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Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45



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 22 – December 28

Sunday - 22	Monday - 23	Tuesday - 24	Wednesday - 25	Thursday - 26	Friday - 27	Saturday - 28
11am - Mass	No Mass 7pm - OCIA in the Annex	4:30pm - Mass 10:30pm - Mass No Adoration	9am - Mass 6:30pm - NO YFF	No Mass	8am - Mass	5:30pm - Mass

Mass Intentions

Sat., December 21st

5:30pm: Elmer & Fran Schrage
Alfred Ratermann
Geri Ratermann

Sun., December 22nd

11:00am:
Living & Deceased of the
Ralph Von Bokel Family
Albert, Helen & Henry Winkeler

Mon., December

No Mass

Tues. December

4:30pm: Herb Hustedde
Alfred Ratermann

10:30pm: Dennis Richter
Living and Deceased of the
Garcia & Haag Families

Adoration from 1p to 6pm.

Wed. December 25th (Christmas!)

8:00am: For Protection Over Those
That are Traveling

Thurs., December 26th

No Mass

Fri., December 27th

8:00am: Leo & Lorine Schmidt

Sat., December 28th

5:30pm: Dorothy Zinn

Sun., December 29th

11:00am:
Wilbert & Agnes Huelsmann

The Parish Office and Fr. Jim would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! While you celebrate Christmas with your family, please remember the meaning of the season, and to keep Christ in Christmas.



Oh Holy Night

Due to the celebration of the Holiday & Holy Day of Christmas, the Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th & Wednesday, December 25th to give everyone time to celebrate with their families. Normal office hours will resume on Thursday, December 26th.

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.

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.

Something Wonderful is About to Happen....

Personal Clarity

Learn to say yes to what matters most and no to everything else.

Incredible Peace

Discover your next right step and fill your life with passion & purpose.

Deeper Faith

Pray like never before and hear the deeply personal message

"God yearns to speak with you. Will you listen"

Look for our Parish Christmas gift to you, "The Three Ordinary Voices of God" by Matthew Kelly.

This Week's Stewardship

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,965.00
Loose	\$781.00
Online	\$2,627.00
Sunday Contributions	\$8,373.00
Adopted Parish	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$85.00
Religious Retirement	\$80.00
Christmas Collection	\$1,415.00
Christmas for the Needy	\$90.00
Needy	\$10.00
Tuition Assist.	\$100.00
Misc. Blue	\$205.00
Flowers	\$90.00
Building	\$445.00

Thank you for your generous donations

16th Weekly Raffle Winner \$100!:
Dale & Darlene Ratermann, CONGRATULATIONS!

Youth Faith Formation

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 still be held in church on Monday the 23rd from 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.

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, January 21st at the St. Mary Parish Center in Trenton.

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:

Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to share our human nature and redeem all people. We ask for help for our brothers and sisters who are ill. Support them with your power and shelter them from sadness. Keep them firm in faith and serene in hope. Also help those who assist the sick and care for them in their time of illness. Inspire our society to resist the temptation of assisted suicide for the elderly, the sick, the vulnerable and all your people. May life's beauty and sanctity be respected among all our brothers and sisters. All this we ask in your holy name. Amen.

<https://www.ilcatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide/>

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

Today's Gospel details the 2nd Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, The Visitation. Mary has accepted HER call to be the Mother of God. And even though pregnant, she travels to visit Elizabeth who is the mother of John the Baptist. Elizabeth tells her "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Have you asked yourself if you are fulfilling what the Lord has spoken to you? Are you being called to something special? Is that a call to the priesthood or religious life?

PLEASE PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS!!!

Society of St. Vincent De Paul would Like to Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for your generosity with donating either new or lightly used clothes for the Winter Season. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients, and if you are able, please donate water & food along with Winter clothes. ESPECIALLY Jackets, Coats, Long-sleeve shirts, jeans & other pants. Along with these, there is always a great 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.

Please bring your donations in a bag or use one of the bags that is next to the donation dropboxes. That way whenever the clothes and food are collected they are easier to load and unload.

Thank you for helping St. Vincent De Paul,

&

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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.

