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February 22, 2009
Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

HOLY MASSES: February 21-22:

Sat. 4:00PM Thomas Jansen/Frances Pille/Louis Winter

Sun. 9:00AM Charlie Mueller/Melvin Wuebbels/Alois & Johanna Beer

HOLY MASSES: February 23-March 1, 2009:

Mon. NO MASS

Thu.7:00PM Special Intention WMD

Tue. 7:45AM Parish

Fri. 7:45AM Parish

Wed. 7:45AM Parish

Sat. 4:00PM Parish

7:00PM Fr. Jim Jansen

Sun. 9:00AM Clarence Weier

NEXT WEEKEND Feb. 28-March 1

LECTOR

Wed 7:00PM Carl Kuhl

Sat. 4:00PM Judy Kampwerth

Sun. 9:00AM Gary Wesselmann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Joan Theising, Jacinta Kohlen, Ashley Kohlen, Michael & Phyllis Miller

Bernette Toennies, Jason Kuhl, Colette Hitpas, Dave & Marilyn Jansen

Donna Schroeder, Hank & Marie Wesselmann, Rich Wuebbels, Geralyn Albers

GIFTBEARERS

Wed.7:00PM Jansen Family

Sat. 4:00PM Parish

Sun. 9:00AM Weier Family

MASS SERVERS

Ben Lampe, Alicia Diesen, Hannah Albers

Jacob Albers, Kyle Kohlen, Moragn Toennies

Alyx Wilkins, Hannah Schroeder, Gabrielle Hoelscher

ROSARY LEADERS

Wed.7:00PM Joan Theising

Sat. 4:00PM Verene Haake & Jeanette Beckmann

Sun. 9:00AM Hank & Marie Wesselmann

USHERS

Jim Pingsterhaus, Maurice Spihlmann, Paul Spihlmann

Regis Voss, Randy Wesselmann, Vince Albers

Amanda Peters, Pat Peters, Steve Theising

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Doug & Chris Huegen

Sun. 9:00AM Mary Haake, Bernice Deerhake

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

Sun. March 1, 9:00AM Marie & Randy Wesselmann

Anna Lampe, Alexis Tonnies

CANTORS

Sat. 4:00PM Mary Otrembiak

Sun. 9:00AM Bob Beckmann

Mon. Feb. 23: 7:00PM Catechism Class, rectory basement

Tue. Feb. 24: 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 March 8.

Sat. Feb. 28: 3:00PM Confessions

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Feb 1: envelopes: \$2869; Loose: \$197; Candles: \$86. TOTAL: \$3152. Sister Parish: \$5; Solemnity of Mary: \$5; Ash Wednesday: \$6; Messenger: \$805. **Feb. 8:** envelopes: \$3706; loose: \$158; candles: \$16; TOTAL: \$3880. Messenger: \$621; Sister Parish: \$1169; St. Vincent de Paul: \$35. **Feb. 15:** envelopes: \$2213; loose: \$228; candles: \$28. TOTAL: \$ 2469. Messenger: \$255; Sister Parish: \$120. Thank You!

WELCOME to the newest members of our parish family, ZOEY SOPHIA KUHL, daughter of Adam Kuhl & Morgan Wessel who will be baptized at the 4PM Mass this weekend and TYLER ANDREW RATERMANN, son of Chad & Jennifer (Mehochko) Ratermann who will be baptized on Sunday.

IN THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE, Catholics face many challenges. The strength of this Church is based on its belief in the power of the Spirit of Love, which has sustained it through trials and energized it for change. Stand in solidarity and make a difference to your Catholic brothers and sisters in Georgia, Ukraine, Estonia, Poland, Serbia, Latvia, Belarus and other distant places. Please be generous in the Ash Wednesday (Feb. 25) collection with your gifts to this unique and faithful part of the Church. Learn more at www.usccb.org/nationalcollections. Envelopes are in with your regular set.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR: Lent begins this Wednesday, Feb. 25, Ash Wednesday, with Masses at 7:45AM and 7:00PM. Mater Dei also has an Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:40AM. People are welcome at Mater Dei if that works better in your schedule. Several Lenten activities are offered at St. Boniface this year. There will be an evening Mass every Thursday, beginning Feb. 26, at 7:00PM, followed by Stations of the Cross. This is every Thursday of Lent, except March 19, when a wedding rehearsal is scheduled that Thursday night. During Lent, no Thursday morning Masses. The one exception will be a Thursday morning Lenten Mass on March 19, to accommodate the wedding rehearsal that night. Grade school Stations of the Cross are every Monday of Lent at 7:45AM, starting Monday, March 9. There's no school on Monday, March 2, (Kasimir Pulaski Day) so no children's stations. Rice Bowls are available for any one who chooses to use this as an individual or family Lenten activity. Daily Lenten exercises are available called The Little Black Book. Cost is \$1.00 per book. The honor system applies here. As you pick up a book, deposit a dollar in the box. During Lent we pray especially for those who are preparing to join the church at the Easter Vigil. Catechumens (never Baptized) and candidates (baptized in another Christian church) from the eastern part of Clinton County have been meeting every Monday night at St. Anthony's in Beckemeyer. St. Boniface offers special prayers for catechumens Kevin & Ashley Haar, and candidate Mandy Vannoy as they continue their preparation during Lent to join the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

THE DEACON'S BENCH. This week the Adult Faith Formation class's topic is The Trinity in the Catechism. The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith...It is the mystery of God...It is the mystery of love-a dynamic eternal love-the three Persons of the Trinity fulfilling God's "plan of His loving goodness" of creation, redemption, and sanctification. (Catechism of the Catholic Church- 234-235). **REMINDER:** there will be no Adult Faith Formation Class on Monday, March 2.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: Each year the Lord Jesus calls the entire Church to a special season of penance and renewal. As we begin this holy time of Lent, we should reflect on our need for conversion of heart, prayer, charitable works and penance. The season of Lent extends this year from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25 to the Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 9. Everyone age 14 of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. Everyone 18 of age and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these 2 days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to ones needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.

READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: The forgiveness of sins

Reading I: Isaiah 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 (something new)

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 1: 18-22 (their yes is in Him)

Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12 (the authority to forgive)

Adults: What might I do to carry a friend or family member closer to Christ?

Children: How do my actions of love show God's love to others?

OPERATION RICE BOWL. St. Boniface will once again participate in Operation Rice Bowl during Lent. Packets were sent home with the Faith Formation classes. Literature and bowls may also be found in the entrance of church.

TO ALL FAMILIES OF ST. BONIFACE FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM – A Parent Newsletter was sent home on Thursday along with Operation Rice Bowl Material. The newsletter lists many Lenten ideas and practices for your family. If you did not receive it or misplaced it you can go to the Parish web site (see above) and click on Parent Letters.

YOUTH MINISTRY KRISPY KREME SALE is planned for Sunday, March 8 before and after the 9AM Mass. Pre-orders may be made by calling Ashley Kohnen at 523-4507.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING at St. Mary Church, Carlyle, March 19, 7-9PM for new and renewal. Also Lector Training, new and renewal at St. Mary's, Carlyle, March 26 from 7-9PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. No advance reservation needed.

ST. BONIFACE CEMETERY CLEAN-UP. St. Boniface Cemetery will have a clean up from March 23 to April 1. Everything that is not permanently attached to the tombstone (such as flowers, hooks, etc.) will be removed from the monuments. If there is anything you wish to keep, please remove before March 23. Flowers can be replaced anytime after April 1, in time for Easter.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER – CELEBRATION OF LIFE, 26th Annual Dinner/Auction, Saturday, March 14. Doors open at 5PM, dinner served at 6:30PM, McCormick Center, 301 South First St. Belleville. Adults: \$15, children age 4-9: \$7.50, age 3 and under: free. For reservations please contact Celeste at 233-2273 or Gloria at 235-6797.

CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST, Saturday, March 14 at K of C Hall in Collinsville. Begin with Mass at 8AM at SS Peter & Paul Church, 207 Vandalia St., Collinsville, a hearty breakfast at 9:15AM, and guest speaker Hector Molina at 9:45AM. Master of Ceremonies is Zip Rzeppa. Cost is \$15 per person. Please contact Jim Wolters at 345-5602; John Brennan at 345-1623 or Dave Gries at 344-3259 to register.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION, March 1, in the school cafeteria from 8AM to 12PM. Children currently in grades 1-8. Registration will ONLY be held on March 1. If you are unable to attend on the scheduled date, contact Kelly Eversgerd at 523-8179 PRIOR to this date. Please make sure your child is present for registration. There will be a late fee (\$50 per family) for anyone who registers after March 1.

GERMANTOWN AMERICAN LEGION POST 325 is accepting lawn cutting bids. For more info and an application call Marvin Molitor at 523-4748.

THE GERMANTOWN PARK BOARD has sent out raffle tickets for its annual Cardinal raffle. If you did not receive any, or would like more contact Scott Kohrmann at 523-4502 or Jeff Timmermann at 523-7789. The Park Board will also have tickets available after the weekend Mass on March 7-8 and any sold or unsold tickets can be turned in at that time.

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

WURSTMART, Feb. 22, 11AM to 5PM at Beckemeyer American Legion. Sponsored by Beckemeyer Post 1227.

GERMANTOWN LEGION FISH FRY, Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent, from 4:30PM to 7PM, American Legion basement. Dine-in or carry out. To benefit Youth Activities.

BREESE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY, Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent from 4-7PM at the Breese K of C Hall. Dine-in or carry-out. Bingo begins at 7:30PM every Friday except Good Friday.

GERMANTOWN BLOOD DRIVE, February 24, 2-7PM at the Germantown Legion.

CHICKEN & PORK ROAST DINNER, March 15, 11AM to 6PM, Germantown American Legion. Homemade dressing, homemade desserts! Sponsored by Germantown American Legion.

CHICKEN DINNER, March 1, 11AM to 6PM, Breese American Legion. Sponsored by Breese Lions.

QUILT BINGO, March 1, 1PM, St. Libory American Legion, sponsored by St. Liborius Parish. Sandwiches and desserts available beginning at 11AM.

WURSTMARKT, March 7, 3-8PM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall, Posen, IL. Pork Sausage, Roast Beef, Liver Sausage. Sponsored by Holy Name Society. Mass at 6PM

QUILT & CASH SOCIAL, March 8, 1:30PM, doors open at noon. K of C Hall, 312 N. Gordon St., Pickneyville.