

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 29

Monday of Holy Week

No Mass

Tuesday, March 30

Tuesday of Holy Week

2 PM Chrism Mass, St. Gabriel Church in Reinbeck

6 PM Mass † Gene Kruser

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, March 31

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:15 AM Mass † Joan Whitney

Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday

10 AM Holy Family Lenten Prayer Service, St. Jude

7 PM Mass of Our Lord's Supper † Vern Dostal

Friday, April 2

Good Friday; Friday of Abstinence

5:30 PM Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday; Vigil of the Solemnity of Easter

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass † James Klimesh

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday; Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

9:00 AM Mass Special Intention

11:00 AM Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Dan and Diana Richardson - 1200 19th St NW

Mar 29 - April 2. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of March 28, 2010

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;
Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of our Lord's Supper:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13---53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1---19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1---2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a;
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Ex 14:15---15:1/Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11;
Bar 3:9-15, 32---4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;
Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or
Lk 24:13-35

A Bulletin Insert today features the future new Catholics. You might select one or two and PRAY for them during this week, introduce yourself to them, find a special way to welcome them, or invite them to a parish event.



Pastor's
Message
for Lent

Its Holy Week... did it seem like a very quick Lent to you? It did for me. Whether we kept to our disciplines, or not, this week invites us to throw ourselves into identifying with Jesus, who so identified with you and I, that he would

go to the cross rather than abandon us to life without the greatest of Good News: God's love is more powerful than fear or death of any sort!

Will I identify with Jesus who refuses to become violent or raise His voice in the face of those who bring suffering to Him, or when I have to choose between healing or intensifying an argument? Will I identify with Jesus who even when I'm praised as He was when entering Jerusalem, remains humble enough to ride on a donkey? Will I identify with Jesus who said "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" when my spirit is in anguish?

In Holy Week we express our Catholic identity in the most meaning-full rituals that we have. I hope you will give God the opportunity to share the lessons of His heart that these liturgies contain: to serve in love, to embrace suffering for others, to wait in hope, and rejoice in the power of Christ to save! This coming Thursday thru Sunday offer those lessons to shape our hearts, our identities, to Christ's. I encourage you to create some quiet in your days, before these liturgies, to open your heart to our Lord's.

The Triduum (three days of one ongoing liturgy) begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday April 1 at 7 PM; continues with the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday at 5:30 PM; and concludes with the Easter Vigil at 8 PM on Saturday. **Easter Sunday Masses are at 7, 9, and 11 AM so note the time change!** The 9 AM is always crowded so I'd encourage your attending one of the others if possible. (If you are there and able, please help the ushers move the extra chairs before and after Mass!)

I am struck by the way Muslims see a pilgrimage to Mecca in Arabia as a sacred goal of one's life to be accomplished if possible. They go to honor God at the very source of their faith: where the prophet Mohammed had his start. All we have to do is come to church during Holy Week to ritually touch base with the very foundation of our faith. Perhaps you would make the liturgies of Holy Week your pilgrimage a sacred goal, a sacred conclusion, to your Lent? Hope to see you there! Fr. Tom

There is a communal celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at St. Jude's 7 PM on 3/ 29. I will be present in Church on **3/28 at 1 pm; 3/29 at 3 pm; 3/30 at 5:15 pm, and 3/31 at 6 pm.** I'll be available for 45 minutes or until all present are heard.

The Church of the Archdiocese of Dubuque gathers to celebrate the Chrism Mass at 2 PM at St. Gabriel Church in Reinbeck. All are invited to celebrate as Archbishop Hanus blesses and consecrates the holy oils to be used in parishes throughout the coming year. Also, at the Chrism Mass, the priests of the archdiocese renew their commitment to priestly ministry.



Bring your **rice bowls** to the **Holy Thursday Mass** and deposit them in the box or basket marked for them in the Gathering Space. Other days, place the money in an envelope marked "Rice Bowl" and place in the collection basket.

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.

The annual **Yom HaShoah service**, or memorial for the victims of the Holocaust during World War II, will take place at Temple Judah, 3221 Lindsay Ln SE, at 7 PM, Sun, April 11. Service will consist of prayer, readings, reflections from Isaac Levendel whose mother disappeared while they were in hiding in occupied France, and music to honor the Holocaust dead. All are welcome to attend and invited to pay tribute to the victims by their presence. A reception will be held afterwards for those wishing to meet and talk with Mr. Levendel.

Lent and Triduum

Palm "Braiding" will take place only after 4 PM & 10:30 AM Masses this weekend in 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. Last names beginning:
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

Twelve New Catholics will be received during the Easter Vigil. All parishioners are invited to attend this "mother of all Liturgies." Contrary to popular comments: *it is NOT just one of those LONG liturgies*, but a renewal of the entire Catholic Church, with the NEW fire, the NEW Baptismal waters, the NEW Easter candle, and yes, NEW Catholics.

