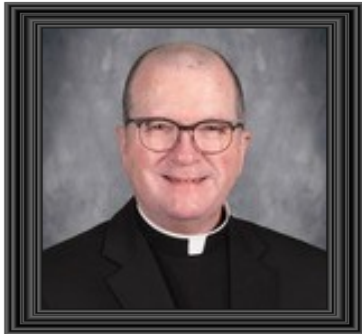




**Pastor:**  
**Fr. James Nall**

# Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

**March 30, 2025**

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**



**Sunday Masses:**  
**Saturday Vigil 5:30pm**  
**Sunday 11am**

**Weekday Masses:**  
**8am: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

**Holy Day Masses:**  
**8am, 12:10pm, & 7pm**

**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**

**Office Staff:**  
**Helen Essenpreis**  
**Office Manager**  
**John Hilmes**  
**Office Secretary**  
**526-7746**

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**Deacon Kevin Templin**  
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**314-660-3976**

**All Saints Academy**  
**Kahiwalani Goetsch**  
**Principal**  
**Angie Pollmann**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**295 N. Clinton St.**  
**526-4323**

**Mater Dei High School**  
**Dennis Litteken**  
**Principal**  
**900 N. Mater Dei Dr.**  
**526-7216**

## 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.breeseeknights.org](http://www.breeseeknights.org)  
**Mater Dei High School**      [www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org)  
**All Saints Academy**      [www.asasaints.com](http://www.asasaints.com)

**Parish Council**  
**Lynette Eilermann - Pres.**

**Dale Hempen - VP**  
**Diane Kuhl - Sec.**  
**Stacey Becker**  
**Chris Holthaus**  
**Connie Robben**  
**Helen Essenpreis**  
**Tony Antonacci**  
**Barb Koopmann**

