

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH
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December 27, 2009
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

HOLY MASSES: Dec. 26-27

Sat. 4:00PM Jim & Marlene Toennies 45th Wedding Anniv./Vincent & Marcella Robke/Norb & Helen Beer & Derek Garrison
L/D Wilfred Huelsmann Family
Sun. 9:00AM Paul & Glen Deerhake/ Ray Albu & Ed Gramann/Lorena Rolfingsmeyer/Viola Korte

HOLY MASSES: Dec. 28-January 3, 2010, 2009:

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. 7:45AM Jim Geltz
Wed. 7:45AM Parish
Thu. 4:00PM Kyle Hemann
Fri. 9:00AM Peace
Sat. 4:00PM L/D William & Anna Leonard Family
Sun. 9:00AM Henry Schroeder

NEXT WEEKEND: Dec. 31, Jan. 1, 2, 3

LECTOR

Thu. 4:00PM Ben Koch
Fri. 9:00AM Maurice Eversgerd
Sat. 4:00PM Brenda Theising
Sun. 9:00AM Linda Haake

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Colette Hitpas, Joan Young, Karen Deerhake, Bernette Toennies, Joan Theising
Ruth Eversgerd, Brian Kenow, Paul & Deb Kohnen, Dennis Loepker
Barb Voss, Diane Gomez, Bernie Barth, Ben Koch, Jacinta Kohnen
James & Joanne Lampe, Mike & Jan Luitjohan, Rob Otrembiak

GIFTBEARERS

Thu. 4:00PM Hemann Family
Fri. 9:00AM Ushers
Sat. 4:00PM Leonard Family
Sun. 9:00AM Schroeder Family

MASS SERVERS

Mitchell Fruend, Claire Langenhorst, Rebecca Hemker
Austin Winter, Quinton Huelsmann, Lexi Hemker
Kristen Mattson, Hannah Albers, Seth Haake
Jazmyn Diesen, Malissa & Nick Wolters

ROSARY LEADERS

Thu. 4:00PM Verene Haake & Jeanette Beckmann
Fri. 9:00AM Lorraine Linnemann
Sat. 4:00PM Frances Wuebbels & Dolores Brauer
Sun. 9:00AM Donna Schroeder

USHERS

Tom Hitpas, Dave Kniepmann, Roger Kohrmann
Dennis Loepker, Mike Luitjohan, Donna Schroeder
Mike Korte, Jim Pingsterhaus, Maurice Spihlmann
Jeff & Kelly Schuchmann, Steve Theising

CANTORS

Ruth Deering
Julie Foppe

GREETERS

Thu. 4:00PM Dave & Lisa Kniepmann
Fri. 9:00AM Pat Bagby, Darlene Beer
Sat. 4:00PM Rosie Endres, Lorinda Jansen
Sun. 9:00AM Pat Bagby, Jamie Dumstorff

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

Jan. 3 Lynn Tonnie & Nancy Weems

Tue. Dec. 29: 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
6:30PM Novena & Rosary Devotions

Sat. Jan. 2: 3:00PM Confessions

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING: Sunday Envelope: \$2742; Loose: \$320; Candles: \$35; Christmas flowers: \$354; Total: \$3451.
Immaculate Conception: \$8; Christmas: \$525; Needy: \$15; Sister Parish: \$100; St.VdP: \$50.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR. Merry Christmas to all families and friends of St. Boniface Church. As we celebrate Christmas and the birth of the Christ Child, we celebrate the re-kindling of our faith. There is much in our lives and our world that is not good – the darkness. This Christmas season reminds us that light always overcomes the darkness. The love of God made visible in the birth of the Christ Child renews our hope and restores our faith. May your time with family and friends build up your hearts. Lots of helping hands made short work of church Christmas decorations this past Sunday. So many people, young and old, work well together. I've always noticed that people of Germantown work hard and play hard. Part of the German heritage. The Christmas banners are new. Not to mention beautiful. Thanks to all for your good wishes. Christmas candy and goodies, cards and gifts. It's a pleasure to be your pastor. Starting January 1st, we will institute one change in our liturgy. After singing the Lamb of God, we'll kneel. And if kneeling is not possible due to health considerations, then be seated at those times.

ST. BONIFACE NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE:

Dec. 31 4:00PM
Jan. 1, 2010 9:00AM

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 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. 1st Street
Aviston, IL 62216 (228-7615)
Adele Albers, Leona Mueller, Marcella Ortmann
Dorothy Humphrey, Dolores Schulte, Dorothy Frerker
Anna Sphilmann, Ray Beer

The Villas at St. James
14335 Jamestown Road
Breese, IL 62230 (526-0100)
Larry & Bernice Gebke
Bernice Kniepmann
Millie Holtmann, Laura Pingsterhaus
Dolores Beckmann

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

Family life in the Lord Reading I: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14 (Honoring your Father) Reading II: Colossians 3: 12-21 (Put on Love) Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52 (Finding Jesus in the temple) Adults: How can I show my love for Jesus to everyone I meet during this coming week? Children: What can I do for each member of my family to show them, in a special way, how much I love them?

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: MATER DEI: Dec. 23-Jan. 3: No School. **CENTRAL:** Dec. 23-Jan. 3: No School.

MATER DEI VOLLEYBALL REUNION. Coach Fred Rakers invites all former players, coaches, and fans to an MD volleyball reunion at the Aviston Legion on Dec. 26, at 7:30PM. The Aviston Legion will also be hosting the Hospitality Night for the Mater Dei Christmas Tournament on this night.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT. Parents of 8th grade students are encouraged to attend the Parent Information Night on Thursday, January 7 from 7-9PM. At this event parents will receive general information and will learn more about the curriculum from department chairpersons. The Placement test will be administered to 8th grade students on January 9 from 8AM to Noon. Registration for the Class of 2014 will be February 20 from 8:30AM to 11AM. Incoming freshmen will sign up for classes and extra-curricular activities. Parents will be able to pick up scholarship forms at this time. For additional information on any of these events please contact Mater Dei.

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC. Join us on a pilgrimage to Washington DC as we gather with hundreds of thousands from throughout our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life. A bus will be traveling to DC from Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, departing Jan. 21 and returning Jan. 23. For more information and to register please contact Doug Lugge at 618-476-9505 or jdlugge@wisperhome.com. Registration forms and info are also on the Diocese of Belleville website at www.RespectLife.catholicweb.com.

GERMANTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY invites you to come and see our Christmas display of Santa and holiday figures, some are moving and some lighted. The collection is on display courtesy of Jonella Bryan,

40TH 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.

GERMANTOWN ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CHICKEN, FRIES & SLAW DINNER, Sunday, January 3 from 4-7PM in the Germantown Legion Basement. Dine In or Carry Out. Free Delivery to Germantown residents, call 523-4828.