

**ST. BONIFACE CHURCH**  
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January 4, 2009  
The Epiphany of the Lord

**HOLY MASSES: January 3-4:**

Sat. 4:00PM Florence Beckmann  
Sun. 9:00AM Lucille Karpel

**HOLY MASSES: January 5-11, 2009:**

Mon. NO MASS  
Tue. NO MASS Fri. 7:45AM Agnes Eversgerd/Louise Heidemann  
Wed. NO MASS Sat. 4:00PM In Thanksgiving RKH  
Thu. NO MASS Sun. 9:00AM L/D Rich & Pat Bagby Family/Mary Eckmann

**NEXT WEEKEND Jan. 10-11**

**LECTOR**

Sat. 4:00PM Diane Michels  
Sun. 9:00AM Carl Kuhl

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Walter Beer, Michael & Phyllis Miller, Barb Voss, Colette Hitpas  
Brian Kenow, James & Joanne Lampe, Joe & Mary Sue Langenhorst

**GIFTBEARERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Ushers  
Sun. 9:00AM Bagby Family

**MASS SERVERS**

Kristen Gebke, Brooke Kniepmann, Mary Jo Hollenkamp  
Derek Hemker, Morgan Albers, Hannah Schroeder

**ROSARY LEADERS**

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

**USHERS**

Regis Voss, Randy Wesselmann, Vince Albers  
Greg Cook, Larry Deerhake, Terry Deerhake

**GREETERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Lorinda Jansen & Helen Leonard  
Sun. 9:00AM Leroy & Jean Diesen

**CANTOR**

Ruth Deering  
Maurice Albers

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS**

Sun. Jan. 11, 9:00AM Marie & Randy Wesselmann, Anna Lampe & Alexis Tonnies

**Tue. Jan. 6:** 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
6:30PM Novena and Rosary Devotions  
7:00PM Choir practice.

**Sat. Jan. 10:** 3:00PM Confessions

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Dec. 24:** Christmas Envelope: \$8315; Loose: \$801; candles: \$2; TOTAL: \$9118. Christmas Flowers: \$12; Sister Parish: \$10; Immaculate Conception: \$17; Sunday: \$95; Jan. 1, 2009: \$20; Christmas Needy Collection: \$2124; **Dec. 25:** Christmas envelope: \$3815; Loose: \$165; candles: \$2; Sunday envelopes: \$43; Flowers: \$45. TOTAL: \$4070. Christmas Needy Collection: \$775. **Sunday, Dec. 28:** Envelopes: \$3908; Loose: \$245; Candles: \$32; Flowers: \$150; Christmas envelopes: \$845; TOTAL: \$5180. Christmas Needy: \$15. Thank You! **SISTER PARISH COLLECTION** will be taken up this weekend.

**THANK YOU** to the Bartelso Knights of Columbus Council # 4745 for their donation to our parish during this Christmas Season.

**CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAMS** wishes to thank everyone in the parish for your efforts in assisting the homeless by your contribution to Holy Angels Shelter.

**BCMW COMMUNITY SERVICES** would like to thank the parish for the generous donations of toys from the Toy Joy Program.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR.** You may have noticed a new podium stand where the song leaders now lead songs in the sanctuary. Butch Beer has made several of the same kind of podium stands doing his 'day' job at the Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Belleville. (The Pastoral Center is the former St. John's Children's Home in Belleville on Lebanon Avenue.) Once Butch said he would do this project, it was done in short order. The song leader podium stand is a really nice addition to the sanctuary furnishings. Last Sunday Fr. Jack Frerker flew back to Washington state. Fr. Jack had been back in our area since mid-October. Often he would be seen at the weekend Masses, and as an author would also be plugging his latest mystery books around southern Illinois. Fr. Jack is the older brother of Dick Frerker. This Sunday I will be leaving for a couple weeks vacation right after the 9AM Mass. Fr. Carl Scherrer and I will be going to Bonita Springs, Florida, which is just south of Ft. Myers Beach. I will be looking for palms until Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. (It always takes a few weeks to check all the palms to get the best ones. Can't take the first ones you find!) Fr. Lou Koehr will be at St. Boniface for the Sunday Masses on January 10/11<sup>th</sup> weekend, and Fr. Vince Haselhorst will have the Masses here on the January 17/18<sup>th</sup> weekend. The grade school will have all school Masses on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Koehr at both of the grade school Masses. I hope to come back a little browner than when I left doing mostly beach time and tennis time. Stay healthy

**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.

**MEMORY TREE.** There is a Memory Tree on the altar. Anyone can place an ornament on this tree in memory of any deceased loved one. This tree will remain up until Jan. 11. After January 11 you may take your ornament home with you.

**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.

#### READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (Nations shall walk by your light)

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

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12 (The visit of the Magi)

Adults: Where has the light of faith led me over the past year?

Children: When I look at the stars, what do I most appreciate about God?

**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.

**PARENTAL INFORMATION NIGHT** at Mater Dei High School on Wed., Jan. 7 from 7-9PM for parents of incoming freshmen. Parents will receive general school information and will be given more specific information on the curriculum from department chairpersons. For more info contact the school at 526--7216

**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.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD.** The Belleville Region of CSS is seeking nominations for the 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Do you have an extra hour to sit back and listen to a child read? Our K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students need you from 9-10AM one hour a month. If you can help make a difference in a young reader's life, please call the school office at 523-4253. Let the secretary know what day works best for you, and we will put you on our list. We hope to start our "Reading-Power Hour" in January. We truly appreciate your help.

**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 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.

**COMMUNITY LINK SUPER BOWL RAFFLE**, two game tickets, four nights at The Clarion in Florida and airfare for two. Winner drawn Jan. 6, tickets are \$10, only 1500 tickets sold. Get your ticket at Community Link, 1665 n. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Breese or call 526-8800.

**BLACK TIE & TALENT SHOW**, Sat., Jan. 10 at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8000 in scholarships to 8 college bound contestants. Tickets are \$40 each and include happy hour, 4 course meal, talent contest, late night entertainment. For tickets contact Jim Kues at 228-7008 or Craig Timmermann at 830-7737. Sponsored by the Aviston Sons of American Legion.

**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](http://www.clintoncountynow.org). The email address to submit info and events is [events@clintoncountynow.org](mailto:events@clintoncountynow.org). The site is built and maintained by volunteers, so please submit information for events no later than two weeks prior.

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