**Trustees**  
**Suann Fields**  
**Steve Usselman**

**Adult Servers**  
**Nancy Huelsmann**

**Adoration**  
**Rich Carlton**

**Altar Sodality**  
**Maribeth Detmer-Pres.**  
**Staci Becker (Matt) V-P**

**Men's Sodality**  
**John Becker**

**Building & Maintenance**  
**Dave Kruep**  
**Adam Becker**

**Choirs, Cantors, Musicians**  
**Leah Loddeke**

**Church Decorating**  
**Aggie Dumstorff**

**Extraordinary Ministers**  
**Parish Office**

**First Friday/Homebound**  
**Ministry**  
**Parish Office**

**Finance Committee**  
**Chris Holthaus**

**Golden Egg**  
**Stacey Becker**  
**Adam Becker**  
**Katie Unverfehrt**

**Lectors**  
**Rod Kloeckner**

**Liturgy & Stewardship**  
**Committee**

**Mary Hoffman**  
**Cindy Klein**  
**Laurie Klostermann**  
**Diane Kuhl**  
**Carol Garner**  
**Helen Essenpreis**

**Media Committee**  
**Katie Unverfehrt**  
**Mike Klein**

**Community & Welcoming**  
**Committee**

**Dot Bauman**  
**Diane Grapperhaus**  
**Katie Unverfehrt**  
**Lynette Eilermann**

**Prayer Ministry**  
**Parish Office**

**Rosary Leaders**  
**Connie Robben**

**Sacristans**  
**Helen Essenpreis**  
**Dot Baumann**  
**Amy Koch**

**Servers**  
**Parish Office**

**Spiritual Formation**  
**Diane Klostermann**  
**Laurie Klostermann**  
**Connie Robben**  
**Helen Essenpreis**

**Ushers**  
**Rich Eilermann**

**Youth Faith Formation**  
**Dan Robben**

**Youth Ministry**  
**Erin Ethridge**  
**Rhonda Pulver**  
**Paris Hempen**

**Picnic Executives**  
**Jeff Niemeyer**  
**Adam Becker**  
**Katie Unverfehrt**

## Schedule for March 30 - April 5

| Sunday - 30 | Monday - 31                                                               | Tuesday - 1                                                      | Wednesday - 2                        | Thursday - 3                 | Friday - 4                                                                                 | Saturday - 5                                                                     |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11am - Mass | No Mass<br>No Adoration<br>7pm - Welcome Committee<br>7pm - OCIA in Annex | No Mass<br>1-7pm - Adoration<br>7pm - Liturgy Committee in Annex | No Mass<br>6:30pm - YFF Class at ASA | No Mass<br>1-7pm - Adoration | No Mass<br>1-7pm - Adoration<br>2pm - Stations of the Cross<br>7pm - Stations of the Cross | 8:30am - Rosary<br>9am - Padre Pio Mass<br>4:30pm - Confessions<br>5:30pm - Mass |

### Mass Intentions

#### Sat., March 29th

5:30pm: Alvin & Bernita Mensing  
Don Maue

#### Sun., March 30th

11:00am: Living & Deceased of the Al & Catherine Jansen Family

#### Mon., March 31st

NO MASS  
No Adoration

#### Tues. April 1st

NO MASS  
Adoration from 1-7pm

#### Wed. April 2nd

NO MASS

#### Thurs., April 3rd

NO MASS  
Adoration from 1-7pm

#### Fri., April 4th

NO MASS  
2:00pm: Stations of the Cross  
Adoration from 1-7pm  
7:00pm: Stations of the Cross  
(Youth Faith Formation Hosting)

#### Sat., April 5th

9:00am: Padre Pio Mass

5:30pm: Dorothy Zinn  
Joe Voss  
Charles & Lorraine Vonderhaar  
Travis Knolhoff

#### Sun., April 6th

11:00am: Steven Helmink  
Living & Deceased of the Ralph & Mary Jane VonBokel Family

### Important Notifications

Fr. Jim will be out of town on vacation this week, but the Parish Office will still be open for its normal operating hours.

Due to Fr. Jim's vacation there will be no Masses held from Tuesday April 1st through Friday, April 4th.

Adoration on Monday, March 31st has been cancelled due to the carpeting in Church being cleaned that day.

Mass on Saturday, April 12th will be moved to 4pm due to Fr. Jim having an event later that night.

Mass on Easter Sunday, April 20th will begin at 10am to allow Parishioners to have more time to spend with their families afterwards.

### ! 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.

**Rice Bowls:** The Catholic Relief Services CRS) Rice Bowls are to be returned the weekend of April 26th & 27th. You can bring your Rice Bowls to the breezeway or drop them in the collection basket that weekend. Remember every donation, no matter the size helps those in need.

The next Men's Sodality meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 22, at the Breese KC Hall. Please arrive between 6:00 and 6:30. We will order wings from the KC Hall. Food and drinks will be provided at the meeting. Meeting will begin approximately 7:00.

### Spring Cleaning at the Rectory

As Fr. Jim will be on vacation, we are organizing a spring cleaning day for the Rectory on Tuesday, April 1st beginning at 9am. We need volunteers to help with various cleaning tasks throughout the day.

If you're able to help, please contact Nancy Huelsmann at 618-526-2431 to let us know when you can join us. Whether you can spare an hour or more, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. We look forward to coming together to care for our church home.

### St. Dominic's Annual Parish Picnic

This year, the St. Dominic Annual Parish Picnic will take place Saturday, June 21st. THE PICNIC IS NOT FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND THIS YEAR.

The next Picnic Planning Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1st at the Breese Knights of Columbus Hall. The meeting begins at 6:30pm.

With the quilt collection for the Parish Picnic coming up on May 4th, we are pleased to announce the availability of quilts for sale between \$300-\$375.

### Machine Stitched Quilts are Available from:

St. Anthony in Beckemeyer (POC: Rosemary Kampwerth, 618-444-1942)  
St. Joseph Hospital (Limited Supply) (POC: Chris Gebke, 618-526-5351)

### Hand Quilted Quilts are Available from:

St. Mary in Trenton (POC: Ruth Kalmer, 618-531-1053)  
Notre Dame Sisters (POC: Jane Jansen, 618-920-8120)



Anyone able to help quilt for the Picnic, please call Joyce Timmermann at 618-420-5334. Even a few hours will help with getting the quilts finished. Any quilt tops would also be welcome.

