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Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

As we celebrate The Feast of the Epiphany, we are reminded that we, too, are called to seek Christ, to worship Him, and to reflect His light to others in our daily lives.

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.breeseeknights.org
	Mater Dei High School	www.materdeiknights.org
	All Saints Academy	www.asasaints.com

A Letter From Fr. Jim

Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thank you for your cards and memorials on the occasion of Mom's death. Despite her not being here in person for Christmas, it wasn't too much of a downer gathering with my brothers and their families. As I said in the Funeral homily, the birth of Jesus brings light to those in darkness and his death and resurrection bring eternal life.

Also, thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. I am filled with gratitude as your pastor.

I will be away the next two weeks. I will be on retreat and attending a conference in Ft. Meyers Beach, Florida. This retreat and the conference are sponsored by Guest House. I will return Friday January 16th.

Peace,

Fr. Jim

Schedule for January 4th - 10th

Sunday - 4	Monday - 5	Tuesday - 6	Wednesday - 7	Thursday - 8	Friday - 9	Saturday - 10
11am - Mass	NO MASS	8am - Mass 1-7pm - Adoration 7pm - Liturgy Committee in Annex	8am - Communion Prayer Service	8am - Communion Prayer Service	8am - Mass	4:30pm - Confessions Heard 5:30pm - Mass

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 3

5:30pm: Jane & Wilbert Jansen

Sunday, January 4

11:00am: Henry & Mary Ann Peek

Monday, January 5

No Mass

Tuesday, January 6

8:00am: Pope Francis

Wednesday, January 7

8:00am: First Responders

Thursday, January 8

8:00am: Peace in Gaza & Ukraine

Friday, January 9

8:00am: Those Battling Cancer

Saturday, January 10

5:30pm: Living & Deceased of the
Paul & Mary Ann Meyer Family

James Kaulig

Sunday, January 11

11:00am:
Prayers of the St. Dominic Parish Family

Congratulations to newlyweds Lacey & Michael Zahour! May God guide and lead their lives together in happiness & holiness, through good times and bad, through sickness and health, for as long as they both shall live.

Request Your 2025 Contribution Statement

The office will not be automatically sending out contribution statements this year.

As we begin the new year, we ask all members who need a record of their yearly giving to contact the church office directly. Please call or email the Parish Office and request your contributions statement. If you do online giving exclusively you have access to your statement online

This change helps us be good stewards of our resources and ensures that each household receives its information in the most efficient way possible. Thank you for your understanding and for your continued generosity and support of our church's ministries.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office during regular hours.
May God bless you in the coming year!

A Couple Thank You's

Dear St. Dominic Catholic Church,

Thank you for your food donation! Your donation helps The Eagles Nest of St. Clair County, The Joseph Center continues to provide transitional housing and supportive services to homeless male veterans. You truly exemplify Jan Grace's quote that, "Everyone can experience the joy and blessing of giving; because everyone has something to give." Your donation to our organization and the veterans we serve are a blessing. Thank you for your time, thoughtfulness and donation of kitchen supplies, men's clothing & hygiene products.

Thank you again for your presence, partnership & support!

Sincerely,

Sandra Northern
Interim Executive Director
Eagles Nest of St. Clair County

Dear St. Dominic Parish,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to St. Mary School in memory of our mom, JoDene.

Sincerely,

The Nall Family

Ministries Through the Year

Total Number of Baptisms in 2025: 25 Baptisms

Total Number of Weddings in 2025: 5 Weddings

Total Number of Funerals in 2025: 22 Funerals

Weekend Mass Attendance

958 Disciples at Christmas Masses

146 Disciples at Saturday Mass

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243 Disciples at Sunday Mass

389 Disciples at Weekend Masses

18th Weekly Raffle Winner of \$100!:

Patrick Timmermann, Congratulations

This Week's Stewardship

Weekend Envelopes	\$6,762.00
Loose	\$352.51
Online	\$3,915.00
Sunday Contributions	\$11,029.51

Adopted parish	\$80.00
Retired Religious	\$1,625.00
Christmas	\$18,228.42
Christmas for Needy	\$2,130.00

Children's Collection	\$5.00
Tuition Assistance	\$20.00
Needy	\$70.00

Building	\$200.00
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Cemetery	\$300.00
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Thank you for your generous donations!

PRAYER LIST

The sick of the St. Dominic Parish Family. Expectant Mothers of our Parish. Those battling all forms of cancer. Protection of those in the military. Protection of First Responders.	The repose of the souls of: Matthew Zeisset Cletus Ratermann Tony Timmermann Shirley Berns Elsie Niemeyer Bert Voss	End to the wars in Ukraine & Gaza. Linda Porter Tom Kannall Josie Timmermann Margie McQuade Richard Bathon
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Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Help this Fall!

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul Belleville Council is in great need of men's Jeans, along with adult sized backpacks, & seasoned salt.

St. Vincent De Paul is accepting coats and other winter clothing. Please make sure to have your clothing folded inside of the kitchen sized trash bag whenever you drop off your donations.

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.

