



# Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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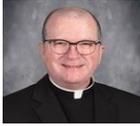
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## First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

Lent is not only a season of sacrifice, but a season of grace. It is a time to return to the Lord with deeper faith, sincere repentance, and confident hope in His mercy.

Pastor:  
Fr. James Nall



**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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### Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries

Websites: St. Dominic Church [www.saintdominicbreese.org](http://www.saintdominicbreese.org)  
Diocese of Belleville [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org)  
Knights of Columbus [www.breeseknights.org](http://www.breeseknights.org)  
Mater Dei High School [www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org)  
All Saints Academy [www.asasaints.com](http://www.asasaints.com)

## A Quick Reflection

Every year, on the first Sunday of Lent, we hear a version of Jesus's post-baptism sojourn in the desert. The gospels of Matthew and Luke tell us that Jesus was "led by the Spirit into the desert," while Mark's account is more direct. Instead of being gently "led," we read that "At once the Spirit *drove* him out into the desert."

I have always appreciated Mark's account for it retains a sense of discomfort and uncertainty. The Spirit is not merely accompanying or guiding Jesus into a place where he would like to be—like a divine GPS system leading him to his destination, but instead the Spirit is forcing, prodding, *driving* Jesus into a discomfiting land where he would rather not be.

Given what Jesus is about to face over the course of his forty-day journey, Mark's account seems to make more sense. And as we begin our own Lenten journeys of reflection, prayer, and discernment, where we too may confront our own temptations, it's helpful to know that Jesus understands something of our experience

**Schedule for February 22nd-28th**

Sunday - 22	Monday - 23	Tuesday - 24	Wednesday - 25	Thursday - 26	Friday - 27	Saturday - 28
11am - Mass	<b>NO MASS</b> 1-7pm - Adoration 7pm - Welcoming Committee	8am - Mass 1-7pm - Adoration 7pm - Spiritual Formation Committee in Annex	8am - Mass 2pm - Stations of the Cross 7pm - Building & Maintenance Meeting in Annex	8am - Mass 1-7pm - Adoration Quilting in the Annex from 9am-4pm	8am - Mass 1-7pm - Adoration 7pm - Stations of the Cross	4:30pm - Confessions Heard 5:30pm - Mass

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 21**

5:30pm: Norb & Nellie Wieter

**Sunday, February 22**

11:00am: Kevin Bauman  
Caroline Draper

**Monday, February 23**

No Mass

**Tuesday, February 24**

8:00am: Safety of the Unhoused

**Wednesday, February 25**

8:00am:  
Children Suffering from incurable Diseases

**Thursday, February 26**

8:00am: Those Battling Cancer

**Friday, February 27**

8:00am:  
Prayers of the St. Dominic Parish Family

**Saturday, February 28**

5:30pm:  
Living & Deceased of the Rivera Family

**Sunday, March 1**

11:00am: Tony Timmermann  
Ralph & Theodora Wilke  
Jerry Voss

**Mass Attendance**

223 Disciples at Saturday Mass

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213 Disciples at Sunday Mass

436 Disciples at Weekend Masses

Welcome to our newest members who were Baptized this past weekend.

Nora Schneider the daughter of Chase Schneider & Taylor Luebbers.

Josie & Ella Norrenberns the twin daughters of Connor & Abby Norrenberns.

May God watch over the 3 of them as they grow in their faith.

**Can You Give 1% of Your Day to GOD?**

We are entering the Prayer Phase of Stewardship for our Parish. What does that mean for you? God has asked us to live as stewards, giving back to him and thanking him for all that HE has given to us. Challenge yourself... Can you give 1% of your day to God? That's approximately 15 minutes of your day. Really challenge yourself to talk to God and make that personal connection with him. God wants to get to know YOU!

**Lenten Adoration**

Lenten Adoration will be in Church on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week from 1:00 - 7:00pm throughout the Lenten season. We have 6 one hour time slots to fill each day so we need a minimum of 24 prayer Volunteers weekly to make this possible. What can you give up for one hour to make this happen?. Please attend even if you didn't sign up for a time slot, we could always spend more time with Jesus in our lives.

