

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, May 11

No Mass

Tuesday, May 12

Sts. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

6:00 PM Mass † Vlasta Claes

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

7:15 AM Mass † Helen Zrudsky

Thursday, May 14

St. Matthias

9:00 AM School Mass † Margaret Cach

Friday, May 15

St. Isidore

7:15 AM Mass † Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith

Saturday, May 16

4:00 PM Youth Graduation Mass † Mary Barta

Sunday, May 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Carmen Bannister 2235 24th Street, Marion

May 10-15. Rosary prayed at 7:30 PM.

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of May 10, 2009

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;

1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Born to a new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the water of Baptism, we welcome: **Mya Jean Bodecker**, daughter of Steve and Melissa Bodecker; **Ethan Chance Parish**, son of Chad Steffen and Tiffany Parish.



Catechists and support staff of our Religious Education program have just completed another year of forming our children in the faith. They are a critical aspect of our parish efforts to hand on the faith and we are grateful for the many hours of preparation and classroom time they give. The best way for us to express our gratitude is to match their dedication and witness with similar witness of our own! Over the summer months our homes, our Mass attendance, the Kolach Festival, and our playgrounds become the classrooms of our faith values. Our youth are paying attention to us! Please think about the example and priorities you set!

Fr. Tom



FROM THE PASTOR Jesus as the vine, and His disciples as the branches

is an apt image for Mother's day weekend. I think for most of us, mom remains very much a vine: one to draw strength and encouragement and love from, whether we are in her house, or many years out from under her roof! It is the Easter gift from Jesus to know that even if our mom's are gone to God, their love remains something we draw on as part of the communion of saints! Blessings on all those who are mothers or who fill that role in our lives this weekend!

At the time St. John wrote this Gospel, community solidarity was being threatened by conflicting interpretations of the good news and its demands. He emphasized the importance of remaining connected to the Vine, to Christ in the Church. True then and true still today, we will continue to find a way forward together if we do not separate ourselves from the community. I have to believe fewer polls would tell us Catholics are not with the Church on one or another of our shared beliefs if they came to Mass where their opinions can be challenged by the Gospel, or if they made some form of adult faith formation like **The Witness** (call the parish office to order) part of their lives. We also will find that though being in community calls for self-sacrifice, *and can be a cross*, the deeper experience of life as one on the other side of that cross will show itself to be well worth it! Its wonderful that we have so many willing to embrace the sacrifice being on the Parish Council or Board of Ed demands. Our thanks to them for helping us remain connected to the Vine! Jesus promises: "Who remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit!"

Please keep in mind the Kolach Festival we will be holding June 11-14. It's a major fundraising and community building effort that needs a lot of parishioner support! The funds it generates will be all the more needed this year! As you make your early summer commitments, please hold extra time those days so everyone can do their part and the work does not fall to just a few! We will be having sign-ups beginning May 30/31. Please be thinking about when those days you can help!



My thanks to the 130 who sent their 1st Portion *Intent to Contribute* cards in this week. About 1/2 felt they could increase their financial support for the parish in the coming year. The Finance & Administration Committee, and Discipleship Council are grateful for this witness to helping **the vine** remain healthy and able to nurture the branches! May gratitude to God, even in a year with its share of concerns, shape your response! May it bring all to recognize that what we make happen here together a fruit we want to bear, even if it means being one in greater trust in God. Fr. Tom

Appreciation

Thank you to our Religious Education Catechists and Parents, who have shared their message of our faith with the children and youth of our community during this past school year. Let us continue by supporting them in prayer.

Teens Encounter Christ - Congratulations to Xavier senior Nathan Joens from our parish who attended Teens Encounter Christ (T.E.C.) #519 at Wahlert High School in Dubuque on April 18-20! We applaud Nate for his willingness to grow in faith and deepen his personal relationship with Jesus . . . please keep him in your prayers.

Thank you to God's Housekeeper for the week of **April 26**: Betty Skvor.

Thank you parish volunteer secretaries the week of **April 26**: Laverne Fisher & Jeanne Ross.

