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**October 5, 2008**

**Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**HOLY MASSES: October 4-5**

Sat. 4:00PM Andrew Weh/Herb Haake/Special Intention

Sun. 9:00AM Ken & Kenny Humphrey

**HOLY MASSES: October 6-12, 2008:**

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. 7:45AM Norbert Kalmer

Wed. 7:45AM Frank & Olivia Linnemann

Thu. NO MASS

Fri. 7:45AM Fr. John Venegoni

Sat. 4:00PM Corny Kniepmann/Louise Heidemann/Judy Athmer

Sun. 9:00AM L/D Norbert & Helen Beer Family/Raymond Boeckmann

Agnes Eversgerd

**NEXT WEEKEND (October 11-12):**

**LECTOR**

Sat. 4:00PM Dave Jansen

Sun. 9:00AM Randy Sauer

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Gerry & Ann Kohnen, Michael & Phyllis Miller, Lorinda Jansen

Brian Kenow, Deb & Paul Kohnen, James & Joanne Lampe

**GIFTBEARERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Kniepmann/Heidemann/Athmer Families

Sun. 9:00AM Beer/Boeckmann/Eversgerd Families

**MASS SERVERS**

Jacob Albers, Mary Jo Hollenkamp, Brandon Becker

Lexi Hemker, Mitchell Langenhorst, Kyler Scheer

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Joe & Lucille Pingsterhaus

Sun. 9:00AM Paul & Deb Kohnen

**USHERS**

Dennis & Jason Kuhl, Gerard Albers

Dave Kohnen, Tim Langenhorst, Denis Lakenburges

**GREETERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Joe & Mary Sue Langenhorst

Sun. 9:00AM Mary Haake, Mary Langenhorst

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS**

Oct. 12 Jeff & Lynn Timmermann

Drew Foppe, Jalen Albers

**Tue. Oct. 7:** 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

6:30PM Novena and Rosary Devotions

7:00PM Choir practice. New members welcome! The Choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on Oct. 12

**Sat. Oct. 11:** 3:00PM Confessions

**Sun. Oct. 12:** 10AM to Noon Eucharistic Prayer for Pro-Life and Vocations

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS:** Envelope: \$3003; Loose: \$226; candles: \$14; TOTAL: \$3243. Religious Retirement: \$580; Communications: \$2; Sister Parish: \$100; Mission Sunday: \$5; All Saint's Day: \$5 Thank You!

**WELCOME** to the newest member of our parish family MADELINE ROSE VENHAUS, daughter of Ryan Venhaus & Anna Beckmann who was baptized here at the 4PM Mass on September 27.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR:** This past Wednesday, Deacon Rich Bagby and I went to the Centralia Correctional Center – the prison – as we do every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. When we got to the petitions, Rich asked if anyone had special intentions/needs they wanted to pray for. Immediately, one grizzly fellow -from Chicago- said that we needed to pray for the Cubs – that they win the World Series. This led to a time out during petitions, as this led to a little discussion that there's another team from Chicago that's also in the play-offs from the American League. And it was noted that the fans of the White Sox are decked out in black (Sox team colors) and their fans look like a bunch of clerics all decked out in black. For whatever reason, a lot of the inmates at Centralia are from the Chicago area, and the passions run high this time of year as play-offs begin. As much as it pains my Cardinal soul, things being what they are this year, I'll be pulling for the Cubbies. They deserve something to cheer for – every hundred years or so. "Go Cubbies!!" Thanks for turning in all the Time and Talent sheets, volunteering and helping out at St. Boniface Church. Let's finish filling this out by next Sunday, so that we can begin collating what you have handed in. I will be gone from the parish Wednesday-Friday. No Mass on Thursday A.M.

**FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH.** (6th installment) In my final role as Minister of Charity and Justice, I seek to form my own life as a deacon in imitation of Christ as Servant. As a matter of fact, we are all called by our Baptism to be servants to others. It is the role of the Deacon to be both witness and guide for the people of God so that they may fulfill this call from Christ. As a deacon, I am expected to bring the poor and needy to the Church as well as to bring the Church to the poor and needy. Part of that role is presented through the administration of the Time & Talent Ministries, which we've begun to flesh out during this past year here at St. Boniface. With the help and dedication of all of us, we will continue to reach out to those around us near and far who have any need, which we can fulfill. Whether we greet the stranger, clothe and feed the needy, visit the sick and imprisoned, bring cheer to the downtrodden and neglected, or evangelize the unchurched and the alienated, we are answering Christ's call to be servants to the People of God. I urge you to join me in this service of charity and justice toward all.

**THE ST. BONIFACE FAITH FORMATION BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will investigate 1 Corinthians: *Living as Christians* during our Fall study series. We will be holding the Bible study sessions on Monday evenings, October 6, 20, 27 and November 3, 10, and 17 (6 sessions). The study sessions will meet in the rectory basement from 7 to 9PM.

**SOUP AND SONG.** There will be a "Soup and Song" dinner on Sunday, Oct. 12 from 11AM to 3PM at Schoendienst Park in Germantown to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Music is free. \$5 for all you can eat soup (bread, crackers, and

drinks). Children 12 and under eat free. Music will be provided by local musicians. Bring your lawn chair. The Food Pantry serves those in need in Albers, Aviston, Bartelso, Damiansville and Germantown.

### READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: The fruit of the Kingdom

Reading I: Isaiah 5: 1-7 (The vineyard of the Lord)

Reading II: Philippians 4: 6-9 (The peace of God)

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43 (The parable of the Tenants)

Adults: How might I have violated another person's freedom or dignity by the use of my authority or position?

Children: How is it that those who talk to solve problems can be stronger than those who fight to get their way?

**GUARDIAN ANGEL MASS**, Sunday, Oct. 5, 9AM Liturgy

**CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING**, Sunday, Oct. 5 after the 9M Liturgy

**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: Mater Dei:** Oct. 6: School Board Meeting, 7:30PM; Oct. 10-13: no school; Oct. 13: Mothers & Friends Mtg., 7:30PM; Oct. 15: College Fair, 7:30-8:30PM

**YOUTH 9-PIN NO TAP TOURNAMENT** at Bartelso Bowl, Oct. 19, starting at 2PM. Cost is \$12/person – teams of 6 or more. Prizes will be given for best individual scratch scores, best team scratch score, and attendance prizes. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

**ST. BONIFACE YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING**, Oct. 19 after the 9AM Liturgy in the rectory basement. Come and help plan Fall activities.

**PRO LIFE MAGNETIC RIBBONS.** After Masses on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> (Respect Life Sunday) Breese Knights of Columbus members will be offering the attractive Pro Life Magnetic Ribbons for a donation of \$5 with the proceeds to be directed to Pro-Life activities. Please help us promote respect for the sanctity of all human life.

**THE ANNUAL NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN 2008**, a National Hour of Prayer, a visual, prayerful public statement against abortion will be held in over 1,000 cities nationwide along major highways. In solidarity, Clinton County Life Chain will be observed at all exits along the new Rt. 50 on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 2-3PM. Lawn chairs and umbrellas are suggested for some. Posters and Prayer cards are available at the site. Your prayers, support and presence are welcomed, bring your family and friends.

**PRO LIFE BREAKFAST** will be held at St. George gym in New Baden on October 5 from 7:30AM to 12:00pm. The menu will include link sausage, pancakes, hash browns, eggs, biscuits & gravy, cooked apples, milk, juice, coffee. The price is \$7.50 for adults; \$3.50 for children ages 6-12. All profits go to Pro-Life programs.

**WORD OF LIFE.** Faith teaches us that we are God's creatures, made in his image and likeness, endowed with an inviolable dignity, and called to eternal life. Wherever man is diminished, the world around us is also diminished; it loses its ultimate meaning and strays from its goal. What emerges is a culture, not of life, but of death. How could this be considered "progress"? It is a backward step, a form of regression, which ultimately dries up the very sources of life for individuals and all of society. – Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, July 19, 2008

**HEALING & HOPE SERVICE**, Sunday, Oct. 5 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 611 West Broadway St., Sparta at 5:30PM. The church is celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Aparition of the Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes, France. This service is part of that celebration and is open to people of all faiths who suffer from physical, spiritual, or emotional afflictions. The guest homilist for the services will be Father Tom Singer, O.M.I. After the service, there will be a movie presentation of "Lourdes of the East" in the church's Fellowship Room. For more info call 618-443-2811.

**DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER**, Respecting Life at all stages and against all assaults. October 15, Mass at 8:10AM at Holy Trinity Church, 505 Fountains Pkwy, Fairview Heights. A Rosary Walk and Prayer Vigil will be held immediately following Mass at the abortion clinic in Granite City.

**FIRST STEP.** Do you have or know a fussy baby? All babies cry, but one in five babies is especially difficult to comfort and may have trouble feeding and sleeping. Caring for such a baby can be exhausting and frustrating. There's no quick fix, but there is help! The First Step Program of Community Link is proud to offer Fussy Baby services to provide support and information to parents who have concerns about their fussy baby during the first year of life. To access this free service or to receive more information, call 526-8830.

**HERITAGE DAY**, Oct. 5, St. Dominic Parish, Breese. Celebrating their 150 years from 11AM to 6PM with a Polka Mass, German Dinner, tractor, tool and antique displays. Outside tents with plenty of food, refreshments and kiddie games.

**BOY/CUB SCOUT ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE**, October 25th, have cans out by 10AM. Help recycle!

**GERMANTOWN BAND PIE SALES** begin Sept. 19 and will be taken through Oct. 6. They will be delivered by Nov. 15. If you would like to place an order, please call Kelli Hanna at 523-4812 or Jessica Novy at 523-4148 or contact one of the band students. Thank you!

**GERMANTOWN AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN & PORK ROAST DINNER**, Sunday, Oct. 26 from 11AM to 6PM. Homemade dressing, homemade desserts!

**QUILT BINGO**, Oct. 19, St. Augustine Parish Center, Breese. Bingo at 2PM, Fried Chicken lunch from 11AM to 1PM.

**NEED HELP** with gas & electric bills? Call the Clinton County BCMW at 594-4146 for information about Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. See the flier posted in the back of church for more info.

**CLINTON COUNTY SHOWCASE** proudly presents its first production since the Avon Theater renovations began, *Rehearsal for Murder*, Oct. 17-19 and 24-25 at 8PM with a 2PM Sunday matinee on Oct. 26. Doors open 1 hour before show times for guided tours of the completed and planned renovations. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors. Call 526-AVON.

**RESPECT LIFE**

**“THE GREATEST DESTROYER OF PEACE IN THE WORLD IS ABORTION, BECAUSE  
IT IS A WAR AGAINST THE CHILD.” --MOTHER TERESA**