

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & his companions

No Mass

Tuesday, September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

6:00 PM Mass † Charles Hromidko

Eucharistic Adoration following 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, September 30

St. Jerome

7:15 AM Mass † Bill Davis

Thursday, October 1

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

9:00 AM School Mass † Irene Lechtenberg

Friday, October 2

The Guardian Angels

7:15 AM Mass In Thanksgiving

Saturday, October 3

St. Cosmas and St. Damian

4:00 PM Mass † Margaret Fitzpatrick

Sunday, October 4

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

8:00 AM Mass St. Ludmila Parishioners

10:30 AM Youth Mass Personal Intention

Confirmation Rite of Commitment

Pilgrim Statue in the home of:

Leo/Norma Drilling - 4617 Council St NE

Sept 28 - Oct 2. Recitation of the Rosary 7:30 PM

Prayer Line: Let us pray for your needs 390.1277

Readings for the Week of September 27, 2009

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6;

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;

Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11;

Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



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

Maxwell Kohoutek Haight,

son of Clinton and Katie Haight;

Nate Christian Kahle,

son of Christian and Audra Kahle.

The Parish Community extends its sympathy and prayers to the family of Norma Mohr Martinez and Richard Hach who recently passed away. May they rest in peace.



FROM THE PASTOR

The start of fall this week signals the end of the growing season. The

Gospels from here until Thanksgiving will be very much concerned with the end of our "growing in Christ-likeness" season: one's life. One's life will come to an end one day, and the time for bearing the fruit of becoming Christ-like will end with it.

With all the cool temps and cloudy days this summer, our crops are about 10 days behind. The availability of sweet corn at the Farmer's Market tell us that is so. Crops need a certain amount of heat and light to mature. An early frost could end their potential for further ripening. Something similar is true for us.

Today Jesus has a sobering reminder to help us move from being under the clouds of sin and self-centeredness, into the light of His example and Grace. If even things we really value, and perhaps don't think we could get along without, are reducing the influence of Christ on our maturing in faith, then we need to remove them. The same is true for what of my life becomes cloud-cover to those around me: blocking their access to Christ. Jesus' examples of one's eye, hand or foot may not be the sin that delays my growth. But if they are not blocking the Son, what is? What will I do to get it out of my life, and get the Son of God shining in on me?

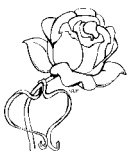
We were blessed last Sunday/Monday to have Doug Brummel here to help us do a little re-prioritizing of faith practice in our lives. If you missed it, you missed a lot! We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Discipleship Council, Adult Faith, and Spiritual Life committees with their helpers for facilitating Doug's presence. It is committees such as these that really are the strong bones that give shape to the Body of Christ here. Please consider joining one of them so our faith and sense of community here stays strong!

I trust you received the Parish Financial report for 08-09 last week. If you have any response or comments or suggestions about it, please do let me or one of the Finance Council members know.

Please do take the time to fill out your Xavier Parish Appeal cards in the Gathering Space this week and next. As the ethical and moral questions the world confronts our young people with get more complicated and numerous, the value of our offering the choice of a Catholic School education grows too. Thanks for your support of our schools financially and especially with your children!

Fr. Tom

Next weekend the Knights of Columbus will be having their annual offering of roses after Mass to support Birthright and all their respect-for-life activities. Please come prepared to donate in support of their efforts!



Appreciation

Thank you to Wayne/Clarice Holland for filling in the dangerous low spots in the lawn.

Thank you to Roger Hamilton for improving our drainage in front of the gym.

Thank you to all who so generously bake for Bingo, Funerals, the Lighten Up mission, and a host of other parish events!

Thank you to God's Housekeepers for the week **Sept 13:** Florence Moellers, Charity Schneekloth, Shirley/Chet Sheetz, Mary Brecht, Denise Pudil, Kelly Hiserote, Denise Benesh, Fran Musel, Rosann/Natalie Sandersfeld, Jim/Lorilei Christner, and Joyce Janovec.

Thank you to our parish volunteer secretaries for the week of **Sept 13:** Mary Lou Roman, Jeanne Ross, and Mickey Betz.

