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Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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The Epiphany of The Lord
January 7, 2024
First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 11am

Weekday Masses:
8am: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday

Holy Day Masses:
8am, 12:10pm, & 7pm

Confessions:
4:30pm on Saturday
or by appointment

Baptism & Marriage:
For arrangement please
contact the Parish office

Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday at Noon

Office Hours:
Mon. – Fri. 9am-5pm

Office Staff:
Tom Kannall
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John Hilmes
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526-7746

All Saints Academy
Kahiwalani Goetsch
Principal
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526-4323

Mater Dei High School
Dennis Litteken
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526-7216

Websites:
St. Dominic Church www.saintdominicbreese.org
Diocese of Belleville www.diobelle.org
Knights of Columbus www.breeseknights.org
Mater Dei High School www.materdeiknights.org
All Saints Academy www.asasaints.com

Parish Council
Adam Becker - Pres.
Katie Unverfehrt
Joan Meredith
Diane Kuhl
Stacey Becker
Dale Hempten
Lynette Eilermann
Chris Holthaus
Connie Robben

Trustees
Suann Fields
Steve Usselman

Adult Servers
Mary Ellen Detmer

Adoration
Rich Carlton
Altar Sodality
Maribeth Detmer-Pres.
Staci Becker (Matt) V-P

Building & Maintenance
Dave Kruep
Adam Becker

**Choirs, Cantors,
Musicians**
Leah Loddeke

Church Decorating
Aggie Dumstorff

Community Committee
Diane Grapperhaus
Katie Unverfehrt

Eucharistic Ministers
Fr. Pat Peter

**First Friday/Homebound
Ministry**
Fr. Pat Peter

Finance Committee

Golden Egg
Stacey Becker
Adam Becker
Katie Unverfehrt

Lectors
Rod Kloeckner

Liturgy Committee
Amy Koch
Joan Meredith
Katie Unverfehrt

Media Committee
Katie Unverfehrt
Mike Klein

Men's Sodality
John Becker

Picnic Executives
Jeff Niemeyer

**Prayer Ministry
Parish Office**

Rosary Leaders
Connie Robben

RCIA
Fr. Pat Peter

Sacristans
Helen Essenpreis
Dot Baumann
Bonnie Ritzheimer

Servers
Fr. Pat

Spiritual Formation
Laurie Klostermann
Joan Meredith

Stewardship Committee
Mary Hoffmann
Laurie Klostermann

Ushers
Rich Eilermann

Welcoming Committee
Dot Bauman
Diane Grapperhaus
Mary Kay Wiegmann

Youth Faith Formation
Dan Robben

Youth Ministry
Diane Klostermann



Mass Intentions

Sat., January 6

8:30am: Rosary
9:00am: Padre Pio Mass
5:30pm: Ralph Timmermann
 Dan Lampe
 Herbert Wiegmann

Sun., January 7

11:00am: Jerry & Martha Jansen
 Arnold Schmeink
12:00pm:
 Baptism of Lane Austin Timmermann

Mon., January 8

8:00am: Joe Voss

Tues. January 9

No Mass

Wed. January 10

No Mass

Thurs., January 11

No Mass

Fri., January 12 (All School Mass)

8:00am:
 Safety of Children around the World

Sat., January 13

5:30pm: Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Golec

Sun., January 14

11:00am: Joe Voss
 Kuhn Family

Last Week's Stewardship

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,474.00
Loose	\$321.40
Online Giving	\$4,269.00
Immac. Conception	\$90.00
Christmas for the Needy	\$214.00
Retired Religious	\$225.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$948.00
Christmas Offering	\$1,595.00
Needy	\$580.00
Building	\$820.00
Cemetery	\$2,050.00

Thank you for your generous donations.

Fr. Pat will be gone at a Convocation this week. There will be NO MASS on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

Thank you for your generous donations in memory of your loved ones through our Christmas Flower Memorials, & Thank You for giving so generously to St. Dominic and the Belleville Diocese this Christmas season. Your giving helps the church change lives.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday Jan. 9 - Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm
Wednesday Jan. 10 - Youth Faith Formation Class 6:30pm

18th Weekly Raffle Winner \$100!: Sally A. Wojtowicz

Welcome to our new member who was Baptized this past week. Wyatt Charles Johnston, son of Charles Johnston & Stacia Rudert. May God watch over him as he grows in faith.

Cemetery Pavilion Fundraiser: The Pavilion project is complete at the Cemetery. On your next visit, stop by to see it. We are still accepting and need donations to pay for it. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at 618-526-7746.

USHERS NEEDED! Due to having a few Ushers retire from the ministry, we are in great need of people to Usher at 11am Mass on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 618-526-7746, or email johnatstddominic@gmail.com.

Adoration: We are in need of volunteers for weekly Adoration on Mondays from 1 to 6pm. No Adoration on holidays. Please contact the Church office, or contact Rich Carlton (618-322-1917) to sign up. Come spend an hour with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament once per week. It's a time well spent with Jesus, and time to relax and pray, away from all the hustle and bustle.

