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**March 8, 2009**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

**HOLY MASSES: March 7-8:**

Sat. 4:00PM Parish

Sun. 9:00AM Girl Scouts/Charles & Florence Albers

**HOLY MASSES: March 9-15, 2009:**

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. 7:45AM In Thanksgiving RINI

Wed. 7:45AM Parish

**Thu. 7:00PM** Parish

**Fri. 7:45AM** Parish

**Sat. 4:00PM** Frank Holtmann

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

**NEXT WEEKEND March 14-15**

**LECTOR**

Sat. 4:00PM Barb Voss

Sun. 9:00AM Brian Kenow

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Ben Koch, Jacinta Kohnen, Ashley Kohnen, Michael & Phyllis Miller

Tammy Albers, Phyllis Beer, Marita Hilmes, Paul & Deb Kohnen

**GIFTBEARERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Holtmann Family

Sun. 9:00AM Bagby/Kues Families

**MASS SERVERS**

Becca Hemker, Matt Albers, Jordan Lampe

Brenden Tonnies, Alexis Tonnies, Mitchell Langenhorst

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Frances M. Wuebbels & Dolores Brauer

Sun. 9:00AM Paul & Deb Kohnen

**USHERS**

Casey Huegen, Moe Huegen, Gerard Albers

Rich Wuebbels, Dennis Kuhl, Jason Kuhl

**GREETERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Lorinda Jansen, Helen Leonard

Sun. 9:00AM Pat Bagby, Darlene Beer

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS**

Sun. March 15, 9:00AM Jennifer Wempe & Kathy Oertel

Travis Wuebbels, Kevin Haar

**CANTORS**

Sat. 4:00PM Perri Wesselmann

Sun. 9:00AM Larry Spirek

**Sun. March 8:** 10AM to Noon Eucharistic Prayer for Vocations & Pro-Life

**Mon. March 9:** 7:00PM Catechism Class

**Tue. March 10:** 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 12:** 7:00PM Mass, followed by Stations of the Cross

**Sat. March 14:** 3:00PM Confessions

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS:** envelopes: \$2540; Loose: \$231; Candles: \$15. TOTAL: \$2786. Messenger: \$50; Easter flowers: \$32; Catholic Relief Services: \$1; Ash Wednesday: \$57; Black & Indian Missions: \$163.

**SISTER PARISH COLLECTION WILL BE HELD THIS WEEKEND, MARCH 7/8.**

**CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL.** This weekend our parish, along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct our Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan church. As a guide to a proportionate gift, please consider pledging a percent of your income, or the pay for one or two hours of work for ten months. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot it at home, please use one of the envelopes found at the entrances of church.

**WELCOME** to the Girl Scout's and their leaders who join us at the 9AM Mass: Daisy: Savannah Wesselmann, Shelby Wesselmann, Morgan Huelsmann, Kaylee Albers; Brownie: Tessa Beckmann, Jessica Jansen, Nikki Leonard, Hannah Timmermann, Haley Schrage, Samantha Eversgerd, Makenna Langenhorst, Molly Nordhaus; Cadette: Alicia Diesen, Christine Rickhoff, Hannah Schroeder, Kenzie Schroeder; Senior: Cambria Beckmann, Abigail Johnson; Ambassador: Ashley Haake; Leaders: Perri Wesselmann, Deb Beckmann, Buffy Jansen, Sherri Diesen, Gail Rickhoff, Deb Beckmann, Eva Johnson, Rose Detmer, Cindy Haake.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR:** This past week the scripture reading for Tuesday was the Lord's Prayer. I found a good reflection on the Lord's Prayer. Jesus was teaching his followers the attitude necessary for authentic prayer. Too often we're asking God to come around to doing our will. True prayer is to discover God's will for us. The following is: The Prayer of the Faithful: I asked God to take away my pride. But God said, *No. It's not for me to take away but for you to give up.* I asked God to take care of the hungry and the homeless. But God said, *No. That's your job.* I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. But God said, *No. Her spirit is whole, her body is only temporary.* I asked God to grant me patience. But God said, *No. Patience is the result of tribulation; it isn't granted, it's earned.* I asked God to give me happiness. But God said, *No. I bless you with many good things; happiness is up to you.* I asked God to spare me pain. But God said, *No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me.* I asked God to make my spirit grow. But God said, *No. You must grow on your own.* I asked God if He loved me. And God said, *Yes. Why did I create you? Why did I give my own Son to you? Only because I love you.* So I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me. And God said, *You finally have the idea.*