Thank you to our bingo volunteers April 26 - May 5: Bob Claes, Mary Vosdingh, Karen Billick, Matt/Barb Teply, Pat Wiltgen, Ashley/Chris Olsen, Connie Been, Carol/Janet Hayek, Denise Pudil, Bob/Velma Leuenberger, Frank Roman, Carol Guge, Debbie Beal, Jeanne Ross, Mary Vosdingh, Paul/Leanne Junko, Betty Krall, Fran/Kathy Musel, Mary/Maddie Myers, and Linsey Gano. **Thank you to** the following people who have baked our delicious bingo burgers: Barb Jandl, Bob/Loretta Claes, Paul/Leanne Junko, Darlene Chmelicek, Fran/Kathy Musel, Betty Krall, Jeanne Ross, Carol/Janet Hayek, Jolene Schulte, and Elaine Hensen. **Thank you to** Sue Berger, Paula Wilhelm, Karen Billick, Monica Elwood, and Mary Locher for helping in baking delicious cakes and brownies for our bingo patrons. **Thank you to** Bernie Drahozal who helps with our bookkeeping needs.

KOLACH FESTIVAL NEWS

Raffle Ticket Winner of the First Drawing is Don Teply. Don received a \$25 gift certificate to Novak's Sinclair. Congratulations, Don!

Attention Parishioners! Do you have any Kolach Festival Signs? If you do, please stop by the Parish Office to obtain stickers to update the festival dates on those signs.

Kiddyland needs your toys! Doing spring cleaning? If you have small "happy-meal" type toys or good, clean stuffed animals that you'd like to donate, give us a call.

Thanks, Jim and Lorilei Christner 848.8999

Family Life

A **Natural Family Planning** class series (Sympto-Thermal Method) will begin Sat, May 9 at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids. Class time is 12:30PM - 3PM. Subsequent classes will be June 6 and July 11 at the same time. Classes can be scheduled to fit your schedule, so call even if this time doesn't work for you! Cost: \$135. Pre-registration is required call: Mark & Sharron 227.7430.

A **Marriage Encounter** is scheduled for May 29-31 at Shalom Retreat Center in Dubuque. This weekend can enrich your marriage by helping couples to communicate more intimately with one another in order to deepen and enrich their relationships. Sign up now! For more info contact Fr. Phil Schmitt at 319-895-0404 or Fr. Tom

Watering the lawn is something we could use a volunteer to monitor through the summer. Its an important part of creating an inviting parish for guests, and of keeping our lawn healthy. Would you be willing to come over a couple times per week and move hoses, set sprinklers, and regulate the water so even our lawn proclaims "we are alive at St. Ludmila" even in the summer heat? Please call Fr. Tom

Parish and Community Life

St. Monica Circle will meet at the 16th Ave Grill (formerly Country Kitchen Restaurant) Tues, May 12 at 11:30 AM.

St. Anne Circle will meet for lunch at 11:30 A.M. on Wed, May 13 at the Clarion. Secret sisters/prayer partner's names will be revealed at that time.

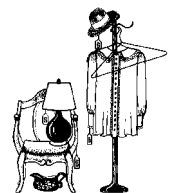


Social Concerns Blood Drive is Tues, May 12 from 3 PM to 6 PM in the Social Hall. Sign up for donating is this weekend May 9/10 in the Gathering Space or call Mary at 846.3399.

Life is precious. Be a life-saver. Give blood!

Houby Days Festival Kolach Bake will begin the afternoon of Friday, May 15. Volunteer sign up for baking is this weekend May 9/10 in the Gathering Space or by contacting Karen Billick at 350.4145. We will be selling kolaches on Saturday, May 16 during the Houby Days Festival in Czech Village. We appreciate your generosity of time with this parish fundraiser.

St. Monica Fall Rummage Sale • Thursday, May 21 from 9AM-4PM and Friday, May 22 from 9AM-1PM in the Social Hall • Good used items may be brought to the Social Hall on Mon, May 18 and Tues, May 19 from 6PM-8PM • Please no furniture or Christmas trees.



Religious Education

Vacation Bible School Meeting will be held on Wed, May 20 at 6:30 PM in the School Cafeteria. Anyone interested in helping are invited to attend.