### 30th Weekly Raffle Winner of \$100!:

Marcella H. Timmermann, Congratulations!

### This Week's Stewardship

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Envelopes         | \$3,534.00 |
| Loose                    | \$380.00   |
| Online                   | \$3,347.00 |
| Sunday Contributions     | \$7,261.00 |
| Adopted Parish           | \$100.00   |
| Easter                   | \$25.00    |
| Tuition Assistance       | \$33.00    |
| Needy                    | \$20.00    |
| Easter Flowers           | \$165.00   |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$10.00    |
| Building                 | \$210.00   |
| Cemetery                 | \$20.00    |

Thank you for your generous donations

### Weekend Mass Attendance

412 Disciples at Weekend Mass

## Youth Faith Formation



The next Youth Faith Formation (YFF) Reconciliation Service will take place Wednesday, April 9th at 6:45pm.

March Children's Mass is on Sunday, March 30th at 11:00. If your child would like to be involved in greeting, reading, singing, gift bearing, or ushering at Mass, please contact Ann at 618-420-3456.

## Youth Ministry

Erin Etheridge 618-604-7640  
Paris Hempen 618-910-4551  
Rhonda Pulver 248-840-1857

Please check GroupMe for updates.

Please keep all of our high school & middle school students in your prayers as they participate in this year's Luke-18.

Thank you to the four families that have volunteered to provide or sponsor a meal(s) for our Life Nights. If you are interested in volunteering please call the church office for more information or to get on the contact list.

## The Columbus Corner

Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 Meeting will be held at the K of C Hall on Thursday, April 17th at 7pm.

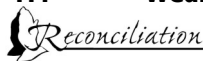
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Breese at 7:30pm.

Breese Knights of Columbus Breese Council is having a 5th Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 30th at the KC Hall. Breakfast is being served from 8:00am - 11:00am. Proceeds from this breakfast will benefit area PSR programs. Dine-in tickets for adults cost \$12, and kid's tickets are \$6. All carry-out tickets are \$12. The breakfast will include scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, and fruit.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information on the Knights of Columbus, please contact Brian Kloeckner at bkloeckner1971@gmail.com.

## Reconciliation Services

|                       |           |                |         |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| St. Bernard           | Albers    | Sun., March 30 | 1pm     |
| St. Mary              | Centralia | Sun., March 30 | 1-2pm   |
| St. Mary (School)     | Centralia | Wed., April 2  | 12:30pm |
| St. George            | New Baden | Wed., April 2  | 7pm     |
| Breese/Beckemeyer YFF |           | Wed., April 9  | 6:30pm  |



## NOW ACCEPTING SPRING CLOTHING

WE ARE NO LONGER TAKING WINTER CLOTHING! St. Vincent De Paul has no more room to store winter clothing. We are more than welcome to accept Spring and summer clothing, especially t-shirts, socks and undergarment, along with food.

There is a donation box in the breezeway between the Church & Rectory, and is accessible at all hours to drop off your items. Please bring your donations in a bag that is no larger than a kitchen trash bag, or use one of the bags that is next to the donation drop boxes. That way whenever the clothes and food are collected they are easier to load and unload.

Thank you for helping St. Vincent De Paul



## Pro-Life Corner:



Mater Dei High School and Clinton County Citizens for Life are teaming up to pray at the Granite City Abortion Clinic on April 7th, from 7am to 7pm. At least 2 people are needed each hour to fill the slots. Please come and stand up for life and pray for moms and babies with us.

Here is the QR Code to sign up:



**Pro-Life Roses:** If you would like a Pro-Life rose put on Mary's Altar for an expectant mother & her child, please contact the Parish Office with the name of the parents and the expected due date of the child. The Pro-Life roses are provided by the Parish Office and are free of charge.

