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July 26th 2026 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

May the Eucharist strengthen our faith, renew our hope, and inspire us to become people of persistent prayer.

A MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus uses parables to convey the meaning of the kingdom of God. Parables are stories rich in meaning. Sometimes the parables use exaggeration to get the point across. Sometimes the stories conveyed within the parables seem absurd and ridiculous.

Jesus uses such stories to emphasize its importance. Today Jesus uses a pearl and a treasure. The finders of the pearl and the treasure are willing to risk everything in order to have them. Jesus tells us that the kingdom is near and in our midst.

Is the kingdom in our life?
Do we experience the kingdom now?
How do we at St. Dominic express the kingdom in our lives?
Are we willing to risk everything to possess the kingdom?

We can do so only if we listen to Jesus with ears of faith that includes the mind and the heart. Every once in awhile we need to clean out our ears.

Peace,
Fr. Jim

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Thank you to Jason Keilbach, Matt Buller, Urban Stark & Dave Grapperhaus. For getting the Church floors stripped, waxed and looking brand new.
- John will be out of town from August 13th through the 24th, their will be a 2-week bulletin to cover that span of time. Along with this, the cutoff date for that bulletin will be 12pm on Tuesday, August 11th. This is to insure that John has enough time to get the bulletin completed.

Our Parish Team

Very Reverend James M. Nall, JCL



Helen Essenpreis • Office Manager

Lisa Helmink • Bookkeeper

John Hilmes • Office Secretary

Office Hours: 7:30am - 4:30pm

(Summer Hours) (Monday-Friday)

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at Noon

Masses & Sacraments

Mass Times

- Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
- Sunday: 11:00am
- Weekdays: 8:00am (Tues. - Fri.)
- Holy Days: 8:00am & 12:10pm

Confession

- Saturday: 4:30pm
- Or by appointment

Baptism & Marriage

- Please contact the Parish Office

All Saints Academy

Jill Tasker
Principal

Angie Pollmann
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Mater Dei High School

Brandi Borries
Principal

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THIS WEEK AT ST. DOMINIC

Saturday, July 18th - Sunday, July 26th



Mass Schedule	Mass Intentions	Meetings This Week
Saturday, July 25th 5:30pm: Mass Sunday, July 26th 11am: Mass Monday, July 27th No Mass Tuesday, July 28th 8am: Communion Prayer Service 1pm-7pm: Adoration Wednesday, July 29th 8am: Communion Prayer Service Thursday, July 30th 8am: Communion Prayer Service Friday, July 31st 8am: Communion Prayer Service Saturday, August 1st 8:30am: Rosary 9:00am: Padre Pio 5:30pm: Mass Sunday, August 2nd 11am: Mass	Saturday, July 25th 5:30pm: Karen Robben Kevin Bauman Mrs. Kathy Richter Loyet Sunday, July 26th 11am: Living & Deceased of the Carog Family Lawrence Sabol Pat Lampe Monday, July 27th No Mass Tuesday, July 28th 8am: For the Continued Blessings Upon Fr. Jim Nall and his Priestly Ministry Wednesday, July 29th 8am: For Pope Leo XIV Thursday, July 30th 8am: Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Guatemala Friday, July 31st 8am: For the Continued Blessings Upon Fr. Jim Nall and his Priestly Ministry Saturday, August 1st 5:30pm: Gerald Varel Living & Deceased of the Viloria Family Sunday, August 2nd 11am: Living & Deceased of the Rivera Family	Saturday, July 25th No Meeting Sunday, July 26th No Meeting Monday, July 27th No Meeting Tuesday, July 28th No Meeting Wednesday, July 29th 7pm: Clinton County Citizens for Life in the Annex Thursday, July 30th No Meeting Friday, July 31st No Meeting Saturday, August 1st No Meeting Sunday, August 2nd No Meeting

This Week's Stewardship	
Sunday Envelopes	\$9,179.00
Loose	\$ 412.00
Online Giving	<u>\$3,191.00</u>
Sunday Contribution	\$12,782.00
Seminarian Fund	\$100.00
Adopted Parish	\$30.00
Children's Envelopes	\$25.00
Tuition Assistance	\$125.00
Misc. Blue Envelopes	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$245.00
Cemetery	\$40.00

47th Weekly Cash Raffle
\$100 Winner
James Taylor, Congratulations!

CSMA	
Goal \$26,042.00	
Pledged \$24,642.50 (94.6%)	
Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. We only need \$1401.50 to reach our goal!	

Mass Attendance

Sat. - 157 Disciples
Sun. - 261 Disciples

Total - 418 Disciples

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER
Prayer for St. Dominic Parish O God, we come to the Table to build on the faith established by our ancestors. Through their faith and sacrifice St. Dominic is a vibrant parish. We are grateful for the blessings You give us. Now we acknowledge and accept our responsibility to carry on the faith at St. Dominic. Help us to recognize our gifts and talents to share our faith with others and to invite them to come to the Table. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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FAITH IN ACTION & OUTREACH

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Water.

St. Vincent De Paul is now accepting t-shirts and shorts along with any other spring 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.

St. Vincent De Paul is currently out of bottled water and is in great need of it with the summer getting hotter with each passing day.

HOUSE OF MANNA

If you would like to support a local organization, House of Manna helps by distributing food and aide to those in Breese & the surrounding area.

