

### MASS INTENTIONS



#### Monday, June 1

St. Justin

**No Mass**

#### Tuesday, June 2

St. Marcellinus and St. Peter

6:00 PM Mass † Joe Chmelicek

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

#### Wednesday, June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and his companions

7:15 AM Mass † Jennifer Carson Mapes

#### Thursday, June 4

9:00 AM School Mass Special Intention

#### Friday, June 5

St. Boniface; First Friday

7:15 AM Mass † Joe and Tillie Regan

#### Saturday, June 6

St. Norbert

4:00 PM Mass † Austin Fairle

#### Sunday, June 7

The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

#### **Pilgrim Statue in the home of:**

Elsie Damisch - 1205 74th ST NE

May 30 - June 6. Rosary prayed at 7:30 PM

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

#### **Readings for the Week of May 31, 2009**

**Sunday:** 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

**Monday:** Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday:** Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:** Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34

**Friday:** Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday:** Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44

**Next Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

**Daily Mass Schedule** for the summer will remain the same except beginning on June 11, Mass on Thursdays will be at 7:15 AM.

**Liturgical Ministers:** Please remember to take a new schedule home with you. Please be especially mindful to call a sub if you can't fulfill a scheduled ministry. Summer often leaves us short-handed! Fr. Tom



#### **Our Condolences**



**The Parish Community** extends its sympathy and prayers to the family of Helen Sudderberg who recently passed away. May she rest in peace.



#### **FROM THE PASTOR**

**Happy Birthday to US!** Among the effects Jesus brought about by sending His Holy Spirit upon His followers was to give birth to the Church. While Jesus was in the world, the Church was gestating, developing, and growing from misunderstanding and even running from what Jesus was about, to embracing the challenge of being disciples so fully that they “could rejoice at having been found worthy of mistreatment for the sake of Jesus’ name.” When Jesus ascended to the Father, the Church was ready to be born through the gift of the Holy Spirit coming to rest upon its members. It has continued to grow and serve, suffer and love ever since! The sprinkling you all enjoy so much at the beginning of Mass comes from the baptismal font we call “the womb of the Church” from which she continues to bear disciples into the world to continue her work. It reminds us to BE Church!



Birthdays are expressions of gratitude for someone's presence with us. We take time to let them know they are important and are loved. On the birthday of the Church, I hope you will take some time to reflect on “What is important about the Church to you?” Like those we love, we can take church for granted, and not pay much attention to it. Like every other group made up of sinful humans, the Church has her faults. But the Church is and always will be the Body of Christ here on earth. The Holy Spirit given to her members at Pentecost makes her so! When St. Paul was persecuting the Church, Jesus took it personally: “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting ME?” I ask you to consider whether loving Jesus can be separated from loving the Church?

Please share with your household why even with its faults, the Church has been important to you. That might help the Holy Spirit call forth vocations to service in the church like the two young men ordained priests for us last Saturday. If we can name why Church is important to us, we make it easier to prioritize our own presence with in it and its mission! Help us BE Church this Pentecost!

Being church is sharing life, love, faith and effort. In two weeks we will hold St. Ludmila Church's **Kolach Festival**. We need the shared presence and effort of many many members for this to go well. I ask you as part of the Church, to celebrate Her birthday by being generous in filling the slots for Kolach Festival volunteers. We want to have a great party! Don't forget the set up dates of June 7 & 9, and take down after 5PM on Sun, June 14. Fr. Tom

**1<sup>st</sup> Portion Appeal Update:** To date, 324 households have responded, indicating an intent to increase an average of \$2.32 per week for an additional \$753/wk total. Thank you to all who respond! Pentecost reminds the Church that the gifts of God are given for mission, to be given away so the Gospel can be spread. *Your willingness to sacrifice makes a lot possible!* Also, though I don't respond with individual comments, I do read the notes you add. I do appreciate the challenges you share and keep them in my prayers. Fr. Tom

**In this era of ever-increasing allergies**, many people have discovered that they have an intolerance to gluten, a substance found in wheat and many other grains. As a result, they are not able to receive Holy Communion because of the wheat hosts that are usually used. We now have a low-gluten host available for our parishioners who may have this allergy; this special host has received official approval to be used in our liturgies. If you have a gluten intolerance, please contact Fr. Tom for directions on how to obtain this host at the Mass you attend.

**Life, Light, and Hope:** Archbishop Jerome Hanus will be the presider/homilist at a Mass for the Catholic community at Immaculate Conception (corner of 3rd Ave SE and 10th ST SE) on Thurs, June 11 at 7 PM. Anyone that has been in anyway affected by the June 2008 flooding is invited. Social following.

**What you missed in the Witness this week!** Father Steve Garner and Father Gary Mayer were ordained May 23. Members of Holy Family Parish, Parkersburg, recover from 2008 tornado; Cardinal and congressmen urge action by Obama on conscience protection. Ask Fr. Tom for a subscription card after Mass!

### Appreciation

**Thank you to** Fran/Kathy Musel for helping All Saints celebrate their funerals here.

**Thank you to** the Senior Citizens who partook in a delicious potluck dinner on Wed, May 20. There were approximately 35 who enjoyed the delicious meal and fellowship. The entertainment was shopping at the Rummage Sale. Thanks to all who helped with the set up and clean up. You might want to mark you calendars for next month, the 17th of June. Our entertainment will be provided by one of our own, Chet Sheetz, who will entertain us with his music and songs.

