

Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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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

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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time February 1, 2026

Today's readings invite us to discover true happiness through humility, mercy, and trust in God. In the Beatitudes, Jesus shows us a way of life that turns the world's values upside down and leads us closer to the Kingdom of Heaven

Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries

Websites:	St. Dominic Church www.saintdominicbreese.org
	Diocese of Belleville www.diobelle.org
	Knights of Columbus www.breseknight.org
	Mater Dei High School www.materdeiknights.org
	All Saints Academy www.asasaints.com

Dear Parishioners,

We are now one month into the new year.

With this Sunday's Gospel we begin the Sermon on the Mount. We will read only a small portion of Jesus' sermon on discipleship. For the next three weeks we will be told who the blessed are in The Kingdom, how we are to be salt and light, and that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law.

This is all we get from the Sermon on the Mount because the seasons of Lent and Easter bring their own Gospel reading. Since Lent is less than a month away, perhaps we could prepare by reading and reflecting upon the entire Sermon on the Mount; it runs for a couple of chapters in Matthew.

We can ask ourselves as we read it how our discipleship stacks up to what Jesus is saying in the Sermon. No doubt there will be more than enough to keep us busy during Lent.

Peace,

Fr. Jim



Schedule for February 1st - 7th

Sunday - 1	Monday - 2	Tuesday - 3	Wednesday - 4	Thursday - 5	Friday - 6	Saturday - 7
11am - Mass After Mass - Baptism of Merrick Fehrmann	NO MASS	8am - Mass 1-7pm - Adoration 7pm - Liturgy Committee in Annex	8am - Mass	8am - Mass Quilting in the Annex from 9am-4pm	8am - Mass	4:30pm - Confessions Heard 5:30pm - Mass

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31

5:30pm:

Living & Deceased of the Paul & Mary Ann Meyer Family
James Kaulig
Gertrude Kruep

Sunday, February 1

11:00am:

Living & Deceased of the Kuhn Family

12:00pm:

Baptism of Merrick Fehrmann

Monday, February 2

No Mass

Tuesday, February 3

8:00am:

Living & Deceased of the Kasper & Rose Richter Family

Wednesday, February 4

8:00am: Cliff Wheelen

Thursday, February 5

8:00am:

Prayers of the St. Dominic Parish Family

Friday, February 6

8:00am: Jim Darr

Saturday, February 7

5:30pm: Jane & Wilbert Jansen
Bob & Toots Timmermann
Tina Donnewald

Sunday, February 8

11:00am: Bryan Hunt
Steven Helmink

22nd Weekly Raffle Winner of \$100!:

Helen Tonnies, Congratulations

This Week's Stewardship

Weekend Envelopes	\$2,600.00
Loose	\$65.00
Online	\$3,394.00
Sunday Contributions	\$6,059.00
Misc. Blue Env.	\$20.00
Building	\$115.00

Thank you for your generous donations!



Weekend Mass Attendance

110 Disciples at Saturday Mass

Thank you to everyone who braved the winter weather this past Saturday to attend Mass. Your dedication and faith, even in challenging conditions, are truly appreciated and inspiring to our parish community.

In our thoughts and prayers, we pray for the repose of the soul of Cliff Wheelen. May God welcome Cliff home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him.

In our thoughts and prayers, we pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Darr. May God welcome Jim home, fill him with peace and bless those who will miss him

Your 2025 Contribution Statements Are On the Way!

The office has mailed out contribution statements to everyone who requested one.

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

Valentine's Day Mass for Couples

Saturday, February 14th, our 5:30pm Mass will be said for married couples in the Parish. Please attend especially if you have reached a milestone anniversary this year; or if you are just wanting to attend with your spouse. Fr. Jim will be blessing all couples in attendance.

Quilting Time

All are welcome to join our Quilting Group, meeting every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the St. Dominic Annex. Whether you are an experienced quilter or just learning, please come share your time and talents as we create beautiful quilts together.

All Saints Academy will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, February 1st from 12:00-2:00pm. Stop by and learn more about ASA!

Good news: We closed on purchasing the house at 889 N. Plum Street on January 30th and Father Jim will be moving in the near future. We continue to proceed with planning for a capital campaign. We have many building repairs to accomplish and some improvements envisioned in our church. If you are interested in serving on the Capital Campaign committee, please contact Lynette Eilermann at 618-304-5940. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Fair-Trade Market: The next sale will take place February 21st & 22nd, 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.

SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 29TH !

The North Central Vicariate Council of Catholic Women will have their Spring Day of Spiritual Reflection April 29th at St Teresa in Salem.

More Info to follow.

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: Butch Merian Cliff Wheelan Jim Darr	End to the wars in Ukraine & Gaza. Josie Timmermann Margie McQuade Richard Bathon
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Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Help this Winter!

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.

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.

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The 2026 Catholic Men for Christ Conference is February 7th from 9am until 3pm in the SI Commons at St. Louis University High School.

This year's theme, "Light of Life," invites you to encounter the radiant love of Christ, and discover how His light transforms every part of your journey.

The keynote speakers this year are Dr. Ben Akers & Paul George.

To register, please visit:
Archdioceseofstlouis-conferenc.regfox.com/archdiocese-of-st-louis-catholic-men-for-christ-2026

For any questions, please contact them at:
stlconferences@archstl.org



The Columbus Corner

Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 Rosary on Thursday, February 12th starts at 7pm with meeting to follow.

