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August 3, 2008
Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

HOLY MASSES: August 2-3, 2008

Sat. 4:00PM Tony & Mary Endres 40th Wedding Anniversary
Sun. 9:00AM Herman & Christine Schniers / Art Gebke

HOLY MASSES: August 4-10, 2008:

Mon. NO MASS	Fri. 7:45AM Bertha Thuenemann
Tue. 6:00PM Edward & Mary Grawe	Sat. 4:00PM John, Clara, Johnny Winkler / Tod Hintz
Wed. 7:45AM Parish	Sun. 9:00AM Norman Eversgerd / L/D John & Eugenia Dierkes Family
Thu. 7:45AM Parish	

NEXT WEEKEND (August 9-10):

LECTOR

Sat. 4:00PM Linda Haake
Sun. 9:00AM Randy Sauer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Bernie Barth, Dave & Marilyn Jansen, Ben Koch, Jacinta Kohnen
Deb & Paul Kohnen, James & Joanne Lampe, Rob Otrembiak

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. 4:00PM Winkler/Hintz Family
Sun. 9:00AM Eversgerd/Dierkes Families

MASS SERVERS

Kelly Stukenberg, Seth Haake, Jacob Albers
Quinton Huelsmann, David Foppe, Kristen Gebke

ROSARY LEADERS

Sat. 4:00PM Vince & Ethel Albers
Sun. 9:00AM Paul & Deb Kohnen

USHERS

Maurice Spihlmann, Paul Spihlmann, Regis Voss
Miranda Huelsmann, Mike Huelsmann, Denis Lakenburges

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Dave & Lisa Kniepmann
Sun. 9:00AM Leroy & Jean Diesen

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

Aug. 10 9:00AM Jeff & Lynn Timmermann

Tue. Aug. 5: 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
6:30PM Novena and Rosary Devotions

Wed. Aug. 6: 6:15PM Liturgy Meeting; 7:30PM Parish Council Meeting

Sat. Aug. 9: 3:00PM Confessions

Sun. Aug. 10: 10AM to Noon Eucharistic Prayer for Pro-Life and Vocations

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Envelope: \$3,193.00; Loose: \$342.00; candles: \$37.00; TOTAL: \$3,572.00; Peter's Pence: \$5.00; Sister Parish: \$100.00; Cemetery: \$80.00. Thank You!

SISTER PARISH COLLECTION. A second collection for our Sister Parish in Guatemala will be taken up this weekend.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR. St. Boniface Church Picnic 2008 is now history. I can't believe how hard you all worked in such oppressive heat. Everyone pitched in, did their part, did lots of sweating, and kept their noses to the grindstone. You are a hardworking crew that just never quits. I think it must be your German genes. The parish celebrated the deacon ordination of Mass of Thanksgiving for Deacon Rich Bagby in great style and fashion. Rich received his letter of appointment this past week to serve as deacon at St. Boniface Church in Germantown. And what do deacons do? As Rich explained at last Sunday's Mass, deacons perform a variety of functions. They distribute communion during Mass, and apart from Mass. They carry the eucharist to the sick and to those who are dying (viaticum). They baptize. They conduct funeral services. They preside at Liturgies of the Word. They preside at Sunday celebrations in the absence of a priest. They can preach at weekday Masses and other non-Eucharistic services. They can bless persons, places, or objects, as part of blessings in the Book of Blessings. When exercising his ministry as a deacon, Rich will be wearing a gray clerical shirt. May God bless the work of his hands. If any non-Catholic adult from Germantown would like to find out more about the Catholic Church, sessions will begin the end of August. Call Fr. Jim or Deacon Rich Bagby for more information.

