

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 22

No Mass

### Tuesday, March 23

St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

6 PM Mass † Msg. Albert Zachar

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

### Wednesday, March 24

7:15 AM Mass † Alice Yanecek

### Thursday, March 25

The Annunciation of Our Lord

7:15 AM Mass † Family of Marie Peters

### Friday, March 26

Friday of Abstinence

7:15 AM Mass † Joe Chmelicek

### Saturday, March 27

4:00 PM Mass † Charles and Mary Ann Porazil

### Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

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

Ray and Kathy Stefani – 3545 Timber Ridge Trail

Mar 22-26. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

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

### **Readings for the Week of March 21, 2010**

**Sunday:** Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14---23:56 or 23:1-49

**“Stripping” Palm Branches** is a task for which volunteers are needed in preparation for Palm Sunday. This task will take place following the *Stations of the Cross* on Mar 26 in the Social Hall

### **Annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land:**

The Holy Land, the location where the Gospel was first proclaimed, is a part of our worldwide spiritual patrimony and represents a treasure whose value is unique. Each year Christian pilgrims walk the land and experience the living Gospel which they find in the scenery and holy places. Violence and instability plaguing the Middle East threaten not only the security of the people there but also the holy places which are revered by much of humanity. Please be generous with your Good Friday donation, which supports the Christian community of the Holy Land and the preservation of the sacred places entrusted to their care.



**Turned inward to my heart:** Lent is supposed to help us in the process of recognizing our sins. Today's Gospel has Jesus re-directing our attention from the sins of others, to “whether I am without sin?” Fr. Jude Siciliano helpfully offers:

“It's as if we, like the woman, are standing in front of Jesus. He is now asking us, “Any new insights this Lent?” Then, he bends down, writes on the ground, giving us time to think things over. During these weeks perhaps we have become more aware of our: self-centeredness; indifference to certain people around us; lack of generosity; over dependence on material possessions, lack of compassion for the immigrant and poor, etc. If grace has given us that awareness, grace also asks “so do I need to change?” Do we feel guilty? After writing on the ground and giving us time to reflect Jesus sees our remorse and offers us the same thing he gave the woman-forgiveness. But, also the instruction: “Sin no more.”

I hope we hear Jesus say those three words as receptively as we do “Your sins are forgiven.” Jesus says that because forgiveness returns us to a closeness to Christ that makes His love possible for us. Both His love that embraces others imperfection over and over, but also His love for the Father that desires what God wants more than self. Are there sins I am hardened to change because they are inconvenient, impractical, or costly in some way? Has “Nobody's perfect” become my excuse for hearing “forgiven” but not “Sin no more”? There are still communal reconciliation services in town offered Tues. 3/23 St. Joseph: Marion and Mon. 3/29 St. Jude. Both 7 PM. What are you doing with the time Jesus is giving you?

My thanks to Fr. Dave Ambrosy for coming to celebrate Mass with you while I'm working on the Men's CEW. Such swaps will only be more difficult in the future if we are not serious about vocations to the priesthood! There is going to be an Operation Andrew: an informational meal and discussion for those with questions about being a priest on April 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Pius X parish. I will be asking some participants to join me at it. Please encourage young men you know to consider this opportunity to explore priesthood! Give me a call and I'll invite them! Fr. Tom



**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday:** Please gather in the Social Hall downstairs before the 4 PM and 10:30 AM Masses and be part of the Palm Sunday procession. Come ready to be part of this “moving” expression of our faith: we journey with Jesus through death, to life!

**Save the Date!** Saturday morning, April 24 is set aside to clean up the campus from the wear and tear of winter. We have a lot of sand and some leaves to clean up. We want things looking nice for the 1<sup>st</sup> Communions the following Sundays. Perhaps families whose children received that sacrament last year, or will next year, would make a special effort to make things nice for **this** year's class? That would be a very **communal** tradition to start! Fr. Tom

**Lent and Triduum**

**Wear a shade of PURPLE** for Palm Sunday.

**Palm "Braiding"** will take place only after 4 PM and 10:30 AM Masses on Palm Sunday weekend in the Social Hall.

**Holy Week Liturgies:** Sign up for a liturgical ministry for the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, as well as Easter Sunday: 7, 9 & 11 AM. Find sheets in the Gathering Space.

