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January 11, 2009
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

HOLY MASSES: January 17-18:

Sat. 4:00PM L/D Henry Schaefer Family
Sun. 9:00AM Charlie Mueller/Frank Holtmann

HOLY MASSES: January 19-25, 2009:

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. 7:45AM Parish Fri. 7:45AM Parish
Wed. 7:45AM Parish Sat. 4:00PM Alphonse & Elizabeth Eversgerd/Leroy Leonard
Thu. 7:30AM Parish Sun. 9:00AM Parish

NEXT WEEKEND Jan. 24-25

LECTOR

Sat. 4:00PM Barb Voss
Sun. 9:00AM Linda Haake

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Jim & Jean Endres, Ben Koch, Ashley Kohnen, Jacinta Kohnen
Rob Otrembiak, Donna Schroeder, Hank & Marie Wesselmann, Rich Wuebbels

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. 4:00PM Eversgerd/Leonard Families
Sun. 9:00AM Ushers

MASS SERVERS

Emily Peters, Morgan Toenneis, Alicia Diesen
Lexi Hemker, Melissa Wolters, Nick Wolters

ROSARY LEADERS

Sat. 4:00PM volunteers
Sun. 9:00AM volunteers

USHERS

Mike Beer, Maurice Dierkes, Mike Tonnies
Leroy Diesen, Jerome Eversgerd, Patrick Foppe

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Jan & Janet Schwierjohn
Sun. 9:00AM Jamie Dumstorff, Marilyn Haake

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

Sun. Jan. 18, 9:00AM Lynn Tonnies & Nancy Weems
Travis Wuebbels & Kevin Haar

Tue. Jan. 13: 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
6:30PM Novena and Rosary Devotions
Choir practice will resume Jan. 20 at 7PM. The choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on Jan. 25.

Sat. Jan. 17: 3:00PM Confessions

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Jan. 1, 2009: envelopes: \$3451; loose: \$72; candles: \$14; TOTAL: \$3537. **Jan. 3-4:** envelopes: \$3757; loose: \$236; candles: \$8; TOTAL: \$4001. Christmas: \$120; 2008 envelopes: \$545; cemetery: \$50; Sister Parish: \$1049. THANK YOU!

MAKE A GIFT THROUGH AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER. If you are over the age of 70½, the IRS requires that you take a minimum distribution from your IRA each year. Normally, the amount of this distribution is taxed as ordinary income. However, federal legislation enacted on Oct. 3, 2008 extends the opportunity for you, for the remainder of 2008 and throughout 2009, to make a direct distribution from your IRA to a qualified charity. Such distributions, while not subject to income tax, will still count toward fulfilling your required minimum distribution. For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact the parish office or the Planned Giving Office at the Diocese of Belleville at 277-8181, ext. 132.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS will be taken down after the 9AM Mass today, Jan. 11. All helpers welcome! Boxes need to be gotten from the rectory basement, filled and then returned back to the basement. Ornaments are to be taken off the **Memory Tree** by today also. That tree will be taken down also. Anyone wanting a poinsettia can take them after the 9AM Mass today.

CHURCH DIRECTORY BOOKS are in the main entrance in back of church. If your picture is in the book and you did not get your directory yet, please take one.

PRO LIFE. The Breese Knights of Columbus will be collecting for the Pro-Life cause and distributing Lapel Roses next weekend, Jan. 17 & 18 at all Masses. Funds will be directed to Pro-Life activities such as helping local students to defray the costs of travel to participate in the rally and March for Life at Washington DC on Thursday, Jan. 22, the 36th anniversary of the 1973 US Supreme Court's Roe v Wade Decision which struck down state laws prohibiting abortions. Cards will also be available which parishioners can sign to demonstrate their opposition to the proposed Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), which will likely be debated soon in the United States Congress. Passage of the FOCA into new law would seriously weaken or remove current federal limits on abortion and encourage further destruction of human life at any stage! Further information can be found online at www.aul.org/foca. Please take time to stop at the table before or after Mass to sign the postcard which will be sent to our congressmen. **PRO-LIFE MAGNETIC RIBBONS** are also available by calling Rich Koerkenmeier at 974-1910.

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN & AGING. Next weekend we welcome back Fr. Vince Haselhorst who will be here celebrating the weekend liturgies. Fr. Vince will be speaking on behalf of the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. Put your faith into action by sponsoring a child, youth or aging person and help families put food on the table, send their children to school, access health care and have a decent place to live. Together we can end the cycle of poverty. Informational fliers are available in back of church and will be attached to next weekend's bulletin.

READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Beloved by God

Reading I: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 (Come to the waters)

Reading II: Acts 10: 34-38 (The victory of Faith)

Gospel: Mark 1: 7-11 (Jesus' Baptism)

Adults: What does it mean to me to be beloved by God?

