

**ST. BONIFACE CHURCH**  
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**December 7, 2008**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**HOLY MASSES: December 6-7**

Sat. 4:00PM Vince & Eleanor Wessling

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

**HOLY MASSES: Dec. 8-14, 2008:**

Mon. 7:45AM Louise Heidemann

Fri. 7:45AM Parish

Tue. 7:30AM Bertha Thuenemann

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

Wed. 7:30AM Florence Beckmann

Sun. 9:00AM Agnes Eversgerd

Thu. 7:30AM Parish

L/D Rich & Pat Bagby Family

**NEXT WEEKEND (December 13-14):**

**LECTOR**

Sat. 4:00PM Barb Voss

Sun. 9:00AM Randy Sauer

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Gerry & Ann Kohnen, Lorinda Jansen, Jim & Jean Endres

Linda Barth, Ruth Eversgerd, Brian Kenow, Deb & Paul Kohnen

**GIFTBEARERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Tebbe/Kues Families

Sun. 9:00AM Eversgerd/Bagby Families

**MASS SERVERS**

Emily Peters, Jordan Lampe, Brooke Kniepmann

Lexi Hemker, Travis Wuebbels, Anna Lampe

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sat. 4:00PM B. Leonard & J. Buenemeyer

Sun. 9:00AM Paul & Deb Kohnen

**USHERS**

Dave Kniepmann, Roger Kohrmann, Mike Korte

Miranda Huelsmann, Mike Huelsmann, Denis Lakenburgs

**GREETERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Maurice & Jenny Dierkes

Sun. 9:00AM Rich & Kathy Haake

**CANTORS**

Bob Beckmann

Perri Wesselmann

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPER**

Dec. 14 Jeff & Lynn Timmermann

Kyler Scheer, Mitchell Langenhorst

**Tue. Dec. 9:** 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. 13:** 3:00PM Confessions

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

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS:** Envelope: \$3032; Loose: \$224; candles: \$24; TOTAL: \$3280. CCHD: \$30; Cemetery: \$50; Thanksgiving (St. VdP): \$1748. Thank You!

**COAT DRIVE.** Thank you to everyone who donated coats for the recent Altar Sodality coat drive. A total of 76 coats were donated to Catholic Social Services.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR.** During Advent St. Boniface offers several ways to do for people less fortunate. The coat drive is over. Toy Joy is a possibility. Items for nursing homes is always appreciated. Christmas items for Holy Angels Shelter in E. St. Louis can be purchased by taking a tag from the baskets on the communion railing, wrapping them, putting the tag on the outside, and returning to church. Deacon Rich Bagby mentioned another idea to kids at their weekday Masses this past week. If you want to give a gift to someone who already has everything, why not make a donation in the name of that person to a helping organization, like St. Vincent de Paul of Catholic Urban Program (CUP). Just a thought. Last week at the Sunday 9AM Mass Mandy Vannoy took a step closer to joining the Catholic Church through the Rite of Acceptance. Also taking part in this Rite of Acceptance were 2 youth, Kevin & Ashley Haar. Kevin & Ashley are the 8<sup>th</sup> grade son and 7<sup>th</sup> grade daughter of Kevin, and the grandchildren of Jim & Gerry Haar. These two will be baptized during the Easter season. St. Boniface holds Mandy, Kevin, and Ashley in prayer as they continue the process of joining the Catholic Church. Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> is a holyday, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. There is one Mass that day, a grade school Mass at 7:45AM. The weekday Mass schedule is a little bit different this coming week only. Tuesday and Wednesday morning Masses will both start at 7:30AM. Since I'm doing confession with the grade schoolchildren, I need to start the morning Masses as soon as I can. So next week only, Tuesday-Thursday morning Masses are at 7:30AM.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:**

ST. DAMIAN	DAMIANSVILLE	DEC. 7	1:00PM
ST. CECILIA	BARTELSON	DEC. 11	7:00PM
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

**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, Catherine Albers

**Aviston Countryside Manor**  
450 W 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
Aviston, IL 62216 (228-7615)  
Leona Mueller, Marcella Ortman, 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

**CHFS COUNCIL # 43** invites everyone to the school cafeteria after the 9AM Mass today, (Dec. 7) for their annual Christmas Gathering. donuts, coffee and juice will be served. Attendance prizes. Everyone is welcome.

**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: Prepare the way of the Lord  
Reading I: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 (A voice cries out)  
Reading II: 2 Peter 3: 8-14 (New heavens and a new earth)  
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8 (Make straight the paths of the Lord)  
Adults: What habits have I formed that need adjustment in order to prepare for Christ's coming?  
Children: If Jesus were coming to my house, how would I get ready?

**CAROLING FOR GUATEMALA.** Jr. High will be Caroling for Guatemala today, 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.

**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.

**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.

**NEW YOUTH WEBSITE.** Looking for resources to assist your parish youth ministry. Seeking info on events for youth in the Diocese. Visit [www.diobelleoym.catholicweb.com](http://www.diobelleoym.catholicweb.com)

**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.

**QUILT OF THE MONTH WINNERS:** Nov.: Bruce Rolves, Indianapolis; Dec.: Aaron Hemann, G-town; Jan.: Jalen Albers, G-town

**175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOKS** should be arriving this week. They will be handed out after the weekend masses. Books not picked up by those who ordered them will be available at the bank. These **are not** the church directories, we have not received word on their arrival yet.

**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!