**THE DEACON'S BENCH.** On Monday evening, the Adult Faith Formation Group will study the section of the *Catechism* concerning Creation. We believe that God created the world with great wisdom, love, and good order. Throughout the creation process, "God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1). Through creation we share in God's goodness. How do we experience God's goodness in creation? Also, during this second week of Lent we celebrate by "doing something extra." This week we offer the Gift of Goods by donating canned goods and dry foods to feed the hungry. Won't you join us in this corporal work of mercy? One way is by taking part in our casserole campaign for Cosgrove's Kitchen.

**COSGROVE' KITCHEN.** Once again St. Boniface, along with the Altar Sodality will participate in "A Meal for the Poor". We will be handing out pans and a recipe this weekend, March 7 & 8. The prepared casseroles (not baked) need to be returned to Germantown IGA by March 15, and they will be delivered to Cosgrove's Kitchen on March 17. Remember: MAKE-DON'T BAKE!!

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:**

<b>March 10:</b>	St. Rose,	7:00PM	<b>March 18:</b>	St. Teresa, Marydale	7:30PM
<b>March 19:</b>	St. Dominic, Breese	7:00PM	<b>March 22:</b>	St. Mary, Carlyle	3:00PM
<b>March 22:</b>	St. Boniface, G-town	4:30PM	<b>March 24:</b>	St. Bernard, Albers	7:00PM
<b>March 26:</b>	St. Lawrence, Sandoval	7:00PM	<b>March 26:</b>	St. Cecilia, Bartelso	7:00PM
<b>March 29:</b>	St. Francis, Aviston	3:00PM	<b>March 29:</b>	St. Mary, Trenton	4:30PM
<b>March 31:</b>	St. Mary, Centralia	7:00PM			

**READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

Theme: The beloved Son of God

Reading I: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 (The sacrifice of Abraham)

Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34 (Who can be against us?)

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10 (The transfiguration)

Adults: Am I willing to spend some dedicated time "apart" with Jesus in prayer during Lent, waiting for whatever God wishes to reveal to me?

Children: When I pray to Jesus, do I also try to be still and listen to what he is saying in my heart?

**YOUTH MINISTRY KRISPY KREME SALE** is today, Sunday, March 8 before and after the 9AM Mass. \$6.00 for one dozen, \$3.00 for a half dozen.

**YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING**, March 15 at 10AM in the rectory basement.

**DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT.** North Central Deanery Dodgeball Tournament plans are being made for Sunday, April 5. 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.

**TODAY**, March 8 the Confirmands will make a retreat at Mater Dei after the 9AM Mass. Please pray for our confirmands as they prepare for their Confirmation on April 30.

**TODAY, FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING** after the 9AM Mass in the school cafeteria. Childcare will be provided.

**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; 1<sup>st</sup>: 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>: 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** planning meeting, Thursday, March 12, 7PM in the rectory basement. Everyone welcome

**EUCHARISTIC 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.

**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.

**THANKS** to the ladies of St. Boniface who so graciously gave of their time and talent to help quilt at Lively Grove. A delicious meal and a good time was enjoyed by all. It was appreciated very much by the St. Anthony ladies. God bless you all!

**PREGNANCY CARE CENTER – CELEBRATION OF LIFE**, 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**GERMANTOWN PTA** is selling BUTTER BRAIDS & COOKIE DOUGH for their Spring Fundraiser. Order now through March 14 by calling Gwen Freund at 523-7035 or through any student.

**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.

**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.

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

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