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January 25, 2009
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

HOLY MASSES: January 24-25:

Sat. 4:00PM Alphonse & Elizabeth Eversgerd/Leroy Leonard

Sun. 9:00AM Parish

HOLY MASSES: January 26-February 1, 2009:

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. 7:45AM Edward & Mary Grawe Fri. 7:45AM Parish

Wed. 7:45AM Parish Sat. 4:00PM Parish

Thu. 7:30AM Parish Sun. 9:00AM Boy Scouts

NEXT WEEKEND Jan. 31-Feb. 1

LECTOR

Sat. 4:00PM Gerard Albers

Sun. 9:00AM Youth Ministry

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Diane Gomez, Gerald & Ann Kohlen, Michael & Phyllis Miller

Geralyn Albers, Karen Albu, Pat Bagby, Albert Becker, Ruth Eversgerd

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. 4:00PM Ushers

Sun. 9:00AM Boy Scouts

MASS SERVERS

Jacob Albers, Hannah Albers, Kayla Mattson

Kenzie Schroeder, Travis Wuebbels, Mitchell Langenhorst

ROSARY LEADERS

Sat. 4:00PM volunteers

Sun. 9:00AM volunteers

USHERS

Dennis & Jason Kuhl, Ken Brauer

Youth Ministry

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Dick & Pat Frerker

Sun. 9:00AM Gene & Marita Hilmes

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

Sun. Feb. 1, 9:00AM Jon & Karen Hoelscher

Drew Foppe, Jalen Albers

CANTORS

Sat. 4:00PM Perri Wesselmann

Sun. 9:00AM Larry Spirek

Tue. Jan. 27: 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

6:30PM Novena and Rosary Devotions

7:00PM Choir practice. The choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on Feb. 8.

Sat. Jan. 31: 3:00PM Confessions

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Envelopes: \$2079; loose: \$236; candles: \$8; TOTAL: \$2323. Sister Parish: \$20. THANK YOU!
THANK YOU to the Breese Knight of Columbus Council 2869 for their \$1,000 donation to our PSR Program with proceeds from their dinner held recently.

WELCOME to the newest member of our parish family, RIANNA LYNN MICHELS, daughter of Jeffrey Michels and Karen Eversgerd who will be baptized at the 9AM Mass this Sunday.

FR. VINCE HASELHORST & THE CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN & AGING would like to express our gratitude for allowing us to speak on behalf of CFCA and those in need at the masses last weekend. Thank you for your kindness and generous response. God Bless All!

MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND. Where can you find out what is happening in the Diocese of Belleville, a neighboring parish, across the state or nationally? The Messenger, your diocesan newspaper brings news of events important in your parish. Please stay connected through a subscription to the Messenger. Subscriptions are \$23. Envelopes are in with your regular sets.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR. I'M BACK!!! A little fatter. A little browner. And all tennised out. As I returned this past Monday evening, there was a smattering of snow showers. The last white stuff I saw in Ft. Meyers was sand. I'm sure more than a few were thinking: "Can't wait for Fr. To come back for this!" But as you were freezing-and I was watching the weather in Southern Illinois, I was offering up and suffering through sunny 60's, which was considered a real cold front in southwestern Florida. 'Cold' is always a relative term. Ft. Meyers is 'the city of the palms'. So we'll see what kind of palm crop we got on Palm Sunday. Now I'm warming up again to everything going on in Germantown – and Clinton County. Next week is Catholic School Week. Mater Dei High School has an all school Mass Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 9:40AM. I mention this because it is so obvious to me that Mater Dei is very important to a lot of people who have worked so hard for the school in the past, and continue to do so today. Dennis Litteken, and especially the teachers and staff at Mater Dei are more than dedicated to the work they do. Obviously it is a ministry and not just work for all involved with Mater Dei. I have also noticed how many people remember Mater Dei as memorials at the time of death. Which is a good thing. These kind of memorials – and also Will bequests – are so important to keep things going into the future. A scheduling point for your calendars: the parish will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick the weekend of Feb. 7/8. February 11th is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. To this day, Lourdes is a place of healing for people throughout the world. I always schedule a parish anointing of the sick on a weekend close to the Lourdes feast. So...this year it will be the 7th and 8th. The anointing will be AFTER the Saturday 4PM Mass and AFTER the Sunday 9AM Mass. If any person is not up to coming to church for anointing, call the parish office, and I'll make arrangements to come to your home.