**2026 Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowls**

**Ending Hunger with CRS Rice Bowls**

This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl - connecting our prayers, fasting & almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. We'll meet, pray for and learn from families in Ghana, Guatemala & Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick-up your Rice Bowl from the back of Church after either Mass this weekend. Then, visit [crsricebowl.org/week-1](http://crsricebowl.org/week-1) to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

**St. Dominic's Church Spring Chicken Dinner**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 8th, and join us for our much-anticipated Spring Chicken Dinner, served from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. This year we're excited to offer a new menu item: 3 Chicken Tenders with sides, along with our classic dinner featuring mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans, slaw, and dessert. We also welcome donations of cakes, pies, or easy-to-plate desserts, which may be dropped off between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Each Family is asked to bring 1 dessert. Volunteers are needed—please sign up for a shift by scanning the QR code, and remember to wear a hat while working.

Thank you for helping make this parish tradition a success!



**! IT'S GOLDEN EGG TIME AGAIN !**

Make sure to let your family and friends know that St. Dominic is having their 26th Annual Golden Egg Raffle, with GRAND PRIZE OF \$20,000!!

There are an additional five \$1,000 winners along with two \$500 consolation prize winners.

ALL DRAWINGS take place on Easter Sunday, April 20th following morning Mass.

Tickets are \$50 each and are available through Parish members, in the Rectory breezeway, contacting the Parish office, local businesses, or messaging the Parish through Facebook.

**This Week's Stewardship**

Weekend Envelopes	\$3,400.00
Loose	\$339.00
Online	\$3,068.00
<b>Sunday Contributions</b>	<b>\$6,807.00</b>
Black & Indian Mission	\$60.00
Tuition Assist.	\$260.00
Misc. Blue Envelopes	\$100.00
Easter Flowers	\$215.00
Building	\$910.00
Cemetery	\$20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$280.00

Thank you for your generous donations!

	Actual YTD 12/31/2025	Budget YTD 12/31/2025
Revenue	\$402,970	\$307,972
Expenses	\$427,111	\$382,633
Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$24,142)	(\$74,661)

## PRAYER LIST

<p><b>Expectant Mothers of our Parish.</b></p> <p><b>Those battling all forms of cancer.</b></p> <p><b>Protection of those in the military.</b></p> <p><b>Protection of First Responders.</b></p>	<p><b>The repose of the souls of:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cliff Wheelan</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jim Darr</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Linda Rivera</b></p>	<p><b>End to the wars in Ukraine &amp; Gaza.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Josie Timmermann</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Margie McQuade</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Richard Bathon</b></p>
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### COMMUNITY CORNER

#### 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**

**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.

### Lions Club Chicken Dinner

The Annual Breese Lions carry-out only Chicken Dinner is Sunday, March 1st from 11am-6pm (while supplies last). Tickets are available in advance from Lion's Club Members. Meals are \$15 and include: 1/2 chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans & Cole slaw.

Proceeds from the Lion's Club chicken dinner will go towards helping the blind & deaf.

### The Columbus Corner

Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 meeting on Thursday, March 12th starts at 7:30pm.

The next Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17th at St. Francis Parish Center in Aviston at 7:30pm.

The Breese Knights of Columbus will have their Friday Fish Fries going on through April 3rd, Good Friday. Stop by and "catch" some delicious fish.

### 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.

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.



### SPIRITUAL FORMATION

#### 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 Tuesday, March 10th 11th at 7:00pm located at St. Augustine Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Office and Register by Friday, March 6th to sign up for this class.

**Lent is a sacred season — a time to pause, pray, and draw closer to Christ.**

This year, we invite the women of our parish to take part in three meaningful spiritual formation opportunities being offered. We encourage you to prayerfully consider attending one (or more) of these offerings. May this Lent be a time of renewal, encouragement, and joyful preparation for Easter.

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.

To Register, visit:  
[archdioceseofstlouis-conferenc.regfox.com/](http://archdioceseofstlouis-conferenc.regfox.com/)  
[archdiocese-of-st-louis-catholic-women-for-christ-2026](http://archdiocese-of-st-louis-catholic-women-for-christ-2026).

For any questions, please contact them at:  
[stlconferences@archstl.org](mailto:stlconferences@archstl.org)

On Sunday, March 22nd, St. Theresa of Avila will be hosting Encounter at the Well by Karen Seaborn from 3pm until 6pm.

