

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

No Mass

Tuesday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

2:00 PM Silver Pines Mass

6:00 PM Mass † Harold Schaubroeck

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, September 16

St. Ludmila, St. Cornelius, St. Cyprian

7:15 AM Mass † Emma Konasek

Thursday, September 17

St. Robert Bellarmine

9:00 AM School Mass † Helen Zrudsky

Friday, September 18

7:15 AM Mass † Bill Davis

Saturday, September 19

St. Januarius

4:00 PM Mass † Shirley Strauel

Sunday, September 20

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Mass Personal Intention

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Alan/Nancy Buss - 4224 Morelle Rd NE

Sept 14 - 18. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of September 13, 2009

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

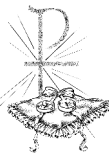
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16---4:3;
Mk 9:30-37

Congratulations to Cara Cavanaugh and Brad Joens; Chelsea Patik and Douglas Scott

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:

Gunner Christopher Novak,
son of Richard and Tracy Novak.

The Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the families of James Klimesh and Robert Ormsby who recently passed away. May they rest in peace.



FROM THE PASTOR And Jesus asked them 'But who do you say that I am?' "You and I" are part of the "them" to whom Jesus poses this question. It has confronted *those who wish to come after* Jesus since Peter's response. Who is Jesus for *me*? St. James tells us that to respond "Jesus is the one I believe is" by itself is not an adequate answer. What does it mean to say "I believe in Jesus" but then not express it in some way that shows I'm trying to shape the world around me to reflect the Gospel? St. James concludes that such faith is **dead**. I find that to be true in a number of ways, including the way that dead things decay: they break down further. Faith that never leads us into real sacrifices gradually breaks down into something we don't recognize as saving... as having the ability to unite us to Christ and transform us into His likeness. Jesus says in the Gospel that to follow him involves the work of self-denial and taking up one's cross daily. Self-denial and sacrifice are the result of genuine faith that leads us into situations of *loving* like Jesus did, so we end up *being* like Jesus. Self-sacrifice answers the question not with an intellectual agreement: you are the Christ, but with "loving God with all my heart, mind, soul and strength... what Jesus said is the greatest commandment! My **all** won't break down! Its important for the life of one's faith to reflect on the level of self-sacrifice that my faith motivates from me. St. James offers the benchmark: what is the quality of faith in Christ demonstrated by my works of care and worship?

Dead things also tend to ruin what is around them. I'm always concerned by the effect the casual "Christmas/Easter Catholic" or those whose name is on the parish roll, but never on any volunteer list, ministry schedule, or returned budget envelope, have on those around them. I see far too often how it corrupts the faith of others so they accept a seriously deficient faith-life as "good enough." Is "good enough" even close to the "all my heart, soul, and strength" Jesus asks for?

This weekend Fr. Dave Schatz is with you. As I'm sure he told you, he is the director of Vocation Awareness in the archdiocese. We welcome his presence in part because it lets me go fishing ☺ but mainly because his work invites us to ask oneself if in response to Jesus' question "Who do you say I am?", whether my answer should be "You are Jesus who calls me to follow you as a priest, deacon, or vowed religious." I have no doubt that is the answer Jesus is looking for from some of you. It's a wonderfully fulfilling way to "lose one's life" for Jesus' sake, and find in that life is being returned many times over! Please raise the topic in your homes, with your children and grandchildren, and others you think have the qualities to serve God's people in these vocations! The simplest solution for the pastoral planning we are doing that will change our experience of parish life in so many ways, is a few more priests!

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Holy Family School

You will have received hopefully the 2008-09 Parish Financial Report in the mail. The Finance committee enjoys hearing your comments and reactions. Because parish finances can be rather complex, we offer more interpretation of the numbers and less raw data. Let us know if different content would be more helpful. **My thanks** to Kris Heims, Sara Radke, Denise Pudil, Mary Pacha, Liz Hawes and the Finance Council for all the work that went into the Financial Report. **Our thanks** to all who deny themselves to make our works for the Kingdom possible!