2024 St. Dominic's Parish Picnic Planning Needed!

We are Looking for 2-3 parishioners to help plan our 2024 parish picnic. This will be Father Pat's last picnic, let's make it a good one! Contact Jeff 618 210-0365.

The Diocesan Dr. King Observance is Sunday, January 14, 2024 at St. Augustine of Hippo Church, East St. Louis. Bishop McGovern will be the celebrant for the Mass at 9:30am, followed by a brunch at 11:00am & Dr. King memorial Program in the Church at 12:00pm. If you plan to attend the brunch, please RSVP to the St. Augustine (East St. Louis) office at 618-274-0655.

St. Augustine Trivia Night will take place Saturday, January 13th at 6:30pm in the Breese Knights of Columbus Hall, doors open at 6pm. The price per team is \$100, and each team can have a max of 8 players. If you are unable to find a team, you can register as an individual for \$15. If enough individuals register, they will be formed into a team. For more information or to register, contact Donny Petterson at 618-210-7099.

Interested in learning about the Catechism? Listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz's Catechism in a Year podcast beginning January 1. If you want to understand more about what it means to be Catholic, Fr. Mike will help you. Listen where ever you get your podcasts.

Interested in doing a Bible study? Listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz's Bible in a Year podcast on Spotify or where ever you get your podcasts. 20 minutes a day, Fr. Mike reads the Bible and shares his reflections. If you have any questions, contact Diane at 618-910-9266.

Covenant Network Catholic Radio fills the airways with inspirational and educational programming. Listen to Catholic radio on WRYT 1080 AM or 92.7 FM. You can also listen anytime on our Covenant Network App, or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

Interested in the Catholic Church?

For those who might be interested in becoming a Catholic, or who just want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please call the parish office and speak with Fr. Patrick Peter. 1-618-526-7746.



Fair-Trade Market: St. Dominic's Parish is selling Fair-Trade products every 3rd weekend after 5:30pm & 11:00am Masses. The booth will be set up inside of Fr. Pat's garage. **15% of ALL sales will be divided between our sister Parish, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Guatemala, & House of Manna.** Some products available include: coffees, chocolates, Palestinian olive oil, cocoa, teas, Haitian banana paper greeting cards, and more.

Youth Faith Formation

Youth Faith Formation Religion Classes are from 6:30 to 7:45pm. If you have not registered your child/children for the classes, please call the parish office at 618-526-7746 or inform their Religion teacher that you are needing a registration form.

Next Mass: February 14th (Ash Wednesday)

Kings House at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center will present the "I Want to See You"

retreat. There are 2 retreats remaining: ; January 12th through January 14th (presented by Fr. Pat McGee); & January 19th through January 21st (presented by Fr. Mark Dean). . This retreat centers on the story of the man born blind. Come and share the experience of being noticed by Jesus, touched, healed and called to witness, to new sight that God's love provides. The cost is \$200 per person, this includes your lodging and meals. Register online at kh.snows.org/events or call 618-397-0584.

Sts. Peter & Paul Women's ACTS Retreat

All women over the age of 18 are invited to join the women's ACTS retreat to be held February 8th through the 11th, at the King's House at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, strengthen you faith & build lasting relationships with women at Sts. Peter & Paul, and the surrounding Parishes. You can register for the ACTS retreat on their Parish website, www.ssppcc.org/acts. The cost of the retreat is \$295, which includes: lodging, transportation & meals. They are SO EXCITED to welcome you on this spiritual experience. PLEASE REGISTER SOON. If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Harper, 314-922-8459 or Tara Philips, 618-340-2138.

Singers from across the Belleville Diocese are invited to join in singing the Fauré Requiem on Sunday March 3, 2024, at 3pm at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Rehearsals will be held on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings from January 8 through March 3. rehearsal recordings of each individual part will be sent to each singer. If you are interested and would like

more specific information, please contact Mr. Richard Thompson, Organist & Choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. Peter by emailing, rthomjd@gmail.com. The Faure Requiem is a magnificent program to be presented in our beautiful Cathedral with its wonderful acoustics, and rebuilt and enlarged pipe organ. I hope everyone interested can join.



Youth Ministry

**Cheryl 526-7594, Rhonda 248-840-1857
Diane 526-4395 Angie 618-604-3116**

Next Meeting: The next Youth Ministry Meeting is 1/7/24 at St. Dominic Cafeteria at noon, anyone helping with Luke-18 should attend.

The next Mass hop for the Confirmation class and Youth Ministry has been changed to 1/21/24, at St. Felicitas in Beaver Prairie, at the 9:30am Liturgy.

Updates: For Youth Ministry, events will be posted on Group-me. Download the Groupme app and please contact Cheryl, Rhonda, Angie or Diane to be added to the Groupme.

