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Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023
First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



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

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St. Dominic Church www.saintdominicbreese.org
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Knights of Columbus www.breeseknights.org
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All Saints Academy www.asasaints.com

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Mary Kay Wiegmann

Youth Faith Formation
Dan Robben

Youth Ministry
Diane Klostermann

Mass Intentions

Sat., December 16

5:30pm: Karla Perkes

Sun., December 17

11:00am:

Living & Deceased of the Ed Jansen Family
Richard & Joan Lampe
David & Jerry Tabaska

Mon. December 18

8:00am: Soul of Aurora Caterio
Adoration from 1-6pm

Tues. December 19

8:00am: L & D of the Rivera Family
10:00am(N.H.): Souls in Purgatory

Wed. December 20

8:00am: Steven Helmink

Thurs., December 21

No Mass

Fri., December 22

8:00am: Herb Hustedde
Gerri Ratermann

Sat., December 23

5:30pm: Elmer & Fran Schrage
Helen Fonke
Bella Brefeld
Ron Hetzel
Alvin & Bernita Mensing

Sun., December 24

11:00am: Karla Perkes

5:30pm: Dennis Hetzel
Garcia & Haag Families

10:30pm: Leo Lammers

Mon., December 25

9:00am: Peace & Unity around the world

Last Week's Stewardship

Sunday Envelopes	\$6,273.10
Loose	\$482.60
Online Giving	\$3,256.00
Adopted Parish	\$165.00
Christmas for the Needy	\$20.00
Retired Priests	\$510.00
Christmas Offering	\$180.00
Immac. Conception	\$579.00
Needy	\$20.00
Building	\$245.00
Cemetery	\$300.00

Thank you for your generous donations.

We are in need of banner carriers for both Christmas Eve Masses, and for Christmas Day Mass.

To sign up contact the Parish office at 618-526-7746

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday Dec. 20 - No Youth Faith Formation until January 10, 2024

15th Weekly Raffle Winner \$100!: Audrey Lammers

In our thoughts and in our prayers, we pray for the repose of the soul of Leo Lammers. May God welcome him home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

Cemetery Pavilion Fundraiser: If anyone did not receive a letter for the cemetery fundraiser, please contact the Parish office by calling 618-526-7746, or sending an Email to johnatstdominic@gmail.com.



Christmas Flowers: Help decorate the altars this Christmas Season by donating to the Flower Fund in memory of your loved one. They will be remembered in our Christmas Liturgy celebration. Look for the "Christmas Flower Offering Envelope" in your envelope package (make sure to include the name of your loved one). Place your donation in the collection basket or send directly to the rectory.

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 johnatstdominic@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.

Local Reconciliation Services

12/17 St. Francis

3:00pm

Diocesan Christmas Collection (December 24-25)

The 46th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the Diocese will request money from this collection during 2024 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare & medications, funeral & burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistances of all types. Please consider giving if you are able; thank you all so much.

**The Mater Dei Christmas Concert:
Sunday, December 17 at 6pm.**

Come, Enjoy the sounds of the season as performed by their symphonic band, jazz combo, and chorus at their Christmas Concert in the main gym.

To support Mater Dei's music programs, enjoy Krispy Kreme donuts after Mass on Sunday, December 17th. Donuts will be sold \$13 per dozen.



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 Pats last picnic, let's make it a good one! Contact Jeff 618 210-0365.

Fair-Trade Market: St. Dominic's Parish is selling Fair-Trade products this 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 Mana.** 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. During Christmas break, there will be no YFF classes. Classes will resume on January 10th.

Join us for SEEK24, a collegiate/young adult conference coming to St. Louis on January 1-5, 2024. There will be keynote speakers such as Fr. Mike Schmitz, Mass, a concert, breakout sessions, Adoration, Reconciliation, vendors, and fellowship through the week. Register online at <https://seek.focus.org>.

Way of Lights Volunteer: National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is looking for people to help share the Christmas spirit. Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights, greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, from November 17 through December 31. This is also a great chance for youth to gain some service hours. If interested, please email programs@snows.org, call 618-394-6281, or go to their website at: www.snows.org/wayoflights.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows - Way of Lights

The Way of Lights is open from November 17 through December 31, 2023, 5pm-9pm. Indoor activities are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, & Christmas Day. The Way of Lights Display depicts the journey of Mary & Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem, depicted by over 1.5 million beautiful lights. This year, they have added colored lights to celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to offer activities for young and old alike. There is no cost for the display, although donations are accepted. There are additional charges for some activities. For more information, call 618-397-6700, or visit their website, <https://snows.org/wayoflights>.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Run will begin kick off at 5pm on Monday, January 1st. Join the Shrine for their annual 5k run and 1.5 mile fun run as you welcome in the New Year! What better way to start your year than going through an exciting course while surrounded by the 1.5 million breathtaking and beautiful Christmas lights display. The cost is \$35 for the 5k & \$25 for the fun run. For more information, visit snows.org/wolrun or call 618-397-6700.

