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Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29



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
Office Secretary
526-7746

OCIA
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Email:
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All Saints Academy
Kahiwalani Goetsch
Principal
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295 N. Clinton St.
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Mater Dei High School
Dennis Litteken
Principal
900 N. Mater Dei Dr.
526-7216

Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries

Websites: **St. Dominic Church** www.saintdominicbreese.org
Diocese of Belleville www.diobelle.org
Knights of Columbus www.breeseeknights.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 Usselman

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
Kathy Heinzmann
Sue Darr
Lauren Melton

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

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

Prayer Ministry
Parish Office

Rosary Leaders
Connie Robben

Sacristans
Helen Essenpreis
Dot Baumann
Amy Koch

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 May 25th - May 31st

| Sunday - 25 | Monday - 26 | Tuesday - 27 | Wednesday - 28 | Thursday - 29 | Friday - 30 | Saturday - 31 |
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| 11am - Mass | 9am - Mass At Cemetery | 8am - Mass 1-7pm - Adoration 7pm - Spiritual Formation in the Annex | 8am - Mass 7pm - Building & Grounds Committee in Annex | 8am - Mass | 8am - Mass | 4:30pm - Confessions 5:30pm - Mass |

Mass Intentions

BANNS II: Jenna Ratermann & Cole Sellers

Sat., May 24th

5:30pm:
Our Brothers & Sisters in the Holy Land

Sun., May 25th

11:00am: More Vocations in the Church

Mon., May 26th (Memorial Day)

9:00am:
For All Who Gave Their Lives For Our Freedom

Tues. May 27th

8:00am: Bernard Brueggemann
Adoration from 1-7pm

Wed. May 28th

8:00am: Continued Ceasefire in Ukraine

Thurs., May 29th

8:00am: Those Discerning Their Vocation

Fri., May 30th

8:00am: More Vocations

Sat., May 31st

5:30pm: Vince Mensing

Sun., June 1st

11:00am: Daniel Lampe
Dorothy "Susie" Holtmann

Weekend Mass Attendance

176 Disciples at Saturday Night Mass
+

245 Disciples at Sunday Morning Mass

421 Total Disciples this Weekend

PLEASE PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS TO
THE PRIESTHOOD IN OUR DIOCESE!

This Week's Stewardship

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| Regular Sunday Envelopes | \$4,747.00 |
| Loose | \$275.33 |
| Online | \$2,987.00 |
| Sunday Contributions | \$8,009.33 |

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| Adopted Parish | \$40.00 |
| Seminarian Fund | \$35.00 |

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| Needy | \$10.00 |
| Tuition Assistance | \$33.00 |
| Misc. Blue | \$100.00 |

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| Building | \$295.00 |
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Thank you for your generous donations

St. Dominic Church Steeple Lightscape Project

With the approval of the Parish Council, a committee is forming to look into illuminating the Church tower & steeple with LED lighting. Funds will be raised for this project to accentuate the beauty & historic architecture of our Church for residents and visitors alike.

For more information, please call Dave Grapperhaus (618)304-6935.



St. Dominic would like to invite all those graduating from college, high school, middle school & kindergarten to a special Graduates Mass on Sunday, June 1st at 11am. Graduates from all schools are invited to attend this celebratory Mass.

All are invited to celebrate Memorial Day Mass with Fr. Jim at St. Dominic/ St. Augustine Cemetery on Monday, May 27th at 9am. Mass will be at the new pavilion. Please remember to bring your lawn chairs.

If weather prevents Mass from being said safely at the Cemetery, Memorial Day Mass will still be held, with the location changing to St. Dominic.



If you still have quilts to drop off for the Parish Picnic, please bring them by the Parish Office or drop them off in the breezeway with a label marking it as being for the Bingo.

The Parish Office is now accepting Donations for the Picnic's Basket Raffle and for the I-Dood-It Stands. Please leave your donation or basket in the breezeway, with a note labeling to which stand it belongs too.

St. Dominic's Annual Parish Picnic

The date and time for the next St. Dominic Picnic Meeting will be Thursday, May 29th at 6:30pm at the Breese Knights of Columbus Hall. This is a good time for us to get everything squared away and any problems answered before the Picnic next month.

This year, the St. Dominic Annual Parish Picnic will take place Saturday, June 21st from 4pm until midnight, with Mass that day beginning at 4pm instead of 5:30pm. THE PICNIC IS NOT FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND THIS YEAR.

