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**September 28, 2008**  
**Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**HOLY MASSES: September 27-28, 2008**

Sat. 4:00PM Alois Wuebbels/Judy Athmer/Agnes Eversgerd

Sun. 9:00AM Clarence & Eugenia Dierkes/JoAnn Kues/Glenn Wesselmann

11:00AM Gene & Esther Dierkes 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.

**HOLY MASSES: September 29- October 5, 2008:**

Mon. NO MASS

Fri. 7:45AM Peace

Tue. 7:45AM Parish

Sat. 4:00PM Andrew Weh/Herb Haake/Special Intention

Wed. 7:45AM Parish

Sun. 9:00AM Charlie & Florence Albers

Thu. 7:30AM Louise Heidemann

Ken & Kenny Humphrey

**NEXT WEEKEND (October 4-5):**

**LECTOR**

Sat. 4:00PM Gerard Albers

Sun. 9:00AM Joanne Lampe

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Bernie Barth, Dave & Marilyn Jansen, Ben Koch, Jacinta Kohnen

Geralyn Albers, Rich & Pat Bagby, Linda Barth, Ruth Eversgerd

**GIFTBEARERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Weh/Haake Families

Sun. 9:00AM Albers/Humphrey Families

**MASS SERVERS**

Emily Peters, Jordan Lampe, Broke Kniepmann

Brenden Tonnies, Alexis Tonnies, Anna Lampe

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Dave & Marilyn Jansen

Sun. 9:00AM Rich & Pat Bagby

**USHERS**

Catherine Gebke, Glen & Wanita Gebke

Matt Hueslmann, Miranda Hueslmann, Mike Hueslmann

**GREETERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Helen Leonard & Henrietta Koch

Sun. 9:00AM Leroy & Jean Diesen

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS**

Oct. 5 Jon & Karen Hoelscher

Zac Beckmann, Jordan Lampe

**Tue. Sept. 30:** 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

6:30PM Novena and Rosary Devotions

7:00PM Choir practice. New members welcome! The Choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on Oct. 12

**Sat. Oct. 4:** 3:00PM Confessions

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS:** Envelope: \$2577; Loose: \$159; candles: \$44; TOTAL: \$2780. Religious Retirement: \$20.

Thank You! Thank you to the Louise Heidemann family for their memorial donation to the parish.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Casseroles for Cosgrove's Kitchen. St. Boniface parishioners prepared a total of 137 casseroles that were delivered on September 23.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR:** October is Respect Life Month. Each weekend in the month of October will be dedicated to an aspect of appreciation of the gift of life here at St. Boniface. Oct. 4/5 will be a blessing of children – grade school and high school – at the weekend Masses. At Sunday's Mass on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will represent Guardian Angels and Mrs. Eversgerd's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class will present a Respect Life theme. On October 11/12 the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated after the Saturday evening and after the Sunday morning Mass. As I visit the shut-ins of the parish during the month of October, I will anoint these individuals in their homes. No need for these individuals to make a special trip to church. I will be coming to your home. If any parishioner can't make the anointing on Oct. 11/12, call me. I'll make arrangements with you. On Oct. 18/19, the expectant parents will be blessed. A baptism will be celebrated during the Sunday Mass on Oct. 19. On October 25/26, all health care workers and care-givers will be blessed. As Hurricane Ike came through Southern Illinois during our Sunday morning Mass on Sept. 14, a motor generator to our church AC unit burned out. Smoke from this generator was pulled into church, and the smell of a burned out motor quickly permeated the air. We had just finished communion, but everyone left immediately – "in an orderly fashion." (I have told several people that the good news is that this all happened AFTER the collection had been taken up.) The fire department was here in minutes, and correctly identified the problem in 30-45 minutes. A BIG THANKS to the Germantown Fire Department for the quick and professional response. I realize now how fortunate our town is to have well trained professionals so close by. Still waiting to see how long it will take to fix the church AC. If it doesn't get fixed pretty soon, I won't be surprised if someone suggests that I'm just not turning on air in church to save money. I'm German – but not that German! During the month of October, ushers will be counting the number of people attending the weekend Masses. If you get the feeling that you're being counted, you're not paranoid. And finally thanks for filling out the Time & Talent Inventory sheets last weekend. Still time to turn them in, if you missed them last week, the sheets are on the communion rail this week.

**FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH.** (5th installment) As a Minister of the Liturgy, the Deacon's role according to the *National Directory on the Diaconate* is to be a Sanctifier, in other words, to help the people of God to worship and to receive the grace of the Sacraments. You're probably very familiar with my presence at Mass as lector and acolyte during the past several years. Now, you'll see me sharing a bit more responsibility during the Eucharistic celebration. I'll lead the *Lord have mercy*, lead the Prayers of the Faithful, prepare the altar at Offertory, raise the chalice at the Consecration, invite the congregation to share the Sign of Peace, and invite the congregation to "Go in peace" at the end of Mass. I am charged with carrying Viaticum (Communion) to the dying. I can also preside at prayer services with Communion (on Sundays and other special occasions when Father Jim is absent) as well as at Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition, I can preside at baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals. Finally, I am able to administer the Church's sacraments and conduct blessing rites. Again, as I stated in an

earlier installment of From the Deacon's Bench, I cannot "say" Mass, hear confessions (well, I can hear your sins, but I can't forgive them; you'll need to see Father about that), or administer the Sacrament of the Sick and Aged.

**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.

#### READINGS & QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Following God's will

Reading I: Ezekiel 18: 25-28 (Turning from wickedness)

Reading II: Philippians 2: 1-11 (United in heart)

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32 (The two sons)

Adults: In what ways have I resembled both sons in today's Gospel?

