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November 23, 2008
Christ the King

HOLY MASSES: November 22-23

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

Sun. 9:00AM L/D Norbert & Helen Beer Family/Marie Beer & Elaine (Beer) Thomas

HOLY MASSES: Nov. 24-30, 2008:

Mon. NO MASS

Fri. NO MASS

Tue. 7:45AM Robert J. Tebbe

Sat. 4:00PM Ernest Ades, Sr./Charlie Mueller

Wed. 7:45AM Florence Beckmann

Sun. 9:00AM L/D Leon Albers Family/Lucille Karpel

Thu. 9:00AM Diane Kohrman/Richard Jansen
Joe & Gertrude Kohrman

NEXT WEEKEND (November 29-30):

LECTOR

Thu. 9:00AM Ben Koch

Sat. 4:00PM Judy Kampwerth

Sun. 9:00AM Mary Lampe

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Mike & Jan Luitjohan, Hank & Marie Wesselmann, Rich Wuebbels

Joan Young, Karen Deerhake, Bernette Toennies, Joan Theising, Barb Voss

Marita Hilmes, Rita Nordhaus, Joe Langhauser, Albert Becker, Donna Schroeder

GIFTBEARERS

Thu. 9:00AM Kohrman/Jansen Families

Sat. 4:00PM Ades/Mueller Families

Sun. 9:00AM Albers/Karpel Families

MASS SERVERS

Emily Peters, Kyle Kohnen, Alicia Diesen

Jacob Albers, Hannah Albers, Kayla Mattson

Derek Hemker, Melissa Wolters, Nick Wolters

ROSARY LEADERS

Thu. 9:00AM no rosary

Sat. 4:00PM Vince & Ethel Albers

Sun. 9:00AM Al & Donna Schroeder

USHERS

Leroy Diesen, Jerome Eversgerd, Patrick Foppe

Dennis Kuhl, Jason Kuhl, Mike Tonnies

Mike & Marlene Fields, Jon Hoelscher

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Darlene Beer & Pat Bagby

Sun. 9:00AM Gene & Marita Hilmes

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

Nov. 30 no children's Liturgy

Tue. Nov. 25: 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 Thanksgiving

Sat. Nov. 29: 3:00PM Confessions

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Envelope: \$3059; Loose: \$246.51; candles: \$40; TOTAL: \$3345.51. Cemetery: \$150. 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR. Several events are happening in the parish this week. 18 children from St. Boniface Parish will celebrate their 1st Reconciliation this Sunday afternoon at 3PM. And Thursday is Thanksgiving. The Mass on Thursday is at 9AM, with the choir singing 5 minutes before the Mass begins. Any food item that you want blessed for your Thanksgiving dinners can be brought to church. No Mass is scheduled on the Friday after Thanksgiving. I will be home with my family, as we gather at my youngest sister's home in Bishop Creek, right outside Effingham.

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

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.

HOLY ANGELS SHELTER. There will be baskets in back of church beginning the weekend of Nov. 29/30 containing gift tags for items needed at the Holy Angels Shelter. Please take a tag and purchase the gift listed and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached to the back of church by Dec. 14. Holy Angels Shelter in East St. Louis takes in mothers and children who are in need.

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.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE is in need of appliances in good working condition and beds and mattresses. Schedule a pick-up by calling 618-875-3886, ext. 1. Your donation is appreciated.

THE BELLEVILLE COUNCIL OF ST. VDP has two soup buses that go out into the community to feed the hungry four nights a week. This wonderful ministry is in dire need of licensed CDL drivers. If you have a CDL license and could donate a couple of hours a month to help feed the poor, please call 618-875-3886, ext. 2. We also have other volunteer opportunities. Call for info.

READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Thy Kingdom Come

Reading I: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 5-17 (I will tend my sheep)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 (brought to life in Christ)

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46 (The Corporal Works of Mercy)

Adults: How well do I understand the connection between praying "Thy kingdom come" and acting "thy will be done" in a way that brings it about?

Children: How carefully do I think about what I am saying each day when I pray the Lord's Prayer?

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.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS. Mater Dei: Nov. 24: Father & Friends meeting, 8PM; Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Mass, 9:40AM; Nov 27 & 28: No School. **Central:** Nov. 27 & 28: No School. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following Central High School students for attaining Honor Roll status: Emily Albers, Cambria Beckmann, Blake Essington, Kyle Brauer, Jon Dierkes, Haleigh Albers, Kelly Holtmann, Kati Scheer, Olivia Albers, Jessica Hale, Katy Kniepmann, Chad Robke, Keaton Scheer, Jared Tebbe, Audrianna Cinotto, Kelsey Garrison, Ryan Schroeder, Cody Wood, Abbie Beer, Lance Endres, Kyle Kniepmann

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. The date is Mon., Dec. 8, with Mass at 6:30PM in the Mater Dei chapel. A dinner will follow. Please RSVP to the Mater Dei main office, 526-7216 by Nov. 24.

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.

GYA MEETING, Nov. 23 at 10AM in the rectory basement.

THE GERMANTOWN BOY SCOUTS would like to thank everyone for supporting them during their popcorn sales recently.

CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER, Nov. 23, 11Am to 2PM, St. Mary Magdalen Church, Pickneyville.

BREAKFAST, Nov. 30, 8AM to 11:30AM at Aviston American Legion, sponsored by the Aviston K of C.

BREAKFAST, Nov. 30, 8AM to 1PM, Breese K of C Hall. Sponsored by Breese Boy Scouts. Proceeds to benefit the construction of a Youth Building at the new Breese soccer park.

BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER! by the CC Showcase will be presented December 5 to 7 and 12 to 14 at the Avon Theater. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens.

JESUS & THE BURGLAR. A burglar broke into a house one night. He shone his flashlight around, looking for valuables, and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Jesus is watching you." He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his light off and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light on and began searching for loot again. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you." Freaked out, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came

to rest on a parrot. "Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot. "Yep," the parrot confessed, then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you." The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh?" "Who in the world are you?" "Moses," replied the bird. "Moses?" the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses?" "The kind of people that would name their Rottweiler Jesus."