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Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14th, 2025

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: John 3:13-17



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

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

Weekday Masses:
8am: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Holy Day Masses:
8am & 12:10pm

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

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A Letter From Fr. Jim



Dear Parishioners,

Two seminarians were discussing Bible translations.

One preferred the New American because it's clear and easy to read. The other one preferred the Jerusalem Bible because it was poetic and easy to pray.

A Priest overheard their conversation and said, "I like my mother's translation. She translates it into action. Its more alive and easier to understand."

Another Bible story is from Mark Twain. A person was telling Mark Twain that he had gone through the entire Bible, Genesis to Revelation, five times. Mark Twain commented, "It doesn't matter how many times you have gone through the Bible, but how the Bible has gone through you!"

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. The Cross of Jesus calls us to practice our faith, to put it into action. In what ways is St. Dominic Parish practicing the faith as proclaimed in The Bible and presented in the Cross of Jesus.

Peace,

Fr. Jim



Schedule for September 14th - September 20th

Sunday - 14	Monday - 15	Tuesday - 16	Wednesday - 17	Thursday - 18	Friday - 19	Saturday - 20
11am - Mass Baptism of Delaney Huelskamp Following Mass	No Mass	8am - Mass 7pm - Finance Council Meeting in the Annex.	8am - Mass YFF Class at 6:30pm.	8am - Mass	8am - Mass	4:30pm - Confession 5:30pm - Mass

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 13

5:30pm: Jane & Wilbert Jansen

Sunday, September 14

11:00am: Mary Anne Schmitt

12:00pm: Baptism of Delaney Huelskamp

Monday, September 15

No Mass

Tuesday, September 16

8:00am: Patrick Duncan

Wednesday, September 17

8:00am: Pope Leo

Thursday, September 18

8:00am: Betty Brueggemann

Friday, September 19

8:00am: End to Violence in Gaza & Ukraine

Saturday, September 20

5:30pm: Leo & Lorine Schmidt

Sunday, September 21

11:00am:

Living & Deceased of Mater Dei Class of 1975

12:00pm: Baptism of Noah Timmermann

If you or anyone you know have had a change of address, phone number or email address, please contact the Parish Office. We want to have the most up-to-date information we can for our parishioners.

Weekend Mass Attendance

200 Disciples at Saturday Night Mass

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242 Disciples at Sunday Morning Mass

442 Total Disciples this Weekend!

2nd Weekly Raffle Winner of \$100!:

Ron Jansen, Congratulations!

This Week's Stewardship

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$5,495.00
Loose	\$283.66
Online	\$5,708.00
Sunday Contributions	\$11,486.66

Adopted Parish	\$80.00
Retired Priest	\$170.00

Tuition Assistance	\$70.00
Needy	\$63.00

Building	\$380.00
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Thank you for your generous donations!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We invite all youth in grades 4-12 to consider serving our parish as Altar Servers. Training sessions will be held this Sunday, September 14th, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Mass and to participate more fully in our liturgy. We encourage all interested children to attend and take part in this rewarding ministry. If you are interested & were not able to attend the training sessions, please notify the Parish Office.

The St. Dominic Altar Sodality is having their Annual Bring-A-Friend Potluck meeting on September 15th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. The theme this year is Oktoberfest. All ladies of the Parish belong to the Sodality. We hope to see Parishioners of all ages. Let's make this the biggest and best one yet! Meet new ladies and make new friends. WE NEED YOU!

HELP FEED LOCAL KIDS!

Support the Clinton County Snack Pack Program

Did you know that **970 children** in Clinton County are food insecure? **That's 12.2% of our kids** who don't always know where their next meal will come from. Together we can change that.

The Snack Pack Program of Clinton County has been bridging the weekend food gap since 2014. What started with serving 17 kids in one school district, has grown to serving **215 children across 11 districts** each weekend.

Here's How you can help: \$25 provides food for 1 child for a month, \$230 sponsors a child for the entire school year.

Ways to Donate: Please make checks payable to **Clinton County Snack Packs**; please mail your check to 904 Peach St. New Baden, IL 62265.

You can also Venmo @CCsnackpacks



It is time again for the St. Dominic Fall Chicken Dinner on Sunday, October 5th, 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. There will also be tickets available for the queen sized quilt that is being raffled off at the Rummage sale this year. **Sign up for your shift by scanning the QR Code or calling John Becker at 618-401-3578. Come pick up a few carry outs to go for delicious food and a night of no cooking.**

Children's Mass

The Next St. Dominic Children's Mass is Sunday, September 28th at 11am. Children's Mass will be followed by a hotdog lunch and social gathering. If your child would like to be involved in greeting, reading, singing gift bearing or ushering at Mass, please contact Ann Klostermann at 618-420-3456.

