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January 3, 2010
The Epiphany of the Lord

HOLY MASSES: Jan. 2/3

Sat. 4:00PM L/D William & Anna Leonard Family

Sun. 9:00AM Henry Schroeder

HOLY MASSES: January 4-10:

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. NO MASS

Wed. NO MASS

Thu. NO MASS

Fri. 7:45AM Agnes Eversgerd/Edward & Viola Korte

Sat. 4:00PM Rich & Anna Jean Timmermann 45th Wedding Anniv.

Alvin & Dolly Bach

Sun. 9:00AM Mary Eckmann

NEXT WEEKEND: Jan. 9/10

LECTOR

Sat. 4:00PM Joan Theising

Sun. 9:00AM Larry Spirek

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Gerry & Ann Kohnen, Michael & Phyllis Miller, Phyllis Beer

Hank & Marie Wesselmann, Rich Wuebbels, Joe Langhauser, Donna Schroeder

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. 4:00PM Timmermann Family

Sun. 9:00AM Eckmann Family

MASS SERVERS

Paetyn Albers, Alicia Diesen, Hannah Schroeder

Chandler Haake, Kenzie Schroeder, Hunter Schulte

ROSARY LEADERS

Sat. 4:00PM Joan Theising

Sun. 9:00AM Rita Nordhaus

USHERS

Paul Spihlmann, Regis Voss, Randy Wesselmann

Russ Voss, Rich Wuebbels, Travis Wuebbels

CANTORS

Mary Otrembiak

Choir

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Dave & Lisa Kniepmann

Sun. 9:00AM Leroy & Jean Diesen

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

Jan. 10 Jennifer Wempe & Kathy Oertel

Colin Santel, Quinton Huelsmann

Tue. Jan. 5: 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
6:30PM Novena & Rosary Devotions

Sat. Jan. 9: 3:00PM Confessions

Sun. Jan. 10: Eucharistic Prayer for Pro-Life and Vocations

SISTER PARISH COLLECTION will be held this weekend, January 2/3, 2010.

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING: Dec. 24/25: Christmas envelope: \$12725.00; Christmas loose: \$1270.00; candles: \$11.00; flowers: \$26.00; Sunday envelopes: \$895.00; TOTAL: \$14,927.00. Special Christmas Collection for Needy: \$2806.00. Dec. 26/27: Sunday Envelope: \$3,584.00; Loose: \$231.00; Candles: \$8.00; Christmas envelopes: \$1,240.00; Solemnity of Mary: \$102.00; TOTAL: 5,165.00. Needy: \$118.00. **Thank you** to Megan Langenhorst for her Candy Cane fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul. She raised a total of \$172.00 for our local St. Vincent de Paul. **Thank you** to Bartelso Knights of Columbus Council 4745 for their Christmas donation to our parish.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBER of our parish family, FLETCHER LANE KAMPWERTH, son of Ryan and Shannon (Winkeler) Kampwerth who will be baptized at the 9AM Mass on January 10

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR. This weekend, January 1-3, I will be doing the Masses at Wendelin and Stringtown. As you all know, Wendelin is my hometown parish. As you all know from your Illinois geography, Wendelin is just south of Newton, IL and just north of Olney, IL. The pastor of Wendelin, Fr. Dave Braun, continues to undergo chemo treatments at Effingham, IL for recurring cancer. Since Fr. Jack Frerker is here at Germantown through Jan. 3, Fr. Jack will be doing the Masses here this weekend, and I will be staying with my parents in Newton while doing the weekend Masses at Wendelin and Stringtown. Fr. Jack Frerker has been here off and on (mostly on) since mid-November. He now returns to Washington state this January 3rd. And on Monday, Jan. 4th, I will be leaving for a two-week vacation to Bonita Springs, Florida with a good priest friend, Fr. Carl Scherrer, from Columbia, IL. I will return late Monday, January 18. While I am gone Fr. Jim Dougherty, retired pastor of St. Mary's in Trenton will be doing the week-end Masses here at Germantown. On Fridays of January (Jan. 8 & 15), Fr. Lou Koehr will be doing all school Masses with the grade school kids. Otherwise there are no weekday Masses scheduled during these two weeks. It's my annual quest for palms for Palm Sunday. Stay healthy. And warm. And remember...starting January 1st and this weekend, we kneel. Finally, starting January of 2010, the new Parish Trustee for St. Boniface Church is Phyllis Beer. Phyllis will serve with Bob Beckmann as the two parish trustees. The usual length of term for trustee is 5 years. St. Boniface is indebted to Dennis Loepker, who has finished his term as trustee. Phyllis is the wife of Butch Beer, and mother of Sarah and Jordan.

CHURCH DECORATIONS will be taken down after the 9AM Mass on January 10. All help is greatly appreciated.