Confirmation

Confirmation Rite of Commitment/Kick-off Picnic: Our new Confirmation candidates are reminded that your next **required** activity is the Rite of Commitment and Kick-off Picnic Sunday, October 4. Candidates and your sponsors are asked to be at Church by 10:00 AM for practice. The Liturgy begins at 10:30 AM. Following the Mass, candidates only will enjoy a breakfast (sponsored by our Pro-Life with Love Group) downstairs in the Social Hall and then move to the School Gym for the rest of the Kick-off activities. Bring casual clothes to change into after Mass. The picnic ends at 1 PM; please have your ride waiting to pick you up.

Faith Formation

As we begin a new year of Faith Formation, we recognize those who will share the message of our faith with the children and youth of our community. The mission we ask of these men and women is great. In the weeks ahead, as they give of their time to catechize our young people, let us support them by praying for them and the success of their efforts. Our 2009/2010 Faith Formation Catechists are: Sue Berger, Karen Brunscheen, Diane Dalton, Tracy Davison, Cheryl Duchacek, Kyle Eberle, Emily Elwood, Julie Farmer, Emily Fuoss, Dave Grommon, Martin Hanus, Brian Hart, Brenda Havlik, Deb Henricks, Josie Kness, Kathy Knight, Mindy Kranig, Jan/Liz Kreuger, Julie/Paige Leytem, Margo Luchtenburg, Barb Malina, Lisa Meyers, Dave Moeller, Fran/Kathy Musel, Mary Beth/Tim Neal, Heather O'Shea, Mary Pacha, Joyce Pencook, Karla Pisarik, Trish Prokop, Tracy Rains, Dayna Schmidt, Nancy Schmidt, Shirley Sheetz, Tara Simonsen, Julie Steele, Carol Steiner, Angie Svoboda, Frank Tarasi, and Mickey Ventura.

Theology on Tap Fall Session Begins! 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! Our first session on Thurs, October 1st is 'The Flood of '08 – Where was God?' Linda Stoll, an associate of the Mercy Sisters who lost her own home in the flood will help us reflect on what our faith has to say about suffering in the world.

Please come to the Adult Education session on "**Catholic Approaches to Legalized Gay Marriage**" presented by Mt. Mercy Professor David J. Ard • **Oct 8, 7-9 PM, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Lower Level** • *How does the Church view its responsibility as a moral voice on issues such as homosexual marriage in a secular society? Whether gay ourselves or family members or friends to gay persons, how can we remain loving and maintain our Catholic identity? How does the Church's view differ from secular views on the nature of the human person, human sexuality and marriage?*

Rite of Christian Initiation

Future Catholics: Inquiry sessions will continue on **Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Center. Topic: The Old Testament

Children's Catechumenate: The first session for school age children (who are unbaptized, or Baptized and have little religious formation) AND PARENTS is THIS weekend, **Sunday, September 27 at 9 AM** in the Church Social Hall.

Sacramental Preparation

Parents/Guardians of children making their First Reconciliation are to gather on Wed, Sept 30 in the Social Hall. You may choose to attend the 5:15 PM or 6:45 PM session. This meeting is mandatory with at least one parent/guardian attending. Questions? 362.8148.

Support

St. Matthew Parish is beginning a *GriefShare* Class on Tuesday evenings beginning Sept 29 for 13 - 15 weeks. *GriefShare* is a faith based support for people who have lost a loved one. Fee of \$15/includes workbook. Classes will be held in the lower level of the Church next to Kearn Hall. For more info or to register, call Becky Shaffer 363.5238. Go on-line www.griefshare.org for more info.

Where were you Oct 4, 1979? Chances are some of you were huddled in the cold at Living History Farms as Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass in Des Moines. Everyone is invited to the 30th anniversary Mass at 4 PM on Sat, Oct 3 at Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines. No reservations needed. Many of the same hymns will be sung; the famous quilt will be the backdrop for the altar, ambo; and chair used during the Papal Mass 30 years ago. Other activities commemorating this anniversary can be found in flyers on entry bulletin boards.