Children: What can I recall about the story of Jesus' baptism?

YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING, January 18 at 10AM in the rectory basement. Activities: any high school youth interested in attending the Diocesan Youth Convention on March 27-29 needs to come to the meeting. Deadline for registration is Feb. 20. Last call for interested skiers for the February 7-8 Ski Trip with Albers/Damiansville Youth Ministry. Contact Ev Kuhn ASAP.

THE BREESE LIONS CLUB will present a \$1,000 scholarship to a student from Mater Dei and one \$1,000 scholarship to a student from Central. The student must be a graduating senior planning to attend a college, university or trade or business school; must be a resident of the Breese Lions area; the scholarship will be based on community service and academic performance. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors. The application must be returned to the guidance counselor no later than Feb. 20, 2009.

MATER DEI FRESHMAN PLACEMENT TEST for members of the MD Class of 2013 will be given on Saturday, January 17 from 8AM to noon. Lunch will be provided for those students who take the test. Bus transportation information to and from the test will be sent at a later date. For more info call Mater Dei at 526-7216.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., Thursday, January 22. A bus will be traveling to Washington, D.C. from Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, leaving January 21 and returning January 23. For more info and to register contact Doug Lugge at 618-476-9505.

THE BEST SPEAKER YOU'LL HEAR ALL YEAR!! Matthew Kelly: "Is Catholicism Still Relevant?" St. Clare of Assisi, 1411 Cross Street, O'Fallon, Tuesday, January 13 at 7PM. Who is Matthew Kelly? New York Times best selling author, one of the world's best speakers, has been invited to speak to over 50,000 high school students last year, has spoken in over 50 countries. Powerful for parishioners, engaging for those searching for a faith home, captivating for young people. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the most dynamic and sought after voices of our time. If you need additional info call 632-3562.

FORGIVENESS: A PROCESS & A GRACE, will be presented at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9AM to noon. Join us for a challenging and refreshing morning to explore the role of forgiveness in your own life. Cost: \$20. Call 394-6272 for more info or to register.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD. The Belleville Region of CSS is seeking nominations for the 19th Annual Christian Service Awards. The awards will be presented at a benefit dinner on May 1 at 6PM at Albert's Banquet Center in Belleville. Reservations for the event are \$45/person and can be made any time by calling 394-5900. The recipients of the Christian Service Awards are nominated by members of the community. Up to three awards will be given to outstanding individuals that reflect the mission and spirit of CSS through their contributions in one or more of the following areas: faith related service; community service; youth mentoring; advocacy; direct service to those in need; community organizations, volunteerism, and/or fundraising. Nomination forms are available from Catholic Social Services at 394-5900.

FRIED CHICKEN, SLAW & FRIES DINNER, January 11 from 3PM to 7PM at Germantown American Legion Basement. Carry-out or Dine in. Delivery available to Germantown residents by calling 523-4282. Sponsored by the Germantown Athletic Booster Club.

GERMANTOWN PARK DISTRICT. Anyone interested in seeking election for Germantown park District Trustee should contact Jeff Timmermann for a petition (523-7789). There are three 2 year term positions to be elected at this spring's general election.

GERMANTOWN LIBRARY NEWS. 3 seats are opening on the library board. If you are interested in running, applications must be filed by Jan. 26. To pick up the necessary papers or for more information please call the library at 523-4820.

PETITIONS for Germantown Village President (4yr term) and Village Trustees (3 – 4yr terms) are available from the Village Clerk's office. Filing dates for petitions is Jan. 19-26, 2009. Please call the Clerk's office at 523-4243 for more info or visit vilgtown@charter.net.

CLINTON COUNTY NOW, a new web site being launched to promote and share info on events all around Clinton County. Nonprofit groups and schools can post events and a link to their web sites at no cost. Business and for profit groups can post events for \$10. The web site is www.clintoncountynow.org. The email address to submit info and events is events@clintoncountynow.org. The site is built and maintained by volunteers, so please submit information for events no later than two weeks prior.

GERMANTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST, January 18, 7:30AM to 11:30AM at the Germantown American Legion. Eggs, pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy, potatoes, corn bread, orange juice, coffee, milk.

BREAKFAST, sponsored by Aviston Senior Legion Baseball Team, Jan. 11, 8AM to 11:30AM at Aviston Legion.

SPASSFEST REQUEST FOR FUNDS. Applications for request for funds can be picked up at Germantown Trust & Savings Bank or downloaded at www.germantownil.org. Application deadline is January 26 to GTSB. Call Darlene at the bank for additional information, 523-4202.

QUILT/CASH BINGO, Feb. 1 at 1:30PM, Hecker Community Center. Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Plates available from 10:30AM to 1PM.