The North Central Vicariate Council of Catholic Women will have their Spring Day of Spiritual Reflection April 29th at St Teresa in Salem. Registration information is available in the back of Church. St. Dominic's Altar Sodality will pay any registration fees. Please turn in your registrations to the Parish Office

### Youth Ministry

The Next LifeTeen Meeting will be February 22nd at 6pm in the Upper Room. We will be discussing about and planning for Luke-18.

Check GroupMe for any updates or changes.

The next Altar Sodality meeting is scheduled for March 2nd. We will be honoring past presidents at this meeting, along with supporting our Guatemalan Mission. This is not only a good chance to support our Mission, but to also support our Chicken dinner which will be March 8th.

At this meeting we will have a raffle to win 2 chicken dinners or you're desserts will be baked and brought to the dinner for you.

We can't wait to see you at the meeting.



**Local Events**

**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](http://MDDERBY.givesmart.com)



**Reverse Drawing at St Augustine Church, Breese – March 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at Breese KC Hall.** Your \$50 ticket includes fried chicken & drinks for two and a chance at the \$4,000 top prize, plus \$500 prizes for 2nd–4th place and \$50 for every 20th ticket drawn. You do not need be to present to win.

Contact Dorise Schulte at 618-304-4174 or [schultefor@prodigy.net](mailto:schultefor@prodigy.net)

**It's Time for Messenger Renewal Again!**

**Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper.**

**Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click SUBSCRIBE.**

**Prices for Messenger Subscription 2026 \$40 for print edition \$35 for digital edition \$45 for both print and digital.**

**A quick reminder:** checks should be addressed to The Messenger, NOT the parish. If they are written out to the Parish, The Messenger will not accept them and you will not be subscribed for the next year.

**The Messenger would also suggests dropping off your Messenger subscription envelopes at the Parish office, because of how much mail has become lost recently.**

**Totus Tuus is coming to the Belleville Diocese this summer!**

Totus Tuus is a fun and faith-filled Catholic summer program for students in Grades 1–12.

- Grades 1–6 meet during the day (Monday–Friday)
- Grades 7–12 meet in the evenings (Sunday–Thursday)

Five locations across the diocese will host Totus Tuus this summer, and families are welcome to register at any location even if their parish is not hosting.

Dates and locations are available now. Registration information coming soon! Learn more and find a location near you.

**Pro-Life Corner:**

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" [respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](http://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)

**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](mailto: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.**

**40 Days for Life**

**Join us in peaceful prayer for the protection of life during the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign,** running from **February 18 through March 29.** Parishioners are invited to sign up to pray for one hour outside the **Planned Parenthood Clinic,** located at **331 Salem Place, Fairview Heights, IL.**

**Prayer is quiet and respectful, and free parking is available next to the Mosaic Ultrasound Van.** If you feel called to stand as a prayerful witness for life, we would love to have you join us.

**To sign up or for more information, please email:** [fvh40days@yahoo.com](mailto:fvh40days@yahoo.com)

**MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR February 28th & March 1st**

	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	
<b>Sat. 5:30pm</b>	Doug Kuhl Cindy Kuhl Karen Lager Rich Eilermann Mark Hitpas Dennis Ratermann	Adalyn Willman  Holden Wessel  1 Server Needed	Mary Hoffman Kim Miller Kate Unverfehrt Suann Fields Kay Schlarmann Aggie Kampwerth Mark Renschen Susie Hempen	<b>Lector:</b> Lynette Eilermann <b>Organist/Cantor:</b> Darlene/Amy K. <b>Gift Bearers:</b> Rivera Family
<b>Sun. 11:00am</b>	Alan Grapperhaus Cindy Grapperhaus Darlene Ciborowski Laurie Klostermann Dan Kampwerth	Amelia Mayberry  Ryan Kienlen  Connor Kienlen	Erica Tebbe Ava McSparin Jane Jansen Eric Detmer Dan Robben Beth Bedard Diane Klostermann Diane Grapperhaus	<b>Lector:</b> Jan Deiters <b>Organist/Cantor:</b> Evelyn/Nif K. <b>Gift Bearers:</b> Essenpreis Family