Holy Family and Xavier

There's still time to register your child for next year at Holy Family School. Contact St. Jude: 396.7818 for info on openings in Pre-school, Kindergarten - Grade 2; St. Ludmila: 362.1943 for info on openings in Pre-school, Grades 3 - 4; and LaSalle: 396-7792 for info on openings in Grades 5 - 8. For info about financial assistance, call the Business Office: 390.6512 or visit the Holy Family website: www.cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us

The Xavier Instrumental Music Department

will be presenting a concert Thursday, May 14 at 7 PM in the Regis-LaSalle Theatre.

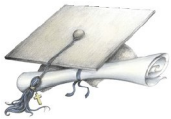


Admission is free and all are welcome.

As Memorial Day approaches, consider a donation to the Xavier Foundation or your parish in memory of someone special. A Memorial gift is a beautiful way to express our love and respect for our deceased loved ones. Names of those honored are inscribed in a memorial book located in the Chapel at Xavier. Each year the Xavier community celebrates a special Mass to honor those who have been recognized. Memorial gifts can be sent: Xavier Foundation, PO Box 10956, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-0956.

Youth Ministry

Class of 2009 Mass and Dinner: All graduating high school seniors from St. Ludmila Parish are invited to a special liturgy in your honor on Saturday, May 16 at 4PM. Following Mass there will be a catered supper in the Social Hall for you and your guests. Please call the Religious Education Office 362.8148 by Tues, May 12 to make your reservation for both events.



Mission: Possible 2009 - Any St. Ludmila 9th grader through college senior who is interested in participating in Mission: Possible 2009 is asked to call Bob Gardner at 298.9525 right away to receive information and registration materials. This year's mission trip to inner city St. Louis, Missouri will take place July 8-12. The cost is only \$160/person (lunch and supper not included), but space is very limited and registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Don't miss out on this exciting, challenging, uplifting, opportunity to share your time and talents, grow in faith, build community and have a ton of fun . . . register today to be a part of Mission: Possible 2009! The registration deadline is Monday, June 1.

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, May 10

9:15 AM New Catholics, SH
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

MONDAY, May 11

1:30 PM Foresters, PC
6:30 PM KC Rosary, CH
6:30 PM Credit Union, SH

TUESDAY, May 12

11:30 AM St. Monica Circle, 16th Avenue Grill Restaurant
3:00 PM Social Concerns Blood Drive, SH
5:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM
7:00 PM Finance and Administration, PC

WEDNESDAY, May 13

11:30 AM St. Anne Circle, Clarion Restaurant

THURSDAY, May 14

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

FRIDAY, May 15

Kolach Bake for Houby Days, SC

SATURDAY, May 16

Kolach Bake for Houby Days, SC
6:30 AM Church Cleaning, Leader Paula Fries
5:00 PM High School Graduation Supper, SH

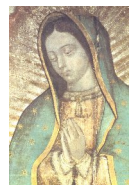
SUNDAY, May 17

Donut Sunday Hosts: St. Margaret Circle/Social Concerns
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

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

In Our Community

A one day pilgrimage bus trip to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in La Crosse, WI is planned for Thurs, June 18. Bus will leave from American Martyrs Retreat House in Cedar Falls. Cost: \$60/person includes luncheon meal. Early registration by May 18 requested. Contact Ann at 563.923.5415 or e-mail accwann@gmail.com or Rose Ann at 641.752.2165 or e-mail ljero@marshallnet.com



A Taste of Czech and Slovak • Fri, May 15 from 5PM to 7PM • St. Ludmila Church Social Hall • Celebration of Czech/Slovak cuisine: 20 samples: \$8; 10 samples: \$5 • Tickets sold at the door • Sponsor: NCSML Museum Guild

Coming to St. Wenceslaus, Cedar Rapids • University of Notre Dame Folk Choir Concert • Mon, May 18 at 7PM • Free-will offering will be taken; proceeds going to Linn Area Long Term Relief Coalition for flood-relief efforts.

St. Joseph Parish, Marion is seeking a Director of Music. This position will be responsible for the integration of music into the liturgy which also includes planning and developing skills and talents. The Director of Music must be someone who can work well with a variety of existing musical groups in our parish, as well as, have the abilities to identify and foster talent from within the community. Please submit a letter of application along with a resume or statement of qualifications to: Fr. Rod Allers, St. Joseph Parish, 1790 14th ST, Marion, IA 52302. Application deadline: May 29.