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Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 13, 2020
First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8am and 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-3pm

Office Staff:
Judie Kuper
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526-7746

All Saints Academy
Kahiwalani Goetsch
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Websites:
St. Dominic Church www.saintdominicbreese.org
Diocese of Belleville www.diobelle.org
Knights of Columbus www.breeseknights.org
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All Saints Academy www2.asasaints.com

Parish Council
Helen Essenpreis Pres.
Leann Wilke
Joe McNamara-V-Pres.
Bob Albers
Amy Koch
Laura Kruep-Sec.
Laurie Klostermann
Paul Klostermann
Dave Kruep

Trustees
Dawn Tebbe
Steve Usselmann

Adult Servers
Mary Ellen Detmer

Adoration
Allison Cowgill

Altar Sodality
Barb VonAlst-Pres
Maribeth Detmer-V-Pres.

Building & Maintenance
Bob Albers
Dave Kruep
Mike Niemeyer

**Choirs, Cantors,
Musicians**
Leah Loddeke

Church Decorating
Lynn Hollenkamp

Community Committee
Helen Essenpreis
Laura Kruep
Amy Koch

Eucharistic Ministers
Fr. Pat Peter

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

Lectors
Rod Kloeckner

Liturgy Committee
Leann Wilke
Amy Koch

Men's Sodality
Dennis Ratermann

Picnic Executives
open

Prayer Ministry
Lorine Schmidt

Rosary Leaders
Connie Robben

RCIA
Fr. Pat Peter

Sacristans
Gail Linn
Josie Timmermann
Cyndi Riley

Servers
Fr. Pat

Spiritual Formation
Helen Essenpreis
Laurie Klostermann
Amy Koch

Stewardship Committee
Joe McNamara
Paul Klostermann

Ushers
Rich Eilermann

Welcoming Committee
Dot Bauman
Leann Wilke
Laura Kruep

Youth Faith Formation
Dan Robben

Youth Ministry
Diane Klostermann

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 12

1:30pm Wedding: Samantha Ciborowski & Justice Dryder

5:30pm: In memory of Dolores, Charlie and Bill Citalon

Sunday, December 13

8:00am: Bernadine Huelsmann

11:00am: Parish Family

12:00pm Baptism: Ty Jacob Benhoff

Monday, December 14

8:00am: For peace and unity in the world

Adoration 1-6pm

Tuesday, December 15

8:00am: Millie Essert

Wednesday, December 16

8:00am: Mary Schleper
St. Jude Devotion after Mass

Thursday, December 17

NO MASS

Friday, December 18

8:00am: Mary F. Winter

Saturday, December 19

5:30pm: Jackie Knue

Sunday, December 20

8:00am: David Tabaska

11:00am: Parish Family

Last Week's Stewardship

Sunday	11,210 .00
Loose	\$16.50
Online Giving	\$3,260.00
Adopted	\$140.00
Needy	\$110.00
Tuition Assist.	\$235.00
Misc.	\$51.00
Building	\$1,670.00
Cath. Camp.	\$30.00
Immac. Conception	\$635.00
Christmas Flowers	\$285.00
Religious Retirement	\$100.00
Christmas Needy	\$15.00
All Saints Day	\$5.00
Padre Pio	\$20.00
First Friday	\$95.00
Christmas	\$2,315.00
St. Joseph Center	\$161.00
Thanksgiving	\$40.00
Picnic	\$1,700.00

WELCOME TO CHURCH.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR CHRISTMAS MASS: We are truly sorry, but All of the Christmas Masses are filled up. Fr. Pat added a 7:30pm mass and that is also filled. In order to keep people safe, we need to social distance and so we are only allowed 100 people in church at each mass and we are at the maximum attendance. Parishioners who have made reservations will be checked in and ushered to your assigned pew. No walk-ins allowed.

For those who were not able to sign up, the Mass will be taped and you can view mass from our website at saintdominincbreese.org

For our regular weekday and weekend Masses: It's wonderful to see so many people wanting to attend Christmas Mass. We hope you will continue to attend masses even after Christmas. The link to Sign-Up Genius is below. **For those of you who do not have access or use a computer, you can call** Jane Jansen 920-8120, Donna Nettemeier 526-4997 or 560-9888, or Connie Robben at 401-3991, and they can help you schedule a time. You can also go to our website at saintdominincbreese.org and click on Sign-Up Genius. <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=00C6C9DAFE-CAFC667&cs=09C3BAD98FC48B147B7A64765BC09BC9&sortby=l.title>

Events This Week

Mon., Dec. 14: Adoration 1-6pm

Baptismal Prep Class 7:30pm at St. Dominic Rectory.

