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February 1, 2009
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

HOLY MASSES: January 31-February 1:

Sat. 4:00PM Parish
Sun. 9:00AM Boy Scouts

HOLY MASSES: February 2 - 8, 2009:

Mon. NO MASS
Tue. 7:45AM Lydwine Brueggemann/Marie Briener Fri. 7:45AM Peace
Wed. 7:45AM Louise Heidemann Sat. 4:00PM Vince & Sue Rickhoff/Dolores Lohman
Thu. 7:30AM Parish Sun. 9:00AM Parish

NEXT WEEKEND Feb. 7-8

LECTOR

Sat. 4:00PM Brenda Theising
Sun. 9:00AM Maurice Eversgerd

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Judy Kampwerth, Barb Voss, Jason Kuhl, Colette Hitpas, Lorinda Jansen
Julie Foppe, Marita Hilmes, Brian Kenow, Paul & Deb Kohnen

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. 4:00PM Rickhoff/Lohman Families
Sun. 9:00AM Parish

MASS SERVERS

Kristen Gebke, Nick Hitpas, Matt Albers
Makenna Kuhl, Kyler Scheer, Alexis Tonnies

ROSARY LEADERS

Sat. 4:00PM Barb Voss
Sun. 9:00AM Walter & Martha Duing

USHERS

Norman Endres, Gervase Hemker, Tom Hitpas
Mike Huelsmann, Miranda Huelsmann, Denis Lakenburgess

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Greg & Norma Cook
Sun. 9:00AM Marla Langenhorst & Alice Jung

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

Sun. Feb. 8, 9:00AM Jeff & Lynn Timmermann
Kyler Scheer & Mitchell Langenhorst

CANTORS

Sat. 4:00PM Mary Otrembiak
Sun. 9:00AM Choir

Tue. Feb. 3: 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 Feb. 8.

Sat. Feb. 7: 3:00PM Confessions

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Envelopes: \$2545; loose: \$178; candles: \$31; TOTAL: \$2754.00. THANK YOU!
SISTER PARISH COLLECTION will be held this weekend, February 7/8.

PARISH SECRETARY OFFICE will be closed from February 8-15.

MESSENGER RENEWAL WEEKEND. Where can you find out what is happening in the Diocese of Belleville, a neighboring parish, across the state or nationally? The Messenger, your diocesan newspaper brings news of events important in your parish. Please stay connected through a subscription to the Messenger. Subscriptions are \$23. Envelopes are in with your regular sets.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR. This weekend there will be a blessing of throats at the end of all the weekend Masses. The feast of St. Blaise, the patron saint of all who are afflicted with throat diseases, is Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. We do the blessing of throats on this weekend, which is closest to Feb. 3rd. Communion ministers will help with the throat blessing. At the end of Mass, there will be NO closing hymn. Instead, those who wish to have throats blessed will come forward as we do for communion. Next weekend, Feb. 7-8, there will be a parish Anointing of the Sick after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Wednesday, Feb. 11, is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Lourdes, France continues to be a special place of healing to this day. Since the weekend of the 7th and the 8th is closest to Feb. 11th, the blessing with oil for the sick has been scheduled for those who want prayers for healing of body, soul, and spirit. For those participating in the anointing, sit by the middle aisle, no more than 2 per pew. That way I can easily reach you. If any person is not up to coming to church for anointing, call the parish office, and I'll make arrangements to come to your home. All the people of the parish that I visit monthly will be anointed as I come to your home this month. A note about baptisms: typically baptism (infant and adult) are not celebrated during Lent. Lent is a time to prepare for Easter and baptisms during the Easter season. If any family wishes to celebrate a Baptism, it must be scheduled before February 25th (Ash Wednesday).

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH. Pat and I will be on Deacon's Retreat this weekend. We'll keep you all in our prayers.
Catechism Study: On Mon., Feb. 2 at 7PM in the rectory basement the St. Boniface Adult Faith Formation Study Group will meet to begin our study of *Why Catholic? A Journey Through the Catechism*. The first book in the series is titled *The Profession of Faith-What We believe*. In Session 1 we will study our "Desire for God." I'm sure that many of the adults in the parish remember studying the old *Baltimore Chatechism* and memorizing answers to all the many questions. Our parish study attempts to look at reasons why we Catholics do and believe in the way that we do. Sign-up sheets are posted at all entrances to church. If you haven't received your participant's book from me yet, just come to class on Monday anyway and we'll have plenty of materials available.

WINTER/SPRING CATECHISM STUDY. There are sign up sheets at the entrances to church concerning our Winter/Spring Catechism Study. We'll be using a series called *Why Catholic-What We Believe*. This class will be in place of the traditional Scripture Study. We will try to begin during the week of February 1 if the books arrive on time. Any questions see Deacon Rich.

READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: The Holy One of God

Reading I: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 (I will raise up a Prophet)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35 (Free of Anxieties)

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28 (Teaching with authority)

Adults: In what ways have I experienced the presence of Jesus in my life, freeing me from the power of evil?

Children: Do I remember to pray to Jesus for help when I am tempted?

SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY. Today is Souperbowl Sunday. A container will be available in the entrance of church.