Now more than ever we need to pray for an end to abortion, & a greater respect for human life.

## Vocations Corners

### DO YOU FEEL CALLED?

Are you discerning the possibility of serving the Lord as a priest, consecrated sister or brother, missionary or permanent deacon? If you are looking for guidance about how to discern answering the Lord's call, please join Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, and Bishop Michael McGovern for a Day of Recollection. We will gather at St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon on Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The day includes morning Mass, two talks, reflection questions, group discussion and a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

This gathering is open to young men and women in High School to age 30. For more information or to RSVP by April 3, contact Ms. Martina Skorch (mskorch@diobelle.org) or by phone at (618) 722-5043.

## 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 2025

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

On Pentecost Sunday 2024, Bishop Michael McGovern called the Diocese of Belleville to come together in a spirit of prayer, discernment & dialogue on where God is calling the Church of Southern Illinois. The name of our Diocesan Pastoral plan is "Servants on Christ's Mission." The aim of *Servants on Christ's Mission* is to revitalize our relationship in Christ and to deepen our commitment to serve Christ's mission to proclaim the good news.

This is a very special and exciting time for our Diocese. Everyone in the North Central Vicariat are invited to an evening of prayer and discussion with fellow Catholics, friends, & neighbors about our future call as a Diocese. This will be an opportunity to share ideas, hopes & dreams about our Church.

**This amazing meeting will take place Monday, March 31st from 6:30-8:30pm in the St. Dominic Parish Center.**

**The meeting will focus on these three questions**

1. What excites/motivates you about the Diocese of Belleville?
2. What are your hopes/dreams for the Diocese of Belleville?
3. What changes are needed in the Diocese for the mission to grow?

Please seriously consider participating in this session.

### Around the Parish

**Fair-Trade Market:** St. Dominic's Parish will not be selling Fair-Trade products in April. The next Fair-trade market is scheduled for May 17th & 18th, after the 5:30pm & 11:00am 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, and more.

**Join members of the Breese Historical Society in exploring the life and legacy of our town's namesake, Judge Sidney Breese, on Thursday, April 10, 6:30 pm at the Breese Public Library.**

### Meals Around the Area

**Beckemeyer Sons of the American Legion are having a fish fry on every Friday in Lent from 4:30-7pm. Please stop by and enjoy some great food.**

**St. Teresa Church in Marydale is having their Annual Spring Drive-thru Chicken Dinner on April 6, 2025 from 11am until 4pm. The dinner is located at 18021 Marydale Rd., located 6 miles North of Carlyle on Route 127. Meals are \$15 a piece and include: half of a fried chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans and slaw. They will also have a beautiful handmade quilt up for raffle.**

**Do you want to know a great way to make this Lent even better? Listen to Catholic Radio! Shut off the noise and listen to solid Catholic teaching, prayers & call-in programs.** You can listen on a smart speaker, tell Alexa to "play Covenant Network Catholic Radio", on their app, Covenant Network, online at OurCatholicRadio.org, or on your local Catholic radio stations, AM 1080 & 92.7 FM. Make this a Lent to remember. Pray the Visual Rosary with sacred images for each prayer and pray and follow along to the Stations of the Cross.



**The North Central Vicariate Council of Catholic Women (NCVCCW) and the ladies of St. Mary Parish in Trenton welcome all ladies to the NCVCCW Spring meeting and Day of Spiritual Reflection on Wednesday, April 9th from 8am until 2pm in St. Mary's Parish Center.** The day includes a presentation by Sister M. Karolyn Nunes, FSGM *Growing in Holiness as a Woman in the Church: Our Feminine Identity as Daughters, Sisters, Brides and Mothers*, Mass and Parish sharing. The cost to attend is \$20 which includes lunch, Altar Sodality will pay your registration fee. Plan to join your sisters in Christ for a joyful, inspiring and spiritual day. You can find registration forms for the meeting on the table in the back of Church.

