

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 12

No Mass

Tuesday, October 13

2:00 PM Mass at Silver Pines

6:00 PM Mass † Jennifer Maples

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, October 14

St. Callistus I

7:15 AM Mass † Vern Dostal

Thursday, October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus

9:00 AM School Mass † Irma Kelly

Friday, October 16

St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

7:15 AM Mass † Family of Marie Peters

Saturday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch

4:00 PM Mass † Carroll and Marty Welsh

Sunday, October 18

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Fritz/Mary Geers - 271 Tomakawk Tr, SE

Oct 12-16. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of October 11, 2009

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

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54


Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16;
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Congratulations to Letitia Ceynar and Mark Geary who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church. May God bless them as they begin to walk together the lifelong journey of Christian married life.





Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Terri Drahn
Stephanie Fangmann and family
Brian and Amy Hart and family
Ronald Prokop
Michael and Liza Richards and family
Ellison Soukup
Analiza Vavra and family



FROM THE PASTOR

This weekend we are invited to inhabit the skin of the rich young man in the Gospel. First, to make his question my own if its not already: what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Second, to hear Jesus' response: sell what you have, give to the poor, and come and follow me;" Third, to then hear Jesus say "How hard it is to enter the kingdom of heaven." How many of us carry around the attitude that heaven is relatively easy to enter because God is loving and forgiving, or God wants everyone to be saved? Those are true of God. Jesus opened the door to heaven for us. But our response of walking through that door means giving our lives to God's work, and that, as Jesus says, is **hard**. Making use of the things of this world without giving our desire over to the comfort, security and opportunity they bring to us, is a task that takes the wisdom Solomon prayed for in the first reading! We come to that wisdom through the Discipleship quality of "reflection." It **does get easier** when in reflection we consider what really lasts (neither our hardships nor our comforts!) Reflecting on God's love seen in Jesus' death for us makes it easier too. Finally, reflecting on what will really make for a good life for our children brings us to the question of the young man: not just in this life but in *eternal life*. If it was easy, would Jesus have said "its hard"? Am I really working hard enough to keep my possessions from possessing me?

In his "Respect Life" month commentary, Cardinal Robt Mahoney posits "*Immigration laws ultimately should be judged by how they impact basic human dignity and God-given human rights, not how they impact our economy, cultural dynamic, or demographics*". As the health care debate moves along, I find myself stuck on that and another statement: Jesus saying a couple of Sundays ago "whoever gives a cup of water because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." While we may not be able to provide the full range of health care to those here illegally, can we hear that gospel, and the one this weekend, and not make basic health care available to them? Legally or not, they are here; and they belong to Christ. Is a concern for what we have keeping us from preparing treasure in heaven?
Fr. Tom

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 "Harvest of Blessings", Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, P.O. Box 479, Dubuque IA 52004-0479, by December 1.

HARVEST OF BLESSINGS...



ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



With a death attributed to H1N1 here in Cedar Rapids, concern about our response to it in our liturgical and Religious Education settings is before us as well. The archdiocese does have a detailed plan in place with various steps for responding to a developing epidemic situation. The question will always be what is the level of response appropriate to the level of risk. Area pastoral leaders will be meeting after the bulletin goes to print about this. We may be implementing steps such as suspending Eucharist from the cup for the time being, and asking that no one offer the sign of peace by touch. Until it seems wise to make such general changes to our liturgical practice, we invite you to use the same common sense at our gathering that is encouraged in other public gatherings: if you are not feeling well, please stay home; if flu or colds are present in a family member, please refrain from the cup; wash your hands before attending Mass; and use a simple nod of the head to acknowledge your brothers and sisters rather than extend your hand if you feel that is best. Don't be offended if your offered hand is not accepted: your neighbor is trying to be neighborly! Fr. Tom

Out of Office: Sister Mary will be out of the office until October 14.

