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Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

In observance of President's Day, the Parish office will be closed on Monday, February 17th. The office will resume it's normal hours starting Tuesday, February 18th.

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:
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Office Manager
John Hilmes
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Kahiwalani Goetsch
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Dennis Litteken
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Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries

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
Lynette Eilermann - Pres.
Dale Hempen - VP
Diane Kuhl - Sec.
Stacey Becker
Chris Holthaus
Connie Robben
Helen Essenpreis
Tony Antonacci
Barb Koopmann

Trustees
Suann Fields
Steve Usselmann

Adult Servers
Nancy Huelsmann

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
Cindy Klein
Laurie Klostermann
Diane Kuhl
Carol Garner
Helen Essenpreis

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

Sacristans
Helen Essenpreis
Dot Baumann
Bonnie Ritzheimer

Servers
Parish Office

Spiritual Formation
Diane Klostermann
Laurie Klostermann
Connie Robben
Helen Essenpreis

Ushers
Rich Eilermann

Youth Faith Formation
Dan Robben

Youth Ministry
Erin Ethridge
Rhonda Pulver
Paris Hempen

Picnic Executives
Jeff Niemeyer
Adam Becker
Katie Unverfehrt

Schedule for February 16 - 22

Sunday - 16	Monday—17	Tuesday - 18	Wednesday - 19	Thursday - 20	Friday - 21	Saturday - 22
11am - Mass	Office Closed due to Presidents' Day No Mass No OCIA due to Presidents' Day	8am - Mass 1-6pm - Adoration 7pm - Finance Council Meeting in Annex	8am - Mass 6:30pm - YFF Class at ASA school buildings	8am - Mass	8am - Mass	5:30pm - Mass

Mass Intentions

Sat., February 15th

5:30pm: Dennis & Mitzi Fischer
Leo & Lorine Schmidt

Sun., February 16th

11:00am: Living & Deceased
of the Judy Huelsmann Family

12:00pm:

Baptism of Ena Ray Timmermann
Baptism of Reece Jordan Beckmann

Mon., February 17th

No Mass

Tues. February 18th

8:00am:

For the recovery of Maci McCabe

Adoration from 1-6pm

Wed. February 19th

8:00am: For the Health of the Pope

Thurs., February 20th

8:00am: For peace in Ukraine

Fri., February 21st

8:00am: For Our Seminarians

Sat., February 22nd

5:30pm: Norb & Nellie Wieter
Leo Frerker

Sun., February 23rd

11:00am: Caroline Draper

Hello Parishioners of St. Dominic,

I was just notified that there is a credit card texting scam going around of someone who is posing as Fr. Jim. Do not purchase any gift cards that this person tells you to purchase, **IT IS A SCAM!** Fr. Jim will NEVER ASK FOR GIFT CARDS OR ANY MONETARY ASSISTANCE OR DONATIONS OVER THE PHONE.

Welcome to our newest member who were Baptized this past week. Sophie Jane Kreke daughter of Matthew & Cassandra Kreke. May God watch over her as she grows in her faith.

Congratulations! To newlyweds Blake & Paris Stulir. May God guide them and lead their lives together in happiness & holiness, through good times and bad, sickness and health, for as long as they both shall live

February Children's Mass is on Sunday, February 23 at 11:00. Please contact Ann at 618-420-3456 for your child to volunteer to be a part of Mass.

Vicariate Healing Mass: The next Vicariate Healing Mass is Tuesday, March 18th at St. George in New Baden. Mass begins at 7pm, with confessions starting beforehand at 6pm.

Can You Give 1% of Your Day to GOD?

We are entering the Prayer Phase of Stewardship for our Parish. What does that mean for you? God has asked us to live as stewards, giving back to him and thanking him for all that HE has given to us. Challenge yourself... Can you give 1% of your day to God? That's approximately 15 minutes of your day. Really challenge yourself to talk to God and make that personal connection with him. God wants to get to know YOU!

Lenten Adoration will be in Church on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week from 1:00 - 7:00pm throughout the Lenten season. We have 6 one hour time slots to fill each day so we need a minimum of 24 prayer Volunteers weekly to make this possible. What can you give up for one hour to make this happen? **Sign up sheets are located in the back of church. To sign up or have questions call Rich Carlton at 618-322-1917.**

There will be a Cemetery Board Meeting for the St. Dominic & St. Augustine Cemetery on Monday March 10th at 10am in the St. Dominic Annex Building.

The next Altar Sodality meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3rd at 7pm. The theme for this meeting is **Mardi Gras**. This meeting we will be honoring past Sodality presidents and Guatemala missions. Instead of bringing an item to auction like we have done in the past, we will simply collect monetary donations. For each donation above \$5, the member will receive a piece of Mardi Gras King Cake. The lucky member with the baby will be gifted a voucher to be used on the Fair Trade products. We can't wait to see who finds the baby.

It is time again for the St. Dominic Spring Chicken Dinner on Sunday, March 9th, from 11am until 5pm. This is a carry out chicken dinner with limited indoor seating. The dinners include 4 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans, slaw & a dessert. Sign up for your shift on SignUp Genius. Come pick up a few carry outs to go for delicious food and a night of no cooking.

