

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, May 24**

**No Mass**

**Tuesday, May 25**

St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi; St. Gregory VII

6 PM Mass † Shirley Drahozal

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

**Wednesday, May 26**

St. Philip Neri

7:15 AM Mass † Joe and Adeline Regan

**Thursday, May 27**

St. Augustine of Canterbury

9:00 AM School Mass † Bill Davis

**Friday, May 28**

7:15 AM Mass May Lareau, Lvg

**Saturday, May 29**

4:00 PM Mass † Robert Mackey

**Sunday, May 30**

The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

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**Pilgrim Statue in the home of:**

Darlene Chmelicek – 6316 Greenbriar Lane SW

May 24-28 Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

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

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**Readings for the Week of May 23, 2010**

**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

**Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52

**Friday:** 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday:** Jude 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33

**Next Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

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***Congratulations Father Tom!***

*God our loving Father called you to His vocation to the priesthood. Through the graces of the Holy Spirit, you listened to Him and accepted His call. On May 24, 1997, Father Tom was ordained into the priesthood. As our spiritual father and shepherd of Christ's flock, you guide us by your loving example of self-sacrifice and self-giving stewardship.*

***The parishioners of St. Ludmila thank you!***

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**Do you feel called to participate in a ministry roll during the weekend Masses?**

We are in need of Ministers of Hospitality for all three Masses. Interested or would like more info, call Tom or Jeanette Niccolai at 363.6115.



**Pastor's Message**



**Pentecost** celebrates Jesus keeping His promise of sending the Holy Spirit to be with us after He had returned to heaven. It is, as we say, the “birthday of the Church” for with Pentecost the presence of God experienced by the disciples in the person of Jesus, now is experienced in the love shown forth by all the Church. Birthdays call for gifts and the Church received an incomprehensible gift in the Holy Spirit!

While many of us are no stranger to cell phones, iPods, etc., not many of us utilize all the capabilities they possess. There is so much more, but it takes work to learn it all and use it. It's much the same with the Holy Spirit. We have been given so much in and through the sacraments. We have gifts and power beyond our comprehension because the Spirit is way beyond our comprehension!

So don't be in your life like me with my cell phone, only using it for one or two of its capabilities. The Spirit is potential for sharing our faith and ourselves in the service of communion far beyond my immediate family or parish, or “me and Jesus.” I think like a lot of technology, the more we use it the more satisfied we will be, and grateful for its presence in our lives. If all I used my cell phone for was a clock, wouldn't I quickly see it as “no big deal?” So too with the Holy Spirit. If we are not using it to build community, to drive me out of my safe space and into the street of our shared lives, then soon my Baptism, the Eucharist, and being Confirmed will be “no big deal” either. In fact, is that sense of the Spirit how I look at things already?

I've heard from a few I gave the impression of being a bit upset last weekend that we were short volunteers for the Houby Days kolach bake. I wasn't in the least upset, but I am *concerned*. Its easy in a parish this size to think that one of the other 3,000 souls here will take my place. Some who volunteer all of the time deserve to think that! But we seem to be trending a bit toward a practice of “take care of my household concerns first and life together second.” The consequences of that are a less neighborly and more disconnected experience of church. It is not primarily for the income but for the shared effort that the festival is important to the life of our parish. The Spirit at Pentecost made one church out of many languages. Let the Spirit transform our many interests into one purpose: life together, this Spring! Fr. Tom

**1<sup>st</sup> Portion Appeal update:** As of May 17 we have heard from 319 households so far or about 28% of the parish. Thanks to all respondents for your witness of shared purpose as a parish family! Those who plan to increase in that group are averaging \$7.04 per week for an additional \$929/wk to help the parish respond to the Holy Spirit's call to serve. We are grateful for that added sacrifice! Please continue to return those response envelopes! Thanks for all you give in finances, time, and talents! Fr. Tom

**ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS**

**Memorial Day Mass** will be offered near the chapel of St. John Cemetery Mon, May 31 at 9AM. If the weather makes this impossible, the alternate site is St. Ludmila's at the same time. Bring your lawn chairs and join us in praying for those who have died, for peace in our world, and the safety of those who are in military service. St. Joseph cemetery Mass is 9 AM and its rain-site is St. Jude's. Mt. Calvary cemetery Mass is 9 AM and its rain-site is St. Matthew's.