Thurs., Dec. 17: Fr. Pat's Day Off

Lectors

December 19: 5:30pm Mike Klein

December 20: 8:00am Jan Deiters

11:00am Laurie Klostermann

14th Weekly Raffle Winner: Carol Hitpas

Congratulations to Justice & Samantha (Ciborowski) Dryder who were married this weekend. May God bless you with a long happy marriage.

In our hearts and in our prayers, we pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Schleper and Georgia Elias. May God welcome them home, fill them with peace and bless those who will miss them.

We gratefully acknowledge the memorials received from the family and friends of Larry Pollmann in his honor.

Advent Partnership Reconciliation Service Dec. 17th. 7pm St. Dominic.

Envelopes for Christmas Flower Memorials are included in your packet. Be sure to fill in the "In Memory of" section before you turn in your envelope.

Please turn in by Tuesday, December 15th to have your special names on the poster.

You are invited to a Posadas (pō-sä'dä): December 19th at 6:00pm at St. Dominic. The Hispanic community celebrates several evenings of Posadas around Clinton County. This is a Latin American festival that dramatizes the search for lodging by Joseph and Mary. Each night the Posada starts in Church with a prayer, scripture reading and rosary. Then the procession leads to the parish center where they will hand out treats to the kids. All are welcome to attend.

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priest have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gifts to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps provide medications, nursing care and other necessities. This weekend is the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. Please be generous and give what you can. Thank you.

What does the third candle of Advent mean?

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

Nursing Home/Assisted Living Residents. Please remember them this holiday season. Send them a card or a note and let them know you are thinking about them during these difficult times.

Joseph Center Collection: We are still collecting for the Veterans at the Joseph Center. If you would like to donate, please send your donation to St. Dominic Church 493 North 2nd Street Breese, IL, and mark it for The Joseph Center.

Looking for a chairperson for decorating Church. Please call Lynn Hollenkamp if you are interested. 920-6755.

K of C 4th Degree Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15th at St. George Parish Center in New Baden.

Red Cross Blood Drive St. Cecilia Parish in Bartelso December 29th from 2:00pm-7:00pm.

Get your chance @ \$20,000 and start off the New Year right! St. Francis Parish in Aviston is selling **Lots of Loot Raffle Tickets**. \$30,000 in total prizes, maximum 2,000 tickets sold, tickets are \$50. The drawing will be held via Live Stream on Jan 1, 2021. Contact Steve Maue 618-314-3189, Mike Dall 618-973-5804, or Phil Pingsterhaus 618-407-7392 to get your ticket.

Hope is Born! A "Live" Nativity Sunday, December 20th 4:30pm-7:30pm, outdoors at St. Bernard Parish, Albers. Social distance, masks required. Live streaming will be available via Facebook

Shrine of Our lady of the Snows Effective immediately, the decision has been made to close the Shrine Church and not allow in-person Mass participation with pilgrims and visitors until further notice. Masses will still be available through live-streaming via snowg.org or youtube.com/oblatesusa. The live-stream Mass schedule is as follows: Saturday: 9:00 am - Morning Mass; No confessions at 3:00pm; 4:00 pm - Vigil Mass; Sunday: 2:00 pm - Spanish Mass; Monday-Friday: 7:30 am - Morning Mass



Heartland Community Chorus "Christmas at Home" concert aired on YouTube December 6th. It features your favorite Christmas songs by soloist and small ensembles from the Chorus.

The program will run on YouTube for one month, so you can enjoy it at your leisure, and even watch it multiple times. Heartland Community Chorus is glad to offer this to the public, free of charge, as a thank you to the community. They are grateful for your continuing support of their efforts to share beautiful music with neighbors near and far.

Youth Ministry

Cheryl 526-7594, Rhonda 248-840-1857, Diane 526-4395

Updates will be posted on Groupme.

Groupme: Any high school youth who wants to get updates on youth ministry events, please contact Cheryl, Rhonda, or Diane to be added to the groupme.

Re-Opening Church: Any high school youth (age 16 and older) who want help with re-opening the churches, contact Diane, Cheryl, Rhonda. Permission slips required.

St. Vincent DePaul Needs Our Help!

***NOW ACCEPTING FALL OR WINTER CLOTHES ***

Coats, Gloves, Hats, Scarves, Boots, Blankets
(ABSOLUTELY, NO MORE SUMMER CLOTHING)

Items MUST be in small plastic bags. The person picking up items cannot carry heavy bags, or boxes.

Items Needed: **Men's work gloves**, gently used **blue jeans, especially men's smaller sizes (30,32)** women's, teen & children's - all sizes. **Dishes and silverware.**

Water or Gatorade is always needed.

Food and clothing items can be placed in the breezeway at St Dominic's Church. If you would like to drop off your items at the St. Vincent Office or would like to make a **cash donation, their new address is:**

Society of St Vincent de Paul
8800 West Main Street
Belleville, IL 62223

(across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

Email address: <https://svdpsouthil.org/monetary-donations>.