They are also looking for someone to take over toasting the bread for the dressing. If you are interested, please contact John Becker 618-401-3578, and don't forget to sign up for that shift on SignUp Genius.

The Community & Welcoming committee is accepting monetary donations to make casseroles for Cosgrove's Kitchen. The average cost of each casserole is \$15. They are still needing to raise an additional \$500. Please submit any donations in an envelope marked "Casserole Donation" and drop it in the collection or box on the table in back of church. Your generosity is appreciated! We will be making the casseroles on Friday, February 21st, at 1:30pm in the parish center cafeteria. Please contact Lynette Eilermann at 618-304-5940 by February 18th to volunteer to help.

The first 2025 Parish Picnic Planning Meeting is Monday, February 17th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Bring any good ideas you have to share for this year's Picnic. That way we can have another successful year this year.

24th Weekly Raffle Winner \$100!: Michael & Carol Garner, CONGRATULATIONS!

This Week's Stewardship

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,960.00
Loose	\$217.78
Online	\$4,175.00
Sunday Contributions	\$10,352.78
Adopted Parish	\$43.00
Tuition Assistance	\$308.00
Needy	\$60.00
Easter Flowers	\$30.00
Building	\$305.00
Cemetery	\$20.00

Thank you for your generous donations

Weekend Mass Attendance

360 Disciples at Mass

Youth Faith Formation



The next Youth Faith Formation (YFF) Mass will take place **Wednesday, March 5th (Ash Wednesday)** at 7:00pm at St. Dominic Church.

Youth Ministry

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

Please check GroupMe for updates.

The next Teen Life Night is **February 23rd at 6pm** at St. Anthony Parish Center in Beckemeyer.

If any parishioners or businesses are interested in providing meals/meal donations for the Teen Life Nights. Please reach out to Erin, Paris or Rhonda.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Souper Bowl of Caring this year. Breese/Beckemeyer Youth Ministry & House of Manna appreciate your generosity.

Mater Dei Presents: Knight at the Races

Mater Dei Band Parents will host their annual Knight at the Races on **Saturday, February 15th, from 6pm-11pm**. Tickets are \$50 which includes appetizers, open bar, funny money for wagering & chances to win prizes. The evening also includes raffles & fun events. For additional details & the reservation form, visit the Mater Dei website: www.materdeiknights.org, and visit the section labelled announcements.

Looking for a good way to enhance your Lenten Season? Attend the **2025 Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 22nd**

The Prayer Breakfast is being held at St. Paul Catholic Church (located at 1411 Main St. Highland, IL 62249). The morning starts with Adoration at 7am, Rosary at 7:30am Mass starting at 8am, and a catered breakfast which begins after Mass is finished.

Pre registration is required for the breakfast meal.

To Register, visit www.stpaulhighland.org, scan the QR code located on the forms found in the back of Church, or fill out and mail in one of the forms found in the back of Church.

Don't miss special guest speaker Most Rev. Thomas John Paprocki, the Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield.

Space is limited, so you need to register by March 1st.

The Columbus Corner

Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 Meeting will be held at the K of C Hall on **Thursday, March 13th**. With the meeting starting at 7:30pm.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 18th** at the St. Francis Parish Center in Aviston.

The Breese Knights of Columbus host the following meals on each of these Days throughout the week. Please stop by and enjoy amazing food with family & friends.

Tuesday: Tacos and Taco Salad

Thursday: Chicken Wings, Both Bone-In & Boneless

Friday: Fried Chicken along with Fried Fish

If you are interested in joining or would like more information on the Knights of Columbus, please contact Brian Kloeckner at bkloeckner1971@gmail.com.

Pro-Life Corner:



"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

Pro-Life Roses: If you would like a Pro-Life rose put on Mary's Altar for an expectant mother & her child, please contact the Parish Office with the name of the parents and the expected due date of the child. The Pro-Life roses are provided by the Parish Office and are free of charge.

St. Anthony in Beckemeyer is hosting a Pro-Life Mass on Wednesday, February 19th at 7pm.

Now more than ever we need to pray for an end to abortion, & a greater respect for human life.

Vocation Corner

"I was born in El Salvador and came to the United States when I was 12. My family faced many challenges: civil war, immigration, a new language, and culture. Our faith held us together and provided solace during the hard times. After I was confirmed in 2011, I felt a deeper call to be active in the Church, and I began to teach catechism at my parish. One evening, I went out to measure a building for my job with an insurance company...and I got lost. Turning into another building, I went inside, where a receptionist welcomed me to Holy Trinity Seminary. I knew I couldn't keep running from my desire to give more. I ... entered seminary that summer. Being embraced by divine providence in my call to priesthood and through all the challenges of my life allows me to cry out with confidence: Viva Cristo Rey!

Fr. Elmer Herrerea-Guzman, Diocese of Dallas; *Columbia Magazine*, March 2023

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.

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

Thank you to everyone who generously donated 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 drop boxes. That way whenever the clothes and food are collected they are easier to load and unload.

