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April 5, 2009

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

HOLY MASSES: April 4-5:

Sat. 4:00PM Cletus Toennies/Tom Lane

Sun. 9:00AM Lee Mittino/Mary Ann Rolfingsmeyer/Leroy Leonard

HOLY MASSES: April 6-12, 2009:

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. 7:45AM Judy Athmer

Wed. 7:45AM Loretta Schwend

Thu.7:00PM Jenny Mueller

Fri. 7:00PM no intention

Sat. 7:00PM Fr. Jim Jansen

Sun. 9:00AM Michael & Phyllis Miller 40th Wedding Anniv.
Corny Kniepmann / Gus Renschen

NEXT WEEKEND April 11-12

LECTOR

Thu. 7:00PM Ben Koch

Fri. 7:00PM Joan Theising

Sat. 7:00PM Mary & Joanne Lampe

Sun. 9:00AM Marla Langenhorst

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Maggie Peters, Bernette Toennies, Judy Kampwerth, Dennis Loepker, Rita Nordhaus
Joan Young, Rob Otrembiak, Donna Schroeder, Hank & Marie Wesselmann
Phyllis Beer, Walter Beer, Lorinda Jansen, Ben Koch, BarbVoss
Rich Wuebbels, GERALYN ALBERS, Karen Albu, Pat Bagby, Albert Becker

GIFTBEARERS

Thu. 7:00PM Mueller Family

Fri. 7:00PM ushers

Sat. 7:00PM Jansen Family

Sun. 9:00AM Miller/Kniepmann
Renschen Families

MASS SERVERS

Travis Wuebbels, Mitchell Langenhorst, Kyler Scheer, Kyle Kohlen, Jordan Lampe
Alexis Tonnies, Brenden Tonnies, Kenzie Schroeder, Paige Langenhorst
Jordan Lampe, Morgan Albers, Seth Haake
Blake Langenhorst, Mitchell Langenhorst, Travis Wuebbels

ROSARY LEADERS

Thu. 7:00PM Rita Nordhaus

Fri. 7:00PM Hank & Marie Wesselmann

Sat. 7:00PM Joan Theising

Sun. 9:00AM Christine Beckmann

USHERS

Tom Hitpas, Jim Pingsterhaus, Maurice Spihlmann

Paul Spihlmann, Regis Voss, Randy Wesselmann

Vince Albers, Mike Beer, Maurice Dierkes

Jerome Eversgerd, Austin Fields, Mike Fields

GREETERS

Sat. 7:00PM Wanita Gebke & Ruth Spihlmann

Sun. 9:00AM Marla Langenhorst & Alice Jung

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

Sun. April 12: NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

CANTORS: Sat. 7:00PM Choir Sun. 9:00AM

Tue. April 7: 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 7PM Masses on April 9, 10 and 11.

Thu. April 9: 7:00PM Holy Thursday Mass

Fri. April 10: 3:00PM Stations of the Cross at the Cemetery, weather permitting (if rain – in church)

7:00PM Good Friday services

Sat. April 11: 7:00PM Holy Saturday Mass

Sun. April 12: 9:00AM Easter Services

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: envelopes: \$2681; loose: \$199; candles: \$44; TOTAL: \$2924; Flowers: \$43; Palm Sunday: \$5; Easter: \$40; Catholic Relief Services: \$7; Messenger: \$46; Good Friday: \$3; Catholic Home Mission: \$2. Thank You!

SISTER PARISH collection will be held this weekend. **ON GOOD FRIDAY** our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous. **CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL. (CSMA)** Thank you to those 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.

WELCOME to the newest member of our parish family, ABIGAIL MAY HEIMANN, daughter of Brian & Sheila (Haar) Heimann who will be baptized at the 7PM Mass Holy Saturday.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR: Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. Services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday begin at **7:00PM**. Stations on Good Friday are at 3:00PM at St. Boniface Cemetery – weather permitting. For the 3PM Good Friday Stations, gather at church at 3PM, and we'll pray the rosary while processing to the cemetery. If weather is inclement on Good Friday afternoon we'll gather at church and stay there for Stations. If you want to do Stations on Good Friday, and walking is an issue, just go to the cemetery. All the priests and parish life coordinators of the diocese will celebrate the Chrism Mass with Bishop Braxton on Tuesday, April 7th at 12:30PM at the Cathedral in Belleville. St. Boniface parish representatives will receive our parish oils, and these oils will be presented at the Holy Thursday 7:00PM Mass. All are welcome and invited to the Chrism Mass. The most important days on our church calendar are Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Kevin Haar, Ashley Haar, and Mandy Vannoy will be welcomed into the church at the Easter Vigil, followed by a

parish reception in the school cafeteria. Arrange your calendars so you can be part of these 3 days. The bishop's Easter Pastoral letter is on the diocesan web page.

Go to www.diobelle.org

COSGROVE'S KITCHEN. Final count of casseroles that were recently delivered: St. Boniface: 117; St. Cecilia: 100; St. Mary, Carlyle: 88; St. Theresa, Marydale: 24; Carlyle Healthcare: 25, for a total of 354. Thank you to everyone!

READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: The Lord's Passion

Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7 (God is my help)

Reading II: Phillipians 2: 6-11 (Christ humbled himself)

Gospel: John: Mark 14: 1-15: 47 (The Passion of Christ)

Adults: Am I a follower of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday as well as at the foot of the Cross? How?

Children: What do I do when a classmate or friend is going through a rough time? Do I stay with them or do I leave them alone?

