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**December 13, 2009**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**HOLY MASSES: Dec. 12-13**

Sat. 4:00PM JoAnn Kues / L/D Agnes & Hank Eversgerd Family

Sun. 9:00AM Frank Beckmann / Ollie Albers / Geri Haar & Barney & Mary Eversgerd

**HOLY MASSES: Dec.14-20, 2009:**

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. 7:45AM Ollie Albers

Wed.7:45AM Parish

Thu. 7:30AM Kyle Hemann

Fri. 7:45AM Jim Schwartz

Sat. 4:00PM Barney & Mary Eversgerd/Henry Schroeder/Alvin & Dolly Bach

Sun.9:00AM Raymond Boeckmann/Paul Beckmann/Corny Kniepmann/Kyle Hemann

**NEXT WEEKEND Dec. 19-20**

**LECTOR**

Sat. 4:00PM Amanda Peters

Sun. 9:00AM Deb Kohnen

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Karen Deerhake, Bernette Toennies, Joan Theising, Barb Voss, Diane Gomez

Rich Wuebbels, Rita Nordhaus, Joe Langhauser, Donna Schroeder, Greg Cook

**GIFTBEARERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Eversgerd/Schroeder/Bach Families

Sun.9:00AM Boeckmann/Beckmann/Kniepmann/Hemann Families

**MASS SERVERS**

Katie & Seth Haake, Jacob Albers

Joseph Heimann, Alyx Wilkins, Makenna Kuhl

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Barb Voss

Sun. 9:00AM Frances Wuebbels & Ruth Albers

**USHERS**

Regis Voss, Randy Wesselmann, Vince Albers

Glenn Holtmann, Matt Huelsmann, Dave Kohnen

**CANTORS**

Larry Spirek

Choir

**GREETERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Ruth Spihlmann & Wanita Gebke

Sun. 9:00AM Gene & Marita Hilmes

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS**

Dec. 20 Marie & Randy Wesselmann

Nick Hitpas, Dylan Brauer

**Sun. Dec. 13:** Eucharistic prayer for Pro-Life & Vocations: 10AM-10:30AM: last names A-E; 10:30-11AM: F-K; 11AM-11:30AM: L-R; 11:30- Noon: S-Z.

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

6:30PM Novena & Rosary Devotions

7:00PM Choir practice. The choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on Dec. 20

**Sat. Dec. 19:** 3:00PM Confessions

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING:** Sunday Envelope: \$3324; Loose: \$220; Candles: \$45; Christmas flowers: \$32; Total: \$3621. Immaculate Conception: \$162; Solemnity of Mary: \$7; Christmas: \$15; Collection for Needy: \$2; Sister Parish: \$837; Cemetery: \$60; Thanksgiving: \$87 THANK YOU!. Thank you to the Gerri Haar family for the memorial donation to the cemetery. Thank you to all who donated to the YM who were out Caroling for Guatemala. They collected a total of \$322.00 for our Sister Parish.

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY.** The annual Diocesan Christmas Collection for the Needy will be taken up at all the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All monies collected remain in our Belleville Diocese to help those in need during the coming year; funds are administered through Joe Hubbard and his staff at Catholic Urban Programs. At this special time of year when we reflect on our many blessings, please remember those among us who have so little. Envelopes for this collection are in with your regular set.

**WELCOME** to the newest members of our parish family, WYATT JAMES EVERSGERD, son of Luke Eversgerd and Jacqueline Hegger who will be baptized at the 4PM Mass on Sat., Dec. 19, and LOGAN NICHOLAS CRIBBS, son of Nicholas Cribbs and Holly Loepker who will be baptized on Sunday, Dec. 20 at the 9AM Mass.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR.** On Thursday I received this e-mail from the Belleville Diocesan Development Staff. Their work includes Joe Hubbard at Catholic Urban Programs in E. St. Louis and Sherry Miller at Daystar Community Program in Cairo. I know you have been very generous in responding to various appeals here the past few weeks. But I want you to be aware of what's happening TOO often to people and families in Southern Illinois. Dear Friends: As you can probably imagine, diocesan staff at Catholic Urban Programs/St. Vincent de Paul and Daystar Community Program are struggling to meet the needs of the hundreds of people who contact them daily for assistance with food, clothing and shelter. At the same time, with the current economy and high unemployment, both cash and in-kind donations to the agencies are decreasing. Families who donated to CUP or Daystar a year ago are now coming to them for help. Joe Hubbard at CUP and Sherry Miller at Daystar indicated that in all their years with the agencies, they have never seen as many people struggling as there are at present. Knowing that especially at this time of year so many individuals, organizations and groups are looking for ways to share with those in need the special joy and spirit of Christmas, we wanted to bring to your attention the needs of your brothers and sisters here in southern Illinois. A Christmas wish list follows below. During this Advent and Christmas season as well as throughout the year, let us always reflect on all God has given us and find ways to share our blessings with others. Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration of our request, we are truly grateful. **CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAMS & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, E. ST LOUIS CHRISTMAS WISH LIST:** **MEN'S:** gently used shoes (dress and tennis shoes); belts; jeans' suits' sport coats' dress and casual shirts. **VOLUNTEERS:** office work; sorting clothing; drivers for soup buses (B license w/air brakes); pick-up/delivery/errands. Hand-quilted quilts and handmade afghans for fundraising events; nice items to list on e-bay; costume jewelry; furniture and appliances in good, working condition; styrofoam soup bowls, 8oz. cups (styrofoam or paper), napkins; prepared food (leftovers from fundraisers, fish fries, dinners, etc.)-pickups available within the Belleville and E. St. Louis deaneries only. For additional information, contact: Gerry Hasenstab, 618-398-5616, or Pat Hogrebe, 618-799-8505. This past Monday, December 7, I spoke briefly during the evening Mass about some health

concerns of my 85-year-old dad. As the week progressed, so did dad. He's back to his old self. Just want you to know – and thanks to those who asked about him.

**FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH.** In our final installment of the Time & Talent Ministries here at St. Boniface we highlight the Hospitality Committee which seeks to welcome new parishioners. St. Vincent de Paul Society collects and distributes goods to our poor (Sue Kalmer, 523-4490) Right to Life activities are coordinated by Ruth Eversgerd (523-4431). St. Mary's Altar Sodality (Melinda Knobloch, 523-4781), St. Boniface Cemetery Committee (Bob Beckmann, 523-4774), and St. Boniface Maintenance Crew (Joe Langenhorst 523-4782) are a few other ways to get involved in parish life.

**2009 ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES:**

St. Mary	Carlyle	Dec. 13	3:00PM
St. Boniface	Germantown	Dec. 13	4:30PM
St. Rose	St. Rose	Dec. 15	7:00PM
St. Mary	Centralia	Dec. 15	7:00PM
St. Lawrence	Sandoval	Dec. 17	6:00PM
St. Cecilia	Bartelso	Dec. 17	7:00PM
St. Anthony, Augustine & Dominic at St. Augustine Church	Breese	Dec. 17	7:00PM
St. Francis	Aviston	Dec. 20	3:00PM
St. Mary	Trenton	Dec. 20	4:30PM

**HOLY ANGELS SHELTER.** Please remember to return your gifts for Holy Angels Shelter by today, Dec. 13 to the box at the church entrance. Remember to wrap your gift and attach the gift tag.

**MEMORY TREE.** During Advent there will be a Memory Tree in front of church by the Blessed Virgin's altar. Bring an ornament dedicated to the memory of a loved one to hang on the tree.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** will be put up in church on December 20 after the 9AM Mass. All help will be greatly appreciated.

**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> Street  
Breese, IL 62230 (526-2833)

Catherine Albers, Mildred Boeckmann  
Florence Jansen, Raymond Holtmann  
Josephine Husmann, Anna Kruse  
Art Wessling, Mary Newton, Grace Weier

**Aviston Countryside Manor**  
450 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Aviston, IL 62216 (228-7615)

Adele Albers, Leona Mueller, Marcella Ortmann  
Dorothy Humphrey, Dolores Schulte, Dorothy Frerker  
Anna Sphilmann

**The Villas at St. James**  
14335 Jamestown Road  
Breese, IL 62230 (526-0100)

Larry & Bernice Gebke  
Bernice Kniepmann

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

Marcella Ades  
Lucille Gramann

**Trenton Village**  
980 E. Broadway  
Trenton, IL 62293 (224-9465)

Leon Beckmann

Waiting with Hope

Reading I: Zephaniah 3:14-18a (The Lord will rejoice)

Reading II: Philippians 4:4-7 (The Lord is near)

Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18 (Filled with expectation)

Adults: When have I felt most alive in the presence of God?

Children: When are some times that I felt God was near me? Was I happy?

**TOY JOY.** Thank you to everyone who donated to the Toy Joy collection and for making someone's Christmas a little brighter!

**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: MATER DEI:** Dec. 13: Christmas Concert, 7:30PM; Dec. 14: Mothers & Friends Meeting; Dec. 21: Fathers & Friends Meeting. **CENTRAL:** Dec. 21: Board Meeting, 7:30PM.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY.** The Lions Club of Breese will present a \$1,000 scholarship to a student from Mater Dei and a student from Central. Applications are available from the high school guidance counselors. The completed applications should be returned to the guidance offices no later than February 26, 2010.

**NURSING HOME ITEMS.** The Altar Sodality will be collecting small items for the nursing homes in Breese, Aviston and Carlyle once again during the holiday season. 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 cards to fast food restaurants, Fred's or Dollar General. Please deposit items in the box marked "Nursing Home Collection" in back of church between Nov. 23 and Dec. 15.

**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WAY OF LIGHTS,** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, November 20 through January 3, from 5-10PM nightly. For more info pick up a brochures in back of church.

**NO TIME TO WRAP CHRISTMAS GIFTS?** No worry, let McKendrie Phi Beta Lambda Business Organization do the work for you. A Gift Wrapping Fundraiser will be held, Sat., Dec. 19, 8AM to 2PM, Breese Knights of Columbus Hall. All paper, bows, and tags provided. Cost of wrapping is a donation of your choice.

**GYA MEETING**, December 13, beginning at 10AM in the rectory basement. There are many subjects to discuss and wrap up for the year.

**BUNKO CHRISTMAS PARTY**, Dec. 14, St. Anthony Parish Center, Beckemeyer at 1:00PM. Benefits St. Anthony Cemetery Fund.