

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, October 5

No Mass

### Tuesday, October 6

St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

6:00 PM Mass † Shirley Strauel

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

### Wednesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:15 AM Mass † Bill Davis

### Thursday, October 8

9:00 AM School Mass † Alma Schaufenbuel

### Friday, October 9

St. Denis and his companions; St. John Leonardi

7:15 AM Mass † Helen Zrudsky

### Saturday, October 10

4:00 PM Mass † Bob Ormsby

### Sunday, October 11

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Personal Intention

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

Laura Baker - 2710 26th Ave, Marion

Oct 5-9. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

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

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### **Readings for the Week of October 4, 2009**

**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11;  
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**Monday:** Jon 1:1---2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

**Next Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13;  
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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

**Marley Francis Fonck,**

daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth Fonck;

**Maliah Doquila Richards,**

daughter of Michael and Liza Richards.

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**The Task Force** for pastoral planning for the Cedar Rapids Deanery met Monday night at 7P at St. Ludmila Church. The entire evening was spent looking at options that would allow our deanery to operate with five less priests by 2015. The parish councils will now follow the same process in making recommendations for the reduction of 5 priests in the deanery.

Very Rev. John Gossman

Msgr. Russell Bleich



**With this Sunday** we enter the month dedicated to raising our awareness of the respect that human life is due. The readings are centered around the vocation of marriage so it might not seem the best “fit” for reflecting on the dignity of human life. But what Jesus has to say about marriage and divorce, and what we believe God has revealed to us about the dignity of human life, come from the same reality: humans are created by God for a purpose, and for a destiny. That purpose is to return to the one who made us “male and female in God’s image.” That destiny is eternal life: one forever with the source of the life we begin—and share—here on earth. Respect for human life is revealed in how I embrace *God’s purpose for humanity*, in shaping *my own humanity*.

The free will God gave us as an aspect of how we *image the Creator*, can be used for *God’s purpose* of together forever, or *my purpose* which may or may not be that. I can choose *together with* the child to be born, or not; *together with* my spouse, or not; *together* in a chaste way between friends of the same sex, or not; *together* in solidarity with the concerns of the elderly, or not. We know our wills are not entirely free. We are subject to so many influences. That is why its important to return to what our Lord, our faith has shown us of God’s purpose. There God helps us see the path before us, and choose it!

I wonder if we are as aware of other’s vulnerability as we need to be... for we are vulnerable: able to be hurt! From the child in the womb who does not have the protection of society’s shared values, to the spouse who has opened his or her life so fully to another’s willfulness, to the elderly person whose physical or emotional or mental abilities are lessening... the choices of others hold great consequence for us. The comfort of community with one or many comes at the cost of vulnerability. Choosing to stay *together with* another begins in choosing respect in little ways: the communication needed to maintain a loving marriage, concern for those in crisis pregnancy, reflecting on the purpose of my sexuality, visiting the elderly.

This month we are asked to look to the source of our dignity, our belonging to God, as reason to consider how I allow vulnerability to shape the exercise of my will. In the bulletin is a flyer on why the Church wants to reserve the name “Marriage” for heterosexual unions. A recent poll in the Gazette showed lowans evenly divided on the issue. Please read it so you can be informed, and form your opinions with the help of Christ Jesus. Among other things, we are vulnerable to a misguided sense of equal rights that do not respect the purpose of God. While the Church works to uphold the dignity of all of God’s children, she also works to witness to the source of that dignity in God’s purpose for us. Fr. Tom

**October has been designated as "Respect Life" Month.** In conjunction with this, the Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring the "ROSE DRIVE" to raise money for Birthright. Birthright is a crisis pregnancy center that believes *"it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born."*

Please support the KC's efforts next weekend.

