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February 19, 2012
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MASSES: February 18-19

Sat. 4:00PM Ginny Lakenburgs Farrell & Lukes Lakenburgs/Frances Pille / J. Dennis Huelskamp

Sun. 9:00AM Braxton Wempe / Albin & Josephine Husmann / Ella Mae Voss

HOLY MASSES: February 20-26

Mon. NO MASS

Tue. 7:45AM Speed Albers

Wed. 7:45AM Joe & Ruth Bergmann

Wed. 7:00PM Parish

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Fri. 7:45AM Bertha Thuenemann

Sat. 4:00PM Agnes Holtmann

Sun. 9:00AM Ray Haukap & Irene Holtgrave

Tossie Becker/Melvin Wuebbels

NEXT WEEKEND Feb. 25-26

LECTOR

Wed. 7:00PM Ben Koch

Sat. 4:00PM Barb Voss

Sun. 9:00AM Marla Langenhorst

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Michael & Phyllis Miller, Pat Bagby, Dick Frerker, Karla Huelsmann

Tammy Albers, Bernie & Linda Barth, Phyllis Beer, Walter Beer

Ruth Eversgerd, Brian Kenow, Paul & Deb Kohnen, Joe Langhauser

GIFTBEARERS

Wed. 7:00PM Ushers

Sat. 4:00PM Holtmann Family

Sun. 9:00AM Haukap & Holtgrave/Becker/Wuebbels Families

MASS SERVERS

Chloe Albers, Margo Lampe, Erica Hitpas

Craig Oertel, Trevor Kohrmann, Logan Albers

Darren Hemker, Abby Hellmann, Jake Timmermann

ROSARY LEADERS

Wed. 7:00PM Rita Nordhaus

Sat. 4:00PM J. Beckmann & V. Haake

Sun. 9:00AM Hank & Marie Wesselmann

USHERS

Dennis Kuhl, Jim Pingsterhaus, Maurice Spihlmann

Paul Spihlmann, Mike Tonnies, Regis Voss

Steve Theising, Russ & Angie Voss

GREETERS

Sat. 4:00PM Becky Kenow & Tina Lampe

Sun. 9:00AM Gene & Marita Hilmes

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS & HELPERS

Feb. 26: Jon & Karen Hoelscher

Chandler Haake & Katelyn Wesselmann

Mon. Feb. 20: 7:00PM Adult Faith Formation, school cafeteria

Tue. Feb. 21: 7:15AM Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

6:30PM Novena & Rosary Devotions

7:00PM Choir Practice; the choir will sign at the 9AM Mass on March 4

Thu. Feb. 23: 7:00PM Mass followed by Stations of the Cross (no morning Mass during Lent)

Sat. Feb. 25: 3:00PM Confessions

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING: Feb. 4/5: Envelopes: \$4812; Loose: \$243; Candles: \$17; Total: \$5072. Messenger: \$1250; Black & Indian: \$5; Ash Wednesday: \$5; Sister Parish: \$1076. Feb. 11/12: Envelopes: \$4405; Loose: \$187; Candles: \$43; Total: \$4635. Messenger: \$325. Thank You!

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS. This weekend our parish will take up the collection for the Black & Indian Missions. Your financial contribution helps to support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. It also supports African-American evangelization programs, including those in our own Belleville Diocese. Let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black & Indian Mission Collection with generous hearts. Envelopes are in with your regular set.

ON ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide food, shelter, medical care, catechesis and companionship for the lonely in a region still struggling in the aftermath of atheistic Soviet rule. Your donation helps to restore the strength of the Church in the region. Envelopes are in with your monthly set.

MESSENGER RENEWAL. Please stay "connected" through a subscription to The Messenger. Annual subscriptions are \$25, and envelopes are provided in your parish envelope packet.