### Around the Diocese

**Schedule of Upcoming 2025-2026 Healing Masses**  
**Information will be updated whenever the office is notified.**

**St. Bernard/St. Damien - 5/20/25**  
**St. Charles/St. Michael/St. Barbara (Scheller) - 7/15/25**  
**St. Felicitas/St. Rose/St. Francis - 9/16/25**  
**St. Teresa (Marydale)/St. Mary (Carlyle) - 11/18/25**  
**St. Mary (Mt. Vernon), St. Mary (Centralia), St. Lawrence - 1/20/26**  
**St. Anthony (Lively Grove)/St. Barbara (Okawville) - 3/17/26**  
**St. Anthony (Beckemeyer)/St. Dominic/St. Augustine - 5/19/26**  
**St. Cecilia/St. Boniface - 7/21/26**  
**St. Elizabeth/St. Teresa (Salem) - 9/15/26**

***Suffered Under Pontius Pilate: Lenten Reflections on the Gospel Accounts of the Passion & Death of Jesus Christ* is being presented by His Excellency, Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D. on Sunday, March 30th at 2pm, located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville.** Bishop Braxton's lecture will examine the very different accounts of the suffering and death of Jesus as found in the gospel according to Mark, Matthew, Luke & John. He will examine the similarities and the differences between these Gospel texts and provide explanations for the reasons why they are different. He will discuss "Was it necessary for Jesus to die?" "In what way does meditation on the suffering of Jesus help Christians accept pain, sickness & suffering in their personal lives?" "Were the Jewish people responsible for the death of Jesus?" "Has the Gospel of John been used to defend antisemitism?" "Why was Jesus' death necessary for the forgiveness of sins?"

**Have you ever wondered why we do what we do at Mass? Fr. Thomas Lugge will be hosting a Lenten Series:**

**The Mass Explained.** This series will be held on the following Wednesdays during Lent: March 26th & April 9th. The group will meet after the 6:30pm Wednesday evening Mass on the dates listed above and the group will meet at the KC Hall in Bartelso. Everyone is welcome!

### **WE ARE STILL NEEDING VOLUNTEERS ON HOLY WEEK!!!**

**We have multiple spots for your family to fill to serve the Church in multiple ways during Holy Week this Year.**

**Holy Thursday:** 3 Altar Servers, 4 Ushers

**Good Friday:** 3 Altar Servers, 4 Ushers

**Holy Saturday:** 3 Extraordinary Ministers,  
2 Altar Servers, 4 Ushers

**Easter Sunday:** 5 Extraordinary Ministers,  
3 Altar Servers, 4 Ushers

**Whatever way you and your family can serve during Holy Week is much appreciated .**

### **MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR April 5th & 6th**

|                     | <b>USHERS</b>                                                                               | <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>                            | <b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat. 5:30pm</b>  | Leonard Bathon<br>Dave Moss<br>Rich Kruep<br>Stewart Freeman<br>Mike Garner<br>Brian Albers | Bobby Niemann<br>Noah Varel<br>Maribeth Cowgill | Kim Miller<br>Lauren Melton<br>Jeff Lager<br>Jim Kuhl<br>Janice Albers<br>Tim Richter<br>Susie Hempen<br>Barb Koopmann                | <b><u>Lector:</u></b> Marla Mensing<br><b><u>Organist/Cantor:</u></b> Maribeth/ Mark C.<br><b><u>Gift Bearers:</u></b> Marla Mensing |
| <b>Sun. 11:00am</b> | Alan Grapperhaus<br>Cindy Grapperhaus<br>Darlene Ciborowski<br>Laurie Klostermann           | Jacob Faust<br>Lydia Helmkamp<br>Abby Kuhl      | Jan Deiters<br>Helen Essenpreis<br>Deb Koetting<br>Nancy Huelsmann<br>Lisa Rivera<br>Ava McSparin<br>Maggie Timmermann<br>Karen Lager | <b><u>Lector:</u></b> Shelley Toennies<br><b><u>Organist/Cantor:</u></b> Rich<br><b><u>Gift Bearers:</u></b> Volunteers              |