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Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries

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

Weekday Masses:
8am: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 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
Office Manager
John Hilmes
Office Secretary
526-7746

All Saints Academy
Kahiwalani Goetsch
Principal
Angie Pollmann
Assistant Principal
295 N. Clinton St.
526-4323

Mater Dei High School
Dennis Litteken
Principal
900 N. Mater Dei Dr.
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 Hemen
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

Men's Sodality
John Becker

Building & Maintenance
Dave Kruep
Adam Becker

Choirs, Cantors, Musicians
Leah Loddeke

Church Decorating
Aggie Dumstorff

Extraordinary Ministers
Parish Office

First Friday/Homebound
Ministry
Parish Office

Finance Committee
Chris Holthaus

Golden Egg
Stacey Becker
Adam Becker
Katie Unverfehrt

Lectors
Rod Kloeckner

Liturgy & Stewardship
Committee
Mary Hoffman
Amy Koch
Laurie Klostermann
Joan Meredith
Katie Unverfehrt

Media Committee
Katie Unverfehrt
Mike Klein

Community & Welcoming
Committee
Dot Bauman
Diane Grapperhaus
Katie Unverfehrt
Lynette Eilermann

Prayer Ministry
Parish Office

Rosary Leaders
Connie Robben

OCIA
Parish Office

Sacristans
Helen Essenpreis
Dot Bauman
Bonnie Ritzheimer

Servers
Parish Office

Spiritual Formation
Laurie Klostermann
Joan Meredith

Ushers
Rich Eilermann

Youth Faith Formation
Dan Robben

Youth Ministry
Erin Ethridge
Rhonda Pulver
Paris Hemen

Picnic Executives
Jeff Niemeyer
Adam Becker

Schedule for December 15– December 21

Sunday - 15	Monday - 16	Tuesday - 17	Wednesday - 18	Thursday - 19	Friday - 20	Saturday - 21
11am - Mass 12pm - Baptism of Ripper Kreke	No Mass 7pm - OCIA in the Annex	8am - Mass 1-6pm - Adoration	8am - Mass 6:30pm - YFF Reconciliation in Church	No Mass	8am - Mass	5:30pm - Mass

Mass Intentions

Sat., December 14th

5:30pm: Leo & Lorine Schmidt

Sun., December 15th

11:00am:

Theodora Wilke

Living & Deceased of the

Edward & Cecelia Jansen Family

Richard "Slugger" & Joan Lampe

12:00pm: Baptism of Ripper Kreke

Mon., December 16th

No Mass

Tues. December 17th

8:00am:

Adoration from 1p to 6pm.

Wed. December 18th

8:00am: Leo & Lorine Schmidt

Thurs., December 19th

8:00am:

Fri., December 20th

8:00am: Mark & Jaxon Holtgrave

Sat., December 21th

5:30pm: Elmer & Fran Schrage

Alfred Ratermann

Geri Ratermann

Sun., December 22th

11:00am:

Living & Deceased of the

Ralph Von Bokel Family

Albert, Helen & Henry Winkeler

In light of Tom Kannall's previously announced retirement, St. Dominic Parish is in need of an Accountant / Bookkeeper and an Office Manager.

The Accountant position is expected to be part-time (roughly 10 to 15 hours a week) and most of the tasks could be handled at one's home on their time with occasional responsibilities at the Rectory. Some of the responsibilities of this position include payment of all bills, processing of payroll twice a month, journalizing cash collections and producing, analyzing, and presenting financial statements out of QuickBooks. This position would be ideal for someone looking for some extra cash and flexibility in their schedule. Previous experience with QuickBooks is required.

The Office Manager position includes responsibility for all administrative, human resource, and parish database management functions. Other responsibilities include but are not limited to performance of Child Protection Location Coordination duties, coordination with various Church committees on their needs, and supervision of the Parish Receptionist. This position would require presence in the Rectory, but it is possible this position could also be part-time and would be ideal for someone looking for extra money with a desire to be involved in Parish activities. The ideal candidate is organized, detail-oriented, excels at multi-tasking, and finds fulfillment in completing a task.

Interested parties should contact one of the parish trustees: Suann Fields (314) 409-6925 or Steve Usselman (618) 806-6318.

St. Dominic's Men's Sodality will meet on Thursday, January 9th at the Breese Knights of Columbus Hall at 6:00pm in the downstairs dining hall for meal and drinks. Meeting will follow. Wings will be provided by the KC Hall.



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. The Envelopes are due by Tuesday, December 17th at 5pm.

St. Dominic Church is looking for volunteers to Lector at Wednesday & Thursday morning Masses, along with any morning Masses that occur whenever school is not in session. The Parish office is starting to compile a list of volunteers to make a weekday Lector schedule. Contact the Parish office to sign yourself up to serve the Church today.