BISHOP BRAXTON has asked every parish to make public a document from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding the Department of Health & Human Services mandate for Contraception/Sterilization Coverage. The letter is on the Communion Rail at the entrance of church

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR: This Wednesday, Feb. 22 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Masses for Ash Wednesday are 7:45AM with the kids and 7:00PM. There is also an Ash Wednesday Mass at Mater Dei at 9:40AM if that works better for your schedule. During Lent there will be a Thursday evening Mass at 7PM, followed by Stations of the Cross. This is every Thursday of Lent, starting this Thursday, the 23rd. During Lent there will be no Thursday morning Mass. Check the bulletin elsewhere for Lenten rules and regulations. Many, many rumors floating around about me this past week. I HAVE RESIGNED FROM A BOARD. FROM A BOARD. I have been on the clergy personnel board and dean of the North Central Deanery (Clinton County) since I came to Germantown. Our bishop can consult with any board, and any individual, any way he chooses. He can seek counsel and advice. Or not. As there is a consistent, constant pattern of no meaningful consultation, I have realized there is no need to be a part of that kind of board. I'm still pastor. I'm still priest. No intentions of doing anything but parish ministry. I love the priesthood. I love doing what I do. I hope you can see that in me. And I love being here in Germantown. You are good people. You love the church. In spite of all the craziness that is too often associated with the church. But this is a part of our

church. It's our church: for better, for worse. We just do what we can to help each other keep growing closer to God, and helping our neighbor along the way. And now I'm stepping down from my soapbox.

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH: On Monday, Scripture Study begins its search for God's message in the wonderful story of *Exodus: God to the Rescue*. This week's discussion concerns how the Israelites wind up in Egypt in the first place and goes all the way to the birth of Moses. It really tells of an epic adventure. We invite you to join us in the school cafeteria for this power-point presentation, discussion, and prayer. Also, we invite you to share with us in the concept of "Doing Something Extra" for Lent. So often we try to "give something up for Lent," but we are trying to "add something" to our Christian lives – "to do something extra" to enrich our Lenten experience. This week we will dedicate an hour of our week, either all at once or in 10-15 minute segments, by reading Scripture and praying as a family. It's a time to turn off the TV and computer, turn on some soft music, and share our faith stories with one another. Try it, you might find that it's a habit that you'll enjoy incorporating into your family's routine during Lent and beyond.

LENTEN REGULATIONS. Each year the Lord Jesus calls the entire Church to a special season of penance and renewal. As we begin this holy time of Lent, we should reflect on our need for conversion of heart, prayer, charitable works and penance. The season of Lent extends this year from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 to the Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 7, inclusive. Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Friday's of Lent; everyone 18 years and under 59 years of age is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. The other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but altogether they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the obligation of the law is modified. Because Lent is a special season for all Christians, we should not lightly excuse ourselves from these penitential practices.

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:

Feb. 19	12:30PM	Youth Ministry Basketball game at Carlyle
Feb. 20	7:00PM	Faith Formation, school cafeteria
Feb. 22	7:45AM & 7:00PM	Ash Wednesday Mass
Feb. 23	7:00PM	Thursday Lenten evening Mass
Feb. 26	1:15PM	Youth Ministry Basketball game at Damiansville
Feb. 28	8:00PM	Faith Formation, school cafeteria

LA CELEBRACION DE MIERCOLES DE CENIZA, 22 de Febrero de 2012. En El Templo de San Damiano, Damiansville. Empezaremos a las, 7:00PM.

ST. BONIFACE PARISH MINISTRY OUTREACH will hold a clothing drive for the Diocesan GEAR-UP and DRESS FOR SUCCESS programs and also for the Hispanic Ministry Program. Gear-Up is in need of men's suits and appropriate clothing for an interview or a working position and Dress for Success is in need of women's appropriate clothing for an interview or working position. The Hispanic Ministry is in need of **clean, gently used**, baby, children, teen, men and women's clothing. Please keep the clothing separate that is for Gear-Up and Dressed for Success and for the Hispanic Ministry as they go to separate locations. This collection will be held the weekend of March 17/18 from 3-6PM on Saturday and 8-11AM on Sunday. If anyone would like to volunteer to help during the collection times or after please contact the parish office at 523-4271.