Children: What stories have helped me become a better Christian?

**GUARDIAN ANGEL MASS**, Sunday, Oct. 5, 9AM Liturgy

**CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING**, Sunday, Oct. 5 after the 9M Liturgy

**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: Mater Dei**: Sept. 29: Fathers & Friends Meeting, 8PM.

**PRO LIFE MAGNETIC RIBBONS**. After Masses on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> (Respect Life Sunday) Breese Knights of Columbus members will be offering the attractive Pro Life Magnetic Ribbons for a donation of \$5 with the proceeds to be directed to Pro-Life activities. Please help us promote respect for the sanctity of all human life.

**THE ANNUAL NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN 2008**, a National Hour of Prayer, a visual, prayerful public statement against abortion will be held in over 1,000 cities nationwide along major highways. In solidarity, Clinton County Life Chain will be observed at all exits along the new Rt. 50 on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 2-3PM. Lawn chairs and umbrellas are suggested for some. Posters and Prayer cards are available at the site. Your prayers, support and presence are welcomed, bring your family and friends.

**PRO LIFE BREAKFAST** will be held at St. George gym in New Baden on October 5 from 7:30AM to 12:00pm. The menu will include link sausage, pancakes, hash browns, eggs, biscuits & gravy, cooked apples, milk, juice, coffee. The price is \$7.50 for adults; \$3.50 for children ages 6-12. All profits go to Pro-Life programs.

**RESPECT LIFE MASS**, Oct. 4, at Holy Family Church, 2606 Washington Ave., Granite City, 9:00AM with Bishop George J. Lucas. Rosary Walk & Prayer Vigil, 10:00AM. There will be a lunch and a keynote address after the Vigil. For more info call 217-698-8500, ext. 167.

**WORD OF LIFE**. God's creation is one and it is good. The concerns for non-violence, sustainable development, justice and peace, and care for our environment are of vital importance for humanity. They cannot, however, be understood apart from a profound reflection upon the innate dignity of every human life from conception to natural death: a dignity conferred by God himself and thus inviolable. —Pope Benedict XVI, Welcome Celebration by the Young People at Barangaroo, Sydney, July 17, 2008.

**HEALING & HOPE SERVICE**, Sunday, Oct. 5 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 611 West Broadway St., Sparta at 5:30PM. The church is celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Aparition of the Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes, France. This service is part of that celebration and is open to people of all faiths who suffer from physical, spiritual, or emotional afflictions. The guest homilist for the services will be Father Tom Singer, O.M.I. After the service, there will be a movie presentation of "Lourdes of the East" in the church's Fellowship Room. For more info call 618-443-2811.

**GERMANTOWN FIRE DEPT. SHOOTING MATCH**, today, Sept. 28 at Schoendienst Park. Food served beginning at noon, (carry-outs available). Activities begin at 2PM. Watch Nascar & football, music, 4-Wheeler and big screen TV raffle. Enjoy the day, everyone welcome!

**HERITAGE DAY**, Oct. 5, St. Dominic Parish, Breese. Celebrating their 150 years from 11AM to 6PM with a Polka Mass, German Dinner, tractor, tool and antique displays. Outside tents with plenty of food, refreshments and kiddie games.

**CHILI COOK-OFF CONTESTANTS** are needed for the 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration Hollow Log Finale on October 4<sup>th</sup> at Schoendienst Park. \$10 entry fee with a minimum of 1gallon (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.

**HOLLOW LOG BON FIRE**, in celebration of Germantown's 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration will be held Oct. 4 at Schoendienst Park, 3PM to 1AM. Show your heritage, wear your German attire! Dedication of the Golden Keg at 3:45PM; music by Shoal Creek Bottom Boys from 4PM-6:30PM; Late September from 8-Midnight and JB Music ProductionDJ throughout the day. **CHILI COOK OFF** contestants needed, \$10 entry fee with a minimum of 1 gallon (red chili only). All entries must be at the park by 4PM. To sign up, call Gary Kohrmann at 523-8255 or Boomer Kuhl at 523-4725. Homemade wine tasting contestants are needed, \$10 entry fee. All entries must be at the park by 3PM. To sign up for wine contest call Joe Langenhorst, 523-4486 or Don Langenhorst, 523-7700. All entrants must call by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Judging for both contests will be at 6PM.

**BOY/CUB SCOUT ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE**, October 25th, have cans out by 10AM. Help recycle!

**GERMANTOWN BAND PIE SALES** begin Sept. 19 and will be taken through Oct. 6. They will be delivered by Nov. 15. If you would like to place an order, please call Kelli Hanna at 523-4812 or Jessica Novy at 523-4148 or contact one of the band students. Thank you!

**GERMANTOWN AMERICAN LEGION CHICKEN & PORK ROAST DINNER**, Sunday, Oct. 26 from 11AM to 6PM. Homemade dressing, homemade desserts!

**NEED HELP** with gas & electric bills? Call the Clinton County BCMW at 594-4146 for information about Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. See the flier posted in the back of church for more info.

**RUMMAGE SALE**, St. Mary Parish, Trenton at the Parish Center. Oct. 1 - 3

**CLINTON COUNTY SHOWCASE** proudly presents its first production since the Avon Theater renovations began, *Rehearsal for Murder*, Oct. 17-19 and 24-25 at 8PM with a 2PM Sunday matinee on Oct. 26. Doors open 1 hour before show times for guided tours of the completed and planned renovations. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors. Call 526-AVON.