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, please take one.

WINTER/SPRING CATECHISM STUDY. There are sign up sheets at the entrances to church concerning our Winter/Spring Catechism Study. We'll be using a series called *Why Catholic-What We Believe*. This class will be in place of the traditional Scripture Study. We will try to begin during the week of February 1 if the books arrive on time. Any questions see Deacon Rich.

READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Transformed by Christ

Reading I: Acts 22: 3-16 (The voice of the Lord)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (Time is running out)

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-18 (Proclaim the Gospel to all)

Adults: Have I ever Felt like St. Paul, unworthy to be a messenger of the Gospel? What happened?

Children: How do I share with my friends my belief in the love of God for everyone?

SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY. Next Sunday, February 1, is Souperbowl Sunday. The St. Boniface FF classes are collecting Soup during this week of classes. Please send cans of soup with them or bring them to one of the weekend masses. A container will be available in the entrance of church.

NEW DRIVERS. Next weekend, Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, the St. Boniface YM will bless the New Drivers. All Sophomores are invited to receive a blessing and a gift for being a new driver. New drivers includes all sophomores who have received their driver's license and those who are presently in Driver's Ed.

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH. The Belleville Diocesan Youth Convention is being held at the Gateway Convention Center on the weekend of March 27-29. Come join area youth for a fun-filled weekend. This year's theme is "Rooted in Christ". Please contact Ev Kuhn as soon as possible. Deadline is February 20.

SMALL VICTORIES has a Mobile Crisis Van on the street in front of the abortion clinic in Granite City, staffed by volunteers and an ob/gyn nurse. The unit provides counseling, physical and medical help including ultra sounds. Several thousand babies were saved and 27 babies have been adopted because of this presence. Small Victories 15 year old van needs to be replaced and nay donations would be appreciated. Please mail donations to Small Victories, PO Box 143, Highland, IL 62249, or contact Mrs. Esther Koch, President, Clinton County Citizens for Life.

LECTOR TRAINING & RENEWAL SESSION, Jan. 26, 7-8:30PM at St. Damian Church, Damiansville. This is being offered for all who are presently readers/lectors at weekend masses, and for anyone who is interested in beginning this ministry. Call 248-5134 to register.

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.

COMO SE DICE. For anyone wishing to learn Spanish in a small, friendly group setting, please join us Wed., February 4, 11 and 18 from 7:30-8:30PM at St. Francis in Aviston in the former school building. Sessions will be for beginner and intermediate needs. Call 588-5087 or 248-5134 to register. There is no cost.

THE GOSPEL OF MARK – WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? THE IDENTITY OF JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK.

Speaker Tom Smith will continue to build on and help expand our understanding of Jesus as Messiah and Son of God in the Gospel of Mark. January 24: Jesus, Messiah; February 7: Jesus, Son of God; at St. Stephen Parish Center, Hwy. 157, Caseyville. Registration from 8:15AM to 9AM, presentation from 9AM to Noon. Cost is \$7.50 and includes continental breakfast. To register call 235-9601, ext. 110 or at worship@diobelle.org

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAMS MARDI GRAS BASH, featuring Catfish and the Big Boss Blues Band, Thursday, Feb. 5, 6:00-10:00PM at the Belle-Aire Bowl in Belleville. \$35/person, silent auction. Proceeds benefit Catholic Urban Programs.

GYA MEETING, January 25, 10AM in the rectory basement. Election of Officers!

BREAKFAST, Jan. 25, 8AM to Noon, Breese KC Hall. Sponsored by the Breese Squires.

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. **ALSO,** the Spassfest is in need of a president and a few stand chairpersons.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST, February 1, 7:30AM to 11:30AM, at the **Germantown American Legion**. Potatoes, ham, eggs, pancakes, sausage. **CHICKEN & PORK ROAST DINNER,** March 15, 11AM to 6PM.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES are on sale through Jan. 25. See your local girl scout to order cookies or call Perri Wesselmann (523-4562), Deb Beckmann (523-4305), Buffy Jansen(523-4116), or Sherri Diesen (523-4357). Each box is \$3.50

ADDITIONAL QUARTOSECENTENNAIL BOOKS are available for purchase at Germantown Trust & Savings.

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

UTILITY BILLS GETTING YOU DOWN? BCMW-Clinton County is still taking applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. See the flyer posted in back of church.

