

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, October 19

Sts. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions

**No Mass**

#### Tuesday, October 20

St. Paul of the Cross

7:15 AM Mass † Joe and Adeline Regan

6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

#### Wednesday, October 21

7:15 AM Mass † Marie Peters

#### Thursday, October 22

9:00 AM School Mass † Richard Hach

#### Friday, October 23

St. John of Capistrano

7:15 AM Mass † Frances Daly

#### Saturday, October 24

St. Anthony Mary Claret

4:00 PM Mass † Virgie Schreifels

#### Sunday, October 25

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Personal Intention

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

Charlie/Tina Weepie - 2040 Carolina Dr, NE

Oct 19-23. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

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

#### **Readings for the Week of October 18, 2009**

- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- Monday:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

**Congratulations to Crystal Ott and Mitchell Thompson** 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.



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

**Barrett James Deutsch,**  
son of David and Elizabeth Beutsch.

**The Parish Community** extends its sympathy and prayers to the family of Mary Snell who recently passed away. May she rest in peace. Sister of Bob and Victor Hernandez.



**FROM THE PASTOR** When James and John ask to be closest to Jesus in eternity, Jesus, knowing that closeness to Him will bring them the suffering that faithfulness to Jesus' Father in Heaven has brought to Him, says "You do not know what you are asking." The same concern is voiced by the Church of parents when they ask baptism for their child "Do you clearly understand what you are asking?" Last week Jesus said twice how hard it is to follow Him to heaven. This week He reveals in part what makes it hard: the disciple is called to serve rather than be served, or be self-serving. The baptism of Jesus our parents invited us to share is a plunging into *being for others*. Opening our lives to others, and God in particular, invites suffering of many different kinds. Often the most loving of our relationships are the ones that bring the most suffering: for children, between spouses, with one's church, or when compassion yokes us to the chronically needy.

But being for others is also a source of meaning for us in this life, and of hope for the life to come! The meaning and hope both come from the intention we make to embrace suffering because it makes us like Christ. In the midst of this month dedicated to reverencing human life, we give witness to the truth that suffering does not diminish one's dignity, and that serving others, *servant all* as Jesus tells us, is more reflective of who we are than all the accolades or comforts that might come from serving oneself.

Like James and John, we would rather be like Christ in glory. But baptism is the invitation for God to be near us all of our lives. We rely on Christ's nearness now! Then, when being Christ-like is a matter of suffering as servants in the cause of greater love in our world, His strength will be what makes us confident that our hope for the glory to come, is not in vain. Fr. Tom

**Anointing of the Sick** will be offered at **ALL Masses** the weekend of **Oct 24/25**. Who may be anointed? Anyone suffering from a serious or chronic illness or facing major surgery may celebrate this sacrament. Old age with physical weakness may be a reason for anointing even if no serious illness is present. Children may be anointed if they understand they are seriously sick and can ask God for help. A recurrence of major illness may be a cause to be anointed, even if anointing has previously taken place. *Anointing is not primarily for the dying.* The sacrament is meant to strengthen those who are facing a serious life change because of illness, and to assist them by providing spiritual reinforcement. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early to receive your name tag. If you know of anyone who needs transportation, please do what you can to help, or call the parish center.

**The 4 PM Mass on Oct 31** will be our annual Mass of Remembrance for those who have died in the past year. Please add the witness of your faith and concern to that of the parish for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

**ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS**



**SUNDAY, October 18**

Donut Sunday - Hosts: St. Anne Circle/Finance Committee  
 9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH-Multipurpose Room  
 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

**MONDAY, October 19**

6:00 PM Social Concerns, PC  
 7:00 PM Parish Council, SH

**TUESDAY, October 20**

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

**WEDNESDAY, October 21**

12:00 PM Senior Citizen Dinner, SH  
 5:15 PM Early Session Religious Education, SC  
 6:45 PM Late Session Religious Education, PC-SC-SH

**THURSDAY, October 22**

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC  
 10:00 AM Resurrection Choir Practice/Luncheon, CH-SH

**FRIDAY, October 23**

9:00 AM Church Cleaning, Leaders Hal/Betty Schulze

**SATURDAY, October 24**

No activities/meetings scheduled

**SUNDAY, October 25**

4:00 PM NCYC Orientation Mtg, CH  
 4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

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

**Rite of Christian Initiation**

**Future Catholics:** Inquiry sessions will continue **Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Center.

**Children's Catechumenate will meet Sunday, Oct 18 at 9:00 AM** in the Multipurpose Room in the lower level of the Church. These children are expected to join in the Tour of the Church on Thursday, Oct 29 at 6:30 PM.

**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 7PM, we'll discuss faith topics over our favorite beverages and tackle something controversial, exciting, or interesting about our faith. Our October series continues this week with the question 'Would Einstein and the Pope get along?' Dr. Fredrick Skiff, a particle physicist at UI, and Jesse Sheedy, a theologian from St. Jude parish, will share the floor in a discussion about how faith and science both challenge and support one another.