Please take note of the information on Doug Brummel's "Lighten Up" parish mission in the bulletin and around the church. He offers a most interesting review of faith that will help you go more deeply into answering Jesus' question "Who do you say that I am?" Make attending this one of the works that demonstrates your faith! Fr. Tom

Pastoral Planning Task Force: The Task Force met Aug 31 at 7 PM in St. Ludmila Church. The following areas were covered: We reviewed the first draft on parish life and brainstormed on retaining, retrieving and increasing participation in our parishes. We brainstormed on faith formation that will generate a first draft on faith formation for our parishes. We brainstormed on social justice that will also lead to a first draft on social justice for our parish communities.

Very Rev. John Gossman and Msgr. R. Bleich

A Mass for Mental Illness Awareness will be Sun, Sept 20, at 2 PM, St. Pius X Church. Persons with chronic mental illness are especially invited, along with their families, friends, health-care providers and caregivers. Join us to pray as a community in this special and meaningful manner.

Appreciation

Youth Ministry Kick-off Picnic Thanks: A great time was enjoyed by all who attended our Youth Ministry Kick-off Picnic at Jones Park on Sept 2. Big thanks to youth leaders: Nikkie Hernandez, Justin Cervantes, Kenzie Philipp, Chrissy Roberts, John Slater, Rachel Wiltgen, Cory Rude, Stephanie Winders, and Sami Wehr who planned and led the activities as well as parents Patty Wiltgen and Phil Philipp who served as chaperones . . . you are all truly appreciated!

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week **August 30:** Gary/Mary Stodola, Alan Zaehringer, Mindy Kranig, Carole/Brian Palas, Brett/Tara Simonsen, Dalton/Dakota Simonsen, and Robert/Loretta Claes.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week **August 30:**

Laverne Fisher and Esther Belle Steinbach

Grandparents/Special Persons Day at St. Ludmila: The Feast Day of St. Ludmila is September 16. Grandparents (and/or a close special person) of 3rd graders and 4th graders are invited to attend Mass at St. Ludmila Church on Thurs, Sept 17, at 9 AM. After Mass, there will be classroom visits; kolaches, coffee and juice will be served. The Pre-school 4 year olds will honor their grandparents on Wed, Sept 16, and the Pre-school 3 year olds will honor their grandparents on Thurs, Sept 17. Questions? Call St. Ludmila Center office at 362.1943.

LaSalle Middle School Sports: Seventh and eighth grade athletes from LaSalle Middle School are busy practicing and competing during this busy fall season. Teams currently playing are Football, Girl's Volleyball, Girl's Soccer, Boy's Tennis and Cross Country. Thanks to the volunteer coaches who donate their valuable time/talent.

Have you noticed it's getting darker this Fall?

It's time to Lighten Up!

Sunday, Sept. 20th Monday, Sept. 21st

We are bringing the **WHOLE COMMUNITY TOGETHER** (yes that means YOU!) for an exciting celebration of faith and family! "LIGHTEN UP!" promises to lighten up our minds, bodies, and souls as we laugh and are rekindled in the Light of Christ!

Hailed as one of the most creative and effective inter-generational Catholic speakers, Doug Brummel, and his 'cast of characters' will be leading us on a faith journey we won't soon forget! Young and old alike are captivated at the way Doug physically transforms himself into a wide variety of original characters who share the Light of Christ in a way that will "tickle your faith and nourish your soul!" Check out www.dougbrummel.com

This 2-night series will begin **6:47 PM SHARP!** Each night is different! Come both nights! Refreshments too! Invite friends and family! **FREE admission!** Offering available. Memories made: Priceless!

"When it comes to multi-generational ministry...there is no one better than Doug Brummel!"

-Mike Patin, Former Diocesan Director of
Youth Ministry, New Orleans, LA

Welcoming newcomers to our Parish: IF you are a friendly sort of person who can help folks feel welcome, please join our Parish Welcoming Committee. Contact Carolyn Schulte: 363.6724.

The Senior Citizens Group will meet on Wed, Sept 16 for a potluck and fellowship in the Social Hall. We will "dine and shop". All are welcome to attend.

