are grateful for the example of the Sister Dean  
and the Missionary Sisters of Notre Dame who bring the  
story of their efforts to help the poor of New Guinea.  
What they *did not* have never stopped *them*. They have  
added tens of thousands to the Body of Christ, and shared  
with them the hope we have from knowing Christ is with us.  
The most recent UN report tells us there are 642 million  
malnourished people in SE Asia and the Pacific: double  
the population of the entire United States! Physical hunger  
so often brings on a spiritual hunger for hope. I do ask  
you to generously be part of making what *they bring* into  
*an abundance!*

Elisha in the first reading is bringing "the first-fruits" the  
best of the harvest, as a way to express gratitude to God  
and ask God's blessing on the remainder. It's the same  
thing we do when in the spring we respond to our "1<sup>st</sup>  
Portion" appeal letters and indicate what we hope to  
offer financially each week for God's work to be done. I  
do ask God to bless your ability to care for your families,  
and our readiness to help each other, as you entrust those  
"first fruits" each week to the parish. If you have not  
already made the change in giving you hoped to, is now  
the time?

Speaking of first-fruits, five of our high school youth  
and several young adults are with Bob Gardner on the  
Christian Leadership Institute this week. They will learn  
skills for putting their gifts and the gifts of others at the  
service of God's Kingdom. Its very generous of them to  
take a week for this so please keep them in your prayers.

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## Appreciation

You and I may not have a leadership institute to go to, but we can still learn "on the job" by joining a parish committee and being part of what they try to make happen for us all! Between the skills you have, the Holy Spirit, and your love for Jesus, you have all you need to start! Bring your leadership gifts to the parish and learn as you lead us! Keep the focus on what God does, not what I think I lack!

I will be away on retreat this week. Please know you will be in my prayers, and keep me in yours! Fr. Tom

**Our Parish Council has met** with other Parish Councils in the Cedar Rapids Deanery to discuss long-range planning for our area. The Councils jointly commissioned a Task Force to develop a long-range plan. Among the topics discussed were changing demography and leadership in the Church. Vocations to the diaconate and lay leadership are growing and are strong. The trend of recent years is fewer priests who will be available to serve God's people. The Task Force will develop a plan anticipating a possible reduction of at least one or two priests for our area next year; and possibly three to four priests within five years. This means fewer Masses, especially Masses of convenience. More parishes may be expected to share their priest with other parishes. The Pastors and Parish Councils request your prayers for the Task Force, and a renewed commitment to prayer for vocations to the priesthood.

**Health care reform bills** are beginning to move through Congress. Call Senators Charles Grassley and Tom Harkin, and your U.S. House member, at (202) 224.3121 and tell them health care reform should:

1. Include health care coverage for all people from conception until natural death;
2. Continue the federal ban on funding for abortions and reject any mandate for abortion coverage or access to abortion;
3. Include access for all with a special concern for the poor and vulnerable and support inclusion for legal immigrants;
4. Preserve pluralism, including freedom of conscience for providers, health care workers and patients; and

Find your Representative at <house.gov.> more info at: [www.iowacatholicconference.org](http://www.iowacatholicconference.org)



**Thank you!** To the leaders and those who helped make the 2009 Post-Kolach bake happen! You brought in another \$5,635 and bound us more tightly together through those 8 hrs of baking and boxing. A special thanks to Karen Billick for all the organization behind the scenes! Fr. Tom

**Thank You:** Brian Anton for removing the dangerous broken tree branch over our playground.

**A Big Thank You to:** Father Tom, Sister Mary, St. Ludmila Parish, Janet Whitney, staff and students of the Holy Family School System, friends, and my family for attending my retirement party. It was awesome, also thanks for the cards, gifts, flowers, and all the memories. I'll cherish them forever. Love, Rosie Harvey

**Thank you to** the Senior Citizens Group for coming to the Senior Dinner on Wednesday, the 15th. There were approximately 35 people who enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship. Our speaker was Matt Teply from Wells Fargo Bank. He covered some of the current scams going around and what to look for before we act hastily for things that seem to be too good to be true. A lot is to use common sense and check things out before we act on some of these offers we receive in the mail and on the phone. We thank Matt for giving us this information to protect us. Our speaker next month will be Linda from Aid to Women to update us on their program and service to the community. We ask you to bring a canned good, paper product or baby item for their store.

**Thank you to God's Housekeepers** for the week of **July 12:** Florence Moellers, Charity Schneekloth, Mary Brecht, Denise Pudil, Kelly Hiserote, Denise Benesh, Holly Bruns, Fran Musel, Rosann/Natalie Sandersfeld, Jim/Lorilei Christner, and Joyce Janovec.

**Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries** for the week of **July 12:** Jeanne Ross and Mickey Betz.

## Missions

**"The Sisters of Notre Dame of Toledo, Ohio** are grateful for your invitation to St. Ludmila Parish this weekend to speak about the mission of Jesus and, specifically, about the work of this congregation in Papua New Guinea. I spent three years in the Western Highland province of Papua New Guinea in the 1990's and will share some of the current needs of the sisters there. We appreciate your support through the collection taken for the Missionary Cooperative/Propagation of the Faith. Fr. Tom tells me that any envelope with "Mission Appeal" on it dropped into the collection in the coming weeks will be made part of this collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity and your welcome!" Sister Mary Dean Pfahler.



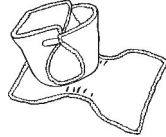
**Parish and Community Life**

**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.

**St. Monica Rummage Sale** coming in September. Think of us while cleaning your cupboards and closets.

**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.



**Future Catholics:** Inquiry sessions for those wanting to join the Catholic faith are meeting NOW. If you know someone who is interested in further information, please inform them of the next Inquiry sessions on **Tues, July 28 and Tues, Aug 11, 6:30 PM** in the Parish Center located at 2107 J Street SW.

Contact Sister Mary: 362.7282, ext 327 or [dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us)

**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 and is of school age, this process is for them. Please contact Sister Mary about participating in the Children's Catechumenate: 362.7282, ext 327.

**Sacramental Preparation**

**The next baptism class** will be held on Sunday, Aug 2 - 1 PM at John XXIII Church.

Please contact the St. Ludmila Parish Office to register, 362.7282.



**Vacation Bible School is now FULL. We can take NO more registrations.**

**Vacation Bible School Meeting:** All volunteers are asked to attend a meeting following the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday, August 2 in the Social Hall. If for some reason you can not attend, please call the Religious Ed Office at 362.8148 and leave a message.

**ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS**



**SUNDAY, July 26**

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

**MONDAY, July 27**

9:00 AM Parish Center Cleaning

**TUESDAY, July 28**

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

6:30 PM Future Catholics, PC

**WEDNESDAY, July 29**

No activities/meetings scheduled

**THURSDAY, July 30**

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

**FRIDAY, July 31**

No activities/meetings scheduled

**SATURDAY, August 1**

No activities/meetings scheduled

**SUNDAY, August 2**

11:45 AM Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting, SH

1:00 PM Baptism Class, John XXIII Church

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

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

**Xavier**

**Xavier High School is accepting** applications for all grades for the 2009-2010 school year. If you would like more information about Xavier High School or would like a tour, please call Melissa Slinger at 294.6635 x309 to set up an appointment.

**All Xavier parents and Xavier Booster Club supporters** are invited to the annual Booster Club Bash on Tues, August 11 beginning 5:30 PM at Xavier Saints Field. Join us for this free cookout and live entertainment.

**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](mailto:xavierboosters@yahoo.com) The Xavier Booster Club provides funds for athletics, fine arts, and academic.

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