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**August 23, 2009**  
**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**HOLY MASSES: August 22-23**

Sat. 4:00PM Artie Thoele / Tod Hintz

Sun. 9:00AM Lee Mittino

**HOLY MASSES: August 24-30, 2009:**

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. 7:45AM Edward & Mary Grawe

Wed. 7:45AM Fr. John Venegoni

Thu. 7:30AM Ken Buenemeyer

Fri. 7:45AM Mnsgr. Angelo Lombardo

Sat. 4:00PM Ken Holtmann / Fr. Bernie Voss

Sun. 9:00AM Agnes Eversgerd /Mary Wuebbels/Fr. James Jansen

**NEXT WEEKEND August 29-30**

**LECTOR**

Sat. 4:00PM Judy Kampwerth

Sun. 9:00AM Joanne Lampe

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Barb Voss, Diane Gomez, Bernie Barth, Dave & Marilyn Jansen

Greg Cook, Jane Molitor, Joe & Mary Sue Langenhorst, Tammy Albers

**GIFTBEARERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Holtmann/Voss Families

Sun. 9:00AM Eversgerd/Wuebbels/Jansen Families

**MASS SERVERS**

Kristen Mattson, Hannah Albers, Brandon Becker

Blake Beckmann, Kyle Kohnen, Jordan Lampe

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Florence Jansen, Dolores Kohnen

Sun. 9:00AM Paul & Flo Dierkes

**USHERS**

Dave Kniepmann, Roger Kohrmann, Mike Korte

Steve Theising, Russ Voss, Rich Wuebbels

**CANTORS**

Maurice Albers

Mary Otrembiak

**GREETERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Dave & Lisa Kniepmann

Sun. 9:00AM Walter & Carolyn Beer

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS**

Sun. August 30 Marie Wesselmann & Randy Wesselmann

Nick Hitpas & Dylan Brauer

**Tue. August 25:** 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
6:30PM Novena & Rosary Devotions

**Sat. August 29:** 3:00PM Confessions

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS:** Envelope: \$1769; Loose: \$408; Candles: \$26; TOTAL: \$2203. Assumption: \$462. Thank You!

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR.** This weekend Deacon Rich Bagby will be preaching at the Masses. Those ordained deacons one year ago, including Deacon Rich, could preach at weekday Masses, weddings, funerals, baptisms, but not weekends. After one year of experience and maturing, permission has been given by the bishop so that deacons can preach on weekends. Deacon Rich will be preaching one weekend a month. Germantown has had quite an epidemic with skunks this year. And we are not immune here at St. Boniface. Animal pest control has been working on caging adult and baby skunks on church property. Last Sunday, several skunks were in cages during the Sunday Mass, which meant everyone stayed clear of the front north door of church. It's interesting to see how caged skunks are transported from their cages to the back of a pick-up. Any guesses how it's done?? One mistake, and Pepe le Pew strikes again!!

**RCIA** starts Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony's Parish Center in Beckemeyer. RCIA is intended for any non-Catholic adult who would like to find out more about the Catholic Church. As adults go through this process, they make no commitments initially. For those who go through the RCIA process, they would join the church on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil. Call St. Boniface rectory at 523-4271, and ask for Fr. Jim.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**CHOOSING TO FOLLOW CHRIST**

Reading I: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b (We will serve the Lord)

Reading II: Ephesians 5:21-32 (The mystery of Christ and the church)

Gospel: John 6:60-69 (The words of eternal Life)

Adults: What part of Jesus' message do I find hard to live?

Children: How do I feel when a classmate doesn't understand my religion?

**MRS. JUDY SHAVER** (Ms. Zieren, as some may remember her), a former teacher at Germantown Elementary who taught for 34 years, is suffering from brain and lung cancer. She has a great attitude and has a great memory about all of her past students. She has requested her students send her a letter to let her know where they are and what they are doing. She says that would be the best thing ever for her. Her address is: Judy Shaver, 14220 Saint James Lane, Breese, IL 62230. Thank you!