OPERATION RICE BOWL RETURN: The weekend of April 4-5.

YM EASTER EGG SALE: Call Jackie Sprehe no later than April 5 at 523-8293. Cost is \$2.00/dozen. Eggs will be delivered to Germantown residents.

YOUTH MINISTRY is looking for a Summer Softball Coach. Call Ev Kuhn at 224-7535 or email stboniface@charter.net
Medical and sign up forms may be found in the entrance to church.

YOUTH MINISTRY NORTH CENTRAL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT is Sunday, April 5 at Germantown Elementary Gym beginning at 12:30PM. All are invited.

ASHLEY KOHNEN, daughter of Dan & Jacinta Kohnen and Vickie Korte, adult Youth Minister, would like to thank St. Boniface Youth Ministry and Germantown Council #43 Catholic Holy Family Society for sponsoring them at the 2009 Diocesan Youth Conference, "Rooted in Christ" last weekend. Ashley was awarded a TRINITY award – "Gifts of the Son". This award, based on the life of Jesus Christ, is given to a high school youth who demonstrates an understanding of the ministries and outreach of the local church and the role youth play in the church. The DYC is open to all high school youth and is an excellent way for youth to experience a spiritual and fun filled weekend with 600+ youth from all over the Belleville Diocese. Next year the 2010 Diocesan Youth Conference, "Based in Faith", is tentatively set for March 13-14 at the Gateway Center in Collinsville. Mark your calendar now!

CONGRATULATIONS to Anna Lampe, daughter of Jim & Mary Lampe who placed 1st in the Knights of Columbus essay contest and Claire Langenhorst daughter of Don & Marla Langenhorst who placed 3rd in the K of C Spelling Bee recently.

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR FIRST COMMUNION. To help prepare the students who are receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion, we are inviting the St. Boniface Parish community to become, **Prayer Partners**. In the entrance of church a poster displays the 2009 First Communion Class. Please take the **name card only** of one of the First Communicants and pray for him/her during the next few weeks as he/she prepares for their special day on April 19. Send the child a card or a note, c/o Joan Theising, 501 Maple Street, that you have been praying for him/her.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR SODALITY SCHOLARSHIP. St. Mary's Altar Sodality of St. Boniface is sponsoring two \$250 scholarships to Mater Dei High School, for two students presently in the 8th grade at Germantown Elementary who will be attending Mater Dei for the 09/10 school year. Essay information will be sent home with 8th grade students this week. Deadline is May 8.

AMERICAN LEGION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP. The Germantown American Legion Women's Auxiliary is proud to announce that they will be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$100 to an 8th grade student at Germantown Elementary School for the 2009 academic year. Applications will be sent home with the 8th grade students. Deadline is May 1.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: Mater Dei: April 5: "*Singing In the Rain*" Matinee, 2PM; April 5: Fathers & Friends Breakfast, 8AM to Noon, Mater Dei Cafeteria; April 18: Trivia Night, Breese KC Hall, 7PM. Call 654-6967 for reservations. Benefits marching Knights. **Central:** April 20: Board meeting, 7:30PM.

MATER DEI MEGA RAFFLE. Mater Dei High School is pleased to announce the creation of the Mater Dei Mega Raffle, sponsored by the Mater Dei Fathers & Friends Club and the Office of Institutional Advancement. Beginning April 1, you can purchase a chance to win one of 26 cash prizes: one \$10,000 Grand Prize; two \$2,500 prizes; three \$1,000 prizes; and twenty \$100 prizes. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Mater Dei Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 6. To purchase your \$100 ticket(s), please contact a member of the Fathers & Friends, St. Boniface school board member Phyllis Beer, Fr. Chuck Tuttle or Mrs. Kathy Huelsmann in the Mater Dei Office of Institutional Advancement at 526-7216.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2009 Christian Service Award recipients for the Metro-East region: Dennis Dengler, Special Events Coordinator at St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish in Belleville; Mike Kish, Principal at Immaculate Conception School in Columbia; and Ruth Lager, Eucharistic Minister at St. Francis of Assisi in Aviston. Each of the winners was nominated for this honor by multiple individuals and each was recognized for outstanding accomplishments within their communities.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Come and join us in a closing vigil as the Spring 40 Days campaign comes to an end, Sunday, April 5 from 6:30 – 7:30PM, meet in front of the Hope Clinic on 21st Street in Granite City. Join with hundreds to pray for Hope Clinic to close. Let's come together to celebrate what the Lord has done throughout these 40 days and what He is going to do in the future in this battle for life.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR DIVORCED & SEPARATED CATHOLICS, May 29 thru May 31 at Todd Hall, Columbia, IL. Sponsored by DASK (Divorced and Separated Koinonia ("Community")). A spiritually healing weekend for divorced and separated Catholics, co-sponsored by Diocese of Springfield, IL and approved by Archdiocese of St. Louis. For info and registration call Lee at 636-946-7782.

KNC EASTER EGG HUNT, Easter Sunday, April 12 at 11:00AM on the church grounds. In case of rain will be held in the school cafeteria.

GERMANTOWN LIBRARY reminds everyone that April 12-18 is National Library Week. Please stop in to see the children's artwork, enjoy a treat and sign up to win a copy of the book and the DVD, "Marley and Me". Come celebrate with us and see what the library has for you.

CHICKEN DINNER, April 5, 11AM to 5PM, St. Felicitas, Beaver Prairie. **QUILTING BEE**, April 7, 8:30AM to 9PM at St. George Elementary School, 319 E. Maple, New Baden. Lunch will be provided.