

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 16

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

No Mass

Tuesday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

2:00 PM Mass at Silver Pines

6:00 PM Mass † Don Miller

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, November 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul;

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

7:15 AM Mass † Family of Marie Peters

Thursday, November 19

7:15 AM Mass † Helen Zrudsky

10AM Holy Family Thanksgiving Liturgy at St. Jude

Friday, November 20

7:15 AM Mass † Irma Kelly

Saturday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Call to Covenant

4:00 PM Youth Mass † Carroll Welsh

Sunday, November 22

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King; Call to Covenant

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Gary/Geralyn Ward – 1420 East Knoll Dr, Robins

Nov 16-20. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18;
Mk 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37



Born to a new life in Christ and joined to our faith community through the water of Baptism, we welcome:

Nolan Andrew Flatgard

son of Nathan and Heather Flatgard.

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be hosted at Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church - 2808 Schaeffer Dr, SW - the evening of Wednesday, Nov 25 at 7 PM. Please join your neighbors in this prayer of Thanksgiving.

St. Ludmila Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Nov 26 at 9 AM. Begin your family thanksgiving day by joining the Catholic community in celebrating the Eucharist, the ultimate prayer of "thanksgiving".



The Scriptures this week include

imagery from a type of literature known as "apocalyptic." It contains lots of complicated symbolism. Apocalyptic deals with the final period of world history when the powers of evil make the supreme struggle against God and are finally routed. Religious persecution seems to trigger its use. In the midst of all their suffering, the author demonstrates God's history of caring for them, and God's power to overcome evil in the end. The two books of this type in our Bible are heard from today: Daniel and Revelation. Daniel was written when the Jewish people were emerging from domination by the Greek civilization, and Revelation was authored when the early Christians were under persecution by Rome.

The problem, as Fr. James Smith notes, "with stories about the end of the world is that we get so wrapped up in earthquakes and celestial pyrotechnics that we miss the point of the story: namely, that the world will end, and we know that the world will end well. God and good will triumph over evil and suffering!" What we don't know is how each of our individual concerns will fare, and how God will work all the consequences of our human freedom to this good conclusion. Apocalyptic stories have been described as "In some sense it's simply meant to provide a hand-holding experience until things get better." Thus Jesus uses the example of the fig tree. Just before the buds emerge, the tree still looks dead. Calamities may seem to leave us with no future, but through Christ, *new life is always there*, waiting its time.

So if we are not wrapped up in how it will end, what is to be our focus? For persons of faith, our focus is to live this life each has been given in a way that integrates it into the whole story of God's creation. WE don't want to be part of the world that passes away! You will have received your Discipleship Covenant for the coming year in the mail by now. Whether you have used it before or not, I do encourage you to make one between yourself and God for the coming year. Each small step in developing the seven qualities of discipleship help keep one's focus on the only end that matters: will I become like Christ, or not. This week's quality of **ministry** is a quality of Discipleship because it reveals that the people to whom I minister, and the God in whose name I minister, are more important to me than self, or this passing world.

So when you hear invitations to minister in some capacity, I hope you see them as part of the larger story of integrating life into God's vision for it. Whether its very visible like music ministry, or not so widely known like helping with Bingo or the Fall Bazaar or something like that, each ministry helps the Church prepare the way of the Lord's return. The simplest of tasks done in love and gratitude to God here within one's parish family are the real book of Revelation. They show forth the faith and values of one who has heard the Word of God, and made it his or her own. Fr. Tom

Please come on Sunday afternoon at 12:30 to help take down the tables and other aspects of the Fall Bazaar. Make sure to come on Saturday or Sunday and be part of its success!

The Leaf raking and cleanup workday is next Saturday Nov. 21st! The lunch provided will taste even better knowing one has used one's time and effort in service to our parish home. Rakes, tarps, hedge trimmers and scoops will be helpful tools. We will start about 8:30 AM! Come and meet friends old and new!

The Pastoral Planning Task Force met at 7 PM at St. Ludmila Church on Monday, Nov 9.

The following are the two main areas covered:

+ The 3rd draft of the Liturgy report. This draft will include alternatives to be shared with Archbishop Hanus, concerning ways we can release 5 priests from our deanery. The release of priests will take place over the next 5 years.

+ Brain storming ideas to be included in the financial report. Question that focused input into the report was whether finances, staff, programs & facilities reflect the mission of our parishes.

