

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Monday, May 25**

St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;  
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

9:00 AM Memorial Day Mass at St. John Cemetery

**Tuesday, May 26**

St. Philip Neri

6:00 PM Mass † Patricia Hinz  
Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

**Wednesday, May 27**

St. Augustine of Canterbury

7:15 AM Mass † Jerry and Mary Sue Golebowski

**Thursday, May 28**

9:00 AM School Mass † Irma Kelly

**Friday, May 29**

7:15 AM Mass † Joe and Adeline Regan

**Saturday, May 30**

4:00 PM Mass † Robert Niccolai

**Sunday, May 31**

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

**Pilgrim Statue in the home of:**

Darlene Chmelicek 6316 Greenbriar Ln SW

May 24-29. Rosary prayed at 7:30 PM

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

**Readings for the Week of May 24, 2009**

**Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16;  
Jn 17:11b-19

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

**Next 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  
Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15



Born to a new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the water of Baptism, we welcome: **Attika Marie Flugge**, daughter of Brian and Dana Flugge.

**Our Condolences**



The Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family of Robert Skvor who recently passed away. May he rest in peace.



**Welcome To Our Parish Family!**

Kelli Jo Folkers  
Nathan and Ashley Pick and family  
Stephanie Thurn



**FROM THE PASTOR**

**With the Ascension**, Jesus returns to the Father. Before going they have things they want to know from Jesus. He only tells the disciples: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."

We have questions for God too! Many a "why?" and "when?" that would make being Christ's witnesses a lot easier. Maybe our knowing too much would constrain the Spirit into a few ways of acting that we understand, rather than the unforeseen ways God working when we look back at a day, an encounter, or an event? While we often recognize Jesus life of showing us how to love, we don't think so much about Jesus showing us how to live: with FAITH in the Father to bring us through the mystery of "how can this be good" to new life. Jesus' mission was to reveal the power of faith in that *unseen* relationship, to make possible love beyond expected relationship ... even to love one's enemies!

The power of the Holy Spirit we receive is *first* the power of faith that underlies our actions so we risk for love, for the Kingdom, for the witness we are called to give. Then the power of the Spirit can take what we give and make it enough: much more than I could do on my own. That faith puts us right with those first disciples at the Ascension. Not as informed, or sure, or gifted as we would like to be, but responsible for the mission begun by Jesus. It will only be accomplished through the power of faith! How strong is yours? What in the way of prayer, study, or reflection on how God is acting through you are you doing to strengthen your faith? Faith lived is our way to return to the Father! Fr. Tom.

**Our Zimbabwe Mission** is as near to being Jesus' "witnesses to the ends of the earth" as we get! We are blessed to have a witness like the mission's leader, Sr. Laurette in our midst this weekend! We thank her and the Mission staff for the dangerous work they do in Africa. This year, because she is here now, we will take our annual collection now and have the Kolach bake for them in the fall. Any donation offered in an envelope marked "Zimbabwe" in the weeks ahead will support the work of her community. Thank you!! The Zimbabwe Committee.

**1st Portion Appeal update:** In response to our letters we have heard from 321 households so far. Those who plan to increase in that group are averaging \$2.06 per week for an additional \$662.00/wk total. I am grateful to those who responded. The Ascension of Jesus is His return to the Father to send His Holy Spirit into the world. In our Discipleship efforts, be they financial, time, or abilities, we return to the Father from the blessings we have received.

The Holy Spirit is sent into the world through what we return to God too. May we find the generosity to give the Holy Spirit a broad avenue into our lives and our community! *I do appreciate* your taking the time to reflect on your financial support and making your response.

Fr. Tom

**Memorial Day Mass** will be offered near the chapel of St. John Cemetery Monday May 25 at 9:00 AM. If the weather makes this impossible, the alternate site is St. Wenceslaus Church 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. 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, and our resurrection!

**As you calendar the next few months**, please save some time June 11-14 for the Kolach Festival. Bring your calendars next weekend when we will start sign ups for baking, kiddy-land, and all the other aspects of the Festival. Also, July 15-17 we will be replacing the ceiling in the school cafeteria to complete that renovation. August 12-14 we will have our annual strip & wax of the Bingo Auditorium floor. Bingo volunteers are in critically short supply these days. You can call Brian Elwood at 365-4193 and find out how to help. These projects have willing leaders! Will you do your part and support them in our shared effort to care for our *church*: buildings AND people?  
Fr. Tom

### Appreciation

**Thank you to those** who have faithfully worked with the children for the Liturgy of the Word on Sunday: Terry & Julie Schneekloth, K.C. & Ellen Wiedenman, Mickey Ventura, & Emily Elwood.

**We are still in need** of Liturgy of the Word ministers. If you would like to minister in this way; please call Sue Berger 362.8148.

**Thank you to God's Housekeepers** for the week of **May 10**: Florence Moellers, Charity Schneekloth, Helen Cigrand, Janet/Carol Hayek, Jane Milcoff, Marilyn Schulte, Paula/Ted Fries. A special thanks to Linda/Marvin Hoffman from St. Pat's, who continue to show their appreciation after having returned to their church home.