We are grateful for the work of sexton Jim Petersen and his crew, and for all the benefactors who help in keeping St. John Cemetery a beautiful place to be close to our deceased loved ones. Along with the parish as a worthy place to contribute memorials for loved ones, please also remember St. John Cemetery in your will. Over the years, the costs of maintaining the cemetery have increased much more than anyone could imagine 50 years ago when a grave space was less than \$100 for an eternity of care. Your bequests to the cemetery will be a great help in keeping it beautiful and a worthy place for our loved ones' bodies as we all await Jesus' return!

**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.

 **Welcome To Our Parish Family!**

Sarah Flanagan and family

**Faith Formation**

**Vacation Bible School Meeting** will be Tues, May 25 at 6:45 PM in Social Hall. Anyone **interested in helping** are invited to attend.

**Becoming Catholic:** If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic; please invite them to an Inquiry session Thursday, May 27 in the Parish Center beginning at 6:30 PM. Contact Sister Mary: [dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us) or call her at 362.7282.

*Interested in a summer retreat at the Shalom Retreat Center in Dubuque? Brochures can be found on the mobile bulletin board in the Gathering Space.*

**SUNDAY, May 23**

3:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 5:30 PM

**MONDAY, May 24**

9:00 AM Spring Cleaning, PC

6:00 PM Kolach Festival Mtg, PC

**TUESDAY, May 25**

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

6:45 PM Vacation Bible School Mtg, SH

**WEDNESDAY, May 26**

No activities/meetings scheduled

**THURSDAY, May 27**

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

6:30 PM Becoming Catholic, PC

**FRIDAY, May 28**

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

**SATURDAY, May 29**

No activities/meetings scheduled

**SUNDAY, May 30**

3:30 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 5:30 PM

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

**Appreciation**

**Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week May 9:**

Kris Chambers, Helen Cigrand and Paula Fries.

**Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week of May 9:** Darlene Chmelicek and Mickey Betz.

**Thanks to:** Wayne & Clarice Holland for the beautiful flowers growing around the Parish Center and Campus!

*Thank you, very much, for again accommodating our annual **Chili Supper** in your beautiful facility. It was a fun and successful event and we greatly appreciate your support. It is due to generous friends such as yourselves that we are able to continue.*

Sincerely, Julie Wiedrer, secretary, Czech School Board

*It is with deep heartfelt gratitude in which we acknowledge your gift of \$3,600 to our **Sister Water Projects**. Your sharing with us on this most important ministry will make it possible for many people to daily receive fresh, clean water. Your gift will touch and enhance a countless number of lives for many years. This is such wonderful financial support but also a very significant investment of people concerned for others.*

Gratefully, Sister Nancy Schreck, OSF  
President, Sisters of St Francis of Dubuque

The **Zimbabwe Child Project Committee** would like to thank the Parish for their generous support in our last collection. We are able to send Sister Laurette a check for \$5,000 to help with her work. Your continued support and prayers are very much appreciated.

**Social Concerns Committee** sends out a special thank you for all who supported our blood drive on May 11. We donated 24 pints blood! What a better way to help others in need than by giving the gift of life!