COME ENJOY THE FUN AT THIS YEAR'S PICNIC!

Music will be provided by The Jorrells, and the Cheers Band.

We will have our amazing refreshments for all ages from our Excel Soda stand and our lemon shakeup stand; along with having a stand for adult refreshments as well. There will also be snacks, funnel cake and our sandwich stand for whenever you get hungry during the Picnic. THERE WILL BE NO CHICKEN DINNER AT THE PICNIC THIS YEAR. Instead, they will have a fried chicken stand set up for anyone that would still like some.

The fun activities this year include inflatables, I-Dood-It, Cake Walk, Quilt Bingo, along with some adult games of chance.

This year will bring with it a few new activities as well including a Dunking Booth, Basketball Shoot, Golf Drive, Baseball Pitch and Football throw.

Wristbands: Purchasing a wrist band pays for inflatable rides all evening! You can buy one wrist band for \$20, two wrist bands for \$35 and additional bands for \$10 in advance at the parish Office during office hours until 5pm on Friday, June 20th. All wrist bands are \$25 the day of the Picnic.

38th Weekly Raffle Winner of \$100!:

Danielle Murray, Congratulations!

Please go to SignUp Genius to volunteer at a stand to make the burden lighter for everyone that is involved.



2025 Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal (CSMA)

Hope in the Lord

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic High Schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes taught throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2025 Appeal today.... No amount is too large or small! Thank you.

Youth Faith Formation (YFF)

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR YFF AGAIN!

Youth Faith Formation (YFF) registration forms are available at the Parish Office, and also in the back of Church. Please turn your child's/children's registration form in by June 1st to receive a \$10 on their YFF tuition.

Youth Faith Formation is looking for two amazing volunteers to step up and be Catechists for all of our wonderful students seeking religious instruction for the 2025-2026 school year. The grades we are seeking volunteers for are the 4th & 5th grade classes. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Dan Robben at (618) 604-3792 or email the Parish Office.

Youth Ministry

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

Please check GroupMe for updates and the schedule of upcoming Youth Ministry Meetings & Events.

Bonfire: There will be a Youth Ministry Bonfire at Deacon Jay Fowler's House on Friday, May 30th from 5-10pm. Please check GroupMe for more details.

Campout: The Youth Ministry Campout is August 8th & August 9th. For details on the Campout, please visit GroupMe.

The Columbus Corner



Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 will hold a Rosary at 7pm on June 12th. The monthly meeting to follow Rosary

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

NOW ACCEPTING SPRING CLOTHING

With the temperature rising, St. Vincent De Paul is accepting summer clothing, especially t-shirts, shorts, socks and undergarments, along with food.

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 that is no larger than a kitchen trash 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.



Pro-Life Corner:



"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Radical Solidarity"

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.

Vocations Corners

Jesus prepares the apostles for his return to His Father in heaven. He gives us His peace. Unfortunately, peace has not always been upon us. This weekend, we gratefully and prayerfully remember all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country. This ultimate giving of oneself, as Christ did, is the most selfless act of love we humans perform. That raises a great question.

"Are we that giving of our spiritual selves? Today provides an opportunity for us to take a moment to reflect on how well we are fulfilling our vocation in life ordained, married, consecrated, or single." Perhaps a prayer of recommitment is appropriate as we give thanks for those who have sacrificed so much for us.

Discernment is the process of prayerfully discovering what God's will for our lives. It is an essential part of coming to know our vocation.

Do you have questions about vocational discernment? Check out our resources or contact our vocations director Fr. Joel Seipp at (618)687-2012 or pastor@sasmboro.org

Explore Graduate Theology at Saint Meinrad

Lay men and women are invited to an online Open House for the Graduate Theology Program of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology on Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30pm CT. Discover how our Master of Arts and certificate programs in theology can deepen your understanding of the faith and support your call to ministry or discipleship. Visit saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse.

Everyone is invited to attend the Priestly Ordination of Levi James on Saturday, June 7th at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. Please join us there to show our support, especially with Levi gracing us at St. Dominic with his presence as a Seminarian.

Come & See Retreat - Dominican Friars Central Province in St. Louis: October, 24th-26th.

A Come & See is a sixty-four hour immersion experience into the rhythm of Dominican religious life. Much like the first disciples, a Come and See often provides that "gut" experience which offers the visceral clarity that is the goal of discernment and the only true test of whether or not your home is with the Dominicans. You will meet friars, ages ranging from twenty-three to well into their eighties, as well as a range of participants who, like you, ask the same questions. Between the shared experiences of the religious and those at your place in discernment, you cannot put a price on what you gain—a wealth of insight. Be one of the forty to fifty men who will take advantage of the opportunity this year.

