



Pastor:  
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# Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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## Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

**First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**  
**Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**  
**Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**



2ND SUNDAY @ Advent

The Office will be closed on  
Monday, December 9th in ob-  
servance of the Solemnity of  
the Immaculate Conception

### Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries

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

**Weekday Masses:**  
8am: Tuesday, Wednes-  
day, 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](http://www.saintdominicbreese.org)  
Diocese of Belleville [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org)  
Knights of Columbus [www.breeseknights.org](http://www.breeseknights.org)  
Mater Dei High School [www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org)  
All Saints Academy [www.asasaints.com](http://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 Usselmann

**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 8– December 14**

Sunday - 8	Monday - 9	Tuesday - 10	Wednesday - 11	Thursday - 12	Friday - 13	Saturday - 14
11am - Mass	<i>Immaculate Conception</i> 8am - Mass 12:10pm - Mass Parish Office is closed.	8am - Mass 1-6pm - Adoration	8am - Mass YFF Class at 6:30pm at the School 6:30pm - First Reconciliation in Church	No Mass	8am - Mass	5:30pm - Mass

**Mass Intentions**

**Sat., December 7th**

8:30am: Rosary  
9:00am: Padre Pio Mass  
5:30pm: For those struggling from Mental Illnesses

**Sun., December 8th**

11:00am: Lynn Robben

**Mon., December 9th**

8:00am: Good Health for Expectant Mothers  
12:10pm: Those in Need of Shelter

**Tues. December 10th**

8:00am:  
For the Parish Faith Community of St. Dominic in Breese  
Adoration from 1p to 6pm.

**Wed. December 11th**

8:00am: Mary Schleper

**Thurs., December 12th**  
No Mass

**Fri., December 13th**

8:00am: Henry & Mary Ann Peek

**Sat., December 14th**

5:30pm: Leo & Lorine Schmidt

**Sun., December 15th**

11:00am:  
Our Lady of the Rosary in Guatemala

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.

**IMPORTANT!!!: There will be only the 8am and 12:10pm Masses on December 9th in celebration of The Immaculate Conception, there will be NO 7pm Mass that day.**

**St. Dominic's Men's Sodality will meet on Thursday, January 9th**



**Giving Tree:** Please help the less fortunate families in our area by purchasing gift cards. Gift cards to Walmart, Dollar General, Farm Fresh Market, Fischer's Butchering and Deli, Gas Stations or local restaurants are preferred. Gift cards can be returned to the box in the back of church or in the secure dropbox in the breezeway. Please return all gift cards to the church by Saturday, December 14. Thank you!



**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.

**"The Three Ordinary Voices of God" by Matthew Kelly**

"We yearn for God's direction. We want to hear his voice. We know his will is the path to the peace, joy and happiness for which we hunger. But how do we discover his will?"

In this yet powerful guide, Matthew Kelly demonstrates that God speaks to everyone, whether we are aware of it or not through 3 ordinary voices: OUR NEEDS, OUR TALENTS & OUR DESIRES."

Matthew Kelly's new book is coming soon.

**14th Weekly Raffle Winner \$100!: Mike Klein, CONGRATULATIONS!**

**This Week's Stewardship**

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,690.00
Loose	\$305.55
Online	\$5,125.00
Sunday Contributions	\$10,120.55
Adopted Parish	\$55.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Religious Retirement	\$20.00
CCHD	\$40.00
Needy	\$25.00
Tuition Assist.	\$20.00
Misc. Blue	\$5.00
Flowers	\$140.00
Thanksgiving Collection	\$1,379.00
Christmas Collection	\$85.00
Building	\$625.00

Thank you for your generous donations

### Youth Faith Formation

#### **First Reconciliation:**

Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm.

#### **Reconciliation Service:**

Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm.