**Adoration of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday:** All the faithful are invited for a period of prayer giving thanks for the gift of the Eucharist following the 7 PM Liturgy on April 1. The church is open until 11 PM. Parishioners are invited to pray during these times (or a time of your choice). Last names beginning with:

**8:30** A-B-C-D-E                      **9:00** F-G-H -I-J  
**9:30** K-L-M-N-O                    **10:00** P-Q-R-S-T  
**10:30** U-V-W-X-Y-Z



**Welcome To Our Parish Family!**

Jeannie Cannon and family  
 Kristin Dyer  
 Helen Johnston  
 Gerald Mottet

**Parish Life**

**St. Ludmila Kolach Bake**

Saturday, March 27  
 Apricot, Cherry, Poppy Seed, Prune, Strawberry  
Orders must be in by: Tuesday, March 23  
 Call your orders into: Darlene 390.1277;  
 Elaine 364.0897; Mary 533.3072

This Kolach Bake will benefit the Dubuque Franciscan (Sisters) Water projects in Tanzania and Honduras. **Everyone must pre-order kolaches.** Place your order today.

**Altar and Rosary** has scheduled church cleaning for April 12 and 19. We are asking for men and women to help us in our worship space spring cleaning. Oiling of pews: April 12; cleaning floors: April 19. Both will start at 9AM.

**Elections** to the St. Ludmila Parish Council and Parish Board of Education will be in May. Candidates are welcome for these two main leadership bodies of the parish. To be a candidate for the Parish Council, contact Linda McCoy 362.2536; for the Parish Board of Education, contact Tim Gradoville 632.1767. These leadership bodies meet on Monday evenings. Please pray about committing yourself to one of these ministries and help shepherd the flock of St. Ludmila.

**ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS**



**SUNDAY, March 21**

Donut Sunday - Hosts: Members of the Discipleship Council  
 9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate Retreat, SH  
 9:00 AM RCIA Retreat, CH-SH  
 3:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 5:30 PM  
 4:00 PM Adult Choir Practice, CH

**MONDAY, March 22**

No activities/meetings scheduled

**TUESDAY, March 23**

Kolach Order Deadline  
 5:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM  
 7:00 PM Returning Catholics, PC

**WEDNESDAY, March 24**

5:15 PM Early Session Religious Education, SC  
 6:30 PM Divorce and Beyond (closed session), PC  
 6:45 PM Late Session Religious Education, PC-SC-SH

**THURSDAY, March 25**

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC  
 6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting, PC

**FRIDAY, March 26**

9:00 AM Church Cleaning, Leaders Hal and Betty Schulze  
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross, CH

**SATURDAY, March 27**

Kolach Bake – Franciscan Sisters Water Projects

**SUNDAY, March 28**

9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH  
 9:00 AM RCIA, SH  
 3:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 5:30 PM  
 4:00 PM Adult Choir Practice, CH

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

**URGENT NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED:** We need Hospitality Ministers at all Masses. Please call Tom and Jeanette Niccolai at 363.6115 any time.

**St. Patrick Parish, Watkins** Spring Card Party ■ Sunday March 28, at 1:30 PM ■ Church Hall ■ Prizes and delicious lunch ■ Everyone welcome!

**American Cancer Society - I Can Cope:** An educational program for cancer patients, their families & friends • Relieving Cancer Pain – Mindy Martin, ARNP • Thurs, April 8 from 5:30–7:30 PM • Hall Radiation Center Conference Room 603 10<sup>th</sup> St SE, Cedar Rapids. Please enter through Mercy Medical Center's Hallmar entrance • Open to everyone and is free of charge • Pre-register 861.7791.

Cedar Rapids has a unique opportunity to make history! The third **Cancer Prevention Study** of the American Cancer Society will be enrolling participants at the Linn County Relay for Life at Kirkwood Community College June 4, from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM. For more information: [www.cancer.org/cps3](http://www.cancer.org/cps3) to sign up for a reminder of the local event e-mail [cps3cr@gmail.com](mailto:cps3cr@gmail.com)

**WANTED! Kolach Festival Signs!**

Please return the 2009 yard signs to the Parish Center ASAP to be updated. Thank you.



### Appreciation

**Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week Mar 7:** Florence Moellers, Charity Schneekloth, Helen Cigrand, Janet/Carol Hayek, Jane Milcoff, Marilyn Schulte, Paula/Ted Fries.

**Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week Mar 7:** Darlene Chmelicek and Carole Ryan.

**Thank you to:**

Those groups who have led the Stations of the Cross the past Fridays of Lent: Youth Ministry and Senior Citizens.

Janet Hayek, Susie Vecerka, & Karen Doyle for sorting through items in the Multi-purpose room.