To register, contact Fr. Samuel Hakeem, O.P., at vocations@opcentral.org

Around the Area

Fair-Trade Market: The next Fair-trade market is scheduled for June 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: coffees, chocolates, Palestinian olive oil, cocoa, teas, Haitian banana paper greeting cards, and more.

St. Francis' Parish Picnic is Saturday, August 2nd.

Aviston's Mass will be at 4pm that night with their Picnic Dinner beginning at 3:30pm and lasting until 6:30pm. Quilt Bingo begins at 6:30pm, with every game being for a quilt. There will be raffles, baskets, refreshments, & fantastic finds. Ethan Carl will be performing from 8pm until midnight. Come enjoy some family fun before summer ends.

A Spirituality of Transformation hosted Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 4:00 pm through Sunday, June 15, 2025, until 1:00 pm located at King's House at Our Lady of the Snows.

How do new life and new spirit appear in our lives? How do we grow, change, suffer losses and still remain resilient? How do we name our deaths, claim our births, grieve what's lost, let our losses bless us, and then receive new spirit for our lives? How do we learn to live peacefully inside of our own skins? Our faith offers us two rich secrets: The paschal mystery and a spirituality of grieving. This retreat will examine these.

The cost of the retreat is \$240, the cost of which includes your stay at the guest house along with your meals during the retreat.

Grow closer to God! Pick up a copy of the devotional publication *The Word Among Us* and spend 5 to 10 minutes each day reflecting on the word of God in your life. Copies are located at the Church exits.

The Word Among Us features uplifting and thought-provoking meditation based on the daily Mass readings.

The Late April through May issue is on the gifts given to us through Christ's Resurrection, and the title is, "I Raise You Up."

Around the Diocese

Schedule of Upcoming 2025-2026 Healing Masses

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

Spiritual Formation

May is Mary's month and we will again be saying the Rosary before every Mass ... Please sign up to lead the Rosary on the sheet in the back of church. Or, you can call Connie Robben at 618 401-3991.

Looking for a way to serve and make a difference? Join one of our church ministries and use your gifts to bless others and grow in faith. Whether it is distributing the Body & Blood of Christ to your fellow disciples, your children assisting Fr. Jim as Altar Servers or spreading the Word of God as a Lector, there's a place for everyone to contribute in a ministry !

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office to reserve a date. Mass intentions are \$10 per intention and are first come first serve.

If you love saying the Rosary , or want to learn how to pray it, and about the meaning behind all the Mysteries, consider checking out the Rosary in a Year Podcast (It's Free!)... or it is also on the Ascension App. Fr. Mark Mary's soft voice will teach you about the biblical readings behind the Mysteries and help you to enjoy it even more.

Interested in diving deeper into the Holy Bible? Listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz's "Bible in a Year" podcast on Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts. Broken into 20 minute episodes, Fr. Mike reads the Bible and shares his reflection on the passages read, and what we are able to learn from them.

Interested in learning about the Catechism? Fr. Mike Schmitz's is hosting a Catechism in a Year podcast. Listen on Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts. If you want to understand more about what it means to be Catholic, Fr. Mike will guide you in better understanding the Catechism and how it pertains to our lives.

MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR May 31st & June 1st

| | USHERS | ALTAR SERVERS | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | |
|---------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Sat. 5:30pm | Leonard Bathon Dave Moss Rich Kruep Stewart Freeman Mike Garner Brian Albers | Emeri Pollmann Carson Loddeke Ava Lampe | Vernon Mohesky Mark Renschen Sarah Becker Marla Mensing Suann Fields Kay Schlarmann Kim Miller Lauren Melton | Lector: Marla Mensing Organist/Cantor: Darlene/Ken S. Gift Bearers: Marla Mensing |
| Sun. 11:00am | Dan Kampwerth Bill Koetting Deb Koetting Karen Lager Dawson Detmer Dave Toennies | Lydia Helmkamp Abby Kuhl Luke Pollmann | Leslie Klay Brenda Hellige Helen Essenpreis Deb Koetting Nancy Huelsmann Lisa Rivera Ava McSparin Maggie Timmermann | Lector: Rochelle Cox Organist/Cantor: Evelyn/Kelly/Kaitlyn Gift Bearers: Kim Petermeyer |