Holy Family and Xavier

LaSalle Sonshine Retreat: Last weekend, sixty 8th graders from LaSalle participated in the Sonshine Retreat at Camp Wapsie. The retreat - "Jesus: The Sonshine of Life" - provided an opportunity for the students to grow in friendship & faith as they shared, prayed, recreated, & celebrated together in a positive, supportive Christian community. Student participants from our parish: Ellie Burke, Katie Burke, Andy Billick, Ryan Flaherty, Payton Janney, Ashley Pudil, & Anna Springman. We applaud all of these fantastic youth on their openness to God & their willingness to grow as Christians.

Xavier is sponsoring the Silver Club. For **\$175**, your membership entitles: you & your immediate family free admission to Xavier home events (except: IHSA/IGHSAU sponsored tournaments) and to all fine arts events; invitation for you & your spouse/guest to the Silver Club Dinner/Drawing on Sun, Oct 25. Interested in purchasing a ticket, mail a check for \$175 **made payable** to the **Xavier Silver Club** and mail it to: Xavier High School; Attn: Melissa Slinger; 6300 42nd St NE; Cedar Rapids, IA 52411.

Pledge cards for the Xavier Parish Appeal are available after Masses this weekend and next weekend. Help our volunteers by signing your pledge card today after Mass, thus eliminating a follow-up phone call. Thank you for your support of Catholic secondary education.

Youth Ministry

All 6, 7, 8 graders from St. Ludmila Parish who are registered for the CR Area Middle School Youth Rally on Sat, Oct 3, are reminded that you need to check in at St. Joseph School, Marion between 3-3:30 PM. The rally ends at 9:30 PM; have your ride waiting to pick you up.

"Monthly Movie Time" will be **today** Sunday, Sept 27. During this "Year of the Priest", **Cigar Box Ray**, appropriate for ALL ages, will be shown at 1 PM in the Church Social Hall. Father Ray Hermann was a priest of the DBQ Archdiocese who served in the missions until his death. Bring a snack to share. Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Discussion following.

Save this date . . . Sunday, Oct 4 to enjoy breakfast with your fellow parishioners in our Social Hall. Members of our Pro-Life with Love Group will be our hosts. Serving begins following the 8 AM Mass and concludes shortly after 12 noon. You will enjoy eating cinnamon rolls, eggs, sausage, and fruit cocktail. Cost: \$5.00 Adults; children under 12 \$2.50.

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS



SUNDAY, September 27

Xavier Appeal, CH
9:00 AM Children's Catechumenate, SH
1:00 PM Monthly Movie "Cigar Box Ray", SH
4:00 PM Bingo (school doors open) games begin 6 PM

MONDAY, September 28

6:30 PM Deanery Pstrl Plng, SH

TUESDAY, September 29

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

WEDNESDAY, September 30

5:15 PM Early Session Religious Education, SC
5:15 PM First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, SH
6:45 PM Late Session Religious Education, PC-SC-SH
6:45 PM First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, SH

THURSDAY, October 1

10:00 AM Legion of Mary, PC
5:00 PM Church Cleaning, Leader Carole Palas
6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting, PC

FRIDAY, October 2

No activities/meetings scheduled

SATURDAY, October 3

Xavier Appeal, CH
3:00 PM CR Youth Rally, St. Joseph School - Marion

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

St. Wenceslaus, CR All School Reunion is Sun, Oct 4, beginning with 10:30 AM Mass. Reception in Chihak Hall.

Social Concerns Blood Drive is Tuesday, October 13 from 3 PM to 6 PM in the Social Hall. Sign up for donating: Oct 3/4 and Oct 10/11 in the Gathering Space or by calling Mary Pacha at 846.3399. Thank you!

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.



Reflecting Light

A special Prayer Service will be held for all those from our parish who were, in anyway, impacted by the 2008 Flood; their Parish Partners, all who volunteered time, prayers, financial aid and a helping hand.

A Prayer Service, Reflecting Light, and meal will be held on Sunday evening, September 27, beginning at 6 PM in the Church. RSVP by September 22: 365.3259 or e-mail: deaconmanning@aol.com