"The Three Ordinary Voices of God" by Matthew Kelly

"God hasn't stopped speaking, we've stopped listening. Discover the Truth: God speaks to everyone."

Matthew Kelly's new book will be a gift for you & your family at Christmas.

The Next Reconciliation Services in the Diocese are as follows:

St. Mary in Mt. Vernon on Sunday, December 15th at 1:00pm

St. Boniface in Germantown on Sunday, December 15th at 2:00pm

St. Francis in Aviston on Sunday, December 15th at 6:00pm

St. Mary in Carlyle on Thursday, December 19th at 6:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Thursday December 19th at 6:15pm

St. Charles Borromeo in DuBois on Sunday, December 22nd at 3:00pm

15th Weekly Raffle Winner \$100!: Janice Gebke, CONGRATULATIONS!

This Week's Stewardship

Sunday Envelopes \$10,255.00

Loose \$499.00

Online \$4,005.00

Sunday Contributions \$14,759.00

Adopted Parish \$148.00

Immaculate Conception \$1,012.00

Religious Retirement \$697.00

CCHD \$113.00

Christmas for the Needy \$320.00

Needy \$105.00

Tuition Assist. \$330.00

Misc. Blue \$30.00

Flowers \$450.00

Thanksgiving Collection \$228.00

Christmas Collection \$1,060.00

Building \$210.00

Thank you for your generous donations

Youth Faith Formation

Advent Reconciliation Service:
Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm.

Any students in 3rd through 8th Grade wanting to join us for Christmas Eve Children's choir are still welcome to join us. Practices will be held in church Monday the 16th from 6:00-7:30, Tuesday the 17th 6:00 - 6:45 and Friday, the 20th 1:00-2:00 and Monday the 23rd 6:00 - 8:00. Feel free to contact Darlene Menietti at dmenietti@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Youth Ministry

Erin 618-604-7640
Paris 618-910-4551
Rhonda 248-840-1857

Please check GroupMe for updates.

Christmas caroling at 2pm, meeting at Cedarhurst.

Afterwards there will be bowling at V & H.

The next Teen Life Night is January 12th at 6pm.

The Clinton County Snack Pack Program Needs Your Help!

The Clinton County Snack Pack Program gives lunch to school children in need, specifically feeding 200 children weekly. The issue they are running into is a lack of funds. It costs about \$150 to feed a single child for the whole school year, so the Snack Pack program is needing monetary donations to help keep the program going and keep children fed. Even if you are unable to donate enough to cover the full amount for a child, any amount helps the organization feed those that are hungry.

You can give your donation by putting it in the collection basket in an envelope marked Clinton County Snack Pack or Snack Pack; likewise, you can also mail your donation to 904 Peach Ln. New Baden, IL 62265.

PLEASE WRITE OUT ALL CHECKS TO CLINTON COUNTY SNACK PACK PROGRAM.

The Columbus Corner

Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 Meeting will be held at the K of C Hall on Thursday, January 9th. With the meeting starting at 7:30pm.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at the St. Barbara Parish Center in Okawville.

As the weather grows colder, the Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 is organizing a drive to help those in need. We kindly ask for donations of new or gently used hats, gloves, and scarves. Please drop off your contributions in the red collection boxes located at the back of the church. Thank you in advance! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Breese Knights of Columbus Breese Council is having a 5th Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, December 29th at the KC Hall. Breakfast is being served from 8:00am - 11:00am. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be there from 9:00am-11:00am. Dine-in tickets for adults cost \$12, and kid's tickets are \$6. Any children (12 & under) who wear a Christmas shirt will eat for free. All carry-out tickets are \$12. The breakfast will include scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, and fruit.

Pro-Life Corner:

ASSISTED SUICIDE SENDS A MESSAGE TO PEOPLE THAT THEY ARE BURDENSOME!

In Oregon, where assisted suicide has been legal for years, data shows people request suicide drugs not for pain but because they cannot do the same activities that they could before, such as control bodily functions. They feel they've lost dignity or that they are a burden. Assisted suicide can also promote the view that elderly relatives are not persons to be loved but burdens to be managed. Suicide drugs are not the answer. Everyone deserves loving, supportive care, affirmation of their dignity, and to know that they are never a burden.

Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499—assisted suicide. Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources

New Respect Life and Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer cards are on the table in the back of church. Please pick up one of these beautiful prayer cards and pray with people across the country and world for Pro-Abundant Life from conception to natural death.

Now more than ever we need to start speaking up for unborn babies and their mothers.



