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August 2, 2009
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MASSES: August 1-2

Sat. 4:00PM Fr. Jim Jansen/Joseph B. Diekemper/Jake Koopman

Sun. 9:00AM Corny Kniepmann

HOLY MASSES: August 3-9, 2009:

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. 6:00PM Parish

Wed. 7:45AM Frank Holtmann

Thu. 7:45AM Barney & Mary Eversgerd

Fri. 7:45AM Peace

Sat. 4:00PM L/D Hank & Agnes Eversgerd Family

Sun. 9:00AM L/D Rich & Pat Bagby Family / Irene Holtgrave

NEXT WEEKEND August 8-9

LECTOR

Sat. 4:00PM Dave Jansen

Sun. 9:00AM Carl Kuhl

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Ben Koch, Jacinta Kohnen, Michael & Phyllis Miller, Lorinda Jansen

Brian Kenow, Paul & Deb Kohnen, James & Joanne Lampe

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. 4:00PM Eversgerd Family

Sun. 9:00AM Bagby/Holtgrave Families

MASS SERVERS

Mitchell Freund, Morgan Albers, Jacob Albers

Austin Winter, Nick Wolters, Melissa Wolters

ROSARY LEADERS

Sat. 4:00PM Barb Voss

Sun. 9:00AM Paul & Deb Kohnen

USHERS

Dennis & Jason Kuhl, Ken Brauer

Joe & Mary Sue Langenhorst, Dennis Loepker

CANTORS

Maurice Albers

Mary Otrembiak

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Rich & Kathy Haake

Sun. 9:00AM Doug & Chris Huegen

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

Sun. August 9 Brian & Becky Kenow

Kyler Scheer, Mitchell Langenhorst

Tue. August 4: 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
6:30PM Novena & Rosary Devotions

Sat. August 8: 3:00PM Confessions

Sun. August 9: 10AM to Noon Eucharistic Prayer for Pro-life and Vocations

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Envelope: \$3265.; Loose: \$219; Candles: \$16; TOTAL: \$3500.00. Peter's Pence: \$5; Sister Parish: \$20. Thank You! **SISTER PARISH COLLECTION** will be held this weekend.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR. Another successful picnic is behind us. After all was said and done, the weather did cooperate with us. At 3PM on Tuesday afternoon, July 28, things did not look very promising. After the first rain shower moved through, people were not so subtly telling me to get over to church and do my job – PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER! Later that evening, heard all kinds of weather reports about big rains at Okawville, east of Bartelso, and north of Breese. Somehow, the rain clouds parted over Germantown. I do know from one telephone call on Wednesday, the day after picnic, that one lady wished she had not listened to her husband about our picnic. Because she DID listen, she didn't come – as they live in the St. Louis area. She already has our picnic date circled in red for next year. I think that some people from distances away may not have ventured forth this year. And we still had a nice crowd. I do know that people from Belleville who come to our picnic now really like it. Fr. George Mauck won a quilt this year. Again. (He also had two other bingos with multiple winners. Notice how people know exactly what the priests are doing??) The day after the picnic, as I went to the dentist in Belleville, the dentist office manager – who always comes to our picnic and goes to some picnic somewhere every weekend commented – "I don't like playing bingo when Fr. George plays because he always wins." One of the best things of our picnic is how everyone – young and old – pitch in to help. It's good to see grade school and high school age kids helping parents – and grandparents – and start off at a young age by helping – because that's what you do. Picnic chairs and individual booth chairs did great jobs. Set-up and clean-up went really well – with lots of helping hands. School prep is starting and we're gearing up for PSR. We are still in need of teachers for grades 6 & 7 PSR. We have planned a meeting this Sunday, in the rectory basement after the 9AM morning Mass – especially for parents and grandparents of 6th and 7th graders so we can work something out to keep the PSR program going. I'll be talking about this at the weekend Masses.

PICNIC ESTIMATE. This year we served approximately 2,250 dinners and the estimated gross income is \$78,000.00. Raffle winners were: 36' TV: Shannon Schroeder, Germantown; Mower: Ron & Helen Henken, Germantown; BBQ Grill: Sara Haar, Germantown; Patio Set: Ron Kohnen, Germantown; Queen Size Quilt: Stan & Karen Budde, Germantown; Gas Pressure Washer: Fr. Carl Scherrer; Columbia; Bike: Jeannine Zinser, St. Louis, MO; 2 tickets to the Cardinal Game: Glenn Pingsterhaus, Germantown.

LITURGY MEETING, August 19 at 6:30PM followed by Parish Council Meeting at 7:30 in the rectory basement.

