

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial Day

9:00 AM Mass † Don Miller

Mass at St. John Cemetery; Rain-site St. Ludmila Church

Tuesday, June 1

St. Justin

6 PM Mass † Richard Hach

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, June 2

St. Marcellinus; St. Peter

7:15 AM Mass † Jacqueline Jo Davis

Thursday, June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

9:00 AM School Mass † Bennie Grimm

Friday, June 4

7:15 AM Mass † Sandy Thoman

Saturday, June 5

St. Boniface

4:00 PM Mass † Carroll Welsh

Sunday, June 6

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Corpus Christi

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

John and Vivian Herder – 127 Autumn Woods Dr NW

May 31-June 4 Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of May 30, 2010

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

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Lk 9:11b-17

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!

Please also remember St. John Cemetery in your will.

This weekend much of the country will be enjoying the chance to relax on the long Memorial Day weekend. We do hold in our prayer the individuals and families that have sacrificed in the cause of our political freedom, even to the point of giving one's life or losing a loved one to that cause. Isn't the best way to honor those sacrifices to use that freedom in God's sense of being free: serving our brothers and sisters needs in sacrificial and life-giving ways?!

As a community of faith, we celebrate Trinity Sunday. While as a country we are "recreating", as Church we are calling to our attention what Jesus revealed the nature of our God to be: a oneness of communal love. Not that our minds can grasp what that is, but what it means for us is crystal clear: if we are to grow in likeness to God, then sharing love communally is a defining expression of that likeness.

"Recreate" is used to describe the ability of time together, enjoyable pursuits and activities to renew us. "Recreate" can also be pronounced "Re-create". Our ongoing prayer is that the Holy Spirit would, through the opportunities we have to foster a communion of Christ's love between us, do the work of **re-creating** each of us into that likeness of God we are created to be. As we move into these last weeks before the **Kolach Festival**, I do ask that you see it as an opportunity for both **recreation** (shared activity that renews) and **re-creation** (a Spirit-given experience to shape each other in God's image). Please see the requests to help in those ways, and respond to the Holy Spirit in our midst! The Festival, the Parish, and your own fulfillment depend on it!

The readings this weekend focus on the Holy Spirit that *within us*, holds us *within the community of love that is God*. The first reading from the book of Proverbs this weekend suggests that even at the heart of Trinity there is a playfulness in God. Wisdom (God's Spirit) is there during all the work of creation, beside the Creator as the craftsman. Wisdom is also "playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth." This most holy Trinity whom we worship and adore, has his playful times and even finds delight in the human race as the book of Proverbs tells us, despite all our failing and short-comings. As we begin a long and playful summer, do take some of that time to bask not in the sun, but in the delight God takes in you! Fr. Tom

Mrs. Barb Glass is known to many here as one of our hospitality ministers. However, she was recognized recently by the Archdiocese of Dubuque for 30 years of service in Catholic education. She also received the St. Francis Xavier Award for Excellence in Teaching. We echo their acknowledgment of Barb's commitment to forming the youth of our community! Thank you for your generosity to us!

I invite families to consider how to continue forming each other in faith thru these coming summer months. Life is the constant classroom for disciples of Jesus. There is no "summer vacation." What are you going to do to help each other hold each day's experiences up to our faith to discover where God was present, and how did our actions fit those of a disciple? We are constantly teaching and being taught by each others' example! What does taking a vacation from attending Mass, or sharing one's faith because of sports, or travel, or leisure say to those around us? Fr. Tom

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| Appreciation |
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My personal thanks to the leadership of the Altar & Rosary Society and the volunteers that helped them for making the Parish Center shine this past Saturday and Monday. Its great to be in the midst of such cleanliness! Thank you to St. Monica's Circle for all the effort that went into the Spring Rummage Sale! It's a great example of giving what we have, from labor to no longer needed clothes, to the service of God! Fr. Tom

1st Portion Appeal update: As of May 24, we have heard from 320 households so far. Its about the same as last week. 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. It all helps us be that community of shared love that reflects the nature of God as three, yet one, and reveals the Spirit's presence in our world! Please continue to return those response envelopes. Thanks for all you give in finances, time, and talents! Fr. Tom

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| Relay for Life |
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Cancer Survivors are invited to be honored during the **Relay for Life** at Kirkwood College track on Friday, June 4 during the Opening Ceremonies at 7 PM, AND for a free breakfast Saturday at 7:30 AM followed by the survivors' walk as the relay concludes.

Please spread the word! Caregivers welcome!

"Relay for Life" TEAM: #1 - Drop off large envelope at the Parish Center with donations anytime TUESDAY, June 1. **#2** - Attend a brief meeting & T-shirt pick up on Wed, June 2 at 6:30PM in Parish Center. Call: Kristin 396.0095

Check this out! Cancer Prevention Study (CPS3) is coming to Relay for Life-Kirkwood Comm. College 6/4/10 6:30PM-10:30PM. Those qualifying to participate are 30-65 yr olds who haven't been diagnosed with cancer! Need more info? Go to www.cancer.org/cps3 or call 319.393.1921. To sign up for a reminder e-mail cps3cr@gmail.com

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| Support Ministry |
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GriefShare is a faith based support class for people who have lost a loved one. Through videos/group discussion, you'll find compassion and encouragement for your journey of grief • Wed, June 2, from 6-7:30 PM at St. Matthew Church • Register contact: Becky 363.5238 • For more info: www.griefshare.org • Cost: \$15.00.

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| Wish List for Church Environment |
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Persons to bring garden flowers on Fridays (phone prior to delivery-362.7282). Also, persons to arrange flowers during the summer months or seasonally (362.7282).