Vocation Corner

"I had many kinds of exotic pets as a kid and was always fascinated by the mysteries of nature. I was equally drawn to the ungraspable mystery of God. Though I grew up Catholic, I didn't know much about my faith or have deep prayer life. In college, I studied biological anthropology and encountered ideas that I thought were inconsistent with belief in God. Faith became doubt; I tried praying and going to Mass but the mystery of God I was once drawn to seemed an illusion. By God's providence, I found myself at Holy Thursday Mass a few months later. The moment I saw the priest washing the people's feet, I became overwhelmed with God's love for me. He spoke to my unbelieving heart, placing in it a call that enveloped my being with a new purpose: to join that priest in leading others to an encounter with God. I was ordained in 2019 and now use my pets to bring others.... to a greater appreciation of God's creation."

Fr. Carlos Orozco; Diocese of Seattle;
Columbia Magazine May 2024

PLEASE PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS!!!



Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!



The temperature will soon be dropping as Fall begins, which means that people will be dressing to keep warm. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients, and if you are able, please donate water & food along with Fall & Winter clothes, which include: Jackets, Coats, Long-sleeve shirts, jeans & other pants. Along with these, there is always a need for socks and underwear.

There is a donation box in the breezeway between the Church & Rectory, and is accessible at all hours to drop off your items.

Thank you for helping St. Vincent De Paul !

Around the Parish

Fair-Trade Market: St. Dominic's Parish is WILL NOT be selling Fair-Trade products this weekend of December after the 5:30pm & 11:00am Masses. If there are any items you wanted to purchase as a Christmas present, you can contact Helen at 618-980-1875. **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.

HOLIDAY MASSES

We are in need of the following ministries at each of these holiday Masses.

Tuesday, December 24th (4:30pm)

Ushers: (2-4 Ushers Needed)

Extraordinary Ministers: (4-6 Ministers Needed)

Altar Servers: (2 Servers Needed)

Christmas Eve:

Tuesday, December 24th (10:30pm)

Ushers: (4-6 Ushers Needed)

Extraordinary Ministers: (4-6 Ministers Needed)

Altar Servers: (2 Servers Needed)

Christmas:

Wednesday, December 25th (9:00am)

Ushers: (3-5 Ushers Needed)

Extraordinary Ministers: (4-6 Ministers Needed)

Altar Servers: (3 Servers Needed)

The Next Healing Mass in our Diocese will be Tuesday, January 21st. Watch future bulletins for the location as it is yet to be determined.



Around the Area

Corpus Christi Catholic Church is holding their 20th Annual Winter's Aire Concert, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree featuring special guests Jilly B & the Jingle Bells on Saturday, December 7th. Doors open at 6pm, & the concert begins at 6:30pm. Join them as they hold a holiday wine tasting and silent auction while the concert is being performed.

The Aviston Sons of American Legion 2024 Black Tie and Talent Show will be on Sat. Jan. 11th 2025 @ 5:00 pm at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston IL. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. We are selling tickets for the event at \$50.00 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, late night entertainment. Interested contestants can tryout at a down select competition at Aviston Legion at 6:00 pm on Friday, Dec 20th. A 3 minute speech on a topic of contestants choice and a talent demonstration is required. Any Clinton County residents who will attend college or trade school in 2025 can enter contest. For tickets or entry info text: Jim Kues 618-973-5688 or Craig Timmermann 618-830-7737.

The Catholic Diocese of Belleville will sponsor the annual Diocesan Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Monsignor Bernard Voss Parish Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville. Meals can also be delivered in Belleville to those who are disabled/homebound (three meals maximum for delivery). If you or someone you know live alone and would like to attend the dinner or need a meal delivered, please call 618-722-5024 no later than December 16, 2024.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year 2025 by opening the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve. Join Bishop Michael McGovern in opening **the celebration of the Jubilee Year in our diocese at the 10:30am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter (200 W. Harrison, Belleville) on Sunday December 29th.** Our theme for the Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. For more information visit www.diobelle.org.



MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR December 21st & 22nd

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat. 5:30pm	Charlie Kruse Bob Mensing Ted Voss Fred Becker Don Lappe Doug Kuhl	Mabree Richter Emma McSparin Aliya Melton	Dot Baumann Linda Deiters Becky Hitpas Connie Robben Tim Moylan Vernon Mohesky Mark Renschen Sarah Becker	Lector: Tony Antonacci Organist/Cantor: Evelyn/ Steve/ Nif Gift Bearers: Chad Schrage & Dennis Ratermann
Sun. 11:00am	Alan Grapperhaus Cindy Grapperhaus Darlene Ciborowski Jeff Foppe Yvonne Foppe Laurie Klostermann	Katie Hoskins Amelia Unverfehrt Sophie Niemann	Karen Lager Bernice Voss Jane Jansen Beth Bedard Eric Detmer Diane Klostermann Brenda Hellige Mary Hoffmann	Lector: Megan Holthaus Organist/Cantor: Hannah/ Paul K. Gift Bearer: