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**March 14, 2010**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**HOLY MASSES: March 13-14**

Sat. 4:00PM Ollie Albers/Fr. Jim Jansen/Dave Jansen

Sun. 9:00AM Barney & Mary Eversgerd/JoAnn Kues/Pete Kniepmann

**HOLY MASSES: March 15-21**

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. 7:45AM Parish

Wed. 7:45AM JoAnn Kues & Denver Dempsey

Thu. **7:30AM** Deceased Priests of the Diocese

Fri. 7:45AM Parish

Sat. 1:00PM Heather Ribbing & Brad Koerkenmeier Wedding

Sat. 4:00PM Alvin & Dolly Bach/Agnes Hermeling/Tony Sterkis

Sun. 9:00AM Geri Haar/ L/D Fred Weier Family / Melvin Wuebbels

**NEXT WEEKEND: March 20-21**

**LECTOR**

Sat. 4:00PM Amanda Peters

Sun. 9:00AM Larry Spirek

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Bernie Barth, Colette Hitpas, Lorinda Jansen, Gerald & Ann Kohnen

Hank & Marie Wesselmann, Rich Wuebbels, Donna Schroeder, Chris Kreke

**GIFTBEARERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Bach/Hermeling/Sterkis Families

Sun. 9:00AM Haar/Weier/Wuebbels Families

**MASS SERVERS**

Keely Voss, Kristen Mattson, Derek Hemker

Jake Timmermann, Joseph Heimann, Claire Langenhorst

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Rita Nordhaus

Sun 9:00AM Virginia Buenemeyer, Bernette Leonard

**USHERS**

Gervase Hemker, Tom Hitpas, Dave Kniepmann

Amanda Peters, Pat Peters, Steve Theising

**CANTORS**

Ruth Deering

Julie Foppe

**GREETERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Maurice & Jenny Dierkes

Sun. 9:00AM Wanita Gebke, Marilyn Haake

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS**

March 21: Jon & Karen Hoelscher

Christine Rickhoff, Bridgette Novy

**Sun. March 14:** 10:00AM to Noon Eucharistic Prayer for Pro-Life & Vocations; 10-10:30AM: last names A-E; 10:30-11AM: F-K; 11-11:30AM: L-R; 11:30-Noon: S-Z.

**Mon. March 15:** 7:00PM Adult Faith Formation Lenten Bible Study, rectory basement.

**Tue. March 16:** 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

6:30PM Novena & Rosary Devotions

7:00PM Choir Practice; the choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on March 28

**Thu. March 18:** 7:30AM Mass

**Sat. March 20:** 3:00PM Confessions

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING:** Envelopes: \$4556; Loose: \$350; Candles: \$18; TOTAL: \$4924. Ash Wednesday: \$3; Messenger: \$92; Catholic Relief Services: \$2; Palm Sunday: \$505; Easter flowers: \$15; Sister Parish: \$1001.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION.** Today, we take up the CRS Collection. Give hope to the community that has lost its livelihood to crop disease. Give hope to the refugee child, separated from her mother. Give hope to the immigrant trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land. Catholic Relief Services helps to fund these programs. Envelopes are in with your regular set.

**CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL.** Next weekend every parish in the diocese will be participating in the Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. This collection supports the ministries and agencies in our diocese whose scope of service could not be duplicated by an individual parish. You can make your pledge at Mass next weekend. No gift is too great or too small. If you do not receive a pledge card in the mail, please use one of the envelopes on the railing in back of church.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR.** For several weeks now, penance services for area churches have been listed in the bulletin. This Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, St. Boniface will host a penance service at 4:30PM. St. Mary's in Carlyle will have a penance service at 3:00PM this Sunday. Five priest confessors will be available at both penance services. As you look over the available confession times, use these opportunities to make a good Lenten confession. The bishops of Illinois are asking all Illinois citizens to contact our Illinois legislators about a proposed "Reproductive Health and Access Act" which would require all citizens to fund abortions with public money. To find out the identity and contact information of your state representative in Springfield, go to Legislator Lookup at [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov) or call the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 1-312-368-1066. A letter further explaining this is available on the railing in back of church.

