

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 26

No Mass

Tuesday, October 27

6:00 PM Mass † Charles Hromidko
Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, October 28

St. Simon and St. Jude
7:15 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, October 29

9:00 AM School Mass † Joe and Tillie Filipi

Friday, October 30

No Mass

Saturday, October 31

4:00 PM Mass of Remembrance

Sunday, November 1

All Saints
8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners
10:30 AM Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Gail Sullivan - 218 11th St NW
Oct 26-30. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of October 25, 2009

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29;
Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a

Memorial Mass: St. Ludmila parish community remembers all our parishioners who were buried from our parish in the past year during the Mass on October 31 at 4 PM. A family member has been invited to light a candle in their loved ones memory.



Book of Memory: You may write your loved ones name/s in our Book of Memory during the month of November. The book will be placed near the Eucharistic Chapel. All are invited to view the names and to offer a prayer during this month.

Tour of the Church: Any and all parishioners are invited to tour the church on Thursday, Oct 29 at 6:30 PM. The tour will conclude with a social in the Social Hall.



FROM THE PASTOR

Master, I want to see! is the response of blind Bartimaeus to Jesus' question "What do you want me to do for you?" Even before he can see, Bartimaeus recognizes Jesus thru his budding faith. The sight he seeks is given to him as a means of growing to know Jesus better, for when Jesus concludes their encounter with "be on your way", Mark's Gospel tells us "he followed Jesus on the way. Bartimaeus made his way the way of Jesus.

But Jesus' way was more than his itinerary to Jerusalem! I like how Patricia Sanchez tells it: *Jesus' way consisted in his orientation to God, such that all else was seen from that perspective. Jesus' way would lead Him to suffer, to die and to pass from death to eternal life and glory. Little did Bartimaeus know what following Jesus on the way would entail — but Bartimaeus followed.*

I do believe that we are willing to shoulder a lot of crosses with faith. The question I ask myself is whether I use the sight I have to choose the crosses that take me where I want to go, or where I want my family to be, or my life to take me? Most who read this are people of faith or you wouldn't have picked it up! But that kind of choosing sends me on MY way. Following in Jesus' way will ask that I see where He went: to where others were hurting, to where loving God and loving neighbor were His compass. As we anoint the sick this weekend, we turn to Jesus for His promised healing of body, spirit, or mind as God knows we most need that healing. So often the anointing opens us to follow Jesus through this suffering, willing to walk with those who continue to act as instruments of the Holy Spirit, encouraging us as did those who told Bartimaeus "Jesus is calling you!" Is my sight directed toward those who need such encouragement? I hope you will use the information below to contact our legislators, and help make our health care reforms encouraging not just for my self, but for all those Jesus wants to heal through us!

Jesus' way may not make my self or my loved one's comfortable, accomplished, or successful in the sight of our culture. But it will make us Disciples who "walk the walk" of Jesus to intimacy with our Father in Heaven. Little do any of us know what will come from our following the way of Jesus. But follow we must, for he is the light by which we see and believe and hope. Fr. Tom

Congratulations and gratitude to Jim and Sue Berger on the 30th Anniversary of his ordination as a Deacon for service to our parish and the Church of Dubuque! We've been so blessed by Jim's ministries of preaching, teaching and serving as Jesus calls His disciples to do! THANK YOU!



Call Congress now! The House and Senate committees have completed their work on health care reform bills. It is essential that the any bill would retain longstanding and widely supported federal restrictions on abortion funding and protections for rights of conscience. **No current bill meets this test.**

Call Congress now (find your Representative and Senators at house.gov and senate.gov; Capitol Switchboard: 202-224-3121) and tell them health care reform should respect the life and dignity of all people.

~Talking points for the U.S. House:

~*"Support the Stupak Amendment that addresses pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights. If these serious concerns are not fixed, the final bill should be opposed until they are addressed.

* Reform should make quality health care affordable and accessible to everyone, particularly those who are poor and vulnerable.

* Ensure that all of society have access to health care coverage. Maintain an adequate safety net for those who remain uncovered.

*Please let me know of your position on this issue. Thank you for your service to our nation and the people of Iowa."

~Talking points for the U.S. Senate:

~"During floor debate on the health care reform bill, please support a floor amendment to incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding & in favor of conscience rights. The final bill should be opposed until these serious concerns are addressed. Please let me know of your position on this issue. Thank you for your service to our nation & the people of Iowa."

Handy with some time on your hands? We are extending a hand-rail alongside the handicap ramp of the school building on 21st Ave. It would call for some welding and some concrete work. To lead or help with this project, contact Dave Tanberg 362-3110 or Fr. Tom.

Appreciation

Thank you Fr. Walt Kleinfehn and Msgr Karl Glovik for celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick with us.

Thank you! To Lee Sedlacek, Francis LeBarge, Len Smejkal, Harry McNeal, Joe Merstik, Denny Donels & Jim Schumacher at Cedar Rapids Lumber for insulating & siding the north walls of the Parish Center stairwells! To David Gromman for painting in the Parish Center entryway!

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week **Oct 11:** Jeanne Ross, Mickey Betz.

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week **Oct 11:** Florence Moellers, Charity Schneekloth, Mary Brecht, Denise Pudil, Kelly Hiserote, Denise Benish, Fran Musel, Angie/Max Rohret, Jim/Lorilei Christner, Rosann/Natalie Sandersfeld, and Joyce Janovec.

Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis and Prayer: All St. Ludmila Confirmation candidates are reminded that your next required activity is our Catechesis and Prayer session on Wed, Oct 28, from 7:30-9 PM in the Parish Center. We'll see you then!