NEW DRIVERS. This weekend, Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, the St. Boniface YM will bless the New Drivers. All sophomores are invited to receive a blessing and a gift for being a new driver. New drivers include all sophomores who have received their driver's license and those who are presently in Driver's Ed.

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH. The Belleville Diocesan Youth Convention is being held at the Gateway Convention Center on the weekend of March 27-29. Come join area youth for a fun-filled weekend. This year's theme is "Rooted in Christ". Please contact Ev Kuhn as soon as possible. Deadline is February 20.

REGISTRATION FOR MATER DEI CLASS OF 2013 will take place on Saturday, February 28, from 8:30 to 11AM. For more information please contact Mater Dei High School at 526-7216.

QUEST. Attention Freshman & Sophomores: coming up February 8/9, there will be a Quest experience held at St. Dominic's in Breese. For more information/application contact your pastor, religion teacher, or youth minister.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Mater Dei & Central students who attained Honor Roll status: **Mater Dei:** Haley Albers, Kristen Albers, Lacey Albers, Melanie Albers, Justin Arentsen, Brent Becker, Connor Beckmann, Jordan Beer, Kaley Boeckmann, Nick Boeckmann, Lauren Brauer, Jared Deerhake, Heather Deering, Brett Dierkes, Austin Fields, Katie Fields, Catherine Gebke, Maria Gebke, Mackenzie Gerling, Jaime Haake, Paige Heimann, Alyssa Hitpas, Samantha Hollenkamp, Casey Huegen, Miranda Huelsmann, Ashley Kohlen, Mary KohlenAndria Lampe, Amanda Peters, Haley Schroeder, Brooke Schulte, Josh Schulte, Nicole Strieker, Abbey Winter, Nikole Wuebbels, Melanie Young. **Central:** Gayle Hemker, Ali Lakenburg, Kyle Novy, Emily Theising, Brittany Wolters, Emily Albers, Ariel Kuhl, Jared, Tebbe, Kyle Brauer, Haleigh Albers, Abbie Beer, Tracy Hemker, Kelly Holtmann, Kati Scheer, Jacob Brauer, Kolin Eversgerd, Samuel Hanna, Amy Nettles, Kelly Stukenberg, Olivia Albers, Cambria Beckmann, Scott Brandmeyer, Lydia Cortes, Blake Essington, Flynn Fauke, Jessica Hale, Kati Kniepmann, Megan Langenhorst, Keaton Scheer, Jon Dierkes, Cody Finan, Valerie Morgan, Jeana Brandmeyer, Lance Endres, Ashley Haake, Kyle Kniepmann.

SMALL VICTORIES has a Mobile Crisis Van on the street in front of the abortion clinic in Granite City, staffed by volunteers and an ob/gyn nurse. The unit provides counseling, physical and medical help including ultra sounds. Several thousand babies were saved and 27 babies have been adopted because of this presence. Small Victories 15 year old van needs to be replaced and nay donations would be appreciated. Please mail donations to Small Victories, PO Box 143, Highland, IL 62249, or contact Mrs. Esther Koch, President, Clinton County Citizens for Life.

DID YOU KNOW? Only 11 percent of Catholics, who want to trust what they give really goes to those in need, know that Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the US Catholic Community. CRS has workers on the ground in over 100 countries providing help to people of all races and creeds. 94% of each dollar is used for food, clean water, healthcare, farming assistance, education, and children at risk. For more info please visit www.crs.org.

FORGIVENESS: A PROCESS & A GRACE, will be presented at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 9AM to noon. Join us for a challenging and refreshing morning to explore the role of forgiveness in your own life. Cost: \$20. Call 394-6272 for more info or to register.

COMO SE DICE. For anyone wishing to learn Spanish in a small, friendly group setting, please join us Wed., February 4, 11 and 18 from 7:30-8:30PM at St. Francis in Aviston in the former school building. Sessions will be for beginner and intermediate needs. Call 588-5087 or 248-5134 to register. There is no cost.

CATHOLIC URBAN PROGRAMS MARDI GRAS BASH, featuring Catfish and the Big Boss Blues Band, Thursday, Feb. 5, 6:00-10:00PM at the Belle-Aire Bowl in Belleville. \$35/person, silent auction. Proceeds benefit Catholic Urban Programs.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST, February 1, 7:30AM to 11:30AM, at the **Germantown American Legion.** Potatoes, ham, eggs, pancakes, sausage. **CHICKEN & PORK ROAST DINNER,** March 15, 11AM to 6PM.

ADDITIONAL QUARTOSECENTENNAIL BOOKS are available for purchase at Germantown Trust & Savings.

FRIED CHICKEN & BAKED TURKEY DINNER, Feb. 1, 11AM to 6PM at the Breese American Legion.

QUILT/CASH BINGO, Feb. 1 at 1:30PM, Hecker Community Center. Fried Chicken & Pork Sausage Plates available from 10:30AM to 1PM.

GYA MEETING, February 22, 10AM to 11AM, rectory basement.

RUMMAGE SALE, St. Teresa Parish Hall, Marydale Road, Carlyle. Feb. 12, 13 & 14. Sponsored by the St. Teresa Faith Sodality.

UTILITY BILLS GETTING YOU DOWN? BCMW-Clinton County is still taking applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. See the flyer posted in back of church.