**Thank you parish volunteer secretaries** the week of **May 10**: Mary Lou Roman, Jeanne Ross, and Mickey Betz.

**Class of 2009 Celebration:** A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the special Mass and supper honoring our graduating high school seniors on May 16 such a wonderful celebration. We are grateful to Fr. Tom McDermott, Theresa Detert, Leah Detert, Nikkie Hernandez, Justin Cervantes, Brittany Keeley, Cory Rude, Olivia Fries, Dawn Waite, Zach Kuntz, Amy Ockenfels, Levi Detert, Bethany Chambers, Sami Wehr, David Meyers, Sam Manternach, Dani Wright, Dalton Lynch, and Madison Smejkal for their contributions to our liturgy as well as Sue Berger, Julie Leytem, Jeanie Philipp, Paige Leytem, Mackenzie Philipp, and Levi Detert who assisted with the supper. Your time, talents, and positive energy were truly appreciated!

### Adult Faith Formation

**Adults Growing in the Catholic Faith:** The Word Among Us is a publication to assist with on-going adult faith formation. Copies for the month of June are available in the Gathering Space today. The contents include brief articles to better help us understand Scripture, including one written by Pope Benedict. The booklet also contains daily Scripture readings as well as daily meditations. Pick up a copy today. Please leave a donation.

### Liturgical Music Ministers



**Parish musicians** including cantors, instrumentalists and choir members are encouraged to attend a Liturgical Music workshop on June 24-26 at Loras College in Dubuque. Information at:

[www.loras.edu/liturgicalmusic](http://www.loras.edu/liturgicalmusic)

You may pick up a schedule in the parish music room. To register, complete the form/give to Sr. Mary by June 17.

### Parish and Community Life

**Several women of St. Ludmila** have created Prayer Shawls for parishioners who need a dose of comfort and prayer support. 170 shawls have been given since the beginning of this ministry! If you know of someone whom we could gift with a prayer shawl, please phone Esther Belle: 364.3691.



**Support for Cancer:** Being hit by either the flood or cancer requires a large support group and all the resources available. As life-threatening, inconvenient, expensive, and catastrophic as the flood has been, we lost no lives. As for cancer, approximately 6,500 lowans died from the disease in 2008. Our continued support of cancer survivors and their families is essential. More information on Linn Co. RFL, June 12-13:

[www.relayforlife.org/linncountyia](http://www.relayforlife.org/linncountyia)

There is still time to join our parish Relay for Life team. Contact Susie: [sharford2@hotmail.com](mailto:sharford2@hotmail.com)

**Address and Phone Update:** Please remember to contact the Parish Office at 362.7282 when you move or change your phone numbers. Thank you

## KOLACH FESTIVAL NEWS

Visit the new 2009 Kolach Festival **website** at [www.stludmila.org/kolach](http://www.stludmila.org/kolach) You can view a schedule of events, sign up to volunteer, and see photos from past festivals.

**Raffle Ticket Winner** of the second drawing is Charity Schneckloth. Charity received a \$25 gift certificate to Novak's Sinclair.

Congratulations, Charity!

**Attention to the adults in the parish!!** Join us this year during the Kolach Festival on Friday evening for a Beer Tasting Event, featuring 3 Iowa breweries. Come back Saturday evening for the 2nd year of the Wine Tasting Event. Both will be held on the lower patio of the church, featuring snacks, door prizes, and live music. For ticket information, call 362.7282.

**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 Lorlei Christner 848.8999

### Holy Family and Xavier

**The school year** will end on Tues, June 9 with a school wide liturgy at 9:15 AM in the St. Jude Church. At the conclusion of the Mass, there will be a ceremony to honor staff for years of service, volunteers, Parent Association officers and staff not returning. Following the Mass and ceremony, LaSalle and St. Jude students will return to their classrooms to be released for summer vacation. St. Ludmila students will remain in the church with Mrs. Whitney and her staff until their parents pickup their children.

**Come Grow the Spirit!** You are invited to the Prairiewoods Garden Party on Sat, June 6 at 4:30 PM • Mercy Medical Center, Hallagan Education Center • Tickets: \$35 each or \$250 for a table of 8 call Prairiewoods at 395.6700.

**Tanager Place Summer Fest** will be Sat, June 6 at Rockwell Collins Sports Complex from 3:30-10:30 PM. This FREE family event is fun for all ages. **We are looking for volunteers.** Interested in being involved, call Joan at 365.9165 ext. 309 or visit [www.tanagerplace.org](http://www.tanagerplace.org) to sign up for a volunteer shift.

## ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



### SUNDAY, May 24

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

### MONDAY, May 25

No activities/meetings scheduled

### TUESDAY, May 26

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

### WEDNESDAY, May 27

No activities/meetings scheduled

### THURSDAY, May 28

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

### FRIDAY, May 29

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

### SATURDAY, May 30

No activities/meetings scheduled

### SUNDAY, May 31

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

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

**Know someone who "once was a Catholic"?** Connect him/her to this web site: <http://www.oncecatholic.org/>

### Youth Ministry

**Mission: Possible 2009** - Any St. Ludmila 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Mon, June 1.

**Summer Splash at Lost Island:** Attention all current 6<sup>th</sup> graders through graduating high school seniors! Mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of the action on Mon, June 27, as we travel to Lost Island Waterpark in Waterloo for a day of fun in the water and sun at our annual Summer Splash. The cost of this special summer event – sponsored by the Cedar Rapids Area Youth Ministers (C.R.A.Y.M.) – is only \$25/person, which includes park admission and transportation by school bus (food is extra.) All St. Ludmila 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders should have received a registration form by mail or in person this past week. Friends are welcome to come. They will need to fill out a separate registration form which is available in the lobby of the Parish Center. For high school youth, you can pick up your registration form in the lobby of the Parish Center or by contacting Bob Gardner at 298.9525. **Please mail or drop off your completed form and fee to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (NOT ST. LUDMILA!) at the address indicated on the registration form by Wednesday, June 17!**