**HEALTH CARE...**principles promoted by USCCB for any Health Care Reform:1) A truly universal policy with respect for human life and dignity, from conception to natural death; 2) Access for all with a special concern for the poor; 3) Pursuing the common good and preserving pluralism, including freedom of conscience and variety of options; and 4) Restraining costs and applying them equitably across the spectrum of payers. Please be informed and engaged – visit [www.respectlife.catholicweb.com](http://www.respectlife.catholicweb.com) for more information.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY BREAKFAST.** Columbia, Waterloo and Hecker Knights of Columbus Councils are sponsoring a fundraising event to raise awareness of the needs of Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois (CSS) and the Catholic Urban Program (CUP). There has been a significant increase in the number of local families who have encountered severe financial stress over the past year. Many more of these families have come to both CUP and CSS seeking financial support. These families also seek relief from the trauma and stress they have encountered as a result of their diminishing ability to support themselves. CSS and CUP can reach out to these families, but due to recent funding cuts, new sources of revenue are needed to provide the required services. Our goal is to raise funds for these Catholic charities. The Councils are looking for 75 Table Captains to bring with them 8 people (including the captain) to enjoy the free breakfast. Attendees will be served breakfast on Saturday, October 17 at the Community Center, 230 E. Washington Street in Hecker from 8:00 to 9:00AM and a short program will be presented from 9:00-10:00AM on the importance of these programs. Attendees will be asked to consider making a donation. There are no minimum or maximum giving levels. If you would like to be a Table Captain and get 7 of your friends together for this charity event, please contact Kevin (Hecker KCs) at 618-406-7037 or Terry (Waterloo KCs) at 618-939-8251. Confirmation of Table Captains must be received by September 18. Please consider helping out with this event.

**CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL.** Your gift sows the seeds of hope – see how those seeds have grown: After 18 months of unemployment, Ms. “Smith” of McLeansboro in Hamilton County contacted Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois’ Senior Employment Program for help. She received job preparation and planning assistance, took recommended classes and found employment within 8 weeks of completing her plan. If you haven’t already done so, please consider a donation to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

**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.

**LIFE IN CHAOS: THE SPIRITUALITY OF JOHN’S GOSPEL,** will be presented by Fr. Paul Coutinho, S.J. at the King’s House Retreat & Renewal Center in Belleville on August 28 with registration at 8:30AM and the program begins at 9AM with lunch at 12:30PM and concluding Eucharist at 2:45PM. Cost of the program is \$40, which includes lunch. To register call 397-0584.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A 24 HOUR RETREAT,** Mindfulness & Virtue: Pathways to Deepening Our Spirituality with Dr. Ryan Niemiec, on Friday and Saturday, September 11-12 at King’s House Retreat & Renewal Center, Belleville. Learn how to use your own God-given character strengths to deal with difficulties, improve your happiness & decrease negativity. Registration begins at 4PM and light dinner buffet begins at 5PM on Friday. Program concludes with 5:30PM supper on Saturday. Fee: \$90 includes program, lodging, 4 meals, snacks and deposit. Pre-registration and \$25 deposit required. For more information call 397-0584 or e-mail [info@kingsretreatcenter.org](mailto:info@kingsretreatcenter.org).

**TAKE A QUIET DAY OF PRAYER & RELAXATION JUST FOR YOU!** “Close Encounters with Our Everyday God: Finding Holiness in the Ordinary” is on Thursday, September 17, 9AM – 3PM with Sr. Janis Yaekel, ASC. A personal Day of Prayer which includes opening and closing reflections, celebration of the Eucharist, optional Sacrament of Reconciliation, time for personal reflection and a nice lunch. During this day we will explore how little pleasures and slight bumps along the road of life are important spaces of engagement with the Holy. Can the ordinary moments of grace become important touch stones for the major events of life? Come and see! Suggested offering is \$25. Call 397-0584 to register.

**VALUES FROM ST. VINCENTS** is a new catalog program sponsored by the Belleville Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. It’s a way you can purchase new, quality merchandise of all types (Delivered right to your door) and, at the same time, help St. Vincent de Paul serve the poor. All proceeds benefit St. VdP Ministries. For additional information or to see merchandise available, visit the SVDP website at [www.svdpsouthil.org](http://www.svdpsouthil.org) – and click the “Catalog Program” tab or call 394-3568.

**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 Hogrebe at 394-3568, ext. 2 or visit [www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org](http://www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org). All proceeds will be used locally to serve the poor. You can designate your pledges to the Belleville Council.

**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.

**SPASSFEST RAFFLE WINNERS:** Doug Haake, Germantown: 2009 Harley-Davidson motorcycle; money winners: Bert Middeke, Jerry Ottensmeier, Rodney Standerfer, and Jared Brauer.

**PARISH PICNIC,** St. Joseph Catholic Church, Freeburg. September 11 & 12. Friday Fish Fry from 4-9PM; Saturday Chicken Dinner from 4-8PM, Mass at 4PM; Quilt Bingo beginning at 6PM on Saturday.