**FUTURE ST. BONIFACE DATES:** First Holy Communion: Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM; Confirmation: Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at St. Mary's in Carlyle.

**FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH.** During the season of Lent our Scripture Study group is studying the journey of faith in Abraham and Sarah in the Book of Genesis. As an addition to the Scripture Study, we are dedicating each week to "adding something extra" to our Lenten journey and we ask you to join us. For Week 1, we are making a special effort to read daily from the Bible and to share our reading with somebody else, maybe a family member or a neighbor. For Week 2, we are offering a Gift of Food—canned or dry goods, to St. Vincent de Paul Society. For Week 3, we are offering a Gift of Money—a donation to a favorite charity, perhaps Catholic Urban Programs, Cosgrove's Kitchen, Catholic Relief Services for Haiti, or again St.VdPS. For Week 4, we are offering a Gift of Self—dedicating an hour of dedicated service to others, perhaps visiting a shut-in, someone who is hospitalized, or a patient in a nursing home. For Week 5 we are offering a Gift of Prayer—one hour of dedicated time in prayer by visiting church, praying the rosary, attending Thursday evening Mass and Stations of the Cross, or family prayer time. Finally Week 6, we are offering a Gift of Testimony—a time to share your faith story with someone else, maybe by inviting a friend, neighbor, or family member to come along to church with you, especially during the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Even if you can't join us for Scripture Class, think about joining in the effort to spread the Good News about Christ!

**ALTAR SODALITY MEETING,** Wednesday, March 24, 7PM, Rectory Basement. We hope to see some new faces!!

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:**

Sunday, March 14	1:00PM	St. Damian, Damiansville
Sunday, March 14	3:00PM	St. Mary, Carlyle
Sunday, March 14	4:30PM	St. Boniface, Germantown
Tuesday, March 16	7:00PM	St. Cecilia, Bartelso
Wednesday, March 17	6:45PM	St. Lawrence, Sandoval
Thursday, March 18	7:00PM	St. Dominic, Breese
Sunday, March 21	3:00PM	St. Francis, Aviston
Sunday, March 21	4:30PM	St. Mary, Trenton
Tuesday, March 23	7:00PM	St. Mary, Centralia

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**

April 1	Holy Thursday Mass	7:00PM
April 2	Stations of the Cross at Cemetery	1:00PM (weather permitting)
April 2	Good Friday Services	7:00PM
April 3	Holy Saturday Mass	7:00PM (no 4:00PM Mass)
April 4	Easter Sunday Mass	9:00AM

**ST. BONIFACE CEMETERY CLEAN-UP.** St. Boniface Cemetery will have its annual clean-up from March 15-22. 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 15. Flowers can be replaced after March 22. Please pass the word.

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Repent

Reading I: Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12 (The yield of Canaan)

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 (Ambassadors for Christ)

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 (The Prodigal Son)

Adults: Am I envious of anyone? Do I believe that my own blessings are not enough?

Children: What person makes my life joyful and good? Have I thanked God for that person?

**YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING,** Sunday, March 21 at 10:00AM in the rectory basement.

**YOUTH MINISTRY EASTER EGG SALE:** Call Jackie Sprehe no later March 28 at 523-8293. Cost \$2.00/dozen. Eggs will be delivered to Germantown residents.

**ST. BONIFACE FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** will be collecting household items for St. Vincent de Paul Food pantry the next two weeks, March 8-19. Items being collected by the classes are: Kindergarten: paper towels; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: bar soap; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shampoo; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Deodorant; 4<sup>th</sup>: dishwashing soap; 5<sup>th</sup>: kleenex; 6<sup>th</sup>: toilet paper; 7<sup>th</sup>: paper napkins; 8<sup>th</sup>: cleaning supplies.