Thank you for helping
St. Vincent De Paul

Around the Parish

Fair-Trade Market: St. Dominic's Parish will be selling Fair-Trade products the weekend of February 15th & 16th 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: coffees, chocolates, Palestinian olive oil, cocoa, teas, Haitian banana paper greeting cards, and more.

It's Time for Messenger Renewal Again!

Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click SUBSCRIBE.

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\$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 suggest dropping off your Messenger subscription envelopes at the Parish office, because of how much mail has become lost recently

St. Augustine Luncheon & Quilt Bingo - Sunday, February 16. Luncheon begins at 11:30am & Bingo at 2pm. Luncheon & Bingo is being held in the St. Augustine Parish Center located at South 3rd & South Main in Breese. *Held under Bingo Operator License B-0357.*

St. Augustine's Holy Name Consignment Auction is Saturday, March 8 at 9:00am gym opens at 7:00am for viewing. **Auction setup begins on Monday, February 24th at 5:30pm at the St. Augustine Parish Center** located at South 3rd & South Main in Breese. **Items will be accepted Monday – Friday 5:30-8:00pm after the start date until full. Please call Mark Huelskamp at 618-410-0774 for more information or to arrange for item(s) pickup.**

You are invited...to the Heartland Community Chorus Spring concert, "Going Over Jordan", featuring guest soloist world-renowned soprano, Christine Brewer. Enjoy traditional hymns and spirituals in exciting new settings. Saturday, March 22, 7:00 pm at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 123 Dee St., Lebanon, IL., and Sunday, March 23, 3:00 pm at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1411 Main Street, Highland, IL 62249. Tickets are \$15 (age 16 and under FREE) and are available at the door, from chorus members, or online at heartlandcommunitychorus.org.

Around the Area

Schedule of Upcoming 2025-2026 Healing Masses
Information will be updated whenever the office is notified.

- St. Bernard/St. Damien - 5/20/25**
- St. Charles/St. Michael/St. Barbara (Scheller) - 7/15/25**
- St. Felicitas/St. Rose/St. Francis - 9/16/25**
- St. Teresa (Marydale)/St. Mary (Carlyle) - 11/18/25**
- St. Mary (Mt. Vernon), St. Mary (Centralia), St. Lawrence - 1/20/26**
- ~~**St. Anthony (Lively Grove)/St. Barbara (Okawville) - 3/17/26**~~
- St. Anthony (Beckemeyer)/St. Dominic/St. Augustine - 5/19/26**
- St. Cecilia/St. Boniface - 7/21/26**
- St. Elizabeth/St. Teresa (Salem) - 9/15/26**

Breese American Legion Post 252 in having a drive-thru or carry-out chicken dinner on Sunday, February 23rd from 11am until 5pm.

All dinners are \$15 and include the following: 1/2 a fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing, green beans, coleslaw and cake.

Catholic Men for Christ will be held February 15th at St. Louis University High School. Grow deeper in your faith. Register at catholicmenforchrist.org

Catholic Women for Christ will be held March 8th at St. Louis University High School. Grow deeper in your faith. Register at catholicwomenforchrist.org

A Rummage Sale hosted by the Aviston American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the Aviston American Legion on the following dates:

- Thursday, February 20th: 9am-7pm
- Friday, February 21st: 9am-7pm, everything is half price.
- Saturday, February 22nd: 9am-12pm (\$4 Brown Bag Sale)

The Diocese of Belleville Young Adults is hosting their Spring Catholic Speed Dating for ages 21 - 33 on Thursday, February 27th starting at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity Parish in Fairview Heights, IL. For more information, please contact Martina Skorch at mksorch@diobelle.org. To register, please scan the provided QR Code.

His Kids Cancer Support is holding their 31st Annual Charity Auction for kids with cancer and their families on Saturday, March 8th from 5pm until 10pm at Lindendale Park Ballroom, located at 2005 Parkhill Dr. Highland, IL 62249.

If you are looking for more information on ways you can contribute to the auction, there is an information form in the back of Church for you to view.

MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR FEBRUARY 22nd & 23rd

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat. 5:30pm	Charlie Kruse Bob Mensing Ted Voss Don Lappe Doug Kuhl Cindy Kuhl	Kaylan Hilmes Lane Hilmes Mabree Richter	Dot Baumann Linda Deiters Becky Hitpas Connie Robben Tim Moylan Vernon Mohesky Mark Renschen Sarah Becker	<u>Lector:</u> Jeff Frerker <u>Organist/Cantor:</u> Hannah/Steve/Nif <u>Gift Bearers:</u> Mary Burns
Sun. 11:00am	Dan Kampwerth Bill Koetting Deb Koetting Karen Lager Dawson Detmer Dave Toennies	Addison Pollmann Luke Pollman Mason Furfaro	Leslie Klay Lisa Rivera Helen Essenpreis Brenda Hellige Mary Hoffmann Diane Klostermann Maggie Timmermann Diane Grapperhaus	<u>Lector:</u> Megan Holthaus <u>Organist/Cantor:</u> Children's Choir <u>Gift Bearers:</u> Children of the Parish