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

Youth Faith Formation (YFF)

Please join the children of YFF for their next Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 18th with Mass starting at 7pm. Join the children in being witnesses to the Faith.

Youth Ministry

The Next LifeTeen Meeting will be February 1st at 6pm in the Upper Room. This is mandatory for Luke-18 participants, there is a lot to discuss.

The weekend of February 7th and 8th, Breese Youth Ministry will be collecting for their Souper Bowl of Caring after each Mass. Please show your support.

Check GroupMe for any updates or changes.

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, February 11th at 7:00pm located at St. Dominic Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office and Register by Friday, March 6th to sign up for this class.

Vocations Corner

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd (Candlemas Day). Let us make it a point to begin saying "THANK YOU" to our Sisters and Brothers who have made sacrifices for us by accepting God's call. Let them know how important they are in the life of your church and how they help you to honor and pray to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Gaudeamus! - Let Us Rejoice! Seminarian Gala this year is Saturday, April 11th at Holy Trinity Church in Fairview Hts, IL.

To register please visit <https://www.diobelle.org>

Or scan the QR Code to Register.



Local Events

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, doors open at 6pm.
Teams are \$120 mulligans or \$15 for individuals which includes (maximum of 8 players to a team.) For more information or to register a team, contact Donny Petterson at (618)210-7099. Please call or text to sign by Tuesday, February 3rd at noon.

Mater Dei Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction: A Knight at the Derby Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and fundraising at the Mater Dei Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction on March 21st, 2026 at Mater Dei High School! Doors open at 5:00 PM. The theme for the evening is A Knight at the Derby, so come dressed for a night of derby fun! Tickets for the dinner auction and raffles can be purchased by scanning the QR code. Raffle forms are also in the back of the church, available to mail in.

Don't miss out on this special event and opportunity to support Mater Dei. See you there!

Auction Tickets and Raffle Tickets, please visit: MDDERBY.givesmart.com



Hearts Aflame: The Diocese is having an evening to celebrate and deepen the love of couples who have been married for 10 years or less.

The evening takes place at Corpus Christi Church (Located at 205 Rasp St. Shiloh, IL), beginning at 5:30 with a cocktail hour; followed by dinner at 6:15. The night will also have a talk, a blessing by Fr. Robert Flannery, dance lesson, & babysitting.

Please email Molly King at mking@diobelle.org. Tickets are \$50 per couple. Please RSVP before February 27th.

The 2026 Catholic Women for Christ Conference will be held on March 21st at the SI Commons at St. Louis University High Scholl from 9am until 3pm.

Speaker announcement coming soon.

To Register, visit:
archdioceseoftlouis-conferenc.regfox.com/
archdiocese-of-st-louis-catholic-women-for-christ-2026.

For any questions, please contact them at:
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Pro-Life Corner:



"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

Join the Diocese of Belleville on March 19, 2026, in Springfield, IL, as we pray for the vulnerable and stand up for the dignity of all human life. The day will begin with **Holy Mass at 10:00 am** at the **Exposition Hall, Illinois State Fairgrounds**, followed by a **Rally and March at 1:00 pm** at the **Illinois State Capitol Complex**. Participants may drive on their own or travel by bus. Bus transportation includes travel to Mass at the State Fairgrounds and then to the Capitol for the Rally and March.

SS Peter & Paul School, Waterloo: Bus departs at **7:00 am** (boarding begins at 6:45 am)

Holy Trinity Parish, Fairview Heights: Bus departs at **8:00 am** (boarding begins at 7:45 am) Buses will depart Springfield at **3:30 pm** for the return trip to Fairview Heights and Waterloo. Bus cost is **\$25 for adults and \$10 for students**.

T-shirts are available for **\$10 each** in Youth Large and Adult sizes (Small through 3X). Payment for bus transportation or T-shirts can be made by contacting **Molly King at mking@diobelle.org**.

Please note that a free ticket is required to attend Mass. Contact Molly King to reserve your ticket, which will be provided upon arrival. Parking information will be shared soon. As the Exposition Hall is **not heated**, please dress warmly and bring hats, gloves, hand warmers, and warm coats.

All are encouraged to take part in this important day of prayer and witness.

Please pray for a more Pro-Life Nation & World

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.

Please join us in prayer for:

- Women and families facing unplanned or difficult pregnancies
- Those affected by grief, fear, or confusion around life decisions
- The staff, volunteers, and clients of Relevant
- Wisdom and courage for our church to reflect Christ's love in practical ways

MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR February 7th & 8th

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat. 5:30pm	Bob Mensing Ted Voss Don Lappe Doug Kuhl Cindy Kuhl Dennis Ratermann	Addison Pollmann Easton Pollmann Lincoln Niemeyer	Norb Tebbe Doug Kuhl Cindy Kuhl Robin Fix Tim Moylan Donna Nettumeier Mike Nettumeier Lauren Melton	Lector: Melissa Becker Organist/Cantor: Darlene/Jordyn M. Gift Bearers: Lynette Eilermann
Sun. 11:00am	Bill Koetting Deb Koetting Dave Toennies Jeff Foppe Yvonne Foppe	Gwendolyn Schulte Joseph Becherer Levi Wagoner	Leslie Klay Nancy Huelsmann Erica Tebbe Ava McSparin Jane Jansen Eric Detmer Dan Robben Beth Bedard	Lector: Rod Kloeckner Organist/Cantor: Praise Combo Choir Gift Bearers: Chris Hunt