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Weekend Mass times: Saturday, 4:00p.m.
Sunday 8:00a.m. and 10:30a.m.

July 25, 2021 • *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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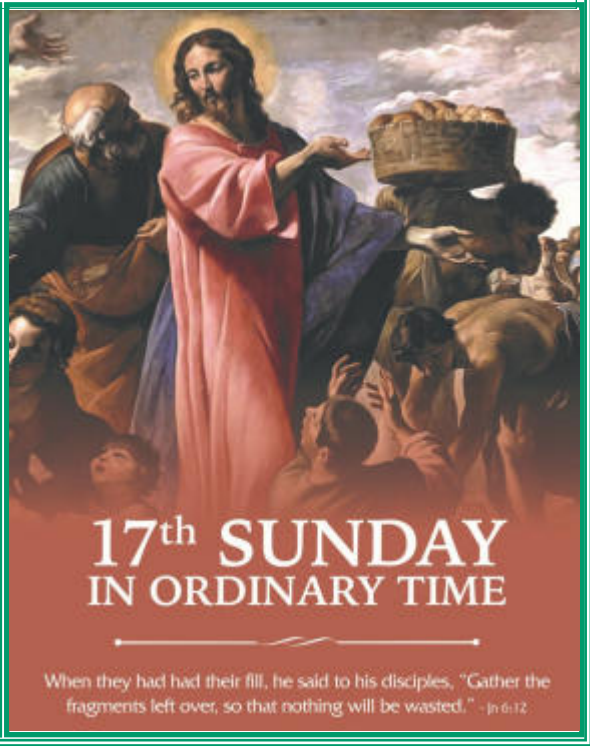

PASTOR'S CORNER

I again start begin by saying "Thank you!" There are many good things happening at St. Ludmila Parish and throughout the Cedar Rapids area that would not be possible without the numerous individuals who share their gifts of time, talent and treasure!

One of the things that come to mind is to thank the people who have served as liturgical ministers so faithfully since we reopened for Mass on May 31, 2020. Some of these parishioners have been on the schedule every week! They have served the parish with a smile on their faces and have done their part to make sure that we as a faith community can celebrate the Mass faithfully! BUT NOW I NEED YOUR HELP! Now that more people are returning to Mass, we need sacristans, lectors, commentators, hospitality ministers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, cantors and accompanists. It's easy to say, "I do not have the time or the gifts", but in reality we are all blessed with the same number of hours in a day! Would you consider being trained for one or more ministries? If so, contact the parish office and Bob Gardner or Fr. Ken Glaser will make sure you get trained and placed on the schedule. Thank you for sharing your gifts.

I also want to thank you for your continued support of Metro Catholic Outreach by bringing your non-perishable items to the church. We have a volunteer who empties the container each week. You were also very generous to the appeal for personal needs items for Matthew 25. They were able to restock their shelves and provide these donations immediately to those in need. Your generous support does not go unnoticed. You have also been generous, providing resources for our Local Area Needs Collection. We continue to support five local organizations each month that use our financial gifts to minister to their clients. Our Social Justice group is currently reviewing these organizations and looking at other opportunities to minister to the broader community of Cedar Rapids. Do you shop at Hy-Vee? Keep your receipts and place them in the basket by the door. The receipts earn funds that Holy Family Catholic Schools use to purchase supplies.

I again have received numerous compliments in regards to this past year. Behind every priest is a whole group of great staff members and volunteers. I could not do what I do without the support and encouragement of others. If I started to make a list it would be way too long to put in the bulletin. I would accidently forget someone as well. I have tried to thank as many of you as possible! Please accept this as a general thank you for the big and small ways you support, encourage and help build the Kingdom of God in our midst! You are a gift to St. Ludmila and the broader community! May God bless you abundantly!

Peace,

Fr. Kenneth J. Glaser

Covid Virus/Pandemic Update:

This has been an unprecedented 16 months. In hindsight, I believe there are a lot of things our government, media, schools, medical professionals, faith leaders, etc. would do differently. However, at the time and with the situations we faced, we all did the best we could, myself included!

As your pastor, I know there are parishioners who feel very strongly on both ends of the spectrum, and I respect your knowledge and beliefs. This past year I did the best I could to meet the needs of all of our parishioners and to protect the health of our parishioners.

I will continue to monitor the number of infections in Linn County and will make adjustments as needed. If you are feeling ill, if you have been exposed to someone with Covid or you have underlying health conditions, for the safety of all, please stay home. You can continue to watch our Mass online.

