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July 12, 2009
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MASSES: July 11-12

Sat. 4:00PM Vince & Eleanor Wessling/Joyce Kuhl/Herman & Christine Schniers

Sun. 9:00AM Raymond Boeckmann/George, Leona & Donald Dierkes

HOLY MASSES: July 13-19, 2009:

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. **6:00PM** Parish

Wed. 7:45AM Edward & Mary Grawe

Thu. **7:45AM** Louise Heidemann

Fri. 7:45AM Barney & Mary Eversgerd

Sat. 1:30PM Wedding: Brett Berger & Andria Kohnen

Sat. 4:00PM Alphonse & Elizabeth Eversgerd/Frances Pille/Lukes Lakenburgs

Sun. 9:00AM Rita Hemker/Dickie Winkler

NEXT WEEKEND July 18-19

LECTOR

Sat. 4:00PM Joan Theising

Sun. 9:00AM Larry Spirek

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Karen Deerhake, Diane Gomez, Colette Hitpas, Lorinda Jansen, Ben Koch

Jim & Jean Endres, Dennis Loepker, Mike & Jan Luitjohan

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. 4:00PM Eversgerd/Pille/Lakenburgs Families

Sun. 9:00AM Hemker/Winkler Families

MASS SERVERS

Ethan Albers, Alicia Diesen, Nick Hitpas

Bryce Beckmann, Claire Langenhorst, Alyx Wilkins

ROSARY LEADERS

Sat. 4:00PM Jeanette Johnson

Sun. 9:00AM Dennis & Mary Loepker

USHERS

Paul Spihlmann, Regis Voss, Randy Wesselmann

Patrick Foppe, Jon Hoelscher, Glen Holtmann

CANTORS

Maurice Albers

Mary Otrembiak

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Janet & Jan Schweirjohn

Sun. 9:00AM Mary Langenhorst & Karla Scheer

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

Sun. July 19 Jennifer Wempe & Kathy Oertel

Travis Wuebbels, Kevin Haar

Sun. July 12: 10:00AM to Noon Eucharistic Prayer for Pro-Life and Vocations

Tue. July 14: 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
6:30PM Novena and Rosary Devotions

Sat. July 18: 3:00PM Confessions

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Envelope: \$3957; Loose: \$151; Candles: \$43; TOTAL: \$4151. Peter's Pence: \$42; Sister Parish: \$828. Thank You!

WALKING STICKS. Mark 6: 7-13: She begins her program with Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*. Her fingers dance over the frets of her guitar with the quiet confidence of her years of practice and study. She next plays into an Irish air, then a Bob Dylan folk song and finally a jazz improvisation of her own creation. She plays for an audience of one: a 70 year old woman dying of cancer. The venue: the dying woman's room at the local hospice. Music is her ministry, providing a measure of peace and tranquility for those taking the last steps from this world into eternity.

Most spring and summer nights, as soon as he gets home from the office, he heads to his small garden behind the garage. This quarter acre is his favorite place on earth. He grows tomatoes, beans and corn. He saves a few things for his own family; he shares the rest of the harvested of the good earth with needy families served by the local soup kitchen and pantry.

She suffered from bulimia as a teenager. Thanks to her wise and caring family, she overcame this devastating disease. Now a mother herself, she read about a support group for girls suffering from eating disorders. Every week she is there. She says very little; she is there to listen and to support, and when asked one-on-one by a girl who is terrified at what is happening to her, she offers hope and her own story.

With their "walking sticks" – guitars, vegetable seeds, and their own stories and experiences – these three and so many others like them realize that Christ has sent them forth, like the Twelve in today's Gospel, to be his prophets of peace, apostles of compassion, ministers of healing. Aware of God's love in our own lives, we are called to bring that love into the lives of others in a spirit of humility and gratitude. As we make our own journey from this world to the next, may we heal the broken and help the stumbling we meet along our way in faithfulness to the God who heals us and helps us up when we stumble and fall.

WELCOME to the newest member of St. Boniface Parish, Alexander William Salinas, son of Ruben Salinas Juarez and Jessica Lawhorn, who will be baptized this Sunday.

PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE MAILED OUT the week of July 11. Please turn in sold and unsold tickets at the picnic, in the collection basket, or to GTSB. Additional tickets will be available at the back of church or at GTSB. **QUILTS FOR THE CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE COLLECTED** the weekend of July 18 and 19 in the rectory basement from 3:30-5:30PM on Saturday and from 8:30 to 10:30AM on Sunday.

RESPECT LIFE. At www.respectlife.catholicweb.com there is a link to a recent study emphasizing the importance, and possible decisive, role of a father in the issue of abortion. The example of faithful fathers and family life is crucial in a culture with fragmented and wounded families! Thank you for the legacy of love within your own families and the witness that is to your communities. The Knights of Columbus have a great website: www.fathersforgood.org.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN HISPANIC YOUTH DAY will be held at the Pastoral Center, Bldg. 6, Belleville on Saturday, July 18 from 9AM to 4:30PM. Masses will be celebrated at 3:30PM. Hispanic youth, ages 11 to 21+ are invited. There is no charge. We will "Build Bridges" literally and through cultural dialog. The day also includes fun, a construction activity, food and attendance prizes. For more information call Sr. Cecilia Hellmann, Diocesan Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry at 235-9601, ext. 129 or S. Irma Avila at ext. 132. Please register by July 10.