Any adult wanting to assist with youth ministry, please contact Diane, Cheryl, Angie or Rhonda. Share your faith with the youth as they share theirs with you.

Catholic Men for Christ will be 2/17/24 at St. Louis High School. Early bird registration is \$30. Grow deeper in your faith. Contact Diane 618-910-9266 for details.

Catholic Women for Christ will be 3/9/24 at St. Louis High School. Early bird registration is \$30. Grow deeper in your faith. Contact Diane 618-910-9266 for details.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul Night-Time Drop-in Center continues to operate at full capacity every night, providing shelter and helping homeless men, women, and children survive the dangers of the city streets. In addition, Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen serves an ever-growing number of hungry people each day. We humbly ask for your prayers for St. Vincent De Paul staff and clients, and if you are able, to once again provide any of these much-needed items: **Individually packaged cookies, fruit cups, tuna & Chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt cups, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta, water and other individual-serve drinks,** In addition, **laundry detergent pods, paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues** are always in short supply.

There is a donation box in the Breezeway between the Church & Rectory to drop off your items.

or

Items can be dropped off Monday - Friday, 9am - 2:30pm at:

**St. Vincent De Paul Office
8800 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62223
(Across from Blessed Sacrament Church)**

**Or
SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen
3718 State St., East St. Louis 62205**

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the SVDP council office at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables our ministry to the very poorest among us.

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Pro-Life Corner:

"Through the incarnation & birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift from God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being, and desires for us to share eternal life with him. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life activities.
The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"



Living out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments?

Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round, with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life at every stage and circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example, is to join 9 Days for Life. 9 Days for Life is a Novena for the protection of human life, taking place Tuesday, January 16 through Wednesday, January 24. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection & suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join today at 9daysforlife.com!

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men (and their wives) who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00am in the undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison St., Belleville, IL. The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering another new class of aspirants starting in the fall of 2025. Eligibility is extended to men who have reached the ages thirty-three (33) to fifty-six (56) by September 2025. *Men older than fifty-six may still apply but require approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop.* The formation process is a five year commitment, including academic studies conducted at St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon's role. Participants are required to attend a three day meeting once per month over the course of the 5 year program. Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with their pastor. For those unable to attend the initial meeting, another session will be scheduled later. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the process and requirements for becoming a Deacon.

Our All Saints Academy Capital Campaign

As we close out the year we reflect on how blessed we are. The construction is progressing, and we continue to receive great community support. The framework for the building is being constructed, and the walls and ceiling of the classroom which will also serve as a storm shelter are nearing completion. Together we are strong, and together we have raised \$2,052,919.18. We are still reaching for our goal of \$3,000,000 to complete the new addition, the renovation of the gym entrance and two classrooms. Thank you for all you have done, and will do in the future to help provide more learning space at All Saints Academy. We hope you have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

Announcing the trip to Guatemala: July 11-17, 2024 Please join us to experience first-hand the joys of a closer relationship with your sister parish. The trip includes: 4 days and 3 nights in your sister parish, a one day pilgrimage to Lake Atitlán where Blessed Stanley Rother was martyred, and 3 nights at the Incarnate Word Retreat Center in Guatemala City. The largest expense is the flight which is approximately \$1100.00. There are only 30 seats reserved on the flight. If you are interested in this trip, please RSVP to sisterparish13@gmail.com. Please contact the Parish office, that way we are aware of who will be going on the trip. Only 2-3 parishioners per parish are allowed for the trip, so reserve your spot ASAP.

St. Anne Cradle of Hope is in desperate need of infant & winter clothing. If you are able to collect new and gently used items, and take them to Carbondale, they would very much appreciate you.

SAVE THE DATE
Catholic Speed Dating
Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 6:30 pm
St. Nicholas Parish Hall
625 Saint Nicholas Drive, O'Fallon
A social event limited to single
Catholic Young Adults, age 21 – 30
For more information and registration:



This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Belleville.

MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR January 13th & 14th

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat. 5:30pm	Don Deiters Mark Hitpas Jim Kuhl Dennis Richter Charlie Kruse Bob Mensing	Liliana Lyons Peyton Muscarello Lily Schomaker	Kay Schlarmann Kim Miller Lauren Melton Doug Kuhl Cindy Kuhl Jeff Lager Jim Kuhl Janice Albers	Lector: Mike Klein Organist/Cantor: Evelyn/Kelly/Kaitlyn Gift Bearer: Phyllis Herrig
Sun. 11:00am	Alan Grapperhaus Cindy Grapperhaus Darlene Ciborowski Laurie Klostermann	Finley Haag Olivia Kunz Ava Lampe	Joan Meredith Jan Deiters Lisa Rivera Helen Essenpreis Leslie Klay Ava McSparin Karen Lager Sam Muscarello	Lector: Dave Toennies Organist/Cantor: Leah/Nick/Carson/Myles Gift Bearer: Staci Becker