**Tour of the Church:** Come and walk through the church and learn the meaning of these and other terms: sanctuary, Ambo, Altar, Presider's chair, Sacramentary, Chasuble, Stole, Monstrance. Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 PM. The tour will conclude with a social in the Social Hall.



**Are you handy with some time on your hands?** We are hoping to extend a hand-rail alongside the handicap ramp at the northeast door to the school building on 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. It would call for some welding and some concrete work to set it in the ground. If you would be willing to lead such a project, or be an extra set of hands to help, please contact Dave Tanberg 362-3110 or Fr. Tom.

**Appreciation**

**Thank you to** Rita Rehak whose "behind the scenes help" helps us greatly at kolach bakes with buying, sewing, and washing the towels we use to cover the trays.

**Thank you to God's Housekeepers** for the week **Oct 4:** Gary/Mary Stodola, Chet Sheetz, Janann Anderson, Carol/Janet Hayek, Jane Milcoff, Marilyn Schulte, Mark Serbousek, Emery/Asa Tew, and Paula Fries.

**Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries** for the week **Oct 4:** Jeanne Ross, Darlene Chmelicek, and Carole Ryan.

**The parish offers its thanks to** Lehia Roberts and Nancy Pitlik who chaired this year's Xavier Parish Appeal. With the help of presenters: Olivia Fries, Makenzie Philipp, and Kayla Waddell, along with a strong contingent of Xavier students and parishioners who responded generously, we have realized 2/3 of our parish goal of \$21,000! In the next weeks volunteers will be contacting parishioners for whom we do not yet have a response. I thank you in advance for doing what you can to help us keep Xavier's Catholic educational setting an affordable choice for all! Fr. Tom

**During certain times of the year:** The season of Lent, May, July, September, November, and the Christmas season; you will find near the



St. Ludmila statue votive area a table with the photos of parish family members in military service. We invite you to keep them in your prayers as they sacrifice their safety and time with family in service to us. If you have a direct family member you would like included in our memorial area, please contact:

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 Sue: [Susjmar@aol.com](mailto:Susjmar@aol.com) 366.1684

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### Holy Family and Xavier

**LaSalle Middle School** students and staff are working hard on their musical, *Mulan Jr.* Performances will be at the Regis/LaSalle Theater at Xavier, on Nov 19 (12:30 PM and 7 PM) and Nov 20 (7 PM). Admission prices \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free admission for children under 5. Call LaSalle at 396.7792 for more info about ticket sales.

**Xavier Fall Vocal Music Preview** will be held on Mon, Oct 19 at 7 PM in the Regis-LaSalle Theatre at Xavier. What a wonderful evening to enjoy music by Xavier's fine vocal ensembles.

### Youth Ministry

**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, **YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED!** Questions? Call Bob at 298.9525. We look forward to seeing you on Oct 25!

**Important reminder to parents** of Senior High youth; don't forget to complete and return the Archdiocese Parental/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver (which you have received by mail) no later than Fri, Oct 30 to Bob's mailbox in the Parish Center.

### Service to Others

**The Catholic Worker House** is in need of people to help deliver food baskets to the needy once a month. We are also looking for more house sitters, especially on the weekends. There is a small stipend paid to those who would like to house sit. This allows the new house manager to take a break from the day to day running of the shelter. You may break weekends in half from Friday at 5PM to 5PM on Saturday, or 5PM on Saturday to 5PM on Sunday or work an entire weekend, once a month or every other month, whatever works best for you. For more information call Larissa at 362-9041.



### Parish Life

**The Senior Citizens Group** will meet for a potluck on Wed, Oct 21 at noon in the Social Hall. Our guest speaker will be Linda from Aid to Women who will update us on their programs. Please bring a canned good food item, paper items, or baby items to help replenish their shelves to help those in need.

**Recipes Wanted:** Men and women we want your favorite recipes for the new St. Ludmila Cookbook. There is a box in the Gathering Space to place your recipe. There are extra forms available there too. You can also e-mail your recipes to: [stludcookbook@gmail.com](mailto:stludcookbook@gmail.com) Questions? Sara: 378.8321 or Ann: 396.9154.



**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.

**5 Myths About Volunteering at Church:** "I'm not good at anything" We may think of volunteering at church as only involving special ministries that are out front - singing, lecturing, and Eucharistic ministers at Mass. But most of church ministry is behind the scenes; bereavement meals, communion to the homebound, money counters, catechists, RCIA, maintenance - everyone's good at something!! Call the Parish Office at 362.7282 to volunteer.

### Community Happenings

**St. Patrick Parish, Watkins Fall Euchre Card Party** ▪ Sunday, Oct 25 at 1:30 PM ▪ Church Hall ▪ Raffle, prizes, and a delicious lunch ▪ All are welcome!

**St. Michael Church, Belle Plaine Fall Dinner:** Sun, Nov 1 ▪ Turkey & Ham Dinner served family style from 11 AM to 1:30 PM ▪ Bingo-Country Store-Raffle.

### 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.