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Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 7th, 2025

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries

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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900 N. Mater Dei Dr.
526-7216

A Letter From Fr. Jim



Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel for this Sunday seems harsh.

Jesus tells us to renounce family. Take up our cross. Give up our possessions. Is he serious? Are we to take Jesus at his literal word?

Through out the centuries many have. Sometimes we get fixated on being perfect in the spiritual life. We believe that many saints achieved perfection. Yet, when we take a closer look at the lives of the saints, we find that none did achieve perfection in this life. We can and will obtain perfection in the next life that we call Heaven.

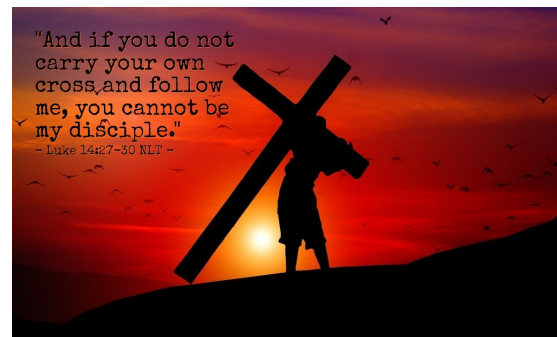
But while on Earth we do as the saints did, we progress by, as Jesus says in this week's Gospel, taking up our cross. We might look at that in a negative way. Remember the cross is the symbol for life, not death. Jesus is asking us to take up life on our spiritual journey.

Take up your cross.

Take up life.

Peace,

Fr. Jim



Schedule for September 7th - September 13th

Sunday - 7	Monday - 8	Tuesday - 9	Wednesday - 10	Thursday - 11	Friday - 12	Saturday - 13
11am - Mass	No Mass	8am - Mass 7pm - Parish 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 6

5:30pm: Wilbert & Agnes Huelsmann
Joe Voss
Edward McQuade

Sunday, September 7

11:00am: Patrick Hitpas

Monday, September 8

No Mass

Tuesday, September 9

8:00am: Our Seminarians

Wednesday, September 10

8:00am: Mary & Henry Hilmes

Thursday, September 11

8:00am: More Vocations to the Priesthood

Friday, September 12

8:00am:
Mission of the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, September 13

5:30pm: Jane & Wilbert Jansen

Sunday, September 14

11:00am: Mary Anne Schmitt
12:00pm: Baptism of Delaney Huelskamp

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 7th and next 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.

Thank you to everyone that has purchased a Weekly Cash Raffle ticket this year. Your generosity will help support the Tuition Assistance fund for All Saints Academy & Mater Dei, which in turn will allow us to help further the Catholic and Academic Education of the children in our Parish.

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!

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.

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.

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

Weekend Mass Attendance

167 Disciples at Saturday Night Mass

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160 Disciples at Sunday Morning Mass

327 Total Disciples this Weekend!

1st Weekly Raffle Winner of \$500!:

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This Week's Stewardship

Regular Sunday Envelopes	\$5,133.00
Loose	\$221.15
Online	\$3,541.00
Sunday Contributions	\$8,895.15

Assumption	\$100.00
Retired Priest	\$10.00

Tuition Assistance	\$53.00
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Building	\$445.00
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Cemetery	\$20.00
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Thank you for your generous donations!



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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BOXES OF JOY!

Thank you everyone that donated Boxes of Joy this year. We collected **50 Boxes this year!** Your gifts will help make a difference in the lives of children around the world, along with making their Christmas merry and bright.

Because of your kindness and generosity, children who may otherwise go without will receive not only small treasures, but also the priceless gift of knowing that someone cares for them. Each Box of Joy is more than just a present—it is a reminder of hope, love, and the true spirit of Christmas.

We are truly blessed as a parish family to join together in this effort. Thank you for helping to share the joy of Christ's love with those in need!

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.

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, September 8th at 7pm located at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Beckemeyer. Please call the Parish Office and Register by Friday, October 3rd to sign up for this class.



Pro-Life Corner:



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.

Vocations Corners

Did you know that there are special seminaries for men entering the priesthood later in life, seminaries where students range from ages 25 to 60? Many of these men have thought about being a priest at one time or another but, for whatever reason, pushed the idea to the back of their minds. They are men who have made a career change to a second vocation, the priesthood. They are ordinary people, men who have been electricians, teachers, barbers, police officers, social workers, businesspeople, farmers, dentists. Some are widowers, even grandfathers. Diverse though their backgrounds may be, they now share one aim in life: to become a priest and serve God's people. Could you be one of them?

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

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!

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.

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.

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

The September Issue; *To Love as Jesus Loves*, contains reflections on sharing the Love the gives everything.

**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 Essenspreis (618-980-1875) Please contact them if you are interested in participating.**

Meals Around the Area

St. Felicitas in Beaver Prairie is having their Drive-thru only Fall Chicken Dinner on Sunday, September 21st from 11am until 5pm. Cost is \$15 per person.

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.

St. Mary in Carlyle is now accepting applications for a part-time Administrative Assistant. Please send a letter of interest to Fr. Steve at spautler@stmarycentralia.org. He is also reachable via phone at (618) 532-6291 ext. 307.

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 at 7:30pm on September 11th.

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.

MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR September 13th & 14th

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat. 5:30pm	Ted Voss Don Lappe Doug Kuhl Cindy Kuhl Leonard Bathon Dave Moss	Mabree Richter Brycen Wessel Lydia Ratermann	Doug Kuhl Cindy Kuhl Susie Hempen Mike Nettekmeier Donna Nettekmeier Dennis Litteken Kate Rivera-Kunz	<u>Lector:</u> Tim Moylan <u>Organist/Cantor:</u> Darlene/Mark C. <u>Gift Bearers:</u> Lynette Eilermann
Sun. 11:00am	Alan Grapperhaus Cindy Grapperhaus Darlene Ciborowski Laurie Klostermann Dan Kampwerth Karen Lager	Brie Winkeler Levi Wagoner Lydia Helmkamp	Deb Koetting Nancy Huelsmann Erica Tebbe Lisa Rivera Ava McSparin Karen Lager Jane Jansen Eric Detmer	<u>Lector:</u> Tony Antonacci <u>Organist/Cantor:</u> Hannah/Kaitlyn/Kelly <u>Gift Bearers:</u> Volunteer