### **Youth Ministry**

**Erin 618-604-7640**

**Paris 618-910-4551**

**Rhonda 248-840-1857**

**Please check GroupMe for updates.**

**Holiday treat making on 12/8 at 4pm at St. Anthony Parish Center in Beckemeyer.**

**Christmas caroling for the elderly and Youth Ministry Christmas Party on 12/15.**

### 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, December 12th. With the meeting starting at 7:00pm with a Rosary being said.

**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.

### **The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100**

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 11,128 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 2024 Appeal today...no amount is

### **Pro-Life Corner:**

#### **ASSISTED SUICIDE TARGETS THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES**

The proposal pending in Illinois does not require a psychiatric evaluation for depression. Many people requesting assisted suicide are depressed. The lifetime risk of suicide among patients with untreated depressive disorder is nearly 20% and 75.94% of communities in Illinois did not have enough mental health providers to serve residents in 2021, according to federal guidelines. Thinking about suicide can be a common part of depression, rather than a rational choice.

**Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499 - assisted suicide.**

Visit [www.ilcatholic.org](http://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.

**The Annual Pro-Life Night of Prayer is Tuesday, December 10 at St. Anthony Church in Beckemeyer.** We will be the first leaders of the Prayer Service starting at 6:00pm, followed by St. Augustine at 7:00pm, after that is St. Anthony at 8:00pm, & the last hour is lead by the Breese Knights of Columbus and will begin at 9:00pm.

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



### **Vocation Corner**

Today we hear the evangelist John's account of the ministry of John the Baptist. John the Baptist' had a self-awareness of who he was (a proclaimer) and what he was not (the Savior). He knew his vocation and accepted that call from the Lord to "Prepare the way of the Lord". Even though the priests and Levites couldn't determine who he was, John assured them that his role was to baptize with water in anticipation of the one who would baptize with the Spirit. Are you listening for the call to be what the Lord wants you to be?

**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 selling Fair-Trade products the weekend of December 14th & 15th after the 5:30pm & 11:00am Masses. **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: coffee, 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.**

**Immaculate Conception:  
Monday, December 9th (8:00am)**

**Ushers:** (3-5 Ushers Needed)

**Extraordinary Ministers:** (3-5 Ministers Needed)

**Immaculate Conception:  
Monday, December 9th (12:10pm)**

**Ushers:** (3-5 Ushers Needed)

**Extraordinary Ministers:** (3-5 Ministers Needed)

**Christmas Eve:  
Tuesday, December 24th (4:30pm)**

**Ushers:** (2-4 Ushers Needed)

**Extraordinary Ministers:** (5-7 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)

**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 Diocese of Belleville will host a Memorial Mass for Archbishop Emeritus James P. Keleher who died on November 9.** Archbishop Keleher served as the sixth Bishop of Belleville (1984-1993). Bishop McGovern will offer Mass at 12:10 PM on Wednesday, December 11, in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL. Everyone is invited to pray together for the repose of Archbishop Keleher's soul.

**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.

**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.**

**MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR December 14th & 15th**

	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	
<b>Sat. 5:30pm</b>	Kent Robben Curt Weh Tim Richter Rich Eilermann Don Deiters Ric Koopmann	Chase Varel Maribeth Cowgill Ava Klostermann	Robin Fix Catey Cowgill Mike Nettekmeier Donna Nettekmeier Tom Hustedde Jan Hustedde Pat Voss Mary Niemann	<b>Lector:</b> Jeff Frerker <b>Organist/Cantor:</b> Rich C. <b>Gift Bearer:</b> Volunteer
<b>Sun. 11:00am</b>	Dan Kampwerth Bill Koetting Deb Koetting Karen Lager Dawson Detmer Dave Toennies	Xavier Buller Myla Hilmes Reagan Klostermann	Mary Ellen Detmer Frank Richter Tony Antonacci Deb Antonacci Jan Deiters Helen Essenpreis Deb Koetting Nancy Huelsmann	<b>Lector:</b> Paul Klostermann <b>Organist/Cantor:</b> Diane/ Anne A. <b>Gift Bearer:</b> Volunteer