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August 31, 2008

Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

**HOLY MASSES: August 30-31, 2008**

Sat. 4:00PM Walter & Carolyn Beer 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv / Leon & Ruth Albers 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.  
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Sun. 9:00AM Ken Holtmann

**HOLY MASSES: September 1-7, 2008:**

Mon. NO MASS

Fri. 7:45AM Peace

Tue. 7:45AM Norbert Kalmer

Sat. 4:00PM L/D Charles Boeckmann Family

Wed. 7:45AM Parish

Sun. 9:00AM L/D Henry & Mary Deerhake Family

Thu. 7:30AM Parish

**NEXT WEEKEND (September 6-7):**

**LECTOR**

Sat. 4:00PM Joan Theising

Sun. 9:00AM Lawrence Spirek

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Ben Koch, Gerry & Ann Kohnen, Michael & Phyllis Miller

Deb & Paul Kohnen, James & Joanne Lampe, Dennis Loepker

**GIFTBEARERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Boeckmann Family

Sun. 9:00AM Deerhake Family

**MASS SERVERS**

Nick & Alyssa Hitpas, Brooke Kniepmann

Jacob Endres, Jamie Haake, Mary Helen Otrembiak

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Joe & Lucille Pingsterhaus

Sun. 9:00AM Denny & Mootsie Loepker

**USHERS**

Gervase Hemker, Tom Hitpas, Dave Kniepmann

Butch Beer, Paul Bruns, Greg Cook

**GREETERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Henrietta Koch, Helen Leonard

Sun. 9:00AM Walter & Carolyn Beer

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS**

Sept. 7 Carl & Melissa Kuhl

Morgan Albers, Kendra ALbers

**Tue. Sept. 2:** 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
6:30PM Novena and Rosary Devotions

**Sat. Sept. 6:** 3:00PM Confessions

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS:** Envelope: \$2,663; Loose: \$115; candles: \$36; TOTAL: \$2,814. Assumption: \$15. Thank You!  
**SISTER PARISH COLLECTION** will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR.** We've done a lot of repairs this summer and attached you will find a breakdown of the expenses from the various projects for your review.

**FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH.** (1<sup>st</sup> installment) It's been a month since my ordination to the diaconate, and I'm really adjusting to the flurry of activities here at St. Boniface. We thought we'd share a few thoughts with you each week about the role of a deacon. What is a deacon and what does he do anyway? Is he just a priest who didn't make the grade? Is he a member of the clergy or a lay person? I'm sure these are some of the questions bouncing around in your heads at the present. So, here's a little explanation for you. The tern "deacon" comes from a Greek word *diakonos*, which can mean variously "servant," "minister," "one who assists," or even "evangelist" according to some modern translations. A Biblical basis exists for the office of deacon in the *Acts of the Apostles*. In time after Pentecost, there were so many converts to Christianity that the Apostles began to feel overwhelmed. So they sought out help. *Acts 6: 1-7* tells what happened in those days. "At that time, as the number of disciples continued to grow, the Greeks complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve...Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task...'. They presented these men to the Apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly."

**THE ST. BONIFACE FAITH FORMATION BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will investigate 1 Corinthians: *Living as Christians* during our Fall study series. Since Pope Benedict XVI has declared this year of St. Paul, it's only fitting that we should study one of his pivotal epistles. We will be holding the Bible study sessions on Monday evenings, October 6 through November 10 or 17 (6 sessions). The study sessions will meet in the rectory basement from 7 to 9PM. If you are interested in joining our study group, please put your name, address, and phone number on the signup sheets which are located on the bulletin boards at all the church entrances. Deadline is September 14 so that we can order books. God's Peace, Deacon Rich.

**COSGROVE'S KITCHEN.** Once again St. Boniface, along with the Altar Sodality will participate in "A Meal for the Poor". We will be handing out pans with a recipe the weekend of September 13 & 14 and the prepared casserole (not baked) will need to be returned to Germantown IGA by September 20-21 and the meals will be delivered to Cosgrove's Kitchen on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. More details will follow.

**PICNIC MEETING** is scheduled for Sept. 11 at 7:30PM in the rectory basement. All chairpersons are encouraged to attend.

**ATTENTION QUILTERS**, we will be quilting again on Tuesday afternoon beginning Sept. 9 at noon, and Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 10 at 6:30PM. A quilt will be put in for **first time quilters** wanting to learn the trade.

## READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Taking up our cross

Reading I: Jeremiah 20:7-9 (A fire burning in my heart)

Reading II: Romans 12:1-2 (Do not conform yourselves to this age)

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27 (The challenge to follow Christ)

Adults: In what ways might I have allowed my faith to become a matter of routine and mental assent rather than a personal relationship?

Children: How has Jesus' love for me allowed me to do difficult things?

