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Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel: Luke 17:5-120

John will be out of town this Thursday and Friday.

So all articles for the bulletin are due on Monday, October 6th.

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

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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

A Letter From Fr. Jim



Dear Parishioners,

How are we progressing spiritually? I think of this question as I see the Christmas decorations going up in the stores. Here it is only the beginning of October! From here until the end of the calendar year, our lives will seem to be going at high speed. But this time of the year, our liturgical calendar can offer us a chance to slow down a bit and reflect on our spiritual progression. We might shy away from our spiritual life because we seek perfection. If you are feeling not satisfied with your spiritual life, I say STOP TRYING TO BE PERFECT! It won't work. Instead see progression, not perfection.

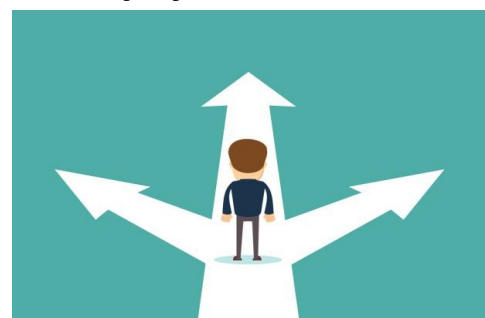
SEEK PROGRESSION!

Take a look at the liturgical calendar. This time of the year offers us all sorts of saints for guidance. Take some time and reflect on those great examples of faith we call saints. Reflect on their progression in their spiritual lives. Find your own spiritual path based on Scripture, the life of Jesus, the examples of Mary and the saints. As long as we make progression, we are on the right path. Some days the progression will be several steps, at other times it might be one step, and at other times maybe just an inch.

But it's still progression.

Peace,

Fr. Jim



Schedule for October 5th - October 11th

| Sunday - 5 | Monday - 6 | Tuesday - 7 | Wednesday - 8 | Thursday - 9 | Friday - 10 | Saturday - 11 |
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| 11am - Mass | No Mass | 8am - Communion Service 1-7pm - Adoration 7pm - Liturgy Committee | 8am - Communion Service YFF Classes at 6:30pm. | 8am - Communion Service | 8am - Communion Service 7:00pm - First Friday Benediction | 9:00 - Padre Pio Mass 4:30pm - Confession 5:30pm - Mass |

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 4

5:30pm: Norb & Nellie Wieter
Joe Voss
Terry Fields
Jerome Ottensmeier

Sunday, October 5

11:00am: Living & Deceased of the Joseph & Frances Klostermann Family
Michael Richter

Monday, October 6

No Mass

Tuesday, October 7

8:00am: Agnes Huelsmann

Wednesday, October 8

8:00am: Tom & Marie Fields

Thursday, October 9

8:00am: Our Seminarians

Friday, October 10

8:00am: Karen Robben

Saturday, October 11

5:30pm: Marvin Venhaus
Dennis & Mitzi Fischer

Sunday, October 12

11:00am: Eugene O. Niemeyer

Welcome to our newest member who was Baptized this past week. Annie Bath, daughter of Patrick & Alyssa Bath. May God watch over her as she grows in faith.

Weekend Mass Attendance

**164 Disciples at Saturday Night Mass
+
292 Disciples at Sunday Morning Mass
456 Total Disciples this Weekend!**

5th Weekly Raffle Winner of \$100!:

Donna Hummert, Congratulations!

This Week's Stewardship

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| Regular Sunday Envelopes | \$4,687.00 |
| Loose | \$457.43 |
| Online | \$3,752.00 |
| Sunday Contributions | \$8,896.43 |

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| Adopted Parish | \$95.00 |
| Retired Priest | \$105.00 |
| All Saints Day | \$20.00 |

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| Tuition Assistance | \$33.00 |
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| Building | \$370.00 |
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Thank you for your generous donations!

Parish Council

This weekend & next weekend will be our Parish Council nomination weekend. Please think, and pray to let the Holy Spirit guide you in making choices of who you would like to nominate to help lead our Parish this upcoming year. More information to follow in future bulletins.

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.

