

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 23

Sts. Clement I, Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

No Mass

Tuesday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions

6:00 PM Mass † Michael Schmidt

Wencil and Irene Kremenak

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:15 AM Mass † Alma Schaufenbuel

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

No Mass

Saturday, November 28

Call to Covenant

4:00 PM Mass † Cletus Wehr

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent; Call to Covenant

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Frank/Mary Swiderski – 3371 Oriole Ct NE

Nov 23-27. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009

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

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12---4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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



Harper Lewis Kendal

son of Jacob and Jessica Kendall;

Emerson Rose Rutan

daughter of Alan and Heather Rutan.

The Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the families of Jeanette



Lechtenberg (mother of Sister Mary) and Millie Gardner (mother of our Youth Minister Bob Gardner) who recently passed away. May they rest in peace.



Today we conclude our church year with the Feast of Christ the King. It truly is a conclusion: *not just an end to*

the year, but in effect, *the summation* of the argument we have been making as a people of faith since last Advent: Christ in MY king! We expressed in our worship and hopefully in our lives that what Jesus Christ says brings life and wholeness is what I allow to guide and direct me. Hopefully, anyone looking at us would have seen us faithfully living through Christmas, Lent and Easter, and then the “Ordinary Time” of listening to God’s Word so we are drawn more deeply into the life Christ calls us to in baptism. If we have entrusted our lives, choices, attitudes and values to Christ, then those looking on would conclude that I did make my point: Christ truly is my king, and should be yours too! This is a good time to ask oneself “Have I convinced anyone?” or “Am I convinced myself?”

Among the great benefits the Discipleship Covenants offer is the opportunity to ask that question “Is Christ really King in this aspect of my life?” Does Jesus truly determine how I respond to life and how I interpret the events and experiences that each day brings to me? If Jesus is not, then one’s Covenant offers a means to make a little progress toward His kingship ruling over a little bit more of my life. Isn’t that how we want our lives to conclude: with Christ as King? This is an argument I certainly don’t want to lose! If you have not spent any time with your Covenant, I do encourage you to do so! Who else to better reign over your heart? Next weekend the Covenant Ark will be in the Gathering Space for you to place your completed covenant into. If you did not bring it this weekend, I hope you will offer us all that simple expression of Christ’s Kingship: a covenant that says “I’ll try to grow in faithfulness to Jesus in one or several ways.”

Don’t forget the ecumenical Thanksgiving prayer service at Hus Presbyterian on Wednesday evening at 7 PM. We have much to be grateful for, especially after the last 18 months of working side by side with other faith communities to recover from the floods. We will have Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9 AM. Favorite son Fr. Herb Hayek will be home to visit his family and will preside at the Mass. Bring bread or other food items to be blessed for your table to the Thanksgiving Day Mass! If possible, plan to stay an extra few minutes to help put the new music books in the pews. I will be home offering Mass at St. John’s church in Placid.

I will be leaving the next day and will return Dec. 4th. A priest friend was given use of a time-share in Mexico by a generous parishioner. He called needing a fourth priest who knew how to play euchre for his game there. Far be it from me to stand in the way of my brothers’ fun! I said I would make the sacrifice and go along. ☺ If you will need to see me for anything prior to Dec 4th, please call me before Wednesday! Msgr. Bleich will be covering for me the first Sunday of Advent. He really enjoys it here. Enjoy him! Thanks for making him welcome. Fr. Tom

Appreciation



Thank you to all of you who have worked bingo for the past few months. We appreciate your continued support. Thank you to all who have donated cakes, cooked the maid-rites, and donated other items to the bingo program. We can always use extra hands if you would be available on a Sunday or Tuesday evening. Patty Schwab is contacting people to volunteer for the program. Please let us know if you have volunteered in the past and haven't heard from us in awhile by contacting Patty: 213.2089 or Brian Elwood: 365.4193. Thanks again for contributing to this community building program. **We appreciate your support.**

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week **Nov 8**: Darlene Chmelicek and Carole Ryan.

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week **Nov 8**: Florence Moellers, Charity Schneekloth, Chet/Shirley Sheetz, Janann Anderson, Kris Chambers, Jane Milcoff, Marilyn Schulte, Emery Tew, and Paula Fries.

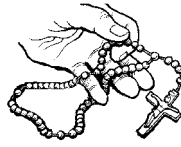
Liturgy

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

Do you feel called to participate in a ministry roll during the weekend Masses? We are in need of Ministers of Hospitality for all 3 Masses. Interested or would like more information, contact Tom/Jeanette Niccolai at 363.6115.

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 call Fr. Tom for directions on how to obtain this host at the Masses you attend.

Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful way to spend time with Jesus and grow in our Faith. You are invited to join us on Tuesday Evenings.