St. Dominic Rummage Sale

This is a Parish function, so we will need everyone's help.

Set-up for the Rummage Sale is Sunday, October 12th at 1pm. Much Help is needed. We Especially need strong men to replace several of our long time workers who are no longer able to do any heavy lifting.

We are accepting items at the Parish Center main entrance from **10am-8pm on Monday, October 13th; and from 4-8pm on Tuesday, October 14th OR UNTIL WE ARE FULL.** We do not take TV's, furniture, exercise equipment, stereo & computer equipment and car seats. Plant drop off is ONLY Wednesday, October 22nd after 5pm.

Something New & Exciting - We are holding a special event on Wednesday October 22nd from 5-7pm. For a modest \$5 admission fee, we have a large selection of gently used designer handbags for sale. Please contact Dawn Korte at 314-223-8690 if you have any designer handbags for donation.

Volunteers are needed during drop off hours, October 13th & 14th to help people carry unload and carry donated items into the gym.

STEWARDSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul Belleville Council thanks everyone for the donations they gave during the summer, especially all of the water.

St. Vincent de Paul will only be accepting summer clothing until September 6th. After that, **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY MORE SUMMER CLOTHING.**

Starting on September 7th, St. Vincent De Paul will start accepting coats and other winter clothing.

Bottled Water, Gatorade or similar drinks, & Individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers cheese sticks cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, and soup or pasta in a cup.

St. Vincent De Paul is looking for hard working volunteers to help with delivering the Parish's donations. The schedule is adaptable. If interested, please call Peggie Hellige at 618-920-6262.

Nursing Home Donations

There will be a container in the back of Church collecting donations for Breese Evercare Nursing Home, Cedarhurst, and The Villas during the month of September.

Suggested donations include: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body spray, nail polish, nail brushes, nail polish remover, nail files, cotton balls, craft kits (from dollar tree), & puzzle books. Monetary donations are also welcome. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Hope in the Lord

You have the opportunity to support the four men who have answered "YES" to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The Annual cost for each of our seminarians is over \$50,000. Funding from the Catholic Services and Ministries Appeal helps support Catholic Schools and organizations around the Diocese.

Our goal set by The Diocese is \$31,966.00.
Our current amount pledged is \$22,861.00.

Thank you for your generosity.

PRE-CANA

The next Pre-Cana Date for the Diocese of Belleville is Saturday, September 13th at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Mt. Vernon (located 1500 N. Main St. Mt. Vernon, IL 62864).

To register contact Deacon Mark Kabat at Mark.Kabat@FARMCREDITIL.COM



BAPTISMS & BAPTISMAL PREPARATIONS

If you would like to schedule a Baptism for your child, please contact the Parish Office around a month to a month and a half ahead of time to make sure there are no scheduling issues.

The next Baptismal preparation class is Wednesday, October 8th at 7pm located at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Breese. Please call the Parish Office and Register by Friday, October 3rd to sign up for this class.

We are looking for an instructor for the Baptismal Preparation Classes held at St. Dominic



Pro-Life Corner:



The Rosary sign-up sheet for volunteers to lead the Rosary before weekend Masses in October, during Pro-Life Month is in the back of Church. We only need 8 volunteers

The Breese Knights of Columbus are hosting a sausage breakfast to benefit Pro-Life activities on Sunday, October 5th from 8am until 11:30am at the Breese KC Hall. The cost of breakfast is \$15 per person, \$8 for youth ages 5 to 12 & free for any children 4 years old or younger.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Presents "Couples Who Pray Together, Stay Together" on Saturday, September 20th from 9:30am until 4pm at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville. The cost for the day is \$100 per couple which includes your lunch. Pre-registration is necessary. To Register please scan the QR Code.

It's time again for the Clinton County Celebrate Life Festival. It will be taking place on Sunday, September 21st from 2-6pm at Breese Northside Park. There will be special presentations brought to you by Coping 4 Life Foundation & S.A.F.E. (Sexual Assault & Family Emergencies) Foundation. There will also be food trucks, live music provided by The Kingdom Brothers, kids crafts, face painting, bounce house, free giveaways, NARCAN, EMS, police, healthcare organizations, mental health & substance use resources available for people of all ages. To RSVP a free table for your organization, please contact Craig at 618-567-6095.

40 Days for Life

Help us cover every hour of all 40 days in prayer at the fence!

September 24th - November 2nd.

3 options to choose from for volunteering.

Adopting a full day (12 hours), **Adopting a half day** (morning or afternoon), **adopting a time slot** (committing 1+ hours).

To adopt your day or time slot contact Kristi, Theresa & Molly at FVH40days@yahoo.com.

Together, we can fill every hour and make this 40 Days for Life campaign the most prayerful yet!