**Thank you to God's Housekeepers** for the week of **May 17:** Sally Welsh, Bob/Karen Doyle, Mary Brecht, Denise Pudil, Kelly Hiserote, Denise Benish, Fran Musel, Angie Rohret, Rosann/Natalie Sandersfeld, Joyce Janovec, and Jim/Lorilei Christner. **Thank you parish volunteer secretaries** the week of **May 17:** Jeanne Ross, Carol Guge, and Kim Simoens.

**Rosie Is Retiring!** Please join Rosie Harvey as she celebrates her retirement after 25 years of dedicated service to Holy Family/St. Ludmila School. A retirement reception honoring her will be held Thursday, June 4, from 3:30 – 6:00 PM at St. Ludmila Church Social Hall.

### Adult Faith Formation

**Join us to celebrate the conclusion of the Year of St. Paul!!** Fr. Robert Beck, Scripture professor at Loras College, will give a special presentation on St. Paul, his life and letters on Wed, June 17 beginning at 7 PM in Kearn Hall, at St. Matthew Parish (2310 1st Ave, NE). Fr. Beck is a fine speaker, and an author who has written extensively on the Bible. We hope you can come!

**Adults Growing in the Catholic Faith:** Copies of the June issue of The Word Among Us are available in the Gathering Space today. The contents include articles to 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. Donations appreciated.

### Liturgical Music Ministers

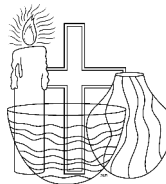
**Parish musicians** including cantors, instrumentalists and choir members are encouraged to attend a Liturgical Music workshop on June 24-26 at Loras College in Dubuque. Information at:

[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.

### Sacramental Preparation

**Planning a baptism?** In most instances a baptism prep class is required prior to celebrating the Sacrament. The next class will be Thurs, June 4 at 6:30 PM at St. Jude Church. Those attending need to register at their own parish office. Please call 362-7282 if you want to attend. Remember that the role of Godparent has special requirements so it is important to attend the class or call Fr. Tom before asking anyone to commit to that role's responsibilities.



### Parish and Community Life

**A 4+ member Franciscan Common Venture team** is serving in the rebuilding of flood-affected homes from June 1-6 in Cedar Rapids. The effort is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque. Sister Mary will participate as her schedule allows.

**Support for Cancer:** Approximately 6,500 Iowans died from cancer in 2008, including persons in our parish! Our continued support of cancer survivors and their families is essential. There is still time to join our parish Relay for Life team (June 12-13). Call Susie: [sharford2@hotmail.com](mailto:sharford2@hotmail.com)

**The parish Relay for Life team** will meet on Mon, June 8 at 5:30 PM in the Parish Center. Please bring your team envelope with contributions. Parishioners may make contributions via the Sunday collection basket in envelopes marked:

St. Ludmila RFL

Thank you for your donation!



## KOLACH FESTIVAL NEWS

[www.stludmila.org/kolach](http://www.stludmila.org/kolach)

**Kids of all ages** are invited to come to the Magic Show on Sat, June 13 at 7 PM. Tickets can be purchased following the Masses this weekend. Prices: \$6 each or \$20 for 4 tickets.

**Babi and Deda's Attic Treasures:** Please bring your nice items to the Social Hall on Mon, June 8 and Tues, June 9 from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. Plants can be donated.

**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.

**Kiddyland needs your toys!** Do 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

### Vacation Bible School

**Volunteer Help is Needed!** Any middle/high school students and adults interested in helping with Vacation Bible School; please call 362.8148. Vacation Bible School is Mon, Aug 3 through Fri, Aug 7 from 9 AM to 12 noon.

### In Our Community

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will hold a garage sale/bake sale on June 4 - 5 from 8 AM to 5 PM and June 6 from 8 AM to 12 PM at 6009 1st Ave SW. Everyone is invited! The last meeting of the year will be a family picnic in Beaver Park on Tues, June 9 at 6:30 PM.

**The Varsity Football Staff** at Xavier will host a football camp for athletes entering grades 5 - 8. The camp will be Monday through Wednesday, Aug 3-5 from 5-7PM at Xavier. Cost: \$25 which includes a camp T-shirt. Call Coach Dave Sullivan 294.6636 ext. 331 for more info.



**If you or someone you know** will be deployed overseas for military service, we would like to extend to you a blessing. The blessing may be given at the end of one of the weekend Masses.

Please contact Deacon Manning for more information: 319.365.3259.

## ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



### SUNDAY, May 31

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

### MONDAY, June 1

6:00 PM Board of Ed, PC

### TUESDAY, June 2

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

### WEDNESDAY, June 3

5:15 PM Adult Faith Formation, PC

### THURSDAY, June 4

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

3:30 PM Retirement Reception for Rosie Harvey, SH

5:00 PM Church Cleaning, Leader Carole Palas

6:30 PM Baptism Class, St. Jude Church

6:30 PM Liturgy, PC

### FRIDAY, June 5

No activities/meetings scheduled

### SATURDAY, June 6

No activities/meetings scheduled

### SUNDAY, June 7

Kolach Festival Setup

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

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

### 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 22, 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. 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!**