MATER DEI CLASS OF 2016 REGISTRATION. Mater Dei Catholic High School will hold its incoming freshman registration on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 8:30AM to 11:00AM. For additional information please contact Mater Dei at (618) 526-7216.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AWARD. Mater Dei Campus Ministry director, Jim Darr, is seeking nominations for the Christian Discipleship Award, which is presented to one senior, and the Christian Service Awards, which are presented to one freshman, one sophomore, and one junior. Nomination forms for the awards are available on Edline, on Mater Dei's website at www.materdeiknights.org or the main office at Mater Dei. Nominations will be accepted until Feb. 24.

ST. BONIFACE QUILT COMMITTEE extends a huge "Thank You" to the Catholic Holy family Society for its generous gift of \$600 to be used for making quilts for the church picnic. It is truly appreciated.

ST. BONIFACE CEMETERY CLEAN-UP will be held from March 19 through March 28. Everything that is not permanently attached to the tombstone (such as flowers, hooks, etc.) will be removed from the monuments. If there is anything you wish to keep, please remove before March 19. Flowers can be replaced after March 28 in time for Easter. Please pass the word.

FONTABELLA MATERNITY HOME FUNDRAISER. Fontebella is located in O'fallon and provides services to young ladies 18 and up who are homeless, pregnant, and having to make a decision on whether to keep their baby. Open since March 2010, Fontebella relies heavily on fundraising and donations. Hidden Lake Winery will contribute a portion from their Sunday brunch on February 19th. Representatives from Fontebella will be in attendance, and more info is available at www.fontebella.org

GERMANTOWN LEGION FISH FRY, Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent, 4:30-7PM. Eat in or carry out. Benefits youth organizations.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION will be held March 4 from 8AM to 11AM in the school cafeteria for children currently in Grades 1-8. Registration will only be held on that date. If you are unable to attend, call or text Denise Diesen at 407-4289 prior to that date. Please make sure your child is present for registration. NOTE: there will be a late fee (\$50/family) for anyone who registers after March 4th.

THE SPASSFEST COMMITTEE is still in need of a Chairman/persons for the Hamburger/Funnel Cake Stand. Please contact Darlene or Jim at GTSB, 523-4202.

GERMANTOWN PTA would like to thank everyone involved to help make the Trivia Night a success. This year we raised over \$12,000 which will help with the annual teacher/school purchase requests and some bigger items needed for the school.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE is still available. If you are in need of assistance, please call Clinton County BCMW for an appointment at 526-7123.

KRISPY KREME. The Mater Dei Winter Drumline will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts after mass, Feb. 19. Funds raised will be used toward competition and uniform fees.

BREESE K OF C FISH FRY, Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent from 4-7PM.

CHICKEN & ROAST BEEF DINNER, Feb. 19, 11AM to 5PM, St. Cecilia Parish Center, Bartelso. Sponsored by Bartelso K of C

QUILT BINGO, Feb. 19, St. Augustine Parish Hall, Breese. Fried Chicken Lunch from 11AM to 1PM. Bingo starts at 2PM.

WURSTMARKT, Feb. 19, 10:30AM-3PM, St. Charles Church Hall, DuBois.

USED BOOK FAIR & BAKE SALE, Feb. 23, 24, 25 & 26 sponsored by St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary, Breese. Held at the Breese American Legion. See flyer in back of church for times and admission prices.

WURSTMARKT, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall, Posen, Illinois, March 3, serving from 3-8PM. Mass at 6PM.

QUILT BINGO, March 4, 1PM at St. Libory American Legion. Sponsored by St. Liborius Parish. Sandwiches/Desserts available.