Vocations Corners

Today's Gospel is the popular, often quoted, section from John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son". We see it often proclaimed at professional sporting events. Do we embrace those words? Can we give of ourselves to consider a vocation to the Priesthood or Sisterhood? Can we encourage and support our young folks who might be pondering this path in life? Be bold and pose the question, "Are you considering a religious vocation?"

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!

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Let us walk with you on your journey.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) classes begin Monday, September 22nd, and will meet every Monday evening from 7-8:30pm, at the St. Dominic Annex Building.

For more information please contact Deacon Kevin Templin at deaconkevin18@gmail.com, or call 314-660-3976.

Fair-Trade Market: The next Fair-trade sale will take place after the September 20th & 21st weekend 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.

**JustFaith Program
Faith & Poverty: A Solidarity Response**

Join us for this small-group series from the JustFaith Program, which explores local poverty and provides participants with practical tools and insights to respond with compassion and action. **This 8-week course will meet on Thursday evenings from 7-9pm, beginning September 25th through November 14th, in the Mater Dei High School Library. The sessions will be facilitated by Deacon Jay Fowler (618-973-3162) and Helen Essenpreis (618-980-1875). Please contact them if you are interested in participating.**

Due to declining tourism in the Holy Land, many Catholic artisans face economic hardship. Our mission is to support these skilled craftspeople by providing a marketplace for their beautiful, hand-carved works in the United States.

When you purchase one of these unique art pieces, you directly support Catholic families in Bethlehem and the surrounding region. This helps preserve a vital Christian presence in the birthplace of Jesus Christ, ensuring the future of holy sites like the Nativity Church.

To learn more and view our products, please visit www.theholylands.org

Ward will be here with HolyLand Arts again after Church next weekend, September 13th & 14th.

Youth Ministry

**Erin Etheridge 618-604-7640
Paris Stulir 618-910-4551
Rhonda Pulver 248-840-1857
Amy Camillo**

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

Youth Faith Formation (YFF)

Welcome Back for a Brand New YFF School Year!

Drop off & pick up for the 1st through 4th graders will be done at the circle drive on the West side of the new school building. The location for drop off and pick up for 5th through 8th graders will be the alleyway by the old school building.

The Next Faith Formation Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th at 6:30pm.

**If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office to reserve a date.
The preferred stipend for intentions, is \$10 an intention.**

Schedule of Upcoming 2025-2026 Healing Masses

The next Cancer Healing Mass will be hosted by St. Rose on September 16th, beginning at 6:30pm.

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

The Belleville Diocese Council of Catholic Women

The Belleville Diocese Council of Catholic Women's Annual Convention will be held October 8th at St. Joseph Parish in Marion. Registration starts at 8:00am; Mass at 11:00am. Our theme is: Pilgrims of Hope: Sharing Our Stories. The registration fee is \$20 if you register by September 27th, the cost increases to \$25 if you register after the 27th (Lunch included). Forms/raffle tickets are available in the back of Church. The Lady's Sodality pays registration for all members of the Parish who attend. Please give your registration forms to Amy Koch, or drop them off at the Parish Office.

The Columbus Corner

Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 meeting starts with Rosary at 7:00pm with meeting to follow on Thursday, October 9th.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16th at the Breese Knights of Columbus Hall at 7:30pm.

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

Mater Dei Catholic High School invites children grade 4 and younger to join Junior Knights! For the informational letter, as well as both the printable registration form and the link to the online registration form, please visit our website: www.materdeiknights.org. While children may join at any time, the registration form and fee are due by Wednesday, September 17, to guarantee a shirt by the homecoming parade (October 1). For questions, contact Maria Zurliene at 618-526-7216 or mzurliene@materdeiknights.org.

MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR September 20th & 21st

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat. 5:30pm	Rich Kruep Stewart Freeman Mike Garner Brian Albers Curt Weh Tim Richter	Austin Dobrynski Ava Klostermann Adalyn Willman	Mary Berndsen Dot Baumann Janice Albers Tom Hustedde Jan Hustedde Tim Richter Barb Koopmann	<u>Lector:</u> Sarah Becker <u>Organist/Cantor:</u> Evelyn/Steve K. <u>Gift Bearers:</u> Volunteer
Sun. 11:00am	Jeff Foppe Yvonne Foppe Bill Koetting Deb Koetting Dawson Detmer Dave Toennies	Abby Kuhl Luke Pollmann Amelia Unverfehrt	Beth Bedard Dan Robben Carol A. Hustedde Helen Essenpreis Meghan Florcyk Diane Klostermann Diane Grapperhaus Mary Ellen Detmer	<u>Lector:</u> Megan Holthaus <u>Organist/Cantor:</u> Praise Combo Choir <u>Gift Bearers:</u> Mater Dei Class of 1975