New Year's Eve:

Tuesday, December 31st (4:30pm)

Ushers: Laurie Klostermann, (3-5 Ushers Needed)

Extraordinary Ministers: (7-8 Ministers Needed)

Altar Servers: Hailey & Ava Klostermann

Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day) Wednesday, January 1st (9:00am)

Ushers: (4-6 Ushers Needed)

Extraordinary Ministers:
Diane Klostermann (6-7 Ministers Needed)

Altar Servers: (2-3 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.

It's Time for Messenger Renewal Again!

Merry Christmas from The Messenger! Don't forget to Subscribe by calling The Messenger at 618-233-8670. To subscribe online go to www.bellevillemessenger.org. Tax-deductible donations are also appreciatively received.

Prices for Messenger Subscription 2025

**\$40 for print edition
\$35 for digital edition
\$45 for both print and digital**



A quick reminder: checks should be addressed to The Messenger, NOT the parish. If they are written out to the Parish, *The Messenger* will not accept them and you will not be subscribed for the next year.

The Messenger would also suggests dropping off your *Messenger* subscription envelopes at the Parish office, because of how much mail has become lost recently

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.

Fr. Thomas Luge is hosting a young adults' event at the Bartelso Bowling Lanes on January 9th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. It's open to ages 21-39, more or less. He is open to discussing different religious topics and/or fielding questions, including, but not limited to: Scripture, Church, Sacraments, Faith, The Mass, etc. The first night will probably be a discussion of Mary and the Saints, and open it up for questions after that. Those attending will help decide what the topic will be and the time of the next gathering.

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.

For the Jubilee of Hope

Vatican Website <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

USCCB Website: <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>

Full text of the Papal Bull:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html



Ministries for 12/24, 12/25, 12/28 & 12/29

Christmas Eve 4:30pm Mass

Ushers: Karen Lager, Mike Garner, Rich Eilermann, Ted Voss(2 Ushers Needed)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Karen Lager, Robin Fix, Jan Deiters, Tom & Jan Hustedde, Diane Grapperhaus (2 Ministers Needed)

Altar Servers: Jacob Faust, (2 Servers Needed)

Lector: Tim Moylan **Organist/Cantor:** Darlene/Children's Choir **Offertory:** Ratermann & Hustedde Families

Christmas Eve 10:30pm Mass

Ushers: (6 Ushers Needed)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Mary Niemann, Jane Jansen, Diane Klostermann, Lisa Rivera, Kate Rivera-Kunz, (3 Ministers Needed)

Altar Servers: Emma McSparin, Maribeth Cowgill, (1 Server Needed)

Lector: Rod Kloeckner **Organist/Cantor:** Diane/Evelyn/Choir **Offertory:** Dennis Hetzel

Christmas Day 9:00am Mass

Ushers: Don Deiters, (5 Ushers Needed)

Extraordinary Ministers:

Don Deiters, Linda Deiters, Helen Essenpreis (5 Ministers Needed)

Altar Servers: (3 Servers Needed)

Lector: Deb Antonacci **Organist/Cantor:** Maribeth/Jordyn M. **Offertory:** Volunteer

Saturday, December 28th 5:30pm Mass

Ushers:

Leonard Bathon, Dave Moss, Doug Kuhl, Rich Kruep, Stewart Freeman, Mike Garner, Brian Albers

Extraordinary Ministers:

Marla Mensing, Suann Fields, Kate Unverfehrt, Kay Schlarman, Kim Miller, Lauren Melton, Doug & Cindy Kuhl

Altar Servers: Adalyn Willman, Wesley Murray, Lincoln Niemeyer

Lector: Lynette Eilermann **Organist/Cantor:** Hannah/Myles/Carson **Offertory:** Rita Zinn

Sunday, December 29th 11:00am Mass

Ushers:

Dan Kampwerth, Bill Koetting, Deb Koetting, Karen Lager, Dawson Detmer, Dave Toennies

Extraordinary Ministers:

Frank Richter, Mary Ellen Detmer, Tony & Deb Antonacci, Jan Deiters, Lisa Rivera, Helen Essenpreis, Deb Koetting

Altar Servers: Will Miller, Kaylon & Lane Hilmes

Lector: Jan Deiters **Organist/Cantor:** Diane/Kelly/Kaitlyn **Offertory:** Mary Kay Wiegmann