Also, masks, social distancing and vaccinations continue to be good practices to avoid getting sick. Feel free to wear a mask while attending Mass. The pews in front of the Eucharistic Chapel continue to be socially-distanced. Let us continue to pray for each other.

Readings for the Week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: **2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15**
Monday: **Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35**
Tuesday: **Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43**
Wednesday: **Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46**
Thursday: **Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42**
Friday: **Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58**
Saturday: **Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12**
Next Sunday: **Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35**

Good People of St. Ludmila:

Thank you for your warm welcome to me this last weekend as your annual missionary cooperation speaker. I enjoyed being with you.

I am grateful for your prayerful and financial support of our mission at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center. Together we can impact many lives for the glory of God.

Fr. Jon Seda

Administrative Assistant

Please help me welcome Linda Sills as our new Administrative Assistant. She will begin her duties on August 4th.

Please help me thank Kevin Tiedemann for his service to the parish. His final day in the office will be August 13th.

Upcoming Weddings at St. Ludmila Parish

August 21 ~ Sara Stauel and Jon Larson

September 24 ~ Chloe Lueck and Nolan Even

St. Monica's Rummage Sale

St. Monica's Rummage Sale will be held on Thursday September 23 from 9am - 4pm, and on Friday September 24, from 9am until 12pm.

Items may be brought to the church Social Hall on Monday and Tuesday, September 20 - 21 from 6-8pm. Please no furniture or Christmas trees.

AREA NEEDS—CATHOLIC SERVICES

Metro Catholic Outreach:	420 6th St. SE	(319) 739-5490
Catholic Charities:	1430 2nd Ave SE	(319) 364-7121
St. Vincent de Paul:	928 7th St. SE	(319) 365-5091
Catholic Worker House:	1027 5th Ave SE	(319) 362-9041

THANK YOU

- **To God's Housekeepers and Liturgical Ministers for the week of July 18th.**
- **To the Parish Center Volunteers for the week of July 12th.**

SCRIP sales for the week ending July 18th were $1,760.00!

NEW ORDER FORMS:
A revised, up-to-date order form has been posted to the St. Ludmila website. You can find it under Activities / SCRIP. Copies of the new order form are also available on the scrip table in the gathering space.

BONUS REBATES! The following bonus rebates continue through July 30: AMC - 13%, Applebee's - 13%, Arby's - 12%, Banana Republic/GAP/Old Navy - 18%, Barnes & Noble - 10%, Bath & Body Works - 17%, Bed, Bath & Beyond - 9%, Buffalo Wild Wings - 13%, Burlington - 11%, Caribou Coffee - 6.75%, Disney - 4%, Domino's - 12%, Home Depot - 7%, JC Penney - 6%, Panera - 10%, Pizza Ranch - 10%, Staples - 8%, Texas Roadhouse - 10%, TJMaxx - 9%, Ulta - 7% and Wayfair - 8%.

KWIK STAR - Last weekend another parishioner obtained a reloadable Kwik Star gift card. There are now 29 parishioners with reloadable Kwik Star cards! This means that St. Ludmila earns a 4% rebate each time a card is reloaded, PLUS we get 10% back whenever a Kwik Star scrip card is used to purchase items inside the store, like bread, bananas, eggs, milk, pizza and donuts! Stop by the scrip table or call Paula (329-6829) to learn how easy it is to reload a scrip card.

St. Theresa's Circle

St. Theresa's Circle will meet Tuesday, July 27th at 6:00pm at Culver's on Edgewood Rd SW. Come for food, fellowship and fun! All women welcome!

Please consider buying scrip to pay for your meal. Please contact Heather Atwater at 319-573-5751 or heather.atwater@gmail.com with any questions.

Youth Group Events for July and August!

July 28 and July 29 – Open Gym The gym will be open from 9:00-11:00am for open gym! Equipment will be provided.

August 1 – Relax Night We will have a relaxation night with crafts, coloring sheets, and other calming activities in the St. Ludmila school library from 6:00-8:00pm! Please contact Mary Jacobsen at dbq029ym@dbqarch.org if you plan to attend!

August 8 – Bonfire Weather permitting, we will have a bonfire from 6-8pm! Please RSVP to Mary Jacobsen at dbq029ym@dbqarch.org if you plan to attend!

August 18 and August 19 – Open Gym The gym will be open from 9:00-11:00am for open gym! Equipment will be provided.

August 22 – Praise and Worship We will have a Praise and Worship night from 5:00-6:00pm in the Church! We will have music, prayer sheets, and a space for you to spend some time with God! Please contact Mary Jacobsen at dbq029ym@dbqarch.org if you want to help with the music!

Upcoming Memorial Masses at St. Ludmila Parish

August 5 at 5:30 PM – Art Petrzelka
September 4 at 10:30 AM – Karen Doyle
September 10 at 5:30 PM – Greg Stokesberry
October 9 at 1:30 PM – Joyce Gerleman

Pray for the recently baptized and their families:

Lincoln Jacob Freese
Beckett Steven Rathje

PARISH CALENDAR

Mon. July 26	**(Fourth Monday Cleaners)**
5:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., SH
7:00 pm	AA Meeting, SH
Tues. July 27	
10:00 am	Adult Discussion Group, PC
5:30 pm	Mass, † Greg & Jon Stokesberry - Live Streamed
Wed. July 28	
8:00 am	Mass, † R. Bruce Appleoff - Live Streamed
7:00 pm	Men's Group, PC
Thurs. July 29	
5:30 pm	Mass, † Charles Buresh - Live Streamed
Fri. July 30	**(Fourth Week Cleaners)**
8:00 am	Mass, † Debbie Dee - Live Streamed
Sat. July 31	
4:00 pm	Mass, † Elwood Boddicker
Sun. Aug. 1	
8:00 am	Mass, † Michelle Meyer - Live Streamed
10:30 am	Mass, † For the Parishioners of St. Ludmila
5:00 pm	Bingo, SC (doors open at 4:00 pm)

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

Chaplaincy at St. Luke's Hospital

The pastoral moves for the Archdiocese recently took place. This shift in personnel resulted in an opening for the Chaplain at St. Luke's Hospital.

I was approached in June to consider assisting with this ministry. I will be working in collaboration with other priests in the area to provide pastoral coverage at St. Luke's Hospital.

Fr. Kenneth J. Glaser

Welcome to St. Ludmila Parish

Nicholas Westcott

Nancy Velasco

Legacy Giving

Have you written a will? It is a way of saying "I Love You" to your family and friends by preventing squabbles and hurt feelings after you are gone. A will ensures your wishes are carried out, as you want, not as a court would decide.

If you would like more information about leaving a legacy gift to St. Ludmila, please contact Natalie Wittenburg at 319-362-7282 or dbq029bk@dbqarch.org. If you would like information about gift planning, please contact our planning partner at the Catholic Foundation at 563-552-0176 or CFAD@OurCFAD.org.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

The Newman Catholic Student Center at The University of Iowa is sponsoring a 10-day tour of the Holy Land March 10-19, 2022. Tour hosts will be Fr. Jeff Belger and Newman Center rep, April Rouner. The full tour itinerary can be viewed at www.iowacatholic.org.

Cost is $4059 per person from Chicago. A charter bus will take travelers to/from O'Hare from Iowa City. Price includes RT air, first class accommodations, most meals, professional tour director, sightseeing entrance fees, optional daily Mass and more. Contact April Rouner at april@newman-ic.org or 319-337-3106 Ext. 119 for more information or a registration brochure.

Support for the Divorced or Divorcing

Surviving Divorce is a facilitated, small-group Catholic conversation; a 12-week process of healing, hope, and support. Sessions will be offered on:

Tuesday, September 7th – November 23rd 2021
from 6-7:30pm at St. Pius X.

Please contact Cate Biro (319-363-6130),
Nick or Maureen Gaeta (319-393-4445)
for more information.

An additional session will be offered in the Winter.

For information about the program you may contact Jackie Mihm at Jseals33@aol.com or the St. Ludmila Parish Center (319) 362-7282.

**Surviving Divorce* is offered with approval and support of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Non-Catholics are welcome to attend.

Tea with Thee

This year's "Tea with Thee" will be held Thursday, September 9, 2021! Parishioners may sign up to adopt (decorate) a table after Masses on the weekend of July 24th - July 25th. Social distancing precautions will be taken. For questions, or to adopt a table, please contact Kathy Shelton at 319-366-4948.

2021-2022 Religious Education Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 Religious Education program. We welcome all students in grades Kindergarten through 9th. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-7:00. Sign-up can be submitted using printable forms on our St. Ludmila website, or by registering on our website under the "Faith Formation" tab.

Students in second grade will participate in sacramental preparations for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Have a student preparing for Confirmation? Registration is also open now for students in 10th grade! All students preparing for sacraments must be enrolled in Religious Education classes or a Catholic school for a minimum of one year prior to receiving the sacraments.

If you have any questions regarding our Religious Education program, please email Monica at: dbq029re@dbqarch.org.

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