CATECHISTS. Four catechists and helpers are needed to fill positions in the fall (1 for 7th grade, 1 for 6th grade and 1 for 5th grade and any helpers) 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.

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.

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.

LEARN HOW TO BRING SILENCE INTO YOUR BUSY LIFE! St. Joseph Hospital in Breese will host an introductory workshop on Experiencing and Understanding Centering Prayer, Saturday September 26 in the hospital Heritage Room. Given by commissioned presenters from Contemplative Outreach of St. Louis, the workshop will open with a gathering at 8:30AM followed by sessions from 9AM to 3PM. Cost is \$25, which includes the Saturday program plus an opportunity for five 90 minute follow up sessions. Please see the flyer posted at the entrances of church for more information or call Mary Housman at 228-7412 for info or to register.

AYUSA International Student Exchange Program is seeking host families for young people ages 15-18 from a variety of nations from around the world who are coming to the area for a high school year or semester. These academically select students have good English, are bright, curious, and anxious to learn about the USA by living as part of your family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with you. The student arrives from their home country shortly before school begins and returns home at the end of the school year. Each AYUSA student is fully insured, brings his or her own money and is expected to bear his or her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities of lifestyles. The students are screened and qualified by AYUSA. Families may select the youngster of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essay. Additional information is available by calling Diane Fewell at 531-4369.

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.

PRO-LIFE BAGS TOURNAMENT, sponsored by the Breese Knights of Columbus on Sunday, August 2 at the KC Hall in Breese. Doors will open at 1PM, tournament starts at 2PM. Prizes for the top three teams. Teams consist of two players and will be broken into three divisions: Men, Women and Co-ed. For additional details or to register call Luke Niemeyer at 973-2601 or Zach Lammers at 444-4435.

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.

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK. St. Vincent de Paul is participating in the annual SVDP Friends of the Poor Walk, Saturday, Sept. 26 at Althoff High School, Belleville. Registration begins at 7AM, walk begins at 10AM. To register in advance call Pat Hoglebe at 394-3568, ext. 2 or visit www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org. All proceeds will be used locally to serve the poor. You can designate your pledges to the Belleville Council.

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.

IDENTIFYING, REPORTING & PREVENTING ABUSE/NEGLECT. A special seminar for educators will be held at St. Joseph Hospital HealthPlex in Breese. Our goal is to enable and empower educators with the skills necessary to identify and report child abuse and neglect. Please register by August 14, \$10 fee. For more info please see the flyer in back of church or call Gerrie Haukup at St. Joseph Hospital.

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.

ADVANCE SPASSFEST RIDE TICKETS are available at GTSB, Germantown IGA and Becker Convenient Mart. Advance sales will end on Friday August 14 at 3PM.

TOMATOES WANTED. If anyone has tomatoes they can donate to the Hamburger Stand at the Spassfest, please contact Karen Schroeder at 523-8245. Thank you!

FAMILY TRIVIA CONTEST AT THE SPASSFEST, August 15 starting at noon. Teams needed – up to 8 players per team, no more than 4 players are 18 years or older. Questions on a variety of topics for all ages. \$50 entry fee. Prizes awarded for round and overall winners. Space is limited so pre-registration is required. Contact Dean Albers at 523-4826 or Jeff Timmermann at 523-7789.

RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM, DK Crue is having a fundraiser on Monday, August 3rd. Dairy King is donating 10% of all sales to the Clinton County Relay for life on that day. Please support the CC Relay for Life!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH PICNIC, Smithton, August 7 & 8. Fish Dinner on Friday from 4:30PM; Fried Chicken dinner on Saturday from 3-11:30PM; Quilt & Cash Bingo both days from 6-11PM. Saturday masses at 4 & 5:30PM.

ST. GEORGE PARISH PICNIC, New Baden, August 8. Fried Chicken and Roast Pork Dinner from 3-7PM, Quilt & Cash Bingo beginning at 6:30PM, Mass at 4PM.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH PICNIC, Radom, August 8. Polka Mass at 4PM, Fried Chicken & Roast Beef Dinner served from 3-7:30PM, Quilt & Cash Bingo starting at 6:30PM.

ST. ROSE CHURCH PICNIC, August 9, church grounds. Chicken & Roast Beef Dinner from 3-8PM, Quilt Bingo starts at 6PM; Music, raffles, country store.

MATER DEI CHEERLEADER RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE, Thursday, August 6, 9AM – 8PM and Friday, August 7 from 9AM to 3PM in the Mater Dei Cafeteria.