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September 6, 2009
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MASSES: September 5-6

Sat. 4:00PM Frank Holtmann/Lorena Rolfingsmeyer/L/D Charles Boeckmann Family

Sun. 9:00AM Dickie Winkeler

HOLY MASSES: September 7-13, 2009:

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. 7:45AM L/D Ben & Eugenia Thuenemann Family

Wed. 7:45AM Al Wuebbels, Sr. & Al Wuebbels, Jr.

Thu. 7:30AM Parish

Fri. 7:45AM Ervin Gerling

Sat. 1:30PM Eric Henken & Jamie Albers Wedding

Sat. 4:00PM Barney & Mary Eversgerd

Sun. 9:00AM Special Intention VMB / Skeets Holtmann

L/D August & Rose Voss Family

NEXT WEEKEND September 12-13

LECTOR

Sat. 4:00PM Dave Jansen

Sun. 9:00AM Larry Spirek

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Jacinta Kohnen, Lorinda Jansen, Phyllis Beer, Walter Beer, Colette Hitpas

Linda Barth, Albert Becker, Ruth Eversgerd, Brian Kenow, Dennis Loepker

GIFTBEARERS

Sat. 4:00PM Eversgerd Family

Sun. 9:00AM Holtmann/Voss Families

MASS SERVERS

Ethan Albers, Nick Hitaps, Quinton Huelsmann

Austin Winter, Ben Lampe, Anna Lampe

ROSARY LEADERS

Sat. 4:00PM Vince & Ethel Albers

Sun. 9:00AM Bernette Leonard & Virginia Buenemeyer

USHERS

Regis Voss, Randy Wesselmann, Vince Albers

Darlene Beer, Maurice Dierkes, Paul Bruns

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Marla Langenhorst

Sun. 9:00AM Maurice & Jenny Dierkes

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

Sun. Sept. 13 Lynn Tonnies & Nancy Weems

Rachelle Haake & Karli Boeckmann

CANTORS

Ruth Deering

Perri Wesselmann

Tue. September 8: 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

6:30PM Novena & Rosary Devotions

Sat. September 12: 3:00PM Confessions

Sun. September 13: 10:00AM to Noon Eucharistic Prayer for Pro-Life & Vocations

STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS: Envelope: \$2354; Loose: \$205; Candles: \$43; TOTAL: \$2602. Thank You!

SISTER PARISH COLLECTION will be held this weekend. Please remember our brothers and sisters in Guatemala.

ST. BONIFACE PARISH welcomes CLARA ELIZABETH SCHUHARDT, daughter of Timothy and Kimberly (Klotz) Schuhardt who will be baptized at our parish this Sunday at 10AM.

RCIA starts Monday, September 28th 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.

ALTAR SODALITY MEETING, September 16, 7:00PM in the rectory basement.

ATTENTION QUILTERS: We will begin quilting on Tuesday afternoons beginning September 8 at noon, and Wednesday evenings beginning September 9 at 6:30PM.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I: Isaiah 35:4-7a (Be strong)

Reading II: James 2: 1-5 (Show no partiality)

Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37 (He makes the deaf hear)

Adults: As I listen to today's Gospel, what thought patterns or prejudices cry out within me to be opened by the touch of Jesus?

Children: What does it mean when we say that "actions speak louder than words"?

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: Mater Dei: Sept. 7: no school, Labor Day **Central:** Sept. 7: no school, Labor Day; Sept. 21: School Board Meeting, 7:30PM.

FAITH IN THE MARKETPLACE. Recipients of the 2009 Faith in the Marketplace are: Mike Dall-St. Joseph Parish, Olney; Barbara Grace-St. Francis Xavier Parish, Carbondale; Charles Grace-St. Frances Xavier Parish, Carbondale; Daniel Krausz-Holy Childhood, Mascoutah; Percy & Judy Menzies-St. Clare Parish, O'Fallon; Francis Rehkemper-St. Dominic Parish, Breese; Paul Wilhelm-St. Joseph Parish, Lebanon.

CONVERSATIONS WITH MUSLIM WOMEN will be presented at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows on Sept. 27 from 2-4PM. Fr. John Madigan will speak with Hanar Marzouk and Sousan Darwech about their faith and their stories as Muslim women living in the United States. Cost is \$5 and pre-registration is requested by calling 394-6281.

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.

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.

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.

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.

HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES! The St. Louis Retrouvaille Program starts with a weekend September 18-20 and has six follow-up sessions. If you are facing financial difficulties, we can work with you. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, call Chuck and Linda at 314-453-0110, or call toll free 1-800-470-2230, or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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 – 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. All proceeds will be used locally to serve the poor. You can designate your pledges to the Belleville Council.

THE SISTERS OF MERCY OF THE HOLY CROSS, sponsors of St. Joseph Hospital in Breese from 1921 to 1986, will host "Living with Love...Serving with Mercy" October 2-4 at the Sisters' USA Province Headquarters in Merrill, Wisconsin. Women interested in discovering how they are being called to live their lives reflecting the Gospel are invited to come away for a weekend," says Sister Kathy Wiesneski, director of Vocations. Cost is \$25, which includes meals and housing. The retreat will give women the opportunity to deal with questions that have in their lives on many different levels," Sister Kathy said. "If you have questions about your life and a call to serve, come away and listen. For weekend retreat information or a registration form contact 1-715-539-1460 or kwiesneski@holycrosssisters.org

A FLU SHOT CLINIC will be held on October 4 from 8AM to 11AM at the Germantown school cafeteria, sponsored by Shop N Save. Parishioner and pharmacists Nick and Megan (Beckmann) Martin will administer the shots. Recipients over the age of 65, please bring in your Medicare or Medicaid card. The price of the shot is 24.99 and only cash or check can be accepted and the pharmacists cannot bill private insurance companies.

CLINTON COUNTY RESIDENTS: LOWER YOUR ENERGY COSTS. If you have not had your home weatherized by the BCMW since 1994 you may be eligible to have the BCMW do an energy audit to see where your heat loss is and make some energy savings improvements to your home. In addition to checking your furnace system, other work may include sealing cracks with weather stripping and caulk and insulating attics and walls. You may qualify if a household member receives SS1, LIHEAP, Financial Assistance from Public Aid, AABD or if the household income does not exceed \$44,100 for a family of four. (See additional income rates on the flyer in back of church). For more information or an appointment please call BCMW – Clinton County Office, 625 N. 2nd St., Breese at 526-7123.

UTILITY BILLS GETTING YOU DOWN. BCMW can help. See flyer in back of church for eligibility requirements.

GERMANTOWN LEGION BREAKFAST, Sunday, Sept. 20, serving from 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Potatoes, ham, eggs, pancakes, sausage, Carryouts available.

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.

BAKED TURKEY & FRIED CHICKEN DINNER, Sept. 13, 11AM to 6PM, Breese American Legion. Carryouts available.

CHICKEN DINNER, Sept. 13, noon to 5PM at St. Jerome Church, 507 S. Main St., Troy.

FALL QUILT BINGO, September 17 at 7:30PM at St. Cecilia Parish Center, Bartelso. Bring your bingo chips. Sponsored by the Ladies Sodality.

CHICKEN DINNER, St. Felicitas Church, Beaver Prairie, Sept. 20, 11AM to 5PM

BUNKO & DESERT PARTY, St. Anthony Parish Center, Beckemeyer, Sept. 21, 1PM. \$5 includes drinks and desert.