St. Augustine Trivia Night will take place Saturday, January 13th at 6:30 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.

Kings House at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center will present the "I Want to See You" retreat. There will be 3 separate retreats: January 5th through January 7th (presented by Fr. Salvador Gonzalez; 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.

Youth Ministry

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

Next Meeting: 1/7 @ Noon in St. Dominic's Gym after attending the 9:30am Liturgy at St. Felicitas Church in Beaver Prairie. Please come to the meeting if you plan on helping with Luke-18.

Updates: For Youth Ministry, events will be posted on Groupme. 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.

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

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the SVPD 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.

The Miracles of the Eucharist Exhibition is taking place through Thursday, December 21st at Trinity Hall in Highland, IL from 8am-4pm each day. This event shown by St. Paul Catholic Church during the Eucharistic Renewal, displays 150 amazing miracles of the Eucharist on display.

Beth (Klostermann) Gesinski a former St. Dominic's parishioner who now lives in Tallahassee, FL has published an Advent devotional called *Make Ready the Way*, and with her husband Stephen has co-authored a short Christmas book, *On These Twelve Days of Christmas: the Catholic Meaning Behind the True Love's Gifts*. Both are available on Amazon, and there is a copy of each in the church "library." Please take a look!

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Pro-Life Corner:

“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”

USCCB “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

Blood Drive: ImpactLife is hosting a blood drive at the Breese American Legion on Monday, December 18th from 3pm to 7pm. ImpactLife is the exclusive provider of blood products for St. Joseph’s Hospital. Masks are optional, but appointments are required.

To schedule an appointment, call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401, or register online at www.bloodcenter.org/group;grp#10269

St. Dominic/St. Augustine/St. Anthony Cluster Holiday Masses

Christmas Eve:

- o St. Augustine - 4:00pm
- o St. Dominic - 5:30pm
- o St. Anthony - 6:00pm
- o St. Dominic - 10:30pm

Christmas Day:

- o St. Augustine - 8:00am
- o St. Dominic - 9:00am
- o St. Anthony - 10:00am

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (New Years Day)

- o St. Anthony - 9:00am
- o St. Dominic - 11:00am

Evening of Music, Comfort & Joy

St. Mary Parish in Carlyle will host an “Evening of Music, Comfort and Joy” on Saturday, December 23rd, from 6 to 7 pm. This event provides everyone the opportunity to be welcomed by the Parish, reflect on the Christmas Season, view the interior decorations & listen to a variety of local, sing-a-long, and instrumental music; along with Christmas readings. All are welcome to come and go at any time. If you have any questions, or would like to participate in the event, contact Music Director, Duane Grapperhaus at 618-304-6412.

St. Mary in Carlyle will also be hosting a Cantata on Sunday, December 17th at 7pm.



Our All Saints Academy Capital Campaign

During these final days of the year, we give special attention to giving thanks. As the construction phase of the new addition begins, All Saints Academy would like to extend our gratitude to all those who have generously supported the building project. To date, the south footings and flooring have been poured, and the walls of the classroom which will also serve as a storm shelter are nearing completion. Together we are strong, and together we have raised \$2,035,419. We are still reaching for our goal of \$3,000,000 to complete the new addition and 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 for more learning space at All Saints Academy.

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 RSPV 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.

The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Your contribution to The Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 9,500 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven’t already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2023 Appeal today. No amount is too large or too small, Thank You.



Covenant Network Catholic Radio fills the airways with inspirational and educational programming that will help prepare your heart and mind to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas. 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.

MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR December 23rd & 24th

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat. 5:30pm	Jim Kuhl Dennis Richter Charlie Kruse Bob Mensing Ted Voss Fred Becker	Carson Loddeke Noah Varel Austin Dobrzynski	Laura Voss Norb Tebbe Aggie Kampwerth Jill Timmermann Becky Hitpas Tom & Jan Hustedde Catey Cowgill	Lector: Bobbi Deiters Organist/Cantor: Darlene/Amy K. Gift Bearer: Chad Schrage
Sun. 11:00am	Dan Kampwerth Bill Koetting Deb Koetting Karen Lager Dawson Detmer	Myla Hilmes Ava Klostermann Reagan Klostermann	Brenda Hellige Frank Richter Mary Ellen Detmer Joan Merideth Tony & Deb Antonacci Leslie Klay Lisa Rivera	Lector: Joan Merideth Organist/Cantor: Hannah/Paul K. Gift Bearer: Holle Voss