Appreciation

To the Xavier HS community for the students who came on their service day and helped with raking or window cleaning not only here on the campus, but at 8 parishioner homes as well!

Thank you to those who waxed under the church pews: Carol/Janet Hayek, Cello Collier, Betty Schulze, Esther Benish, and Nancy Macek.

A huge thank you goes out to all who helped with and participated in the Ladies Night Out last Thursday. A special "thank you" to Laurita Gattelle, Brenda Havlik, Mary Pacha, Mary Myers, Tracy Rains, Heidi Smith, Liz Healy, Sara Prokop, Holly Bruns, Laura Berger, Cheryl Berger, Sue Berger, and to the men who served: Fran Musel, Terry Schneekloth, John Pacha, Wes Bruns, and Jim Berger. Thank you to those who contributed raffle prizes: Colony Heating and Air Conditioning, Dr. Tom and Tina Anderson, Mary Pacha, Salon Studios 105, Tru Salon, Bliss Salon, Laurita Gattelle, Charity Schneekloth, and City Beat Restaurant. Our next Women Helping Women group meeting will be in January. Watch the bulletin for details.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week **Nov 1**: Mary Lou Roman, Laverne Fisher, Esther Belle Steinbach. **Thank you to God's Housekeepers** for the week **Nov 1**: Gary/Mary Stodola, Natalie/Alan Zaehring, Carole/Brian Palas, Brett/Tara Simonsen, Dalton/Dakota Simonsen, Mindy Kranig, and Robert/Loretta Claes.

5 Myths about Volunteering at Church: "I'm too [INSERT EXCUSE HERE] to volunteer." When the bulletin on Sunday reads "Volunteers Needed" that means us. When the announcements from the pulpit include a call for help, that's us, too. Volunteers aren't expected to be perfect. There's no requirement to be the strongest, the smartest, the best looking, the most holy, or the most "worthy" (whatever that means). As Jesus said when He called His disciples, "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Mt 9:13). That's us. And if that were qualification enough to be an apostle, it's probably more than enough to serve coffee and donuts on Doughnut Sundays. Contact 362.7282 to see how YOU can help.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Future Catholics and their parish sponsors will meet Sunday, Nov 22 and 29 at 9:05 AM in the Social Hall. Our gratitude to these parishioners for serving as Parish Sponsors to Candidates and Catechumens: Paul Zillman, Patty Schwab, Jennifer Bohr, Carmen Wharton, Marilyn Kies, Joe/Kim Kopish, Monica Rannals, and Kris Chambers.

Children's Catechumenate will meet Sunday, Nov 22 at 9 AM in Multipurpose Room in the lower level of Church.

Faith Formation

Reflections on Brundibar in Terezin - Music Amidst Inhumanity: This FREE adult education forum about the Holocaust, the historic context for the children's opera *Brundibar*, will be **today** at St. Wenceslaus Church, Cedar Rapids beginning with a tour of the church at 2:30 PM followed by the forum at 3 PM.

All Lay Formation Alumni: The Good Shepherd Cluster - Holy Family Catholic Community, New Hampton is hosting "Reconnect-Reflect-Rejoice-Refocus-Renew Day" Saturday Nov 21 • Registration 10:30 AM • Soup & Potluck lunch • Speakers Fr. Mike Tauke & Sr. Carla Popes • The Renewal Day will conclude with a 4 PM Eucharistic Celebration. A wonderful chance to gather and communicate with others who have been a part of the Archdiocesan Lay Formation program. For further information contact the Good Shepherd Cluster office: 641.394.2105.

Youth Ministry

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the senior high Scavenger Hunt scheduled for Sunday, Nov 15, has been postponed. Please watch this bulletin as well as future youth ministry calendars for rescheduling information.

National Catholic Youth Conference 2009: All NCYC 2009 participants are reminded that we will depart for Kansas City on Thurs, Nov 19, from the old Econofoods East - 1800 51st ST NE in Cedar Rapids. Loading of the bus begins at 6:30 AM with departure at 7 AM. Note that we will return back home in Cedar Rapids on Sun, Nov 22, around 2 PM (unfortunately, we were not able to schedule any sightseeing in Kansas City so we will arrive home earlier than expected) . . . please have your ride waiting to pick you up at the old Econofoods East.