**Thank you to our bingo volunteers for Mar 7-16:** Bob/Velma Leuenberger, Karen Billick, Frank Roman, Tim Gradoville, Amanda Schwab, Hope Hugh, Shawn/Shelbi Grommon, Darlene Chmelicek, Betty Krall, Shirley Kane, Jim McEniry, John/Mary Locher, Rebecca/Mary Weber, Gary/Patty Lamparek, Pat Wiltgen, Mary Vosdingh, Victor Randolph, Dan/Sue Martinek, Mike Lamparek, Barb Jandl, Paul/Leanne Junko, Beth Kies, Deb Pasker. Ann Rude, Paula Wilhelm, Sue Vecerka, Lori McMann, Mary Beth Neal, Renee Levi, Holly Bruns, and Trudy Plotz baked cakes.

**Thank you to** those who helped with the Deanery Dinner on Mar 11: Carol/Janet Hayek, Bill Brecht, Esther Benesh, Mary Lou Van Cleve, Karen Doyle, Bette Krall, Dan Martinek, Melissa Dostal, Kim Gradoville, Ann Picray Nancy Macek

**Thank You:** Kevin Detert, Phil Philipp, and Dan Green for all their skill, effort, and equipment used taking down the trees in front of the Parish Center. We thank as well the crew: Tony/Nick Green, Bill Taylor, Gary/Zach/Brian Kotowske, John Haisman, Jeff/Robin Oligmueller, Dave Tanberg, and Andrew Hensen. It was wet, heavy, dangerous work for 5 hours and we are grateful to have the situation taken care of!

**Thank You:** Bill & Phil Brecht for making the meal, and the Altar & Rosary society leadership for gathering a team and serving the priests, deacons, and pastoral administrators of the Deanery last Thursday evening. It was great!

**Thank you to** the volunteers who helped with stuffing the Easter letter this week: Don/Elaine Hensen, Virginia Homewood, Mary Bentley, Chelo Collier, and Pete Kapfer. Your help is always appreciated with these projects.

**Thank you to** Marlene Steichen for her generous donations of items for various events.

### Holy Family and Xavier

The **LaSalle Middle School** community cordially invites all senior citizens from all our parishes as well as our grandparents to our annual Lancer Fest celebration on Wednesday, April 7, in the LaSalle gym. Please join us for an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments! Please contact LaSalle at 396.7792 to make your reservation and for more information.

**There are openings** at all of the Holy Family School Centers (Pre-school through 8th grade) for the 2010-11 school year. Please call St. Ludmila at 362.1943; St. Jude at 396.7818; and LaSalle at 396.7792 for more info.

**Xavier High School** is accepting applications for all grades for the 2010-2011 school year. If you would like more information about Xavier or would like a tour, call Janet Lukan at 294.6635 x390 to set up an appointment.

Students Against Destructive Decisions will be hosting a **blood drive** on Thursday, April 8, from 9 AM-2 PM in the High School Gym Balcony. Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be the Blood Bank present for this blood drive. If you would like to sign up, please contact [knaeve@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:knaeve@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us) or call Kris Naeve, School Nurse at 294.6635 Ext. 318

Mark your calendar now for the **Xavier Band's Garage Sale/Bake Sale Fundraiser** on Sat, April 24, from 8 AM to 2 PM in the Xavier Commons. Proceeds from the sale will be divided between the general band fund for new equipment/individual student fundraising accounts for a future band trip. If you're doing spring cleaning and have items you would like to donate, we welcome them! Donations can be dropped off in the band room Thurs, April 22, 3-6 PM and Fri, April 23, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. A tax receipt will be available for those who offer donations. We're unable to accept large furniture items. Limit clothing donations to 1 large bag per family.

### Faith Formation

**March Events:** Wed, Mar 24: Class; Wed, Mar 31: Parent Night - grade 9. Parents/students go to Social Hall

**Outstanding tuition** for the 09-10 school year is due by April 15. Questions? Contact the Religious Education office at 362.8148.



**Registration** for Faith Formation (Religious Education) classes for 2010-11 school year has begun.

**Save the Date!** Renowned Catholic speaker, Matthew Kelly, will be visiting Immaculate Conception Church, April 25-26, at 7 PM each night. From his passion for life and Catholicism, **Matthew Kelly** awakens our hearts and minds with a vision that sets us free to celebrate ourselves as unique individuals: *"God's dream for us is that we become the best-version-of-ourselves. It is in pursuing this dream that we find lasting happiness in a changing world."*

**Do not miss this opportunity!**