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week of May 16: Karen Neuhaus, Mary Brecht, Denise Pudil, Kelly Hiserote, Denise Benish, Fran Musel, Rosann/Natalie Sandersfeld, Jim/Lorilei Christner, and Joyce Janovec.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week of May 16: Jeanne Ross/Kim Simoens

Thank you to our bingo volunteers for May 23/25: Fran/Kathy Musel, Monica Elwood, Jeanne Ross, Scott Duffy, Tony Hass, Bryan/Shirley Hugh, Amanda Schwab, Tyler Barron, Hope Hugh, Carol/Janet Hayek, Matt Teply, Jim McEniry, Connie Been, Kris Chambers, and Deb Pasker. Renee Levi, Colleen Knipper, Holly Bruns, and Sue Vecerka baked cakes.

Thank you

- To those who contributed garden flowers for the church environment: Barb Jandl, Susie Vecerka, and Millie Ortner.
- To the women who cleaned the Parish Center on Sat, May 22: Esther Benesh, Shirley Sheetz, Kathy Shelton, Janet Hayek, and Nancy Macek.
- To the women who cleaned the Parish Center on Mon, May 24: Janet Hayek, Clarice Holland, Jane Milcoff, Denise Pudil, Bette Krall, Betty Schulze, Esther Benesh, and Nancy Macek.
- To the Senior Citizens who came to the Senior Citizens Dinner last Wednesday, the 19th. We had approximately 35 enjoy a delicious dinner and root beer floats as a special treat. We had much fellowship. Diane Weber, a speaker from the Animal Shelter, told about how they care for the animals that are brought to the shelter. It was also the week for the Rummage Sale so everyone was able to shop for the best items before it was open to the public.

Dear Fr. McDermott and Friends,

The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration are humbled by your gift of \$5,000...providing funding for the educational needs of the children Sister Laurette ministers to in Zimbabwe, Africa. Your church family is unbelievable – I can't tell you how much your gift means! As you read this, two Sisters are praying for you, for us, and for the intentions of others May the people of St Ludmila be renewed in spirit during this Easter tide.

Madalene Buelow, Director of Development

Members of the Democratic/Republican parties in IA are choosing candidates next month for the fall election. **Primary Election Day** is Tues, June 8. Polls open from 7AM - 9PM. Voters who are unable to pre-register to vote may register and vote on election day using election day registration or at their county auditor's office when voting an absentee ballot. To vote you must declare a party affiliation. Voters can only receive the ballot for 1 party, but can change their political party affiliation anytime before Election Day or at the polling place. Voters can change back after Election Day. To keep updated on what is happening politically:

<http://www.iowacatholicconference.org/>

Holy Family and Xavier

The school year will end on Tues, June 8, with a school-wide liturgy at 9:15 AM, St. Jude Church. Fr. Hertges will be the presider. Following the Mass, there will be a ceremony to honor staff and volunteers.

LaSalle students recently gained the opportunity to demonstrate their public speaking skills and take pride in personal accomplishments. On May 6, students took part in a **speech contest** sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America. Students competing in the contest shared their presentations on this year's topic, *If I Were the President*. St. Ludmila winners: Bryce Charipar and Stephanie Wehr.

Youth Ministry

Mission: Possible 2010: Any St. Ludmila 9th 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.

Summer Splash at Lost Island: Attention all current 5th graders through graduating high school seniors! Mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of the action on Wed, June 16, 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 5th – 12th graders should have received a registration form by mail or in person this past week. Friends are welcome to come, but they will need to fill out a separate registration form which is available in the Religious Ed Office in the school). If you have any questions, please contact Bob Gardner at 298.9525. **Please mail or drop off your completed form and fee to St. Pius X Parish (NOT ST. LUDMILA!) at the address indicated on the registration form by Friday, June 11!**

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, May 30

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

MONDAY, May 31

No activities/meetings scheduled

TUESDAY, June 1

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

WEDNESDAY, June 2

5:15 PM Adult Faith Formation, PC

THURSDAY, June 3

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

12:45 PM Rosary over Lunch, CH

5:00 PM Church Cleaning, Leader Carole Palas

6:30 PM Baptism Class, St. Jude Church

6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting, PC

FRIDAY, June 4

7:00 PM Pro-Life Hour of Prayer and Meeting, CH

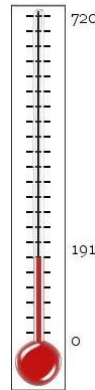
SATURDAY, June 5

No activities/meetings scheduled

SUNDAY, June 6

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

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



Can you volunteer to help bake kolaches?

Do you know there are 12 kolach baking shifts with approximately 60 volunteers per 4 hour shift (that equals 720 volunteers!!) to create enough kolaches to help make the Kolach Festival a success? There are 14 areas a volunteer can sign-up for anywhere from dividing/flattening dough to packaging the kolaches! We can sure use your help . . . can you spare sometime from Thursday evening June 10 through Sunday morning June 13?

There are many more areas of **opportunities to volunteer** during the festival. Please sign-up following the weekend Masses on May 29-30 and June 5-6.

It takes all of us to make our annual festival a huge success!!

KOLACH FESTIVAL NEWS

Raffle Ticket Winner of the 2nd Drawing is Julene Ruden. Julene received a \$25 gift certificate to Novak's Sinclair.

Congratulations, Julene!

St. Monica's Babi and Deda's Attic will be accepting Attic Treasures in the Church Social Hall on Mon, June 7, and Tues, June 8, between 6-8 PM.

Have You Sold Your Tickets?

Approximately 1,125 families received 1 bundle of 30 tickets. This equals to 33,750 tickets or \$33,750.

| Tickets | May 2009 | May 2010 |
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| 16,000 | | |
| 15,000 | | |
| 10,000 | | |
| 5,410 | | |
| 5,281 | | |
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