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September 7, 2008  
Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

**HOLY MASSES: September 6-7, 2008**

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

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

**HOLY MASSES: September 8-14, 2008:**

Mon. NO MASS

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

Wed. 7:45AM Gerald Husmann

Thu. 7:30AM Parish

Fri. 7:45AM Parish

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

Sun. 9:00AM Dave & Marilyn Jansen 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.

L/D Matt Haukap Family / L/D Fritz & Eleanor Weier Family

**NEXT WEEKEND (September 13-14):**

**LECTOR**

Sat. 4:00PM Ben Koch

Sun. 9:00AM Rich Timmermann

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

Jacinta Kohnen, Lorinda Jansen, Phyllis Beer, Jim & Jean Endres

Joe & Mary Sue Langenhorst, Mike & Jan Luitjohan, Rob Otrembiak

**GIFTBEARERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Kues/Hemann/Otten Families

Sun. 9:00AM Jansen/Haukap/Weier Families

**MASS SERVERS**

Kelly Stukenberg, Seth Haake, Morgan Albers

Amy Nettles, Paige Langenhorst, David Foppe

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Helen Leonard

Sun. 9:00AM Christine Beckmann

**USHERS**

Roger Kohrmann, Mike Korte, Maurice Spihlmann

Larry Deerhake, Maurice Dierkes, Leroy Diesen

**GREETERS**

Sat. 4:00PM Dave Lampe, Sr, Lorinda Jansen

Sun. 9:00AM Maurice & Jenny Dierkes

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS**

Sept. 14 Marie & Randy Wesselmann

Brandon Becker & Kyle Kohnen

**Tue. Sept. 9:** 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

6:30PM Novena and Rosary Devotions

**Sat. Sept. 13:** 3:00PM Confessions

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

**STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS:** Envelope: \$2,214.00; Loose: \$475.00; candles: \$12.00; TOTAL: \$2,701.00. Religious Retirement: \$5.00. Thank You! **SISTER PARISH COLLECTION** will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

**FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH.** (2nd installment) This week, I'll continue the Bible's basis for deacons. The Apostles serve as the early bishops of the Church, and they chose deacons as their assistants to serve the people of God in everyday matters while the Apostles administered the early Church, celebrated Mass, heard confessions, healed, etc. You'll notice that the Office of Deacons were instituted even before the Office of Presbyters or Priests. It seems that some of the deacons were very instrumental in spreading the faith by evangelizing too. As a matter of fact, Stephen became the first martyr and saint of the young Church for preaching the word of Jesus Christ to the Jews. The term *diakonos* is used by St. Paul in his *Letter to the Philippians* to describe himself and Timothy as "workers" or "servants" among the people of Caesarea Philippi along with the *episkopos* (bishops) and ministers (elders/leaders). Later on in the *First Letter to Timothy (3:8-12)*, St. Paul describes the qualifications for deacons immediately after he describes the qualifications for bishops: "Similarly, deacons must be dignified, not deceitful, not addicted to drink, not greedy for sordid gain, holding fast to the ministry of faith with clear conscience. Moreover, they should be tested first; then, if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons...Deacons may be married only once and must manage their children and households well. Thus those who serve as deacons gain good standing and much confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus." I guess that means I must mind my p's and q's. There's also a line in that letter that I didn't quote about women conducting their lives in a Christian manner. I suppose that the early Church had deaconesses too; either that, or St. Paul was warning deacon's wives to behave themselves too.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will begin again on September 16 at 7PM. New members are welcome!

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

**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.

**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: The message of Reconciliation.

Reading I: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 (warn the wicked)

Reading II: Romans 13: 8-10 (love is the fulfillment of the law)

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20 (a sinful brother)

Adults: How do I manage conflict in my family or workplace? Do I first approach the "offender" face to face or is gossip my initial reaction?

Children: What do I do when I feel hurt by a relative or a friend? Can I ask Jesus to help me deal with the situation?

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY.** St. Boniface will observe Catechetical Sunday this 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. 7: Freshman Mass at the Cathedral, 1:30PM; Sept. 8: Mother & Friends Meeting, 7:30PM. **Central:** Sept. 15: Board Meeting, 7:30PM.

**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.

**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 you final bequest. A bequest is an instruction in your written will that states how to distribute some or all of your available estate.

**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).

**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.

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

**FRIED CHICKEN & BAKED TURKEY DINNER,** Sept. 7, 11AM to 6PM at the Breese Legion Hall.

**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.

**HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOU'RE OLD AND DON'T MOVE FAST ANYMORE.** A man was going to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. He opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?" He said, "No." Then they said, "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available." The man said, "OK". He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again. "Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them," he said and hung up. Within five minutes, six police cars, a SWAT team, a

helicopter, two fire trucks, a paramedic, and an ambulance showed up at the house, and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the policemen said to the man, "I thought you said you'd shot them!" He said, "I thought you said there was nobody available."