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November 16, 2008

Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

HOLY MASSES: November 15-16

Sat. 4:00PM Herman & Christine Schniers/Eugene Schoendienst

Sun. 9:00AM Smiley Haake/Ralph Beckmann

HOLY MASSES: Nov. 17-23, 2008:

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. 7:45AM Eddie & Marie Calliott

Wed. 7:45AM Parish

Thu. 7:30AM Parish

Fri. 7:45AM George J. & Pearl Schilling/Robert J. & Ardelle Tebbe

Sat. 4:00PM Mary Ellen Wuebbels/Cornie Kniepmann

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

Marie Beer & Elaine (Beer) Thomas

NEXT WEEKEND (November 22-23):

LECTOR

Sat. 4:00PM Dave Jansen

Sun. 9:00AM Rich Timmermann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Jim & Jean Endres, Colette Hitpas, Jason Kuhl, Maggie Peters

James & Joanne Lampe, Joe & Mary Sue Langenhorst, Rob Otrembiak

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. 4:00PM Wuebbels/Kniepmann Families

Sun. 9:00AM Beer Families

MASS SERVERS

Becca Hemker, Brandon Becker, Morgan Toennies

Alyx Wilkins, Morgan Albers, Gabrielle Hoelscher

ROSARY LEADERS

Sat. 4:00PM Joe & Lucille Pingsterhaus

Sun. 9:00AM Frances Wuebbels & Ruth Albers

USHERS

Catherine, Glen & Wanita Gebke,

Paul Bruns, Greg Cook, Larry Deerhake

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Joe & Mary Sue Langenhorst

Sun. 9:00AM Greg & Norma Cook

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

Nov. 23 Jennifer Wempe, Kathy Oertel

Zac Beckmann, Jordan Lampe

Mon. Nov. 17 7:00PM Bible Study Class, rectory basement

Tue. Nov. 18: 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 Nov. 23

Sat. Nov. 22: 3:00PM Confessions

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Envelope: \$2,931; Loose: \$220; candles: \$24; TOTAL: \$3,175. All Saints: \$7; Sister Parish: \$100; Cemetery: \$482. Thank You!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Please donate prayerfully and generously to CCHD the weekend of Nov. 22/23 to help those in poverty help themselves.

WELCOME to the newest members of our parish family ALI CLARE BRUGGEMANN, daughter of John & Amy (Koopmann) Bruggemann who will be baptized at the 4PM Mass on Nov. 22 and PEYTON MARTHA GUTIERREZ, daughter of Victor & Casey (Thoele) Gutierrez who will be baptized on Nov. 23.

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH. St. Boniface Bible Study Group completes its study of *1st Letter to the Corinthians*. In Ch. 13 St. Paul tells us that of the 3 Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love—the greatest charism Christians can show is love. Just as in the two great commandments, St. Paul charges us to love God and to love one another as we love ourselves. Everything that we do as Christians must be based on the active gift of love. Also, special thanks to the **St. Boniface Time & Talent Ministry** contact people for their positive input at Thursday's gathering. We have so many parishioners sharing their gifts with our community, but we also have room for more involvement. If you have a talent that you'd like to share, get in contact with the designated contact person listed in our Time & Talent Ministry handbook.

THE CHOIR & CONGREGATION will sing 15 minutes before Mass on Thanksgiving. Please join us! **THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will practice with the adult choir after the 9AM Mass on Nov. 23

MINISTRY TRAINING. On November 19 at 7PM there will be renewal training for experienced Eucharistic Ministers in church. This invitation is being extended to all parishes in the Diocese who wish to participate.

COAT DRIVE. St. Mary's Altar Sodality here at St. Boniface is sponsoring a Coat Drive. We will be collecting NEW or GENTLY USED CLEAN COATS ONLY, size infant through adult. Coats will be donated to Catholic Social Services and will be given as Christmas gifts to needy families in Southern Illinois. Please drop off your coats in the back of church between November 15-30. For more information, please contact Jackie Boeckmann at 523-4436 or Melinda Knobloch at 523-4781.

ON THANKSGIVING DAY there will be a basket placed in back of church for any food (no glass containers), toiletries or paper products to be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

QUILT SOLICITORS have been busy contacting you in regards to quilts for next year's picnic. If you promised a monetary donation please make sure to get it dropped in the collection basket marked "Quilt Committee" soon.

THE ALTAR SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3 starting with dinner at 6:30PM in the Legion Basement. There will be a \$3 charge for dinner. An optional \$5 gift exchange will be held. Members are also encouraged to bring a gift for a child through age 5. No need to wrap. These gifts will be given to the Pregnancy Care Center in Belleville. Please call Judy Poettker at 523-8124 or Carol Robke at 523-8239 with your reservation by November 28. New members welcome. If you are unable to attend but would like a dinner delivered to your home, please call Judy or Carol.

NURSING HOME ITEMS. St. Mary's Altar Sodality will once again be collecting small items for the nursing homes in Breese, Aviston and Carlyle. Items suggested: pocket or travel tissues, rosaries, small packages of diabetic cookies, small candy bars or chocolates (no hard candy), pump containers of soap, white socks (men's and ladies), white undershirts-all sizes, gift certificates to fast food restaurants, Fred's, Dollar General. Please deposit items in the box marked "Nursing Home Collection" in back of church by December 14

MEMORY TREE. Starting the first weekend of Advent there will be a Memory Tree at the front entrance of church. Anyone can place an ornament on this tree in memory of any deceased loved one. This tree will remain up until January 11. Your ornament can be taken home any time after the 11th.

READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Gifted by God

Reading I: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (Value beyond pearls)

Reading II: 1 Thesalonians 5:1-6 (Children of the Light)

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30 (The parable of the Talents)

Adults: How am I sharing my faith, time and the gifts that God has entrusted to me with my family, friends and co-workers?

Children: How do I share my gifts with my friends and classmates in order to help them?

RITE OF ENROLLMENT & INTENT will take place today at the 9AM Liturgy. Both 7th and 8th Grade students along with their parents and sponsors will attend this Liturgy. Sponsors and Confirmands will gather in the school cafeteria immediately following.

ST. BONIFACE YOUTH MINISTRY will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, Nov. 23 in the rectory basement after the 9AM Mass. All High School youth and 8th Graders are invited. Plans are being made to participate in a SKI TRIP to Paoli Peaks on Feb. 7 & 8 with Sts. Bernard/Damien Youth Ministry. High School youth from St. Boniface who are interested must attend this Nov. 23 meeting to participate.

FIRST SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will take place on Sun., Nov. 23 at 3PM. Families, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

8TH GRADE PSR CLASS NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH A SERVICE PROJECT: if you have any old beaded costume jewelry or craft beads to donate, the 8th grade PSR class, along with Mrs. Karla Scheer's 2nd Grade Class, will put the beads to good use. These classes will be joining "Beads for Life" volunteers, who make bracelets, necklaces, and earrings to sell in order to raise money to buy mosquito nets to protect the people in Uganda from malaria-carrying mosquitoes. Rev. Christopher Michael Mujule, a native of Uganda, who serves the Belleville Diocese, has indirectly asked for our help. Please contact Mrs. Scheer (523-0076 or Ruth Eversgerd (523-4431 if you have any beads to donate, or simply drop them in the container at the church entrance. Thank you!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS. Mater Dei: Nov. 17: Band parents Meeting, 7:30PM; Nov. 24: Father & Friends meeting, 8PM; Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Mass, 9:40AM; Nov 27 & 28: No School. **Central:** Nov. 17 Board Meeting, 7:30PM; Nov. 27 & 28: No School.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Mater Dei students for attaining Honor Roll status: High Honors: Haley Albers, Lacey Albers, Kaley Boeckmann, Nick Boeckmann, Lauren Brauer, Heather Deering, Mackenzie Gerling, Jaime Haake, Alyssa Hitpas, Ashley Kohlen, Mary Kohlen, Andria Lampe, Haley Schroeder, Brooke Schulte, Nicole Strieker, Abby Winter, Melanie Young; Honors: Kristen Albers, Melanie Albers, Justin Arentsen, Brittany Becker, Connor Beckmann, Jordan Beer, Jared Deerhake, Brett Dierkes, Katy Fields, Adam Gebke, Catherine Gebke, Paige Heimann, Samantha Hollenkamp, Casey Huegen, Jason Kuhl, Amanda Peters, Josh Schulte, Nikole Wuebbels.

THE MATER DEI MOTHERS & FRIENDS is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in combination with its Christmas Dinner and would like to invite past officers, committee chairs, and all who gave their heart and soul as members. This is also the regular December meeting for all active members. The date is Monday, Dec. 8, beginning with Mass at 6:30PM in the Mater Dei chapel. A catered dinner will follow. Please RSVP to the Mater Dei main office, 526-7216 by Nov. 24.

SILENT NIGHT AUCTION, Sunday, Nov. 23 from 3-6PM at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Admission is \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door. Proceeds for this event will benefit the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate and the poor and needy people they serve. For more info or tickets please call 1-800-233-6264.

2008 ROUNDTABLE SERIES WITH AQUINAS INSTITUTE, Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 11:30AM to 1PM at the Conference Center at the Lady of the Snows Shrine. Theme: "Did It Really Snow in Bethlehem". We grew up with the Christmas story, but maybe it's time to take a new look at Christmas according to the New Testament. Cost is \$20, which includes lunch. Call 397-6700 to register.

NOVEMBER IS THE "NATIONAL MONTH OF ADOPTION." Beginning Nov. 13, through the end of the month, the Respect Life Office will host a virtual event with Denise Brown, the Catholic Social Services Director of Adoptions. At www.respectlife.catholicweb.com she will share information on the current face of adoption in the Diocese of Belleville, summarizing the process involved for families seeking to receive a child, pregnant mothers considering placing a baby, and foster children needing families. The Respect Life Blog will include personal stories from families on this journey; with an open invitation encouraging participation by anyone with an adoption experience to share. If you have a story that may be a blessing and/or an encouragement in the face of challenges, please consider sharing (participation can be anonymous). Visit the Blog periodically to read new stories and comments.

BOY/CUB SCOUT ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE, November 29th, have cans out by 10AM. Help recycle! **SCOUTING FOR FOOD BAGS** will be distributed on November 15 and will be picked up again from the end of your driveway on Nov. 22. All food and paper goods go to our local food pantry. Please be generous!

GERMANTOWN LIBRARY invites everyone to celebrate Family Reading Night with us on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7PM. It's a pajama party/bedtime story hour with Ardy the Clown. We'll have stories, games and snacks, plus plenty of new books to share. So bring a pillow, wear your pj's and enjoy some free, fun, family time at the library.

CHICKEN DINNER, Nov. 9, 11AM to 5PM at St. Felicitas Parish Hall, Beaver Prairie. Sponsored by Wheatfield Fire Dept.
CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER, Nov. 23, 11Am to 2PM, St. Mary Magdalen Church, Pickneyville.