A THANK YOU NOTE was received from Carlyle Health Care for the donations from our parish, for them to be able to provide extra gifts to the residents during the holidays.

EPIPHANY

Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (Rise up in splendor)

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 (Coheirs of the promise)

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12 (Following the Star)

Adults: Does my pride and independence prevent me from accepting the gifts the God and others offer me?

Children: What are some good gifts that I receive in my life? Do I realize that such gifts are a sign of God's love for me?

YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING, Sunday, January 10 at 10AM in the rectory basement. Any high school students interested in attending the Diocesan Youth Convention on March 12-14 needs to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: MATER DEI: Jan. 4: school resumes, Senior Service projects begin (January 4-22); Jan. 11: Mothers & Friends Executive Meeting; Jan. 18 No school, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Band Parents Meeting, 7:30PM; Jan. 25: Fathers & Friends Meeting, 8PM. **CENTRAL:** Jan. 4: school resumes; Jan. 6: PAWS Meeting, 7:30PM; Jan. 18: No school, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Jan. 19: School Board Meeting, 7:30PM; Jan. 26: Freshman Information Night, 6:30-7:30PM.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT. Parents of 8th grade students are encouraged to attend the Parent Information Night on Thursday, January 7 from 7-9PM. At this event parents will receive general information and will earn more about the curriculum from department chairpersons. The Placement test will be administered to 8th grade students on January 9 from 8AM to Noon. Registration for the Class of 2014 will be February 20 from 8:30AM to 11AM. Incoming freshmen will sign up for classes and extra-curricular activities. Parents will be able to pick up scholarship forms at this time. For additional information on any of these events please contact Mater Dei.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY. The Lions Club of Breese will present a \$1,000 scholarship to a student from Mater Dei and a student from Central. Applications are available from the high school guidance counselors. The completed applications should be returned to the guidance offices no later than February 26, 2010.

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE. Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest of other diocesan personnel please call the hotline at 1-800-640-3044.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC. Join us on a pilgrimage to Washington DC as we gather with hundreds of thousands from throughout our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life. A bus will be traveling to DC from Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, departing Jan. 21 and returning Jan. 23. For more information and to register please contact Doug Luge at 618-476-9505 or jdlugge@wisperhome.com. Registration forms and info are also on the Diocese of Belleville website at www.RespectLife.catholicweb.com.

VOLUNTEER: WHEN TIME IS PRECIOUS. Imagine yourself visiting an ill 93 year old for companionship, calling a family care giver to see how their night went and ready to offer a couple hours of respite, taking them a meal or brining them a cup of coffee so they will take a break (and receive your support), mowing someone's lawn, running errands, visiting someone that has lost a loved one, enjoying singing or playing someone's favorite songs, using your sewing, craft or other creative skills, or providing office support? Contact Eric Williams at 1-800-362-2610 or eric.williams@vnatip.com to become a volunteer or with any questions.

FIND HELP FOR YOUR TROUBLED MARRIAGE through the next RETROUVAILLE Program that starts February 5-7, 2010 with a Weekend (Friday night thru Sunday), and has six follow-up sessions held over three months. You need not be Catholic to attend and we can work with people having financial difficulties. For confidential information call Chuck and Linda at 314-453-0110, or call 1-800-470-2230, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

UNINSURED? UNDER-INSURED? Worried about healthcare for your children and yourself? Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois is an enrollment agent for All Kids of Illinois. There are options for all income levels and even families with private insurance. We can answer any questions and help you through the application process. Contact Nancy Moore, Program Coordinator, 8601 W. Main Street, Suite 201, Belleville, 688-1177 or email at NancyM@cssil.org

ST. BONIFACE PARISH needs your future support. Would you consider including us in your will?

GERMANTOWN ATHLETIC BOOSTERERS CHICKEN, FRIES & SLAW DINNER, Sunday, January 3 from 4-7PM in the Germantown Legion Basement. Dine In or Carry Out. Free Delivery to Germantown residents, call 523-4828.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT, Sun., January 17 at 1:00PM, Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Pierron. Proceeds benefit fraternal activities. Sponsored by CFL Council # 90.

INDOOR GARAGE SALE, Jan. 14 from 1PM to 7PM and Jan. 15 from 8AM to Noon. KC Hall, Highland. Free admission. Sponsored by the KC Ladies Auxiliary.

BUNKO & DESSERT PARTY, Monday, January 18, St. Anthony Parish Center, Beckemeyer, beginning at 1PM. Benefits St. Anthony Cemetery Fund.

TRIVIA NIGHT TO END POLIO, Jan. 22 at 7PM at the Carlyle Knights of Columbus Hall. Teams permitted up to 10 players. \$10 entry fee per person. Cash prizes.

