

**ST. BONIFACE CHURCH**  
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**November 30, 2008**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**HOLY MASSES: November 29-30**

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

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

**HOLY MASSES: Dec. 1-7, 2008:**

Mon. NO MASS

Fri. 7:45AM Peace

Tue. 7:45AM Parish

Sat. 4:00PM Vince & Eleanor Wessling

Wed. 7:45AM Albin Husmann

Sun. 9:00AM L/D CHFS Members Council #43

Thu. 7:30AM Parish

Ralph Beckmann

**NEXT WEEKEND (December 6-7):**

**LECTOR**

Sat. 4:00PM Gerard Albers

Sun. 9:00AM Joanne Lampe

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Diane Gomez, Bernie Barth, Dave & Marilyn Jansen, Ben Koch

Greg Cook, Jane Molitor, GERALYN ALBERS, Pat Bagby, Jacinta Kohnen

**GIFTBEARERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Wessling Family

Sun. 9:00AM CHFS Members/Beckmann Family

**MASS SERVERS**

Kristen Gebke, Nick Hitpas, Matt Albers

Brenden Tonnies, Alexis Tonnies, Hannah Schroeder

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Dave & Marilyn Jansen

Sun. 9:00AM Deacon Rich & Pat Bagby

**USHERS**

Dave Kniepmann, Ken Brauer, Maurice Dierkes

Glen Holtmann, Matt Huelsmann, Dave Kohnen

**GREETERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Dave & Lisa Kniepmann

Sun. 9:00AM Marla Langenhorst & Mary Haake

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS**

Dec. 7 Jon & Karen Hoelscher

Drew Foppe, Jalen Albers

**CANTORS**

Sat. 4:00PM Mary Otrembiak

Sun. 9:00AM Choir singing

**Tue. Dec. 2:** 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 Dec. 7.

**Sat. Dec. 6:** 3:00PM Confessions

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS:** Envelope: \$2,655; Loose: \$180; candles: \$28; TOTAL: \$2863. CCHD: \$195; Sister Parish: \$10; Cemetery: \$45; Thanksgiving: \$145. Thank You! **SISTER PARISH** collection will be held next weekend. Please be generous.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR.** The Catholic Church has a process for adults who are not Catholic, to find out more about the Catholic Church. This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – or R.C.I.A. Ten parishes from Clinton County – Aviston, Bartelso, Beaver Prairie, Beckemeyer, the 2 Breese churches, Carlyle, Marydale, Germantown and St. Rose, have been meeting every Monday night at St. Anthony's in Beckemeyer since September. There are approximately 20 non-Catholic adults from these parishes who are thinking about joining the Catholic Church. After 3 months of initial inquiry, these candidates are now at the point of beginning to join themselves more closely to the Catholic Church. The ceremony that you see this Sunday at the 9AM Mass is called the Rite of Acceptance. Mandy Vannoy is presented by her sponsor, Brian Barth, to the St. Boniface Church community today. Mandy publicly declares her intention of inquiring into the Catholic Church, and St. Boniface accepts Mandy as a person intending to become one of her members. St. Boniface welcomes both Mandy and Brian today. Remember Fr. Pat Peter, the pastor of St. Dominic in Breese, and his family in your prayers. Fr. Pat's mother, Iris Peter, died Sat., Nov. 22. Funeral services were held this past Wednesday at St. Sebastian Parish, which is very close to Mt. Carmel, IL.

**COAT DRIVE.** St. Mary's Altar Sodality 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. **TODAY (NOV. 30) IS THE LAST DAY WE WILL ACCEPT COATS.**

**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.

**NURSING HOME ITEMS.** St. Mary's Altar Sodality will be collecting items for the nursing homes in Breese, Aviston and Carlyle. Items suggested: pocket travel tissues, rosaries, 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 this weekend there will be a Memory Tree at the entrance of church. Anyone can

place an ornament on this tree in memory of any deceased loved one. This tree will remain up until Jan. 11.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** St. Boniface parishioners who are living in area nursing homes. Cards, visits, or any kind of remembrances are especially appreciated in these pre-Christmas days. Here is a listing that I have. If there are any errors or omissions please call the rectory office.

**Caring First Nursing Home**  
1155 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
Breese, IL 62230 (526-2833)  
Raymond Holtmann, Frank Holtmann  
Annie Kruse

**Aviston Countryside Manor**  
450 W 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
Aviston, IL 62216 (228-7615)  
Leona Mueller, Marcella Ortmann, Dorothy Humphrey  
Sally Barth, Fr. James Jansen, Dolores Schulte,  
Irene Holtgrave, Dorothy Frerker

**The Villas at St. James**  
14335 Jamestown Rd.  
Breese, IL 62230 (526-0100)  
Josephine Husmann, Anna Spihlmann  
Laura Pingsterhaus, Delores Beckmann

**Breese Unlimited Living**  
617 N. Main  
Breese, IL 62230 (526-7446)  
Lu Gramann, Adele Albers

**Carlyle Healthcare**  
491 Clinton St.  
Carlyle, IL 62231  
(594-3112)  
Viola Korte

**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.

**THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE** will be held at St. Dominic Church in Breese, Monday, December 8 from 8:00PM to Midnight. A prayer service with hymns and a scriptural rosary will be held on the hours of 8, 9, 10, and 11PM followed by time for silent prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of each hour. Everyone is invited to come and pray with us for an end to abortion and a renewed respect for the sanctity of all human life.

#### READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Staying watchful

Reading I: Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 (We are the clay)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (God is faithful)

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37 (Be alert)

Adults: What does "wait wisely and watch vigilantly" mean for you?

Children: How can you best prepare for Christmas this year?

**CAROLING FOR GUATEMALA.** Jr. High will be Caroling for Guatemala on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 6-8PM. Please support this worthy cause.

**TOY JOY COLLECTION** for new or slightly used toys for BCMW Christmas Program will be held until Dec. 8. Boxes may be found in the entrance of church.

**YOUTH MINISTRY SKI TRIP** to Paoli Peaks on Feb. 7 & 8 with Sts. Bernard/Damien Youth Ministry. Contact Catherine Gebke, (523-4662) or Miranda Huelsmann (523-0071), or Ev Kuhn (224-7535) ASAP.

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PSR CLASS NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH A SERVICE PROJECT:** if you have any old beaded costume jewelry or craft beads to donate, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade PSR class, along with Mrs. Karla Scheer's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception Mass, 9:40AM; Mothers & Friends Meeting, 7:30PM;  
**Central:** Dec. 3: PAWS Meeting, 7:30PM; Dec. 14: PAWS Breakfast.

**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.

**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.

**THE GERMANTOWN SCOUTS** collected 2,582 items for the Food Pantry on Saturday, Nov. 22. Thank You from the Scouts!

**BOY SCOUT ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE,** Dec. 27. Have cans out by 10AM. Help us recycle!

**ASA DISCOUNT DINE CARDS** are available for 2009 at \$10 each. Please contact as ASA student or Julie Boeckmann at 526-0142 if you would like to have one.