**SHARE YOUR SOLES.** St. Boniface High School Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Lenten Shoe Drive. Please drop off any new or gently used men's, women's or children's shoes paired by rubber bands or tied by the laces in the bins in the back of church. Youth Ministry is also collecting Aluminum Tabs, which can be deposited in back of church or at school.

**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR.** Mater Dei Catholic High School presents Jesus Christ Superstar, March 26 & 27 at 7PM, with a matinee performance March 28 at 2PM. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Please call 526-0460 or 526-7216 for advance group ticket sales.

**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: MATER DEI:** March 15: Band parents Meeting, 7:30PM; March 17: Reconciliation Services at 9:15AM & 1:15PM. **CENTRAL:** March 15: Board Meeting, 7:30PM; Open House: 6:00PM to 8:00PM.

**THE GLORY OF THE CROSS,** A Display of Crosses and Crucifixes From Around the World. Do you have a cross that someone gave you, that is special and has an interesting story? Did you get a cross while you were on vacation and it is unusual? Perhaps a cross that has been passed through the generations and now it's yours. We are looking for people who would share their cross or crucifix with us. We will display the crosses/crucifixes in the South Nave of the Cathedral on Sat., March 27, 3-7PM; Sun., March 28, all day until 7PM; Tuesday, March 30, 10AM until after the Chrism Mass at 3PM. If you are willing to share your cross/crucifix with us, please box and label it and bring to the Cathedral rectory anytime between now and Wednesday, March 24 at 3PM. If there are any questions, please contact Shirley Deitz at 235-1003 or 334-0314; Debbie Cavese at 1-757-303-3767 or Karen Siddall at 235-0098.

**WE WERE THERE – A DRAMATIC PRESENTATION OF “THE WAY OF THE CROSS”**, Tuesday, March 30 at 7:30PM at Our Lady of the Snows Church. This prayerful presentation is told through a cast of characters who played an important role in Christ's journey, and helps us to identify with Jesus and the sacrifice that He made for us. Free. For more info call 397-6700.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DINNER THEATER.** The St. VdP Dinner Theater, which helps support the Society's feeding programs, will be held Saturday, March 27 at the McCormick Center, West Harrison and South Second Streets, Belleville. Tickets are \$35/person or \$280 for a reserved table of 8. Call Gerry Hasenstab at 398-5616 for additional information or ticket sales.

**SEARCH FOR LOVE & TRUTH,** Convocation on Marriage and Family Life. Are you married? Intending to marry? Involved in marriage ministry? Then you will want to attend this convocation. Saturday, April 10 from 8:30AM to 3PM at Good Shepherd Church, Evansville, IN. For more information or to register, see the fliers on the bulletin boards in back of church or visit [www.charitiesevv.org](http://www.charitiesevv.org)

**GERMANTOWN AMERICAN LEGION FISH FRY,** all Fridays during Lent, 4:30 to 7:00PM. Benefits the Youth Organizations.

**GERMANTOWN AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN & PORK ROAST DINNER,** March 21, 11AM to 6PM.

**FISH FRY.** Stop by the Breese Knights of Columbus on the Friday's during Lent from 4-7PM for dine-in or take out fish. Stay the evening and play Bingo every Friday night, except Good Friday, at 7:30PM. Your support helps us in our Charitable Work!

**GOLDEN EGG RAFFLE,** sponsored by St. Dominic Parish, Breese. Grand Prize: \$20,000; Second \$5,000; 2 consolation prizes of \$500 each. Drawing to be held Easter Sunday. Only 2000 tickets are sold at \$50 each. Call the church office at 526-7746.

**SAUSAGE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST,** March 21, Carlyle KC Hall, 8AM to Noon.

**QUILT BINGO,** March 21, St. Augustine Parish Center, 2PM. Fried Chicken lunch from 11AM to 1PM.

**QUILT & CASH BINGO,** March 21, 1:30PM, St. Joseph Parish Center, Freeburg. Food served from 11AM to 1PM.