Appreciation

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week **Sept 27:** Betty Skvor, Natalie/Alan Zaehringer, Carole/Brian Palas, Brett/Tara Simonsen, Dalton/Dakota Simonsen, Mindy Kranig, and Robert/Loretta Claes.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week **Sept 27:** Laverne Fisher and Esther Belle Steinbach.

Cemetery

Lot Sale at St. John's Cemetery from Nov 1 to Nov 30, 2009. Lots can be purchased for \$600 each if paid in full at the time of purchase. Regular price is \$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. If interested contact Jim Petersen, the caretaker at St. John's Cemetery at 362.8894 or 431.7931.

Coffee and Donut Sunday is Sun, Oct 18. Join your fellow parishioners following the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Hosts: St Anne Circle and the Finance Committee.



SUNDAY, October 11

9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, Multipurpose Room-SH
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

MONDAY, October 12

6:00 PM St. Ludmila Board of Education, PC
6:30 PM KC Rosary, CH
6:30 PM Credit Union, SH
6:30 PM Deanery Pstrl Plng, SH

TUESDAY, October 13

Kolach Order Deadline
11:30 AM St. Monica Circle, 16th Ave Grill
3:00 PM Social Concerns Blood Drive, SH
5:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM
6:30 PM RCIA, PC
7:00 PM Finance and Administration, PC

WEDNESDAY, October 14

8:00 AM Church Cleaning, Leader Mary Brecht
1:00 PM St. Anne Circle, Multipurpose Room in the SH
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
7:30 PM Confirmation, PC

THURSDAY, October 15

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC
6:30 PM Baptism Class, St. Jude

FRIDAY, October 16

No activities/meetings scheduled

SATURDAY, October 17

Zimbabwe Kolach Bake, SC

SUNDAY, October 18

Donut Sunday - Hosts: St. Anne Circle/Finance Committee
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM
4:00 PM Senior High Youth Night, PC
7:00 PM NCYC Chaperon Mtg, SH

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

Rite of Christian Initiation

Future Catholics: Nine people have joined in the Inquiry sessions to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
Next session: **Tues, Oct 13 at 6:30PM** in the Parish Center
Topic: The New Testament

Children's Catechumenate will meet Sunday, Oct 11 at 9:00 AM in the Multipurpose Room lower level of Church.

Vocations

Dubuque's got SISTERS!! Yes they do, and four religious communities are welcoming young women to join in a tour of their convents in the Dubuque area. Local transportation is provided & there is no fee for lodging & meals. Fri, Oct 23 at 5 PM until 6 PM on Sat, Oct 24. Contact Sr Mary lechtenbergm@osfdbq.org or 362.7282

Tour of the Church: Have you wondered what the vessels are called which priests use for Mass? About the statues and votive candles in the devotional area? Answers to these and other questions will be available on Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 PM

Sacramental Preparation

Congratulations to all of the new youth Confirmation candidates from our St. Ludmila Parish family who have committed themselves to a year of study, prayer, community - building, and service in preparation to receive the sacrament. The candidates are: Jason Beer, Jameson Billick, Laura Birky, Zach Brunscheen, Kim Coppess, Aaron Davis, Rachel Flaherty, Taryn Freilinger, Kenna Fry, Bridget Karnik, Spencer Kelly, Sarah Koenighain, Abi Kolosik, Adam Kopecky, Kelsey Kuba-Tresnak, Chloe Lueck, Sam Manternach, Brittany McCauley, Emily Metz, Jacob Meyers, Ben Ockenfels, Taylor Parks, Carly Pasker, Brittany Rains, Rachel Sedlacek, Jared Smith, Ashley Spicer, Michelle Wharton, Mike Wiltgen, Zoe Wolter, and Katilyn Yanecek.