CATECHISTS. Four catechists and helpers are needed to fill 4 positions in the fall (2 for 7th grade, 1 for 6th grade and 1 for 5th grade) Please help to pass on the faith to our young people by discerning this ministry and saying yes to being a catechist. We will need to fill these positions to continue the daily program.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN is a time for our young people to hear the Word of God. It is a time for our children to listen to the story and participate in the activities that the leaders prepare. We are inviting Pre-K through incoming 4th Graders to participate in this special time.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 66th Annual Healing and Hope Novena, July 28 – August 5 at 7:30PM. Call 397-6700, ext. 6272 for more information.

WIN CASH!! You can help Catholic Urban Programs help others and at the same time have a chance to win cash! There will be 20 cash prizes: 3 - \$1,000; 6 - \$500; 11 - \$100. Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased by calling 398-5616. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Urban Programs' ministries that serve the poor. Please show your support of the 36+ years of service Joe Hubbard and the Catholic Urban Programs staff have given the people of Southern Illinois. The drawing will be held on August 22 at the Grizzlie's game at GCS Ballpark in Sauget, but you do not have to be present to win.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT, Finding Strength Through Powerless with Fr. Joe Nassal, CPPS, August 1, 10AM to 3PM at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Call 397-6700, Ext. 6272 for more information or to register.

A WEEKEND WITH PAULA D'ARCY – Great Lessons of the Journey, Friday, August 14 at 7PM and The Blessings Inside Sorrow, Saturday, August 15 at 9:30AM through Sun., Aug. 16 until noon. Call 397-6272 for more info or to register.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD: A DAY OF EDUCATION, REFLECTION & EMPOWERMENT, featuring Sr. Christine Schenk, CSJ. Sr. Chris is Executive Director of FutureChurch, a national organization reflecting the values of Vatican II. A one day workshop to raise awareness about the invisibility of women's biblical leadership and experience in the church. Saturday, July 18 from 9:00AM to 3:30PM at the Katy Cavins Community Center, 308 E. Fifth Street, O'Fallon, IL. Registration begins at 8:30AM. Suggested donation is \$20, which includes lunch. For more info or to register call 277-7594.

GEAR UP. Each week St. Vincent de Paul Society's Gear Up program is assisting an average of 25 low-income men seeking employment by providing them with interview-appropriate clothing, shoes, and accessories at no cost. Gear Up is also offering assistance with resume writing and interviewing skills. To keep up with the growing number of men who come for help, Gear Up is in need of new or gently used men's shoes, belts, dress shirts, suits, sport coats, and slacks. Clothing donations can be dropped off at the St. VdP Office at #13 Vieux Carre Drive, or call 398-5616 to arrange for pick-up.

DONATE YOUR OLD VEHICLE to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The tax credit will help you. The car will help the ministry of St. Vincent de Paul with the poor. For more information, contact Pat in the Belleville Council of St. Vincent de Paul Office at either 875-3886 and leave a message or at 799-8505.

RETROUVAILLE. Find help for your troubled marriage through the next RETROUVAILLE Program. Call Beth and Dave at 314-837-8576 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

GRIEF SUPPORT. St. Joseph Hospital continues to provide Grief Support for men and women of all faiths who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are going through the stages of grieving. Support group sessions are held monthly, on the third Tuesday at 7PM at St. Joseph Hospital, Breese. Signs in the lobby will direct you to the room. For more information call Pastoral Care at 526-4511, ext. 327.

HOSPICE MAKES A DIFFERENCE. Do you desire to feel like the little things matter? Do you feel the need to reach out to help others? You can through becoming a Hospice Volunteer. Volunteers can serve through direct or indirect patient care/contact; office work; providing crafts or handiwork. Contact Ann Brashear at 1-800-362-2610 for more information about how you can start volunteering today.

MEREDITH MEMORIAL HOME. Considering moving into a retirement community home? Please consider the Meredith Memorial Home, a diocesan owned retirement community, located at 16 S. Illinois Street, Belleville. For tours of the facility call 233-8780.

HEALING THE BROKENHEARTED, COMFORTING THOSE WHO MOURN. Project Rachel does precisely that in helping both men and women heal from the wound abortion leaves. For confidential help, please call 1-800-618-HEAL (4325).

FORGET TO BRING HOME A BULLETIN? No worries - check it out on-line at www.stbonifacechurch.net

UTILITY BILLS GETTING YOU DOWN? BCMW –Clinton County, will be taking applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Cooling Program on July 6 from 8AM-4PM. See the flyer in back of church or call 526-7123 for more info or to schedule an appointment.

ST. CHARLES CHURCH PICNIC, DuBois, IL, July 25 with Polka Mass at 4PM, Fried Chicken & BBQ Pork Steak Dinners from 4-7:30PM, Quilt & Cash Bingo begins at 6:30PM. Polka Music from 6:30-10:30PM.