The Adult Choir will be singing on Christmas Eve for the 10 PM Mass. Practices will be held on Sundays from 4:00 to 5:30 PM, beginning on November 22. If you love to sing, come and join us. High school students are welcome to come as well. Questions? Contact Linda Lehmann at 364.6876 or linda.lehmann@hotmail.com

Xavier

Poinsettia and Christmas Greenery Fundraiser:

The greenery offered this year will consist of: 20"-24" Door Swag \$15; 24"-30" Mail Box \$16; 36" Mantle \$18; 24"-30" Candy Cane \$16; and 24" over-all size Wreath \$16. Poinsettias are in a 6.5" foil wrapped pot, in jingle bell, pink, white, and red colors \$15. **This fundraiser ends Friday, Nov 20. Orders will be available for pick up in the band room on Tuesday, Dec 1, between 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM.** Order forms available through our band/choir students, and the front office. **BUSINESS OWNERS consider supporting these students by purchasing your holiday greenery through us!** For more info: contact Carol 378.8326 cavester@mchsi.com or Lisa 377.3819, jimlisagignac@aol.com

Parish Life

Movie Time will be offered again on Sunday, Nov 22 beginning at 1 PM. "The Ultimate Gift" is 117 minutes in length and suitable for ALL ages. "Life is how we LIVE it...not how we SPEND it!"

Recipes!! Deadline is fast approaching! Get your recipes & your name in the new cookbook! Box & recipe forms are in the Gathering Space. You can submit your recipes on plain paper. You can e-mail your recipes stludscookbook@gmail.com Questions? Sara: 378.8321 or Ann: 396.9154.

We need your **HELPING HANDS**



Can you spare a couple of hours on Monday, Nov 23? Come to the church at 9 AM to help clean/oil the pews before we begin the holy season of Advent. In the spring this job took about 2 hours to accomplish as we had many willing helpers. Men, women, and older youth are all welcome. Do you have any flannel sheets that are worn? You are welcome to bring them as they make wonderful buffing rags.

You can purchase \$crip cards for **all** of your holiday shopping/gift giving. You will be giving a gift to your loved ones and a gift to the Church. The \$crip group is located in the bell room of the Gathering Space. You can fill out an order form along with payment and your order will arrive for you the following weekend. Last date to order for holiday giving is Sun, Dec 13.

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, November 15

9:00 AM Fall Bazaar, SH
1:00 PM Baptism Class, St. Jude
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

MONDAY, November 16

5:30 PM Social Concerns, PC
7:00 PM Parish Council, PC

TUESDAY, November 17

5:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM
6:45 PM Discipleship Council, PC

WEDNESDAY, November 18

8:00 AM Church Cleaning, Leader Mary Brecht
5:15 PM Adult Faith Formation, PC
5:15 PM Early Session Religious Education, SC
6:45 PM Late Session Religious Education, PC-SC-SH

THURSDAY, November 19

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

FRIDAY, November 20

No activities/meetings scheduled

SATURDAY, November 21

8:30 AM Parish Work Day

SUNDAY, November 22

9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH-Multipurpose Room
9:05 AM RCIA, Social Hall
1:00 PM Movie Time "The Ultimate Gift", SH
4:00 PM Choir Practice, CH
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

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



Time is running out! Buy your Stejskal Gift Cards now! \$20 gift card for a bouquet of flowers every month for 12 months. Ten dollars of the twenty will go to our parish Social Concerns committee for helping others in need.

Call the Religious Ed office 362.8148!

It is a WIN WIN situation! Great holiday gifts too!

Knights of Columbus #5677 • today Sunday, Nov 15 • Serving 4:30 PM to 7 PM • Tenderloin dinner \$5.50; Chicken dinner \$7; Shrimp dinner \$8 • Located Mt Vernon Rd and Hwy 13 • 247.2000 • Open to the Public

Is food a problem for you? Is your weight affecting your life? Overeaters Anonymous meets every Friday at 6:30PM in the Parish Center. Other locations hosting meetings: Mercy Hospital: Tuesdays at 6:30PM, Saturdays at 10AM; 1st Presbyterian Church: Thursdays at 6:30PM. Donation: \$2. Call Cliff Klouda 551.5032 for more info.

HACAP Food Reservoir needs families, groups, churches, and organizations to Adopt-a-Family for Christmas. Each year we receive over 400 referrals from area agencies for this program. The adopting group provides the family with gifts, food, and delivery. Family size varies from 2 - 10 members. Call Barb 739.1559 for more information.

All bulletin articles for the November 29 bulletin must be to the Parish Office or sent by e-mail **no later than Friday, Nov 20 at 12 noon.** Questions? Call Mary 362.8148.

