



Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are invited to step away from distractions, listen more deeply to Jesus, and allow His light to strengthen us for the road ahead. May this holy season renew our faith and help us trust in God's promises.

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

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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

Dear Parishioners,

We will have three people joining the Church at St. Dominic this year at the Easter Vigil. Hannah Bledsoe and Ian Brooke are catechumens, and Veronica McFadden is a candidate. What is the difference between a catechumen and a candidate? A catechumen is someone who has never been Baptized. An candidate is a person who has been Baptized, but not in the Catholic Church. Please keep Hannah, Ian & Veronica in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation.

I hope everyone's Lent is going well. Lent is also a time to think about our own Baptism. Most of us were Baptized as infants.

Do you know the date of your own Baptism?

I was taken to St. Mary Church, in Centralia, to be Baptized on the 27th of November, 1960. I am grateful for the faith of my parents that was passed on to me that day. I used to say "I was Baptized." But I realize that makes my Baptism a past event, something that was done and now finished. Baptism is not a past event. I now say "I am Baptized." It is very much present today as it was on the 27th of November.

Perhaps a little reflection on Baptism wouldn't hurt this Lent. What does being Baptized mean? I am a Child of God. I am a member of The Church. My sins are forgiven. Death does not have the final answer. I have the gift of eternal life. Perhaps you can come up with other gifts of Baptism.

Peace,

Fr. Jim

Schedule for March 1st - 7th

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 1

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

Monday, March 2

No Mass

Tuesday, March 3

8:00am:
Prayers of the Saint Dominic Parish Family

Wednesday, March 4

8:00am: Peace in Ukraine

Thursday, March 5

8:00am: Repose of any forgotten souls

Friday, March 6

8:00am: Pope Leo

Saturday, March 7

8:30am: Rosary
9:00am: Padre Pio Mass
5:30pm: Jane & Wilbert Jansen
Julian & Loretta Frey

Sunday, March 8

11:00am: Mark "Sparky" Niemann

26th Weekly Raffle Winner of \$500!:

Dorothy Voss, Congratulations

This Week's Stewardship

Weekend Envelopes	\$11,684.00
Loose	\$482.00
Online	\$3,181.00
Sunday Contributions	\$15,347.00
Adopted Parish	\$270.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$142.00
Tuition Assist.	\$33.00
Needy	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	\$620.00
Building	\$1,180.00
Cemetery	\$75.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,851.00

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)

Mass Attendance

196 Disciples at Saturday Mass 166 Disciples at Ash Wednesday Mass (8am)
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258 Disciples at Sunday Mass 296 Disciples at Ash Wednesday Mass(12:10pm)

Disciples at Weekend Masses

Thank you for donations made in memory of Cliff Wheelan.

Thank you for the donations made in memory of Linda Rivera.

!Parish Council Meeting Minutes are Now Online!

Beginning with January's Parish Council meeting, a summary of each monthly meeting will be uploaded to the parish website for your reference. You can find this information by visiting the **Ministries** page and selecting the section labeled **Parish Council Summary**. We invite all parishioners to stay informed and engaged by reviewing these updates regularly.

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

Empowering Growth in Ghana by supporting CRS Rice Bowl, you help parents and caregivers in Ghana to receive training in health, nutrition and early childhood development. That means, young children in these communities are better able to thrive and meet critical milestones in their growth.

Visit csrtricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope.

St. Dominic's Church Spring Chicken Dinner

Mark your calendars for Sunday, 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.

PRAYER LIST

<p>Expectant Mothers of our Parish.</p> <p>Those battling all forms of cancer.</p> <p>Protection of those in the military.</p> <p>Protection of First Responders.</p>	<p>The repose of the souls of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cliff Wheelan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jim Darr</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Linda Rivera</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Margie McQuade</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Richard Bathon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Parishioners Special Intention</p>
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COMMUNITY CORNER

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Help this Spring!

St. Vincent De Paul is now accepting t-shirts and shorts along with any remaining coats and other winter clothing you may have. 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.



New This Year.....Dominic Days!!!

It's 2 wonderful nights of picnic fun!! Friday, June 19th & Saturday, June 20th!

Friday night will be a fun kickoff night, with music by the Jorrell's, beer/soda, some kids' entertainment and food trucks. This will be a night made for everyone in our community to sit back and enjoy the evening! No volunteers needed!

Saturday will be our traditional church picnic with all helpers on deck. This evening will include 4:00 p.m. Mass, Quilt Bingo, IDOODIT, picnic food, drinks, raffles and The Cheers Band.

We look forward to 2 fun nights! Watch the bulletin and Facebook for more information as it becomes available.

**** We will begin collecting quilts for the Quilt Bingo now. Please drop off any quilt donations in the church breezeway or place cash donations in the collection's baskets marked "Quilt Bingo."**

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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/
archdiocese-of-st-louis-catholic-women-for-christ-2026.

For any questions, please contact them at:
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. Experience the Living Water that Jesus offers us today, just as he offered Living Water to the woman at the well. Light meal and fellowship included. RSVP 618.548.0899.

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 March 8th at 6pm in the Upper Room. We will be discussing about and planning for Luke-18.

The next Luke-18 Prep Session is scheduled for March 29th.

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 your 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



Reverse Drawing at St Augustine Church, Breese – March 7th, 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

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 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.

Pro-Life Corner:

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!"

Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*. © 1995 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.

40 Days for Life

Join us in peaceful prayer for the protection of life during the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign, running from **Now through March 29th**. 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

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.

MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR March 7th & 8th

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat. 5:30pm	Curt Weh Diane Weh Kent Robben Ric Koopmann Mike Garner Dan Duncan	Aliya Melton Brooklyn Becker Katelyn Becker	Connie Robben Pat Voss Norb Tebbe Doug Kuhl Cindy Kuhl Robin Fix Tim Moylan Lauren Melton	Lector: Mike Nettekmeier Organist/Cantor: Maribeth/Greg S. Gift Bearers: Eilermann Family
Sun. 11:00am	Bill Koetting Deb Koetting Dave Toennies Jeff Foppe Yvonne Foppe	Luke Pollmann James Klostermann Stella Klostermann	Helen Essenpreis Meghan Florczyk Tony Antonacci Deb Antonacci Mary Ellen Detmer Brenda Hellige Deb Koetting	Lector: Rochelle Cox Organist/Cantor: Leah/Choir Gift Bearers: Volunteer