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March 15, 2009
Third Sunday of Lent

HOLY MASSES: March 14-15:

Sat. 4:00PM Frank Holtmann

Sun. 9:00AM L/D Rich & Pat Bagby Family / JoAnn Kues

HOLY MASSES: March 16-22, 2009:

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. 7:45AM L/D George & Mary Holtmann

Wed. 7:45AM Parish

Thu.7:30AM Parish

Fri. 7:45AM Parish

Sat. 4:00PM Glen Wesselmann

Sun. 9:00AM L/D Larry Thesing Family / Joe, Helen & Lester Eversgerd

NEXT WEEKEND March 21-22

LECTOR

Sat. 4:00PM Amanda Peters

Sun. 9:00AM Mary Lampe

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Barb Voss, Jason Kuhl, Colette Hitpas, Dave & Marilyn Jansen

Walter Beer, Karen Deerhake, Brian Kenow, James & Joanne Lampe

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. 4:00PM Wesselmann Family

Sun. 9:00AM Theising/Eversgerd Families

MASS SERVERS

Emily Peters, Brooke Kniepmann, Mary Jo Hollenkamp

Lexi Hemker, Kyler Scheer, Jordan Lampe

ROSARY LEADERS

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

Sun. 9:00AM Walter & Caroline Beer

USHERS

Ken Brauer, Norman Endres, Gervase Hemker

Ken Albers, Ron Becker, Butch Beer

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Ben & Henrietta Koch

Sun. 9:00AM Leroy & Jean Diesen

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

Sun. March 22, 9:00AM Karen & Jon Hoelscher

Zac Beckmann & Jordan Lampe

CANTORS

Sat. 4:00PM Mary Otrembiak

Sun. 9:00AM Choir

Mon. March 16: 7:00PM Catechism Class

Tue. March 17: 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 22.

Thu. March 19: Mass is at 7:30AM not 7:00PM – this week only.

Sat. March 21: 3:00PM Confessions

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: envelopes: \$3385; Loose: \$232; Candles: \$60. TOTAL: \$3677. Messenger: \$23; Easter flowers: \$119; Catholic Relief Services: \$5; Ash Wednesday: \$10; Black & Indian Missions: \$50. Sister Parish: \$954.00 Thank You!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION. (formerly Bishop's Overseas Appeal). Next weekend is the Catholic Relief Services Collection. The CRS Collection funds legal aid to poor refugees, emergency and natural disaster relief, advocacy, and international relief and development. When you donate to the collection, you give hope to *Jesus in disguise*, who reminds us that Christ is present in those who suffer and in those who respond compassionately to their needs. Envelopes are in with your regular set.

CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL. (CSMA) Thank you to the families who have already pledged to support the mission of the church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support to the Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR: This Thursday evening, no 7:00PM evening Mass. Wedding rehearsal at 6:30PM that night. If you forget and come Thursday evening, you'll realize. This is the only Thursday evening during Lent that's different.

COSGROVE' KITCHEN. REMINDER: The prepared casseroles (not baked) need to be returned to Germantown IGA by, **Today**, March 15, and they will be delivered to Cosgrove's Kitchen on March 17. Remember: MAKE-DON'T BAKE!!