Baptismal prep Class is 7:30pm Monday, December 14th at St. Dominic Rectory. Please call your parish office to register.

Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights A Family Tradition Friday, November 20th -Thursday, December 31st. Journey through Bethlehem and experience the beauty of over one million white lights, Camel rides & petting zoo. Carriage ride and Kettle corn. Lights are on nightly from 5pm-9pm. Donations accepted. For a donation of \$15 or more you will get a Build-A-Bear Plush Fox.

Have you heard of Serra Club? The Serra Club of St. Clair County is an organization of Catholic men and women, dedicated to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and vowed religious life. Our purpose is to inform our community of the need for all vocations. We honor our religious with an annual Nuns Luncheon, a Deacon Dinner, a Priest Picnic and a new Priest Dinner. We pray for our seminarians and help them celebrate their birthdays. Our club meets every first and third Friday of the month at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows. There is a Mass at 11:45am, lunch, a brief meeting and a guest speaker. You are welcome to join us as our guest. For more information please contact Marvin Winkeler (402-214-1155) or Mel Lucash (618-531-4244).

Online Mass at St. Dominic Join Fr. Pat Peter this weekend at saintdominicbreese.org. You can also **pray along with the rosary online** at saintdominicbreese.org.

EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com> (common link to cable channels is: <https://www.ewtn.com/channel-finder>)

St. Jude Novena video is on our YouTube channel. To pray along, go to <https://youtu.be/n8TmyWQfXa4>

Visit our Facebook Page, St. Dominic Catholic Church, Breese for information within our parish.

St. Dominic is in need of a Picnic Chairperson for 2021. If you, (male or female) would like to chair the event, please contact the parish office at 526-7746.

Weekly Contribution All weekly contributions get mailed back to the correct church. So if you are attending another Church, go ahead and use your weekly envelope and when we receive it back here, we can properly credit your donation.

Please help us keep our records accurate. If you have moved or have a new phone number, please call the office at 526-7746 or email at carolsttdominic@gmail.com.

Church Picnic: Our goal for St. Dominic Picnic was \$50,000. We have collected \$42,477.00 and are \$7,553.00 short of our \$50,000 goal. Thank you to those who were able to donate.

Virtual Way of Lights Run November 20 – January 2, 2021 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville. Traditional 5K Run/Walk - \$30. New this year - Way of Lights Challenge - 100 miles/2.27 miles per day - \$50. Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Belleville/Manchester>. All participants will receive a long sleeve t-shirt and a 2021 ornament.

Healing after Abortion Free confidential counseling from Project Rachel. 618-722-5068 DIOBELLE.ORG/RESPECTLIFEPROJECTRACHEL@DIOBELLE.ORG

Contributions: Your weekly contributions are greatly appreciated. Please continue to mail your envelope to St. Dominic Catholic Church 493 North 2nd Street, Breese, IL 62230 or drop off in the drop box in the breezeway. **Online Giving** is also a great way to contribute to your church without worrying about leaving home. saintdominicbreese.org and click the Online Giving link.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Restore, Rekindle, Renew Enrichment (3RE) scheduled on Monday and Thursday evenings, beginning on January 18th - February 8th, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. This experience will be offered virtually in the couple's own home!

Respect Life Corner- "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, Make straight the way of the Lord." In John's Gospel, we learn of the joy John the Baptist found in Christ. Even in his mother's womb, the unborn Baptist leapt for joy at the nearness of the Messiah. John's joy is manifested in his testimony to the Lord's coming. Large groups of people gathered in the desert to hear John's good news and his call to repentance and baptism in Christ's name. John's purpose and ministry was preparation for Christ as He began his public ministry. His enthusiasm and love for Christ brought joy to others and they wanted to feel that joy of Christ and never let it go. **Learn, Act, Connect and Pray-** Free of worldly trappings and pleasure, John rejoices in the only true happiness that exists, joy in Christ's love for each one of us. Let's learn from John the virtue of joy and the humility he possessed by sharing our faith and really listening to one another. In a group setting, try "speaking fourth, not first." Allowing others to speak first offers a place of honor and a chance to really listen before speaking. Our humility and joy can win souls for Christ. Without his love, the world is a dark and gloomy place. Let's stay close to Christ in love and humility towards all those He places in our midst.

Act of Spiritual Communion It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting ourselves in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in the consecrated bread and wine which are His Body and Blood. Always remember that the consecrated bread is the Body and Blood of Christ and the consecrated wine is the Body and Blood of Christ, even if you receive the Eucharist only under one species. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. An act of Spiritual Communion increases our desire to receive sacramental Communion and helps us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You in my body, my soul, and my whole being. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.