Rite of Christian Initiation

Future Catholics: Inquirers will meet for the *Tour of the Church* on **Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 PM.**

Children's Catechumenate will meet Sunday, Oct 25 at 9:00 AM in the Multipurpose Room in the lower level of the Church. These children will also join in the *Tour of the Church* on **Thursday, Oct 29 at 6:30 PM.**

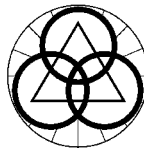
RCIA Sponsors will meet on Mon, October 26 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Faith Formation

Theology on Tap invites young adults age 21-39 to join us at the Chrome Horse Saloon this Thurs, Oct 29 at 7 PM. We discuss faith topics over our favorite beverages and tackle something controversial, exciting, or interesting about our faith. All young adults are welcome! Our final session this week will talk about the end of all things. Fr. Don Hertges, associate pastor of St. Jude parish, will address 'The end of the world at the end of the month,' sharing with us a Catholic view of how the world will end and how to respond to rumors that it's coming soon.

Vocations

Have you considered becoming a Deacon? Jesus said, "Come and see." (Jn 1:39) The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is recruiting married or single men interested in becoming a Permanent Deacon. The call to the diaconate is a call to a vocation. It requires prayer, commitment, and dedication. Interested men between the ages of 32 and 58, and their wives if married, are invited to attend an information meeting on Thurs, Nov 12 at St. Joseph Parish, Marion at 7 PM. For more information, contact Deacon Tom Lang at 1.800.876.3546 ext. 252.



Family Life

A **Natural Family Planning** class series (Sympto-Thermal Method) begins Thurs, Nov 5, at St. Pius. The class time is 7-9:30 PM Subsequent classes will be on Dec 10 and Jan 14, 2010 at the same time. Cost of the entire series and materials is \$135 Pre-registration is required. All classes are taught by professionally certified teaching couples. All engaged and married couples are invited to attend. For more info or to pre-register, contact Alicia/Kirk 377.4562 or e-mail iowaflyer@hotmail.com

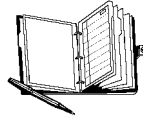
Liturgy

Liturgy Meeting for November is rescheduled for Tues, Oct 27 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

All Liturgical Ministers including

Altar Servers and Ministers of Hospitality

Contact Tom/Jeanette Niccolai 363.6115, if you will be gone on vacation or ill for the months of December and January. **PLEASE** call by **Nov 8**. Keep in mind the weekends of Dec 26/27 and Jan 2/3. If there is a possibility that you **CANNOT** minister on those weekends; please let Tom/Jeanette know by **Nov 8**. Thank you.



Parish Life

All women of the parish are invited to the Altar & Rosary Society meeting Mon, Oct 26 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. This organization is responsible for maintaining the Social Hall kitchen, funeral dinners, and providing help for many parish functions. This is a wonderful way to Walk the Walk of Discipleship!

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 Questions? Sara: 378.8321 or Ann: 396.9154.

Plan to attend our annual Fall Bazaar the weekend of Nov 14/15! Location: St. Ludmila Social Hall, 211 21st Ave SW. Dates: Saturday, Nov 14 from 9 AM to 6 PM; Sunday, Nov 15 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM.

Fall Bazaar Craft Items Needed! Consider donating craft items for our bazaar. Call Karen at 364.3135 to schedule drop off.

5 Myths About Volunteering at Church: "They don't need my help". It may look like everything gets done just fine at your parish without your help, BUT new volunteers are ALWAYS needed! Do yourself (and your fellow parishioners) a favor and get involved even when it seems like they could do it without you!
Call the Parish Office at 362.7282 to volunteer.

Holy Family and Xavier

LaSalle Middle School presents the musical, *Mulan Jr.* Performances at Xavier Regis/LaSalle Theater on Nov 19 (12:30 PM and 7 PM) and Nov 20 (7 PM). Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 students, free admission for children under 5. Call LaSalle 396.7792 for more details.

Flood Recovery Block by Block is looking for volunteers to finish small projects so families can celebrate Thanksgiving in their repaired home. Call Terina at Catholic Charities 319.538.2830.

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, October 25

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

MONDAY, October 26

6:30 PM Altar & Rosary, PC - Youth Room
6:30 PM Dean Pstrl Plng, SH

TUESDAY, October 27

5:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM
6:30 PM Liturgy Mtg, PC

WEDNESDAY, October 28

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 29

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC
6:30 PM Tour of Church, CH

FRIDAY, October 30

No activities/meetings scheduled

SATURDAY, October 31

No activities/meetings scheduled

SUNDAY, November 1

4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM
C/CH: Church, PC: Parish Center, SC: School, SH: Social Hall

Youth Ministry

All N.C.Y.C. 2009 participants and your parents are required to attend a meeting today 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!

Community Happenings

Salvation Army is taking registrations for their Christmas Toy Shop and Holiday Food Box from Oct 26 - Nov 20. For details look on the bulletin boards in the entrance ways of the church or call the Salvation Army 364.9131.

American Cancer Society - I Can Cope: An educational program for cancer patients, their families & friends • Survivor Panel • Thurs, Nov 5 from 5:30-7:30 PM • Iowa Blood & Cancer Care, 855 A Ave NE • Open to everyone and is free of charge • Pre-register 247.6004.

"A Celebration of Caregivers" - a free event recognizing and celebrating the contributions informal caregivers make in their role of caring for an older adult • Lunch, keynote speaker, health screenings • **Friday, Nov 13** from 9 AM to 3:30 PM at Kirkwood Training and Outreach Services Center, Marion • For more info or to register, call Heritage Area Agency on Aging at 398.5559.