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September 14, 2008
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

HOLY MASSES: September 13-14, 2008

Sat. 4:00PM JoAnn Kues/Bernard Hemann/Helen Otten

Sun. 9:00AM Dave & Marilyn Jansen 45th Wedding Anniv./L/D Matt Haukap Family
L/D Fritz & Eleanor Weier Family

HOLY MASSES: September 15-21, 2008:

Mon. NO MASS

Fri. 7:45AM Parish

Tue. NO MASS

Sat. 4:00PM Robert J. Tebbe / Joyce Kuhl / Corny Kniepmann

Wed. NO MASS

Sun. 9:00AM Frances Wilke / Vic Kohrmann

Thu. NO MASS

NEXT WEEKEND (September 20-21):

LECTOR

Sat. 4:00PM Brian Kenow

Sun. 9:00AM Deb Kohnen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Walter Beer, Colette Hitpas, Catherine Gebke, Maggie Peters, Joan Young
Hank & Marie Wesselmann, Rich Wuebbels, Marita Hilmes, Rita Nordhaus

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. 4:00PM Tebbe/Kuhl/Kniepmann Families

Sun. 9:00AM Wilke/Kohrmann Families

MASS SERVERS

Jacob Albers, Emily Peters, Becca Hemker

Kristen Gebke, Claire Langenhorst, Alexis Hemker

ROSARY LEADERS

Sat. 4:00PM Dolores Kohnen & Florence Jansen

Sun. 9:00AM Frank & Rita Nordhaus

USHERS

Paul Spihlmann, Regis Voss, Randy Wesselmann

Jerome Eversgerd, Mike & Marlene Fields

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Dave & Lisa Kniepmann

Sun. 9:00AM Jan Schwierjohn, Pat Bagby

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

Sept. 21 Lynn Tonnies & Nancy Weems

Anna Lampe, Alexis Tonnies

Sun. Sept. 14: 10AM to Noon Eucharistic Prayer for Pro-Life and Vocations

Tue. Sept. 16: 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

6:30PM Novena and Rosary Devotions

7:00PM Choir practice. New members welcome!

Sat. Sept. 20: 3:00PM Confessions

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Envelope: \$3,546.00; Loose: \$243.00; candles: \$32.00; TOTAL: \$3,821.00. Religious Retirement: \$2.00; Sister Parish: \$1,176.00. Thank You! Thank you to the Agnes Eversgerd Family for their memorial donations to St. Boniface Cemetery and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN. The Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC) has been the voice in the media, educating, inspiring and informing the public about Gospel values. The CCC plays an important role in our Church and in society. It is supported solely through an annual parish collection that merits our continued support. Visit www.CatholicCommunicationsCampaign.org and explore all the materials available to you and your family. You can find envelopes in with your regular set for this collection. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR: This week all the diocesan priests and priests who work in parishes will have a week long meeting with Bishop Braxton in St. Louis. We will meet in the Drury Inn in St. Louis. No the downtown Drury Inn – but the one off 20th St. and Rt. 40. This priest convocation has been a staple in our diocese for 20 years now. It's always good to get together with brother priests and bishop. In light of 60% of the diocesan pastors calling for the resignation of Bishop Braxton this past March 12th, an outside arbitrator has been hired by the diocese to facilitate conversations between Bishop Braxton and the clergy. And now with the civil lawsuit for 5 million dollars against the diocese, and 1 pending civil lawsuit and many more probably pending, there are additional issues to be worked through. There's an old Chinese proverb which applies to our diocese now: "May you live in interesting times." Because I will be gone for the week, Monday through Thursday, no masses are scheduled. I will be back on Friday. We'll have the children's Mass Friday morning.

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH. (3rd installment) Deacons, presbyters, (priests), and bishops continued to be the three levels of ordination in the early Church. Sadly, though the office of Deacon lost its early flavor. By the Middle Ages, the diaconate became simply a step toward priesthood, a training ground before priestly ordination. Only during the Second Vatican Council in 1964 did the Church Fathers re-institute the office of Permanent Diaconate. Today, there are tens of thousands of permanent deacons throughout the world. Various non-Catholic Christian churches have deacons who serve a variety of functions too. In some Christian churches, the deacons serve as a board of advisors to the pastor. In others, they're in charge of buildings and grounds or fundraising. In still others, deacons go around during the church services making sure that the congregation is paying attention to the pastor's message. I promise that I won't do that-at least not too often. The Roman Catholic Deacon is not a priest. For example, I cannot consecrate the Eucharist, forgive sins, or administer the Sacrament of the Sick and Aged as Fr. Jim can. I do not receive a salary; I am strictly an ordained volunteer in God's service. I am and can remain married-I'm sure that Pat is happy to hear that. However, I may not remarry. As a matter of fact, with the Sacrament of Ordination and Matrimony, I have now received all 7 Sacraments of the Church. Finally, I was ordained for service to the Diocese of Belleville, not specifically to a parish. However, Bishop Braxton has assigned me to St. Boniface at the present time along with my other pastoral ministries at St. Joseph's Hospital and at the Centralia Correctional Center.