7th & 8th grade ASA students and YFF students are needed to carry items to customers' cars. Please sign up at SignUpGenius.com.

If you would like to provide lunch for the rummage sale workers, please contact Diane Grapperhaus at 618-526-4200. If you don't have time to cook, "order out" meals are always welcome too. Meals are requested each day October 13-17 and October 20-22. They ask meals be delivered to the gym by noon (if you need help getting meals delivered, please let us know).

We are looking for an instructor for the Baptismal Preparation Classes held at St. Dominic. Please contact the Parish office if you are interested in helping prepare families for raising their children in The Church.

YOUTH OFFERING AT MASS

Our young parishioners are invited to participate more fully in the offertory. Two baskets will be placed on the steps of the altar for children and youth to bring forward their donations.

When the ushers come forward to collect the offertory from the congregation, the young people will also be invited to walk up and place their gifts in the baskets. This helps our children experience the joy of giving and see their contributions, no matter how small, are important part of supporting our parish family.

Parents are encouraged to help their children prepare an offering each week so they can take part in this special moment of stewardship. Children's envelopes are available on the cabinet shelf at the back of Church on Mary's Altar side.

Rosary Rally – October 13th

Join us on Monday, October 13th at 12pm in the Notre Dame Serenity Garden for a Rosary Rally marking the 108th anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Let us unite in prayer, seeking Mary's intercession and strengthening our community of faith.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are in the process of updating our parish directory and database to ensure our records are accurate and up to date. Over the next few weeks, parish team members will be reaching out to parishioners by phone.

When you receive your call, we kindly ask that you take a few minutes to confirm your information (address, phone, email, family members, etc.). This will help us stay connected with you and better serve the needs of our Parish family.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and for being a valued part of our parish family.

PRAYER LIST

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| The sick of the St. Dominic Parish Family. Expectant Mothers of our Parish. Those battling all forms of cancer. | The repose of the souls of: Gavin Schlarmann Ron Ripperda | More Vocations Pope Leo End to the wars in Ukraine & Gaza. |
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We have started a new Parish Prayer List.

Going forward:

- When someone requests prayers, they will be asked whether they would like their name, their intention or neither published in the Parish Bulletin.
- Names or intentions (based on preference) will appear in the bulletin.
- All prayer requests, regardless of whether they are published will be included on the full list shared with our Parish Prayer Group.
- Each request will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that, the request may be renewed.

The complete list will continue to be shared with our Parish prayer warriors. A selection will also be published in the bulletin, so the entire Parish community can join in prayer. Together, as a faith community, we lift up these intentions, asking God for healing, strength and peace.

STEWARDSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul Belleville Council is in great need of small & medium men's undergarments, along with large containers of spices.

St. Vincent De Paul is 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.

Nursing Home Donations

Thanks to St. Dominic Parishioners and ASA Families for your generous donations to local senior living facilities. God Bless You All!

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Hope in the Lord

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

Thank you for your generosity.

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 Monday, October 6th to sign up for this class.

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!

40 Days for Life

Clinton County Citizens for Life has adopted Monday, October 13th from 1-7pm to pray at the abortion clinic in Granite City. We need at least 2 people every hour to pray.

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!

Notre Dame Prayer Garden Commemorative Bricks Are Available Again!

Would you like to honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion, or leave a lasting legacy at our Parish?

Personalized commemorative bricks are available for purchase and will be placed in the Notre Dame Serenity Garden, a peaceful space for reflection and prayer.

Brick order forms are available in the back of Church and in the breezeway.

Your purchase supports the continued care and beauty of our Prayer Garden. Thank you for being part of this meaningful ministry.

For more information, please contact the Parish office.

Pro-Life Corner:

The Life Chain is being held Sunday, October 5th at New Rt. 50 in Breese. Signs will be provided as well as rides up the ramp. More than ever, we need to be bold with our faith and stand up for truth, that all life is sacred from conception to natural death. Please join us.

The next Clinton County Citizens for Life Hour of Prayer for Life is being hosted by St. Damian Catholic Church in Damiansville on Thursday, October 9th at 7pm.