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, March 28

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

MONDAY, March 29

No activities/meetings scheduled

TUESDAY, March 30

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

WEDNESDAY, March 31

- 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
(Parent Night for Grade 9 in Social Hall)
- 7:30 PM Senior High Discussion and Prayer, PC

THURSDAY, April 1

- 10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC
- 12:45 PM Rosary over Lunch, CH

FRIDAY, April 2

No activities/meetings scheduled

SATURDAY, April 3

- 9:00 AM Easter Vigil Rehearsal, CH
- No \$crip will be sold.

SUNDAY, April 4

- No \$crip will be sold.
- No Bingo

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

Knights of Columbus #5677 will hose their last weekly fish fry on Good Friday ■ Fish, Potatoes, Grilled Cheese, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Pie, Coffee ■ Corner Mt Vernon Rd & Hwy 13 ■ Serving 5:30-7:30 PM ■ Ph# 247.2000

The Knights of Columbus #909, 716 A Ave NE, will host their last weekly fish fry on Good Friday from 5:30-8 PM Dinners include Alaskan Pollock, salad bar, potato, & roll.

You are invited to an Adult Education session on "**Holy Land Spirituality**" presented by Rev. Donald Klein, Pastor of St. Pius X Parish. This session will be April 8, **7-9 PM, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Lower Level.** *What a difference in understanding the Sacred Scriptures if one has had an opportunity to read and discuss them at the place of the teachings and stories! This will be a chance to have a VIRTUAL experience of such a pilgrimage.*

The following is the itinerary for **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11** at Immaculate Conception Church, Cedar Rapids.
2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3:00 PM Public Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:30 PM Closing and Benediction

Priests will be available to hear confessions during this celebration of Divine Mercy. Questions: 362.7181.

Returning Catholics: it's not the same without you!
 Resource website: <http://www.oncecatholic.org/>



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 14: Chet/Shirley Sheetz, Karen Neuhaus, Mary Brecht, Denise Pudil, Kelly Hiserote, Denise Benesh, Fran Musel, Joyce Janovec, Rosann/Natalie Sandersfeld, and Jim/Lorilei Christner.

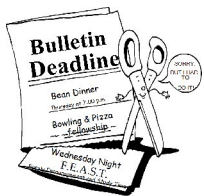
Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week Mar 14: Jeanne Ross/Mickey Betz.

Thank you to:

The Senior Citizens Group who met on Wed, March 17. We had approximately 30 people who enjoyed a delicious dinner and much fellowship. Our program was for people to "Show & Tell" which was a great success. People talked about things they made, a special memory attached to an item, told stories, and we all learned more about each person. The food was good, but the program was great. Thanks to all of you for sharing.

The seniors who participated in the Stations of the Cross hosted by the Senior Group on Friday night. Thanks to those who read: Paul Pisarik, Joyce Janovec, Darlene Chmelicek, Marilyn Smith, Fran Musel. To Kathy Musel for providing the music and to Dalton/Dakota Simonsen for holding the stations.

Thank you to the Discipleship Council and Pastoral Council who led the Stations of the Cross last Friday.



All bulletin articles for the April 4 bulletin must be to Mary in the Religious Ed. office or sent by e-mail **no later than Tuesday, March 30 at 12 noon.**

Holy Family and Xavier

On behalf of the entire Holy Family Staff, we wish to publicly thank those who serve our school system on our Holy Family Finance Committee and our Holy Family Board of Education. The Finance Committee members are: Jan Wiltgen (Chairperson), Jeff Hanson, Laurie Neuhaus, Marian Biggins, Maureen Kenney and Father Phil Thompson. The Board of Education includes: Dave Dostal (Chairperson), Marian Biggins, Randy Gibbs, Donna Charipar, Father Phil Thompson (Pastoral Coordinator), Father Tom McDermott, Father Mark Reasoner and Father Dustin Vu. The generosity of the above mentioned committee members facilitate the operation of our school system. Take time to thank these people for their efforts.

Parents, students, faculty, staff, parishioners, supporters and all interested Cedar Rapids Metro community members are invited to attend the public presentation of the **2010 Xavier High School Vision Report** by visioning facilitator, Mr. Jeff Johnson. The presentation will be on Monday, April 12 at 7 PM in the Ron Thillen Gymnasium. Mr. Johnson will explain the year long visioning process Xavier undertook to conduct an internal and external examination of itself. He will reveal the findings of the process and the objectives resulting from those findings. Please make every effort to attend this important evening which will celebrate an incredible process of self-discovery which will guide the direction of Xavier High School for the next five years.

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.



This summer, set sail for VBS fun! Feel sea spray on your face as sails snap overhead - and you and your crew experience the deep, rolling waters of God's love!

You'll enjoy bible point crafts and exciting games, experience thrilling bible stories, sample tasty snacks, and enjoy music during our voyage.

Join us for a wild journey on the *High Seas!*

Vacation Bible School: Mon, Aug 2 through Fri, Aug 6!

Easter plants and flowers: You are welcome to make a financial donation to the parish flower fund for the Easter season. We will purchase plants from those who advertise in our parish bulletin. Cut and return coupon with your donation to the collection basket next Sunday.

Select ONE:

I wish to donate the amount of \$_____ in memory of _____

I wish to donate this amount to the Easter plant fund: \$ _____

Donor: _____