THE ST. BONIFACE FAITH FORMATION BIBLE STUDY GROUP will investigate 1 Corinthians: *Living as Christians* during our Fall study series. We will be holding the Bible study sessions on Monday evenings, October 6, 20, 27 and November 3, 10, and 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 sign-up 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.

CANTOR. Questionnaires for those interested in Cantoring can be found on the Communion Rails in back of church. They can be returned in the collection basket.

ATTACHED TO THE BULLETIN you will find the financial report for the year ending June 30, 2008 for St. Boniface Church. The financial report for the 2008 church picnic is also included.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA). The first meeting of RCIA has been set for Monday, Sept. 22 at St. Anthony Parish Center in Beckemeyer at 7PM. St. Boniface is doing RCIA with our cluster parishes. Give Fr. Jim a call if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. There's still plenty of time.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP A PAN FOR COSGROVE'S KITCHEN THIS WEEKEND! 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 **this weekend, 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 23rd of September.

QUILTERS MEET every Tuesday afternoon at noon and Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM in the rectory basement. Everyone is welcome to help. There is a beginners quilt for those wanting to learn.

READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Redeemed by the cross of Christ

Reading I: Numbers 21: 4b-9 (complaining against the Lord)

Reading II: Phillipians 2:6-11 (The exalted Christ Jesus)

Gospel: John 3: 13-17 (Saved through the Son)

Adults: To what extent do I try to join the trials and sufferings of my life to those of Jesus?

Children: When I see a crucifix or picture of Jesus on the cross, do I say a prayer of thanks to him for loving me that much?

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: Mater Dei: Sept. 15: Band Parents Meeting, 7:30PM; Sept. 17: Homecoming Parade; Sept. 20: Homecoming Dance. **Central:** Sept. 15: Board Meeting, 7:30PM.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS. The following students from Mater Dei High School have completed their training for Eucharistic Ministry and are available if you need a replacement: Catherine Gebke, Ashley Kohnen, Jason Kuhl. Congratulations!

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.

"FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP" The Office of Respect Life will provide a presentation and discussion opportunity on "Faithful Citizenship" from 9-11AM on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2620 Lebanon Ave., Belleville, Bldg. 6. It will also be presented from 3-5PM, Sept. 28 at St. Frances Xavier in Carbondale and from 3-5PM, Oct. 19 at St. Mary Parish Center in Mt. Vernon. There is no cost. For additional information contact Laurie Edwards at 235-9601, ext. 133.

ANNUAL FALL HARVEST BLESSING OF THE FARM will be held Saturday, Sept. 27 at 11:00AM at the farm property of Stephen Scates and Family in Shawneetown, IL with the Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton presiding. Directions: traveling southeast bound from Belleville to Shawneetown (I64>Rte 242>Rte 1) 12347 McGuire Rd. 618-269-3209.

PILGRIMAGE TO CATHOLIC SHRINES IN PORTUGAL, SPAIN & FRANCE. St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Carbondale will be conducting the pilgrimage from Nov. 4-14. The base cost of the trip is \$2,379. For more information contact Fr. Bob Flannery, the chaplain for the trip at 618-457-4556.

PREPARING YOUR WILL? Consider remembering your parish, Catholic High School or diocese in your final bequest. A bequest is an instruction in your written will that states how to distribute some or all of your available estate.

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

THE KERNAL NUT CLUB will be hosting a Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick Competition to be held at Veteran's Park (Lake Park) at 11AM, Sept. 14, for all boys and girls born in the years 1993-2000. Registration will begin at 10:30AM. Please bring a copy of your birth certificate. Separate awards for boys and girls and each age group, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 & 14-15.

GYA MEETING, Sept. 21, 10-11AM in the rectory basement.

CHILI COOK-OFF CONTESTANTS are needed for the 175th Celebration Hollow Log Finale on October 4th at Schoendienst Park. \$10 entry fee with a minimum of 1 gallon (red chili only). All entries must be at the park by 4PM with judging at 6PM. All entrants must be registered no later than September 30 to Gary Kohrmann at 523-8255 or Boomer Kuhl at 523-4725.

BOY/CUB SCOUT ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE, September 27th, have cans out by 10AM. Help recycle! **PACK MEETING,** Sept. 17, at Schoendienst Park at 7PM.

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

CHICKEN DINNER, Sept. 21, 11AM to 5PM, St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie.

QUILT BINGO, Sept. 21, St. Augustine Parish Center, Breese. Fried Chicken lunch from 11AM to 1PM, bingo at 2PM.