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 4years old or younger.

SUPPORT OUR SAINTS ~ S.O.S. RAFFLE

All Saints Academy is excited to begin its 11th annual fundraising campaign, the Support Our Saints – S.O.S. Raffle, beginning September 29. It is an online, email-based raffle that will provide one lucky winner with a Grand Prize of \$5,000, one \$1,000 prize, one \$500 prize, or one of ten \$100 prizes! A \$200 prize will be awarded as part of our "Early Bird" drawing, to be held on October 9. The "Early Bird" drawing will include all tickets purchased through October 8 (online ticket purchases by 11:59 pm and offline ticket purchases received in the ASA office by 3:00 pm). The "Early Bird" winner will be eligible for the remaining prizes. Tickets are \$25 or BUY 5, get 1 FREE. Purchases are limited to those 18 years of age and older.

The raffle campaign will close on October 31 (online ticket purchases by 11:59 pm and offline ticket purchases received at the ASA office by 3:00 pm.) Winners will be chosen by a computerized drawing and will be announced



Fair-Trade Market: The next Fair-trade sale will not take place after this weekend's Masses. The next sale will take place October 18th & 19th. 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.

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

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.

Join us for our next Faith Formation Church Day, a beautiful Rosary Service, on Wednesday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m. Parents are especially encouraged to come and share this meaningful and faith-filled evening alongside their children.

The Beckemeyer Sons of the American Legion and legion Ladies Auxiliary are having their Annual Wurstmarkt in Sunday, October 5th from 10:30am until 5pm.

They will be serving Pork Sausage sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans & applesauce.

This meal is dine-in, carry-out or drive-thru.

St. Augustine on Southside is having their 3rd Sunday Bingo Sunday, October 19th with lunch being served in the gym starting at 11:30am, & Bingo commencing at 2pm.

St. Anthony in Beckemeyer is having their Fall Rummage Sale Thursday., October 30th from 9am to 5pm, Friday., October 31st from 8am to 8pm and Saturday. November 1st from 8AM to Noon.

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 \$25 (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.

Thriving where you're planted: Benedictine Spirituality in a Rootless Time presented by Dr. Michael Rubbelke on Saturday, October 11th from 9am-12pm (check-in at 8:30am) at St. Claire of Assisi Church in O'Fallon. Light refreshments will be provided.

In the last decade, authors like Rod Dreher and Patrick Henry have portrayed The Rule of Benedict as an antidote for the ills of our society. These authors often single out the virtue of stability: the choice to identify and remain with one community. In today's extremely mobile culture, Benedict shows the wisdom of putting down roots. This presentation will examine how stability can be a gift for contemporary American Christians. We will examine what Benedict taught about stability as well as how one particular community, the Trappist martyrs of Tibhirine, Algeria help us to understand stability as an antidote to fear and division today.

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, October 21st at the Albers JC Building 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@breeseeknights.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. For questions, contact Maria Zurliene at 618-526-7216 or mzurliene@materdeiknights.org.



MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR October 11th & 12th

| | USHERS | ALTAR SERVERS | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | |
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| Sat. 5:30pm | Leonard Bathon Dave Moss Rich Kruep Stewart Freeman Mike Garner Brian Albers | Ava Lampe Bobby Niemann Noah Varel | Kim Miller Lauren Melton Kate Unverfehrt Doug Kuhl Cindy Kuhl Susie Hempen Mike Nettekmeier Donna Nettekmeier | Lector: Lynette Eilermann Organist/Cantor: Darlene/Ken S. Gift Bearers: Janet Venhaus |
| Sun. 11:00am | Alan Grapperhaus Cindy Grapperhaus Darlene Ciborowski Laurie Klostermann Dan Kampwerth Karen Lager | Abby Kuhl Luke Pollmann Amelia Unverfehrt | Jane Jansen Eric Detmer Beth Bedard Dan Robben Carol A. Hustedde Helen Essenpreis Meghan F Need 1 Minister | Lector: Laurie Klostermann Organist/Cantor: Leah/Choir Gift Bearers: Niemeyer Family |