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY.** St. Boniface will observe Catechetical Sunday next weekend at both masses by recognizing our catechists of our parish. As part of the celebration, parents and guardians will be blessed along with the catechists for the important role they play in handing on the faith to the next generation. St. Boniface catechists are: Ruth Eversgerd, Julie Foppe, Maggie Brueggemann, Catherine Gebke, Ali Usselmann, Beth Winkler, Joanne Lampe, Dave & Marilyn Jansen, Hank & Marie Wesselmann, Gerry Huelsmann, Joan Theising, Rita Nordhaus, Jenna Cohoon, Alyssa Benhoff, Perri Wesselmann, Marleen Albers. We also recognize all the leaders of the Liturgy of the Word with Children.

**YOUTH MINISTRY.** Come all High School youth and help plan Fall activities for a new Youth Ministry year on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 6PM in the rectory basement. We especially welcome our Freshmen and their parents.

**GRANDPARENT'S DAY.** Grandparent's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 7 at the 9Am Liturgy. Grandparents and their families are invited to come for a recognition and blessing.

**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: Mater Dei:** Sept. 1: no school, Labor Day; Sept. 2: School Board meeting, 7:30PM. **Central:** Sept. 1: no school, Labor Day; Sept. 3: PAWS Meeting, 7:30PM; Sept. 15: Board Meeting, 7:30PM.

**NEEDED – USED UNIFORMS.** The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is in urgent need of all sizes of gently used school uniforms for students in grades K through 12. Navy blue pants and shorts and white polo type shirts for boys and navy blue slacks and shorts and white shirts and blouses for girls. If you have any of these items to donate, please call the St. Vincent de Paul office at 875-3886 or Pat at 799-8505. Thank you for supporting our ministry.

**DUE TO CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AFFLICING 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.

**BELLEVILLE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION,** "Journey Into Faith" is October 8 at St. Mary Parish Center in Carlyle. Registration and refreshments begin at 8:30AM. Morning speakers include Rev. Joseph Rascher – "Jubilee Year of St. Paul"; Sue Huett – "The Spirituality of Ministry". Afternoon speakers include: Rev. Dennis Voss – "Faithful Citizenship"; President Marie Miller – "You are Important" and Past Province Director Janet Molinarolo – "Promoting Membership Magic". Closing Liturgy will be at 2:15PM with The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville. RSVP by Sept. 22 by sending a \$15 registration fee to Josephine Swanson, BDCCW Treasurer, RR 1 Box 19, Herod, IL 62947. Registrations will also be accepted at the door the day of the convention at \$18. Come and enjoy the fellowship of women throughout the diocese.

**FESTIVAL OF FAITHS AND CULTURES,** Saturday, September 6, 10AM to 7PM, National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Celebrate people...celebrate peace at this unique festival, highlighting the multitude of cultures and faiths of our area. The day includes music, dance, culture, food, and exhibits. For more information, contact the Shrine at 397-6700.

**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.

**RECENTLY A PROJECT RACHEL** phone call was received that related to a young man and his concern that a baby he fathered may be aborted and he was powerless to provide protection. He is not alone. In fact, on September 8-9 in Oak Brook, IL there will be a conference on men dealing with Abortion. Organized by the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing, "Reclaiming Fatherhood: A Multifaceted Examination of Men Dealing with Abortion" will include: Fatherhood Lost: The Biology of Fatherhood and His Role in an Abortion Decision, Men and Abortion: A Review of the Research, Trauma and Abortion: When Men Hollow, Understanding Male Spiritual Growth and the Process of Healing, Wounded Fathers: Why Do They Come for Help, Medicating the Pain of Lost Fatherhood: Looking For Their Pain In All The Wrong Places, Forgiveness Therapy with Post- Abortion Men, The Masculine Side of Healing. Please see [www.menandabortion.info](http://www.menandabortion.info) for more information or call 1-800-5WE-CARE

**PRAYERS NEEDED!** Please remember Project Rachel in your prayers! Not only for the women and men affected by the trauma of abortion, but also those who walk alongside them to bring hope and healing. As always, if you or someone you know needs help on their journey to healing, please call us at 1-800-618-HEAL (4325).

**GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** needs a volunteer(s) to lead the GCD Kids Organization. If interested, please call Mary Jansen-Parrent at 523-4145.

**QUARTOSECENTENNIAL MEMORABILIA BOOKS** will be ready in late October/early November. The committee decided to include all of this years celebration events in the booklet. The last event is scheduled for October 4. Shortly after that event the booklet will be submitted for publishing. Everyone will be contacted as soon as they are completed.

**BOY/CUB SCOUT ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE,** September 27th, have cans out by 10AM. Help recycle!

**QUILT BINGO,** August 31 starting at 6PM at St. Liborius Parish, St. Libory.

**RUMMAGE SALE,** Sept. 11-13 at St. Nicholas Church, 401 East State Street in Pocahontas.

**HAM, SAUSAGE, PANCAKE & POTATO BREAKFAST,** Sept. 14, 7:30AM to 11:30AM, Germantown American Legion.

**FALL QUILT BINGO**, Sept. 18, 7:30PM, St. Cecilia Parish Center, Bartelso. Sponsored by the Ladies Sodality.