The Catholic Services & Ministries Appeal Update

Our CSMA goal: \$31,966.00
Our Total Pledged so Far: \$28,451.00

May God's blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year.

Heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in our prayers.

**- Ministries and Programs Funded by
The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

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 Thursday, January 8th at 7:30pm located at St. Dominic Annex Building. Please call the Parish Office and Register by Monday, January 5th to sign up for this class.

Youth Faith Formation (YFF)

The First Day of Class for YFF in 2026 is Wednesday, January 7th. We hope to see everyone there.

The next YFF Mass is January 21st at 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend and be there for the children as they are growing in their faith.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry Leaders are working on the 2026 schedule of meetings and events for Youth Ministry. Please watch GroupMe! for updates to the schedule.

Men's Sodality Meeting

We are planning a Men's Sodality meeting for Thursday, January 8, at the KC Hall. Arrive anytime after 6:00. We will have drinks and wings. Meeting will begin approximately 7:00.

The Columbus Corner

Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 meeting starts at 7:30pm on January 8th.

The next Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th at the St. Barbara Parish Center in Okawville at 7:30pm

The Breese Knights of Columbus Council 2869 Membership Dues Paying Dinner is Saturday, January 10 from 5-7pm.

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.

Mission Opportunity

Visit Our Sister Parish in Guatemala

Our parish shares a special friendship with Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish in Guatemala. In June 2026, a small group from our parish will travel with Missions International to visit our sisters and brothers in faith there.

This is more than a trip, it's a chance to see the face of Christ in those who live their faith with deep joy and simplicity.

Participants will experience the warmth of the Guatemalan people, worship together, share meals, visit local ministries, and strengthen the bonds of friendship between our two parishes.

If you have ever felt a tug on your heart to learn, and grow in faith through mission, this may be your moment to say yes. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in learning more or would like to be considered for the group traveling in late June 2026.

Let us continue to pray for our sister parish and all those who work to bring Christ's love across borders and cultures.

Fair-Trade Market: The next sale will take place January 24th & 25th, following both 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, Spices 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

The Children's Donations will go towards the Snack Pack Program.

Local Events

St. Augustine in Breese is having their 3rd Sunday Bingo Sunday, January 18th with lunch being served in the gym starting at 11:30am, & Bingo commencing at 2pm.

St. Augustine in Breese is having their 3rd Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 7th starting at 6:30pm at the Breese Knights of Columbus Hall. Teams are \$120 (maximum of 8 players to a team.) They will have a raffle and prize for the best themed table as well. For more information or to register a team, contact Donny Petterson at (618)210-7099.

St. Mary Catholic Church in Carlyle is having a Drive-Thru Only Chicken Dinner on Sunday, January 25th from 11:am until 1:30pm. The Dinners are \$15 a meal; which includes 4 pieces of mixed chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans & apple sauce.

Pro-Life Corner:



Senate Bill 1950, which legalizes assisted suicide in Illinois, has been signed by Governor Pritzker. For more information on this issue and to contact Governor Pritzker, please visit <https://www.ilcatholic.org/ask-gov-pritzker-to-veto-sb-1950-legalizes-assisted-suicide/>.

Please pray for more Pro-Life Legislatures.

Friday, January 23rd, 2026, The Clinton County Citizens for Life (CCCFL) will be having their Pro-Life March around the Clinton County Courthouse in solidarity with our brothers and sisters at the March for Life in our nation's capital.

Please join us in praying our state and nation will get back on a moral and virtuous path and our culture will change to more fully appreciate and cherish our Lord's precious gift of life.

Our young parishioners are invited to participate more fully in the Offertory.

A basket 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 from the congregation, the young people are invited to walk up and place their gifts in the basket.

In addition to monetary donations, children are welcome to offer a small card noting a good deed or act of kindness they have done during the week. These simple offerings are a beautiful way for our young parishioners to share how they are living out their faith and spreading God's love in their Daily Lives. Small cards and writing utensils will be available on the shelf at the back of the Church. Families may prepare their offerings at home or before Mass.

This practice helps our children experience the joy of giving and understand that their contributions, whether through gifts of money, kindness or service, are an important part of supporting and enriching 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 the church, on Mary's Altar side.

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MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR January 10th & 11th

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat. 5:30pm	Karen Lager Curt Weh Tim Richter Rich Eilermann Don Deiters Mike Garner	Brooklyn Becker Katelyn Becker Julie Connelly	Doug Kuhl Cindy Kuhl Mike Nettemeier Donna Nettemeier Dot Bauman Janice Albers Tim Richter Norb Tebbe	Lector: Rich Carlton Organist/Cantor: Rich C. Gift Bearers: Meyer Family
Sun. 11:00am	Jeff Foppe Yvonne Foppe Bill Koetting Deb Koetting Dawson Detmer Dave Toennies	Hazel Unverfehrt Grant Unverfehrt Amelia Unverfehrt	Frank Richter Jan Deiters Deb Koetting Nancy Huelsmann Erica Tebbe Ava McSparin Jane Jansen Eric Detmer	Lector: Melissa Becker Organist/Cantor: Leah/Choir Gift Bearers: Volunteer