DEACON RICH AND WIFE PAT would like to thank everybody here at St. Boniface for their participation in ordination activities. Thanks to the many parishioners who attended the ordination at St. Peter's Cathedral and the reception at the KC Hall on Saturday evening. Thanks to the "choir members" who provided the musical entertainment and to all who came to celebrate. Thanks especially to Betty Diesen and the Knight of Columbus members who prepared a scrumptious feast. Thanks to all who helped decorate our church and to all who attended Sunday's Mass of Thanksgiving. The guitar music Mike Kish and the participation of all who worshipped at Mass made it a truly moving experience. Thanks finally to my brother deacons who helped celebrate as well as to Fr. Jim and Fr. David Kalert who concelebrated Sunday's Mass. Pat and I are honored to serve the people of St. Boniface Parish.

PICNIC. As of Thursday estimated gross receipts were at \$70,000. Estimated dinner totals were at 2500. Raffle winners were: TV: Dennis Fuehne, Damiansville; Mower: Norb Thole, St. Rose; Grill: Marilyn Haake, Germantown; Patio Set: Cindy Bach, New Baden; Quilt: Shelly Langenhorst, Germantown; Pressure Washer: Dave Neff, Germantown; Bike: Jane Albers, Germantown; Cardinal Tickets: Bob Kuhl, Germantown.

LITURGY MEETING, August 6th at 6:15PM followed by a **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** at 7:30PM in the rectory basement.

DUE TO CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AFFLICTING THE POOR, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in great need of good, usable furniture including beds, mattresses, chests, dressers, etc. If you have items that you would like to donate, please call 618-875-3886 and leave a message on line 1. Your call will be promptly returned. May God bless you for helping those in need.

ANNUAL HEALING AND HOPE NOVENA, at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, July 28 – August 5 at 7:30PM. Each Novena Mass has a special theme and will close with a candlelight rosary procession. For more information call the Shrine at 397-6700 or see the brochure in back of church.

IT'S JUST...FAITH. Catholic Charities Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Diocese of Belleville will co-sponsor a Just Faith workshop on Saturday, August 9 from 8:45AM to 1PM at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis. The workshop will give you a vision of Biblical tradition, Catholic social teachings and the relationship between spirituality and justice. Contact Mike McGinty at 618-416-0776 for more info or to register.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RETREAT, August 22-24. Join us for the Annual Catholic Charismatic Retreat with Fr. James Murphy, founder of Vera Cruz Communications. "*St. Paul: Model of Christians*", is presented at King's House Retreat and Renewal Center in Belleville. For further information or reservations call 397-0584.

ERASE THE STIGMA OF MENTAL HEALTH, A conference for those who journey with someone suffering from mental illness. Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23, 9AM to 4PM, National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Friday's topic includes: Religion, Mental Health, and Clinical Practice: Integrating Psychological Treatment with Religious Beliefs and Practices with keynote speaker Dr. Bryce Sullivan. Saturday includes speaker Fr. Joe Nassal, CPPS, on A Spirituality of Recovery: Finding Strength Through Powerlessness. Cost for one day is \$30; both days \$50 (lunch included). Please call 397-6700, ext. 6272 to register before August 8.

GRIEF SUPPORT. St. Joseph Hospital in Breese 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 info call Pastoral Care at 526-4511, ext. 327.

MARKING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUMANAЕ VITAE, the Respect Life Office will host a Virtual Conversation via an internet blog beginning August 25. The date gives participants (and the curious) time to prepare by first reading the document (google "Humane Vitae). Participants will engage in an exchange of ideas about the challenges and opportunities taught in the document, and the ramifications of the varied responses to the teachings. Themes for conversation may include such things as freedom, dignity, conscience, hope, and trust. For information about how to participate e-mail Laurie Edwards at ledwards@diobelle.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Do not burden, for God knows that you want to have peace and love in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area is August 8th through 10th. To register or for more info call 888-889-9963 or go online to www.aweekendofdiscovery.org

"GREEN WITH FAITH" National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows 2008 Roundtable Series with Aquinas Institute, Tuesday, July 29, 11:30AM to 1PM, Conference Center. "Green With Faith" is a look at the environment as a faith issue. Cost: \$20, includes lunch. Call 397-6700 to register.