**The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)** launched a web page promoting its support of "truly universal health policy with respect for human life & dignity." The page, [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare) includes letters from bishops to Congress, videos, facts & statistics, frequently asked questions, & links for contacting members of Congress. The best way to make sure that the abortion issue doesn't derail much-needed health care reform is to *actually keep abortion out of health care reform!* Contact your member of Congress on this issue at US Capitol switchboard (202) 224.3121. Keep up-to-date at: [www.iowacatholicconference.org](http://www.iowacatholicconference.org)

**The archdiocese of Dubuque** is sponsoring an "Operation Andrew" dinner where those attending get to hear about and ask any questions they have about priesthood. It will be held Oct. 29, St. Stephen Student Center, Cedar Falls. If you know of any single Catholic male between the ages of 18-45 who might benefit from such an opportunity, please contact Fr. Tom or Fr. Dave Schatz (who was here while I was away fishing 2 weeks ago) at 1-800-876-3546. The ongoing pastoral planning to reduce the number of priests needed in Cedar Rapids will mean sacrifices for many parishes in the years to come. The easiest solution is to call forth more vocations! If you have not suggested priesthood to your children or grandchildren, who will?

**Out of Office:** Sister Mary will be out of the office October 8-13. Please contact her before or after for any appointments.

### Appreciation

**A special thank you** to the following people who made kolaches for our Grandparents' Day here at St. Ludmila Elementary School: Karen Billick, Darlene Chmelicek, Lydia Ellias, Dorothy Nemecek, Kate/John Pacha, Jeanne Ross, Julie Skala, Sandy Tanberg, and Renee Thompson.

**Thank you to God's Housekeepers** for the week **Sept 20:** Karen Neuhaus, Emily Fuoss, Gary Stodola, Don Schulte, Bob/Velma Leuenberger, Paul/Leanne Junko, Hal/Betty Schulze, Karen Hoefler, Vi Bentley, Chelo Collier.

**Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries** for the week **Sept 20:** Mickey Betz, Kim Simoens.

## ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



### SUNDAY, October 4

Xavier Appeal, CH

9:00 AM Pro-Life with Love Breakfast, SH

Confirmation Kick-off Activities, SC Gym

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

### MONDAY, October 5

No activities/meetings scheduled

### TUESDAY, October 6

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

### WEDNESDAY, October 7

5:15 PM Early Session Religious Education, SC

6:45 PM Late Session Religious Education, PC-SC-SH

### THURSDAY, October 8

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

### FRIDAY, October 9

7:00 PM Pro-Life Hour of Prayer/Mtg, CH

### SATURDAY, October 10

6:30 AM Church Cleaning, Leader Paula Fries

### SUNDAY, October 11

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

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

### Faith Formation

**Theology on Tap** invites young adults age 21-39 to join us at the Chrome Horse Saloon on Thursdays this October. Each Thursday beginning at 7 PM, we'll discuss faith topics over our favorite beverages and tackle something controversial, exciting, or interesting about our faith. All young adults are welcome! This week we feature Fr. Greg Bahl, associate pastor in Manchester, IA, who will speak on 'Praying to Statues and Counting Beads'. Fr. Bahl will address traditional devotions in the Catholic faith and try to explain some of our many faith practices that have come down through the ages.

### Rite of Christian Initiation

**Future Catholics:** Inquiry sessions will continue on **Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Center.

Topic: The New Testament

**Children's Catechumenate** will meet Sunday, October 4 at **9 AM** in the Multipurpose Room lower level of Church.

### St. Ludmila Kolach Bake

Saturday, October 17

Apricot, Cherry,

Poppy Seed, Prune, Strawberry

**Orders in by: Tuesday, October 13**

Call your orders into: Elaine 364.0897;

Darlene 390.1277; Karen 364.8665

This special Kolach Bake is for our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe. The profits from this bake will benefit educational efforts for their youth.

### Holy Family and Xavier

#### Parent Association Executive Board 2009-2010

Thank you to the following people who have volunteered to share their talents and valuable time as members of the HF Parent Association Board. St. Jude: Amy Nolting/Monica Robinson; St. Ludmila: Julie Skala/Mary Scallon; LaSalle: Tina Detterman/Marlana Miller; Treasurer: Karen Billick; Communication: Julie Testin.

**The next HF Parent Association Meeting** will be held at LaSalle on Thursday, Oct 8, at 7 PM. The new Social Studies Curriculum will be introduced and explained at this meeting. All parents of HF students (pre-school through grade 8) are automatically members of the HF Parent Association (no dues!) and encourage to attend.

**The LaSalle - Regis - Xavier Alumni Basketball Tournament** is just weeks away! Alumni - sign up today! Download a registration form at [www.xavierfoundation.org](http://www.xavierfoundation.org) Not interested in playing but want to get in the action? Volunteer! Call Jessica 378.4571 for more info.