Rosary over Lunch

Are you looking for a way to incorporate the rosary into your daily life, but don't know where to start? Beginning Thursday, Dec 3 and continuing every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month. Join us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 12:45 PM to pray the rosary over your lunch hour. Call Holly Robe at 573.8382 with any questions.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Future Catholics & their parish sponsors will meet Sun, Nov 22 & 29 at 9:05AM in Social Hall

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

Holy Family and Xavier

All are invited to attend the Christmas Concerts at the centers of Holy Family Schools. St. Ludmila Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 10 at 7 PM. St. Jude Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 15 at 7 PM. LaSalle Middle School Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 17 at 7 PM. Call the schools for more info.

Parish and Community Life

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no family movie time Sunday afternoon. Please watch the bulletin for next month's movie offering.

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 or e-mail to: stludscookbook@gmail.com Questions? Sara: 378.8321 or Ann: 396.9154.

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? Feel free to bring them they make wonderful buffing rags.

Lot Sale at St. John's Cemetery until Nov 30: Lots can be purchased for \$600 each if paid in full at the time of purchase. Regular price: \$650 if purchased before need and \$700 at the time of need. This is an excellent time to prepare for a future event that can be an extremely stressful time for family members. Interested: contact Jim Petersen at 362.8894 or 431.7931.

The Archdiocese and its parishes hope again this year to help local people who are having difficulty meeting basic needs. Building upon observance of Thanksgiving, we ask that, as you thank God for your blessings, you be as generous as possible in giving to this collection. Donations may be sent to (by Dec 1): "Harvest of Blessings"

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center
P.O. Box 479
Dubuque IA 52004-0479

The Cedar Rapids Salvation Army is booking reservations for its annual senior dinner and Christmas party. The event will take place at The Army on Saturday, Dec 12 - 1000 C Avenue NW. Doors open at 10 AM. Entertainment will begin at 10:30 AM followed by the meal at 11:15 AM. This event is for seniors only. There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required. The registration deadline is Monday, Dec 7. For more info, or to make reservations: Salvation Army 364.9131, Ext 103.

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.

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Guild is hosting their annual Cookie Walk at the Younkers end of Lindale Mall on Saturday, Dec 12 from 10 AM to 12 PM *or until they're gone!* \$8 per pound Questions: 294.5354.

Breath of Soul, (formerly 5one) is a Christian a cappella ensemble consisting of members: David Kempton, Tony Marx, and Jesse Upah (Jesse's family are St. Ludmila parishioners). Their goal is to bring their faith to others while using their gifts to glorify God. Breath of Soul's vision is to use the human voice to effectively create a wide array of vocal, instrumental and percussive sounds. They invite you to join them in the worship space for a brief Christmas celebration concert on Sunday, Dec 12 at 7 PM.

This concert is free and open to the public.



Read about these topics and more in the Nov 22 issue of *The Witness*:

- ❖ A new inspirational book by Msgr. Paul Steimel available from Columbus High School
- ❖ "Block by Block" the flood recovery project in Cedar Rapids continues.
- ❖ The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) efforts on health care reform measure seen as lesson for the future.

"Parish Office has subscription forms."

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

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, November 22

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

MONDAY, November 23

- 8:00 AM Church Cleaning, Leaders Hal/Betty Schulze
- 9:00 AM Fall Cleaning/Oiling Pews, CH
- 6:30 PM Dean Pstrl Plng, SH

TUESDAY, November 24

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

WEDNESDAY, November 25

No Religious Education Classes

THURSDAY, November 26

No activities/meetings scheduled

FRIDAY, November 27

No activities/meetings scheduled

SATURDAY, November 28

No activities/meetings scheduled

SUNDAY, November 29

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 - 9:05 AM RCIA, Social Hall
 - 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**

Service to Others

The Social Concerns committee is looking for additional people to join our cause. Social Concerns coordinates fund drives, food drives, blood drives, as well as being a solid place for other branches of the parish, like Pro-Life with Love, and St. Vincent de Paul to report to. We do other "fun" things too, like the giving tree at Christmas and our Spaghetti Dinner in the spring. We always have plenty of discussion at our meetings, so if you feel like a challenge, please think about joining us.

We're always looking for new ideas and new energy!

The Catholic Worker House would like to thank the Catholic Community for its support, as we have reopened after a thorough, much needed cleaning. Once again we ask for your generosity as we are in great need of items for the house and the needy that we help. We could use paper products, especially women's feminine products, diapers {not size 2}, paper towels, plates, cups, and copier paper. In addition things like hamburger helper, tuna, peanut butter, spaghetti and sauce, Ramen noodles, boxed dessert items, mac and cheese, soups, and juices. Cleaning products and dishwasher soap are also needed. There is also a need for meals to be brought in for supper on certain evenings. If anyone or a family would be so inclined to help prepare a meal on Thanksgiving Day and house sit at the same time, Larissa could get home to her own family. Call her for more info: 362.9041.

Thank you very much from all of us at the Catholic Worker House.