FOLLOWING THE 9AM MASS THIS SUNDAY, (TODAY) the PTA will be repainting the basketball courts, paw prints, etc on the new blacktop. Please make sure to move all vehicles from the parking lot following mass. Thank you!

GYA MEETING, August 24 at 10AM in the rectory basement.

BOY/CUB SCOUT ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE, August 30, have cans out by 10AM. Help recycle!

GERMANTOWN 175 YEARS NEWS: G-town Day at the Cardinal Game, Sat., Aug 23 against the Atlanta Braves. Game time is 2:55PM, bus leaves at 1:30PM. A school bus will also be taken for children wanting to attend the game with chaperones. Adult ticket with bus: \$60 (includes beer and soda on bus); Child ticket with bus: \$40; game ticket only: \$30. Deadline is August 4. 175th Celebration shirts order forms are available in back of church. Polo shirts are \$18 and t-shirts are \$10. Shirts can also be purchased directly from Cornerstone, Millside or Valbo's. If you want a shirt for the Cardinal Game deadline is July 30.

ADVANCE RIDE TICKETS FOR THE SPASSFEST will be available at Becker Shell, GTSB and IGA starting August 2 until 3PM on August 15. Advance sale price: 1 full sheet – 24 tickets for \$18. Sheets cannot be split.

THE SPASSFEST BINGO COMMITTEE is accepting donations for its annual Gift Basket Bingo. Completed baskets, empty baskets and supplies or items for baskets are all accepted. Contact Jeff Timmermann (523-7789) or Dean Albers (523-4826).

THE 41ST ANNUAL SPASSFEST is celebrating Germantown's 175th birthday with a parade on Saturday, August 16 at 6PM. Any interested participants should fill out the form located in the back of church or at the Village Hall and send to Darlene Langenhorst. The Spassfest Committee encourages family floats.

THE 41ST ANNUAL SPASSFEST plans are being finalized. Festivities begin Friday, August 15 with stands opening at 4PM. An Antique Tractor show also begins at 4PM. Back by popular demand is the American Banner Amusement Rides for the kids and young at heart. Entertainment for the evening begins with the Shoal Creek Bottom Boys from 6-8PM; SMASH Band from 8:30PM to 12:30AM and Short Circuit DJ from 8PM to 1AM. Saturday events begin with food stands opening at 11AM; Washer Tournament at 1PM, sign-up begins at noon; Handmade Quilt Auction at 1PM; Gift Basket Bingo Saturday afternoon with a special Kids Bingo; Car Show starts at 1PM; Polka Mass at St. Boniface at 4PM; Parade, commemorating the 175th anniversary of the founding of Germantown begins at 6PM. Fireworks will be at 9:30PM. Entertainment for Saturday will include Trio Freddie from 11AM to 3PM; Polka Connection from 3PM to 7PM; Dixie Express from 8PM to 12AM and Short Circuit DJ from 7PM to 1AM. Sunday, August 17 begins with breakfast from 7:30AM to Noon and concludes with the Grand Prize drawing at Noon.

SPASSFEST FAMILY TRIVIA CHALLENGE. Enter your "Family Team" in the 2008 Spassfest Family Trivia Challenge. Teams of up to 8 players with no more than 4 over the age of 16. Questions for the whole family and loads of prizes. The challenge begins at 12:30PM on Saturday, Aug. 16. Limited space and pre-registration is required with a \$50 team entry fee. Registration forms can be picked up at the bank, village hall or library or by contacting Jeff Timmermann (7789), or Dean Albers (4826).

SUMMERFEST 2008 at Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville. August 16, 4PM to midnight. Chicken dinner from 2:30 to 7PM, Quilt bingo starts at 6:30PM, mass at 5PM, guided tours of the Cathedral available every half hour. Raffle, music, German dancers at 5:30PM.