**The Xavier SADD** (Students Against Destructive Decisions) group will be sponsoring a blood drive with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Bank on October 8<sup>th</sup> in the Xavier Gymnasium Balcony from 9 AM to 2 PM. Contact Kris Naeve, for more info or to sign up at 294.6635 Ext 318 or [knaeve@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:knaeve@cr-cath.pvt.k12.ia.us)

**Xavier will hold its** annual Community Service Day on Friday, Nov 6. If you are elderly or disabled and would like students to rake your lawns and/or wash your windows, please contact Aging Services at 398.3644.

### Youth Ministry

**Teens Encounter Christ Retreat:** Attention high school seniors! If you want to do something good for yourself then make plans to attend a Teens Encounter Christ (T.E.C.) retreat this school year. T.E.C. is a fantastic opportunity to reflect on important life and faith issues in a positive, fun, supportive Christian community as well as meet some incredible new people. A number of T.E.C. weekends are being held at various sites around the Archdiocese of Dubuque from November through April. To register or for more information: contact Bob Gardner at 298.9525.

### Parish and Community Happenings

**Social Concerns Blood Drive** is Tuesday, October 13 from 3 PM to 6 PM in the Social Hall. Sign up for donating: Oct 10/11 in the Gathering Space or by calling Mary Pacha at 846.3399. Thank you!

**The Catholic Daughters of the Americas** will meet on Tuesday, Oct 13 at 6:30 PM at Scotus Hall, Immaculate Conception Church. The program will be "Aid to Women". This is our new member evening. Everyone is welcome!!

**All women of the Dubuque Archdiocese** are invited to the General Assembly for a day of prayer, inspiration, challenge and fellowship. The General Assembly is Thurs, Oct 22 at St. Gabriel Church near Dike. Registration before Oct 8 is \$15. Late registration (after Oct 8) is \$20. Registration forms are located on the mobile bulletin board in the Gathering Space. You can contact Rose Ann (641) 752.2165 or e-mail [LLJERO@MARSHALNET.COM](mailto:LLJERO@MARSHALNET.COM)

**Ladies Night Out is coming!** Our theme this year is "Women helping Women". As part of our fundraising for this event, we are selling \$20.00 gift certificates to Stejkal's Florist. For \$20.00 you can get a bouquet of flowers each month for 12 months! This is a win-win situation as the parish will receive \$10.00 of that back for our Social Concerns committee. A bouquet each month for 12 months for only \$20.00! We will be selling gift certificates after the Masses on the weekend of October 17/18 or you can purchase the certificates at the Religious Education office in the school! Don't miss "Ladies Night Out", Thurs, Nov 5, from 6:30 PM to 9 PM.

**St. Ludmila Fall Bazaar** - Sat, Nov 14/Sun, Nov 15. Call now for a table. Volunteer to help - no prior experience necessary! Parishioners consider donating craft items for our St. Ludmila booth. Call Karen at 364.3135.

**Catholic Cub Scout Workshop:** Cub Scouts interested in earning the Light of Christ Award (6 to 7 years old) or the Parvuli Dei Award (8 to 10 years old) will be held Saturday, Nov 14 at St Jude Parish Center from 8:30 AM to noon. Register at the scout office when you purchase the appropriate workbook. Each scout should begin completing the workbook with their family prior to the workshop. Questions? Contact Aaron Randolph 377.0497 or e-mail [aranjr@mchsi.com](mailto:aranjr@mchsi.com)

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Several women of St. Ludmila have created Prayer Shawls for parishioners who need a dose of comfort and prayer support. If you know of someone whom we could gift with a prayer shawl, please phone Estherbelle: 364.3691.

**Young Adult Group** meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at St. Pius Pastor's Hall from 7 PM to 8:30 PM Everyone from ages 18 to 40 are welcome whether you are married, single, or engaged! Meet new people; discuss aspects of our faith; and many social events too! Come be apart of this great experience in a safe community of young adults!

**Catholic Singles Group** offers men and women 18 years and older an opportunity to expand their social and spiritual life and to meet new friends. Contact Lori 447.9218 or by e-mail: [lbyrne10@hotmail.com](mailto:lbyrne10@hotmail.com) or Teresa at 210.1557 for more info.