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December 14, 2008
Third Sunday of Advent

HOLY MASSES: December 13-14

Sat. 4:00PM Robert J. Tebbe/JoAnn Kues

Sun. 9:00AM Agnes Eversgerd/L/D Rich & Pat Bagby Family

HOLY MASSES: Dec. 15-21, 2008:

Mon. NO MASS

Fri. 7:45AM Dale & Ernie A. Ades

Tue. 7:45AM George & Pearl Schilling

Sat. 4:00PM Paul Beckmann/Corny Kniepmann

Wed. 7:45AM Special Intention RAH

L/D Leonard & Peters Families

Thu. 7:30AM Joe & Alvira Poettker

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

NEXT WEEKEND (December 20-21):

LECTOR

Sat. 4:00PM Dave Jansen

Sun. 9:00AM Brian Kenow

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Colette Hitpas, Catherine Gebke, Maggie Peters, Joan Young, Karen Deerhake

James & Joanne Lampe, Joe & Mary Sue Langenhorst, Dennis Loepker

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. 4:00PM Beckmann/Kniepmann/Leonard & Peters Families

Sun. 9:00AM Beer/Boeckmann Families

MASS SERVERS

Jacob Albers, Brandon Becker, Mary Jo Hollenkamp

Scheer
Kenzie Schroeder, Mitchell Langenhorst, Kyler

ROSARY LEADERS

Sat. 4:00PM Joe & Lucille Pingsterhaus

Sun. 9:00AM Christine Beckmann

USHERS

Maurice Spihlmann, Paul Spihlmann, Regis Voss

Tim Langenhorst, Joe & Mary Sue Langenhorst

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Dave Lampe, Sr. & Mary Langenhorst

Sun. 9:00AM Pat Bagby & Jan Schwierjohn

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPER

Dec. 21 Brian & Becky Kenow

Morgan Albers & Kendra Albers

CANTORS

Sat. 4:00PM Judy Kampwerth

Sun. 9:00AM Choir sings

Sun. Dec. 14: 10AM to Noon Eucharistic Prayer for Pro-Life & Vocations

Tue. Dec. 16: 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. 21.

Sat. Dec. 20: 3:00PM Confessions

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Envelope: \$3862; Loose: \$216; candles: \$10; TOTAL: \$4088. Immaculate Conception: \$83; Christmas Flowers: \$30; Sister Parish: \$1153; Caroling for Guatemala: \$386. Thank you to all who contributed to the Youth Ministry Carolers for Guatemala! **THANK YOU** to the family of Frank Holtmann for the memorial donations to the 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR. St. Boniface in Germantown has scheduled an Advent Penance service this Sunday at 4:30PM. Most parishes in Clinton County have scheduled Advent Penance services to prepare for Christmas. Check the schedule to see where and when you can make a good Advent confession. This is one good spiritual way to be prepared for Christmas. The 2008 St. Boniface picture directories are in. If your family or an individual had a picture taken or submitted a picture, then pick up ONE free book. They are available at the front entrance of church. Lifetouch has also provided a collage of all St. Boniface family pictures compiled together into the image of Jesus. See if you can find yourself and your family. The nice frame for the parish collage was made by the same fella who made the parish advent wreath – and wishes to remain anonymous. I say no more. Also, 2009 calendars are available at the front entrance of church. One per household, please.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

ST. MARY	CARLYLE	DEC. 14	3:00PM
ST. BONIFACE	GERMANTOWN	DEC. 14	4:30PM
ST. MARY	CENTRALIA	DEC. 16	7:00PM
ST. ROSE	ST. ROSE	DEC. 16	7:00PM
ST. ANTHONY, AUGUSTINE, & DOMINIC AT BECKEMEYER			7:00PM
ST. LAWRENCE	SANDOVAL	DEC. 18	7:00PM
ST. FRANCIS	AVISTON	DEC. 21	3:00PM
ST. MARY	TRENTON	DEC. 21	4:30PM

TODAY IS LAST DAY OF THE COLLECTION FOR 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**.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN CHURCH will be put up on December 21 after the 9AM Mass. Everyone is welcome to help carry decorations out of the rectory basement and put them up.