**Youth Ministry**

**Class of 2010 Celebration:** A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the special Mass and supper honoring our graduating high school seniors on May 15 such a wonderful celebration. We are grateful to Father Tom McDermott, Theresa Detert, Megan Titler, Scott Titler, Sarah Koenighain, Andrew Leytem, Paige Leytem, Sam Manternach, Olivia Fries, Kayla Leggat, Levi Detert, Kenzie Philipp, Sami Wehr, and Samantha Farmer for your contributions to our liturgy as well as Mary Dobrochowski, Liz Meyers, Shelly Wehr, Jen Dobrochowski, Will Hicks, Ben Janney, David Meyers, Sami Wehr, and Sue Berger who assisted with the supper. Your time, talents, and positive energy were truly appreciated!

**Mission: Possible 2010** - Any St. Ludmila 9<sup>th</sup> grader through college senior who is interested in participating in Mission: Possible 2010 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 Kansas City, Missouri, will take place July 7-11. The cost is only \$165/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 2010! The registration deadline is Wednesday, June 9.



**Parishioners** are invited to help with **Spring Cleaning** the Parish Center. This cleaning event will begin at 9 AM on Monday, May 24.

**Relay for Life Collection:** Thank you to the parishioners who ordered a "Luminaria" to remember a loved one with cancer. Thanks to Anna Buss and friends who are decorating the bags which will be lit the night of June 4 as the Relay for Life begins at Kirkwood. You may still join the St Ludmila parish RFL team, or order a Luminaria. Contact: Kim Vondracek @ 396.0095

**CZECH LANGUAGE ADULT CLASSES** will be offered again this year, sponsored by the Czech School Board. Classes will meet at St. Wenceslaus from 6:30-8:30PM on 5 consecutive Thursday evenings beginning June 17 and ending July 15. For registration info, e-mail czechschool@gmail.com or contact Bernie Drahozal 364.5268. Class sizes are limited.

**Holy Family and Xavier**

Kim Cooling and her first grade class at Holy Family School-St. Jude Center have won the "**Care Where You Are**" Sweepstakes; a national sweepstakes sponsored by Scholastic Book Clubs, and donated their prize - 500 books from Scholastic - to the students at Taylor Elementary School. "My students and I were so excited when we found out we won this sweepstakes! From the day we started, the students were anxious to reach our goal knowing it would help kids who didn't have many books of their own. Its even better that we were able to donate the books we won to students at Taylor School, many who were greatly affected by the 2008 flood in Cedar Rapids. My students have been reading a lot this year, and now they're learning how special it is to give the gift of books!" Kim Cooling, 1st Grade Teacher

**Xavier High School 2010 Graduation Activities Senior Honors Assembly**

The Senior Honors Assembly, which recognizes the many outstanding achievements of our students this past year, will be **Tues, May 25 at 12:45 PM** in the Gymnasium. All Xavier parents, especially senior parents, are encouraged to attend and help us honor these deserving students.

**Baccalaureate Mass**

Our Baccalaureate Mass for graduates and their parents will be **Wed, May 26 at 7 PM** in Regis-LaSalle Theatre. Extended evening of celebrating the Class of 2010 will occur. It will include a Mass, dessert, and guest speakers.

**Commencement**

Graduation for the Class of 2010 is scheduled for **Sunday, May 30 at 2 PM** in the Gymnasium. Doors open at 1PM - reserved seating for parents of the graduates.

**Xavier Accepting Applications for 2010-11**

Xavier is accepting applications for all grades for the 2010-11 school year. For more info or would like a tour, call Janet Lukan 294.6635 x390 to set up an appt.

**KOLACH FESTIVAL NEWS**

**WE ARE ON THE WEB!**

For schedule information, to volunteer and all things kolach, check us out at: [www.stludmila.org/kolach](http://www.stludmila.org/kolach)

You can also look us up on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=126688964008753](http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=126688964008753)

**Have You Sold Your Tickets?**

In past years, an average of 16,000 tickets was sold by the end of the festival.



Tickets	May 2009	May 2010
16,000		
15,000		
10,000		
5,000		
4,674		
4,434		
4,000		
3,000		
2,000		
1,000		