St. Ludmila Kolach Bake

Saturday, October 17

Apricot/Cherry/Poppy Seed/Prune/Strawberry
\$8.00/dozen; \$4.00/half-dozen

Orders in by: Tuesday, October 13

Call your orders into: Elaine 364.0897;
Darlene 390.1277; Karen 364.8665

Holy Family and Xavier

St. Ludmila and St. Jude 3 and 4 year old preschoolers will visit Goodlove Pumpkin Farms on Oct 14/15. On Oct 14, the 3rd/4th graders at St. Ludmila are going to Jefferson HS for Playtime Poppy. St. Ludmila Jump Rope for Heart will be Oct 14/15. LaSalle Scholastic Book Fair will be the week of Oct 13-16, which is also the week of Parent-Teacher conferences. Call LaSalle for book fair hours at 396.7792.

The Xavier Parents for Xcellence will conduct its fall general meeting on Wed, Oct 14 at 7 PM. The topic is "College Planning." The IA College Access Network's "College Planning Center" assists students & parents with **free** info, tools, & resources to plan, apply, pay for & succeed in college. **This presentation is appropriate for parents of students in all grade levels.**

Xavier Student Senate is hosting the International Round Table on Fri, Oct 16 from 8:30-11:30 AM. Foreign exchange students & student journalists from local schools in IA will exchange viewpoints on national & international issues. Stop by & see the round table in action.

Social Concerns Blood Drive is Tuesday, October 13 from 3:00-6:00 PM in the Social Hall. Call Mary Pacha at 846.3399 to sign up. Walk-ins are welcome. Thank you!

Youth Ministry

Congratulations to all the 6th, 7th, & 8th graders from our parish who joined with over 100 youth from around eastern Iowa on Oct 3 to celebrate with & have fun at the Middle School Youth Rally at St. Joseph School, Marion. St Ludmila participants include: Ashley Pudil, Ryan Flaherty, Payton Janney, Matt Guge, Anna Springman, Kayla Thompson, & Stephanie Wehr. A huge thank you to high schoolers Levi Detert, Kenzie Philipp, Bethany Chambers, Kyle Eberle, Noah Rickertsen, & Sami Wehr who served on the rally team as well as parents Tom/Sue Flaherty who served as chaperons you are all truly appreciated!

All 9-12th graders from St. Ludmila & your friends are invited to Senior High Youth Night Sun, Oct 18, from 4:00-6:00 PM in Parish Center. We're having Game Night, come & enjoy an afternoon of fun, food, & fellowship!

All N.C.Y.C. 2009 participants and your parents are required to attend a meeting on Sun, Oct 25 at 4 PM in St. Ludmila Church. This session will provide you with important info on transportation, lodging, departure & arrival times, conference keynote/workshops/prayer & liturgy/entertainment/sight-seeing opportunities as well as answers to questions like: What should I pack? How much money should I bring? Who do I contact if I have a problem? This is our one and only information session, so **YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED!** Questions? Call Bob at 298.9525. We look forward to seeing you on Oct 25!

Parish and Community Happenings

Nurses/Other Health Care Personnel: Sat, Oct 17 is a CEU program "Exploring Parish Nursing/Health Ministries" at Mercy Medical Center. Call 221.8568 to register.

The Catholic Daughters will celebrate National Catholic Daughters of the Americas' Sunday on October 18 at the 10 AM Mass at St. Patrick Church, 500 First Ave NW.

DON'T MISS THIS! The Newman Singers, from the Iowa City Newman Catholic Student Center, will perform at St. Patrick Church, CR on Sun, Oct 18 at 2 PM. Adults: \$15; Children (3 to 12 yrs): \$10. Purchase tickets at our parish office: 3100 E Ave NW Suite #102 or call 362.7966. Proceeds will go towards rebuilding our parish center.

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 gift certificates to Stejkal's Florist. For \$20 you can get a bouquet of flowers each month for 12 months! This is a win-win situation as the parish will receive \$10 of that back for our Social Concerns committee. A bouquet each month for 12 months for only \$20! We will be selling gift certificates after the Masses on Oct 17/18 or you can purchase the certificates at the Religious Ed office! Don't miss "Ladies Night Out" - Thurs, Nov 5, from 6:30-9 PM in the Social Hall!

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