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY FOR THE HOLY ANGELS SHELTER GIFTS. 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 **December 14**. Holy Angels Shelter in East St. Louis takes in mothers and children who are in need.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY wants to thank Fr. Jim, the scout leaders and all the people of the parish who came through again this year with donations. The scouts and their leaders worked hard and put a lot into it. Without their help and the help of donations from other parishes we serve, we wouldn't be able to help those in need. Thanks to Judy Kampwerth and Mater Dei students for their donations, also.

MEMORY TREE. There is 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. After January 11 you may take your ornament home with you.

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. 1st St.
Breese, IL 62230 (526-2833)
Raymond Holtmann, Frank Holtmann
Annie Kruse, Catherine Albers

Aviston Countryside Manor
450 W 1st 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

READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Recognizing the Lord

Reading I: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11 (The Spirit is upon me)

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Pray without ceasing)

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28 (The One to come)

Adults: Where in my life can I identify habits and attitudes which twist and cover God's love? What concrete steps can I take to remove them?

Children: How can I more clearly show my love for God, my family, and my friends?

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED to the Youth Ministry Group who recently went Caroling for Guatemala.

THANK YOU ALSO to those who recently donated toys to the TOY JOY COLLECTION.

THE BREESE LIONS CLUB will present a \$1,000 scholarship to a student from Mater Dei and one \$1,000 scholarship to a student from Central. The student must be a graduating senior planning to attend a college, university or trade or business school; must be a resident of the Breese Lions area; the scholarship will be based on community service and academic performance. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors. The application must be returned to the guidance counselor no later than Feb. 20, 2009.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS. Mater Dei: Dec. 14: Christmas Concert, 7:30PM; Dec. 15: Band Parents Meeting, 7:30PM; Dec. 22: Fathers & Friends Meeting, 8:30PM. **Central:** Dec. 14: PAWS Breakfast; Dec. 15: Board Meeting, 7:30PM.

SENIOR RENEWAL & GRIEF MINISTRY. This time of year can be difficult. Overcast skies, cold temperatures, icy conditions and previous losses can make winter a challenge, physically, mentally and emotionally. St. Joseph Hospital in Breese offers a program called Senior Renewal, an outpatient service for adults (generally) 60 years and over dealing with issues such as depression, anxiety and "nerves." The goal is to restore a sense of well-being and quality of life and help participants return to the peak of their capabilities. Since opening in 2005, Senior Renewal has helped over 300 women and men deal with loneliness and isolation, grief and loss, change and feelings of anxiety and depression, among other concerns. Services are offered weekdays in the Senior Renewal area of the hospital HealthPlex and transportation can be arranged. Most commercial insurance, Medicare and many supplemental plans cover Senior Renewal; questions about payments can be directed to the hospital Business Office. You may know someone that could benefit from this program. Please call Sandy Radford at 526-5699 if we can help you or someone you know. **GRIEF SERVICES.** St. Joseph's in Breese also offers a Grief Ministry program with a monthly support group the third Tuesday of each month, an ecumenical memorial service about every six weeks and individual counseling either in person or by phone. There are no fees for these services or materials provided. If we can provide you or someone you know with more information please contact Pastoral Care at 526-5327.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Do you have an extra hour to sit back and listen to a child read? Our K-2nd Grade students need you from 9-10AM one hour a month. If you can help make a difference in a young reader's life, please call the school office at 523-4253. Let the secretary know what day works best for you, and we will put you on our list. We hope to start our "Reading-Power Hour" in January. We truly appreciate your help.

175TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKS. Books not picked up last weekend after Mass can now be picked up at the bank.

SANTA WILL BE AT THE LEGION on Friday, Dec. 19, arriving at 7:00PM.

GERMANTOWN LIBRARY NEWS. 3 seats are opening on the library board. If you are interested in running, applications must be filed by Jan. 26. To pick up the necessary papers or for more information please call the library at 523-4820. Congratulations to Camden Wempe, winner of our prize package at Family Reading Night.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS BUNKO & DESSERT PARTY, December 15, 1PM at St. Anthony Parish Center, Beckemeyer. \$5/person includes drinks and dessert. Benefits St.