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

March 18: St. Teresa, Marydale 7:30PM

March 19: St. Dominic, Breese 7:00PM

March 22: St. Mary, Carlyle 3:00PM

March 22: St. Boniface, G-town 4:30PM

March 24: St. Bernard, Albers 7:00PM

March 26: St. Cecilia, Bartelso 7:00PM

March 26: St. Lawrence, Sandoval 7:00PM

March 29: St. Francis, Aviston 3:00PM

March 29: St. Mary, Trenton 4:30PM

March 31: St. Mary, Centralia 7:00PM

REFLECTIONS. In his book, *All Rivers Run to the Sea*, Elie Wiesel recalls a terrible moment confronting his family. Though the Second World War was coming to an end, the deportation of the Jews by the Nazis continued. Ellie, his parents and three sisters faced deportation from their village in Hungary to the concentration camp at Birkenau. Marie, their Christian housekeeper begged them to hid in her family's cabin in the mountains. They declined but Marie persisted. Should they go with Marie or stay and take their chances. The family decided to stay. "But why", Marie implored. Elie's father replied, "Because, a Jew must never be separated from his community. What happens to everyone else happens to us as well. My father was right. We wanted to stay together, like everyone else. Family unity is one of our important traditions as the enemy well knew...the strength of the family tie, which had contributed to the survival of our people for centuries, became a toll in the exterminator's hands. The war did not end soon enough for the Wiesels. Only Elie and two of his sisters survived. His mother, father and youngest sister died in the camps. Like the Wiesel's, the family of Joseph, Mary and the child Jesus had to endure a great deal as well. Every family experiences its share of difficult moments and challenges. Celebrate the gift of family, that unique nucleus of society that gives us life, nurture and support throughout our journey on earth. May we rediscover that special bond that transforms a household into a family.

READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Becoming Holy

Reading I: Exodus 20: 1-17 (The law given to Moses)

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (The power and wisdom of God)

Gospel: John 2: 13-25 (The cleansing of the temple)

Adults: What are some ways I can cleanse and purify my heart's intentions this week?

Children: How can I worship and praise God more often each day?

YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING, March 15 at 10AM in the rectory basement. North Central Deanery Dodgeball Tournament plans are being made for Sunday, April 15. Come to help plan and also to put together a team. Eighth graders are welcome to come and be part of St. Boniface Youth Ministry.

ST. BONIFACE FAITH FORMATION will be collecting items for the food pantry the next two weeks for our Lenten Service project. Deadline will be Friday, March 20. Kindergarten: toothpaste; 1st: bar soap; 2nd: shampoo; 3rd deodorant; 4th dishwashing soap; 5th: kleenex; 6th: toilet paper; 7th:paper napkins; 8th: paper towels. **ALUMINUM TABS** are also being collected during Lent for a Mission in Gaza. Place the tabs in the designated box or send them to school.

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.

FR. ED SCHAEFFER will speak on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans on March 15 from 7:00-8:00PM in the St. Rose cafeteria with refreshments to follow. Please join us for this special Jubilee Year of St. Paul presentation.

PARISH MISSION. St. Bernard Parish in Albers will present a parish mission called Proclaiming Abundant Love. It is rooted in the spirituality of the Precious Blood and will run for four nights, March 22 through March 25 at 7:00PM each night. The mission is open to all including children, as it will feature special Liturgies of the Word and activities for children each night. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the first and last evening of the mission. Admission is free.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IS REQUESTING MEN'S CLOTHING DONATIONS. The St. VdP Society is now responsible for operating operation Gear Up, which provides interview appropriate clothing, shoes and accessories at no cost to low income men who are seeking employment. Gear Up is in desperate need of new or gently used men's suits, sport coats, slacks, shirts, shoes, ties, belts, new underwear and socks. Couples are also needed to volunteer in the Gear Up store. Two and three hour morning and afternoon shifts, Monday through Friday, are currently available. Clothing donations can be dropped off at the St. VdP Office at #7 Vieux Carre Drive, (immediately off Route 157) or call 398-5616 to arrange for a pick-up or additional information about donations or volunteering.

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

GERMANTOWN LEGION FISH FRY, 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, 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.

QUILT BINGO, March 15, 1PM, St. Michael Church, Radom. Sponsored by the St. Michael Altar Sodality

PORK SAUSAGE & BEEF DINNER, March 15, 11AM to 6PM, Aviston American Legion

BLOOD DRIVE, March 18, 2-7PM at the Breese American Legion. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop #225

QUILT BINGO, March 19, 7:30PM, St. Cecilia Parish Center, Bartelso

QUILTING BEE, April 7, 8:30AM to 9PM at St. George Elementary School, 319 E. Maple, New Baden. Lunch will be provided.

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE, April 2-4 at St. Augustine Parish Center, Breese.