Religious Education

Any family, who has not yet registered their children in the Religious Education program for this year, should do so as soon as possible. Our first session begins with an open house on Wed, Sept 16 at 6:45 PM in the Church. Please contact Sue or Mary at 362.8148 to register.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Future Catholics: Inquiry sessions will continue on **Tuesday, September 22 and 30 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Center. Topic: The Bible. Contact Sister Mary at: 362-7282, ext 327 or dbq029s@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us

Children's Catechumenate: The first session for school age children (who are unbaptized, or Baptized and have little religious formation) AND PARENTS is Sunday, Sept 27 at 9 AM in the Church Social Hall. Contact Sister Mary: 362-7282, ext 327.

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Class will be offered at St. Ludmila on Sun, Sept 20 at 1 PM in the Social Hall. Those attending must register beforehand at their own parish office. We do ask that if at all possible, both parents attend and that you arrange for childcare rather than bring your child to the class. Questions? Call 362.7282.

Parents whose children will be entering 2nd grade or 10th grade are required to be enrolled in formal catechesis (Religious Education or Catholic School) for a **full year immediately prior** to beginning the sacramental preparation programs: Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation.

Confirmation Interviews: All St. Ludmila youth who have registered to participate in our Confirmation process this year are reminded that your 1st required event is the personal interview with our Youth Minister - Bob Gardner on Tues, Sept 15 or Wed, Sept 16 in the Parish Center. Call Bob: 298.9525 to confirm your day & time.

Support

Divorce and Beyond, a Catholic program is available in our metro area. It is a facilitated, small-group conversation; a 10-week process of self-healing/support for those who have experienced divorce. Sessions are Wednesday evenings, 6:30–8:30 PM, in the St. Pius X (4949 Council St NE) Clare Room, beginning Sept 16. Information flyers are available on the "mobile" bulletin board at the Parish Office. For info call: Jeannie 721.9698 or Parish Office: 362.7282.

Xavier Foundation Parish Appeal

Lehia Roberts and Nancy Pitlik will serve as our chairpersons for the Xavier Foundation's 2009 Parish Appeal that begins Sept 26/27. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time during the Annual Parish Appeal Sept 26/27 and Oct 3/4. Contact Lehia Roberts (365.5294) or Nancy Pitlik (551.7436) to volunteer. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and will help reach our parish goal of \$21,004.

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, September 13

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

MONDAY, September 14

St. Monica Rummage Sale Setup, SH
6:30 PM KC Rosary, CH
6:30 PM Credit Union, SH

TUESDAY, September 15

St. Monica Rummage Sale Setup, SH
Confirmation Interviews, PC
5:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6:30 PM
6:45 PM Discipleship Council, PC

WEDNESDAY, September 16

St. Monica Rummage Sale Setup, SH
Confirmation Interviews, PC
8:00 AM Church Cleaning, Leader Mary Brecht
12:00 PM Senior Citizen Dinner, SH
6:45 PM Religious Education Open House, CH

THURSDAY, September 17

St. Ludmila Center Grandparents/Special Persons Day
9:00 AM St. Monica Rummage Sale, SH
10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC

FRIDAY, September 18

9:00 AM St. Monica Rummage Sale, SH

SATURDAY, September 19

No activities/meetings scheduled

SUNDAY, September 20

Catechetical Sunday
Donut Sunday, Host: St. Monica Circle
1:00 PM Baptism Class, SH
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM
6:47 PM "LIGHTEN UP!" Parish Mission, CH

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

"Interrupted Lives: Catholic Sisters under European Communism". Their story will air on KCRG-TV Ch 9, Sunday, Sept 13 at 12 PM. Check listings for other times. Funded in part: USCCB's Catholic Communication Campaign, & Aid to the Church in Central/Eastern Europe.

Cooking in Babi's Kitchen: Learn how to make apple strudel • Sat, Sept 26 at St. Ludmila Social Hall, 215 21st Ave SW, 10 AM - noon • Presenter: Janelle Kamerling, Culinary Instructor Kirkwood Community College • Door prizes/samples • No pre-registration • Free of Charge • Sponsor: The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

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? Call Sara: 378.8321 or Ann: 396.9154

Coffee and Donut Sunday is Sun, Sept 20. Join your fellow parishioners following the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Host: St Monica Circle