There is a food donation box in the breezeway to help support House of Manna. Please donate today to help those in your community.

Parish Life Spotlight: Living the Gospel at Home

Our faith is not meant to remain within the walls of the church—it is meant to be lived each day in our homes.

The family is often called the "domestic church" because it is where we first learn to pray, forgive, serve, and love as Christ loves.

Living the Gospel at home doesn't require extraordinary acts. It begins with simple, faithful habits: praying together before meals, reading a few verses of Scripture, offering kindness and forgiveness, helping one another without being asked, and making Sunday Mass the center of the week. Every act of patience, generosity, and compassion reflects the presence of Christ in our families.

Whether you live with a spouse, children, grandchildren, roommates, or by yourself, your home can become a place where God's love is experienced and shared. As we welcome Christ into our daily routines, our homes become places of peace, hope, and joy.

This week, choose one simple way to live the Gospel at home. Pray together, share a meal without distractions, reach out to someone who is lonely, or perform an unexpected act of kindness. Small acts of faith, practiced consistently, help transform our hearts, strengthen our families, and build a parish rooted in the love of Christ.

SPIRITUALITY

PRAYER LIST

We Pray For:

- Expectant Mothers
- Those Battling Cancer
- Military & First Responders
- Peace Around the World

Repose of the Souls of:

- Ron Thomas
- Ruth Grawe
- All the Forgotten Souls

Monthly Rosary in the Prayer Garden

**Rosary in the Prayer Garden
Sunday, August 9th at 6pm!**

The intention for August: We pray this month for our Parish on this remembrance of the Feast of St Dominic. We pray that the Holy Spirit will bless our parish and parishioners with a fervor for the Holy Eucharist and a greater love of the Mass and the True Presence of the Body of Christ. As Matthew Kelly says: "Those who believe, don't leave." May many more Come to believe, in Jesus name, Amen!

UPCOMING CURSILLO

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends:

Women's Weekend #47 – August 6-9, 2026

Men's Weekend #42 – August 20-23, 2026

The 2026 weekends will be held at King's House at Our Lady of the Snows. For more information or if you have questions, contact Debbie Blume at 618-806-6951.

ST. DOMINIC T-SHIRTS

Show your parish pride with a St. Dominic T-shirt! A limited quantity of St. Dominic T-shirts is available for purchase in the parish office while supplies last.

The cost is \$17 per shirt.

!!NEW ST. DOMINIC QUEEN OF HEARTS!!

We are discontinuing the Parish Weekly Cash Raffle Fundraiser as it concludes in August. With this ending we will be transitioning into something new for the Parish.

St. Dominic will be starting an online Queen of Hearts Raffle to take the Weekly Cash Raffle's place.

More information to follow in future bulletins!



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 1st 5:30pm

Extraordinary Ministers: Becky Hitpas, Marla Mensing, Kate Rivera-Kunz, Jeff Lager, Linda Deiters, Laura Voss, Tim Richter, Sarah Becker

Ushers: Charlie Kruse, Bob Mensing, Ted Voss, Don Lappe, Leonard Bathon, Rich Kruep

Altar Servers: Addison & Easton Pollmann, Lincoln Niemeyer

Organist & Cantor: Evelyn Schrand/Sean Thomas

Lector: Rich Carlton

Gift Bearers: Volunteer

Sunday, August 2nd 11:00am

Extraordinary Ministers: Frank Richter, Jan Deiters, Deb Koetting, Tricia Albers, Nancy Huelsmann, Erica Tebbe, Jane Jansen, Eric Detmer

Ushers: Alan & Cindy Grapperhaus, Darlene Ciborowski, Laurie Klostermann, Dan Kampwerth

Altar Servers: Brooklyn & Katelyn Becker, Cody Jansen

Organist & Cantor: Praise Combo Choir

Lector: Laurie Klostermann

Gift Bearers: Rivera Family

Ministry Spotlight: Parish School of Religion (PSR) Or Youth Faith Formation (YFF)

Jesus entrusted His Church with a mission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples." At St. Dominic Parish, our Parish School of Religion (PSR), offered in partnership with St. Anthony Parish and St. Augustine Parish, helps fulfill that mission by partnering with parents to form our children and young people in the Catholic faith. Together, our three parish communities share the responsibility and blessing of passing on the faith to the next generation.

Faith formation is about much more than learning facts about religion. It is an invitation to encounter Jesus Christ, grow in a personal relationship with Him, and learn to live as His disciples. Through Scripture, prayer, the sacraments, Catholic teachings, and service, our children discover that they are deeply loved by God and are valued members of the Body of Christ.

Our dedicated catechists generously share their time, talents, and faith each week. They are not simply teachers—they are faithful witnesses who help plant seeds that can bear fruit for a lifetime. Their willingness to serve is a beautiful example of Christian stewardship and discipleship. Parents remain the primary educators of their children in the faith, and our PSR program exists to support and strengthen that sacred vocation.

Please keep our PSR students, families, catechists, and volunteers in your prayers as they begin another year of faith formation. If you feel called to share your faith as a catechist, classroom helper, substitute, or volunteer, we encourage you to contact the parish office. Your gift of time and faith can have an eternal impact on the life of a child.

Extraordinary Ministers Needed for Cedarhurst

Do you feel called to bring the presence of Christ to those who are unable to attend Mass?

We are seeking additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to serve the residents of Cedarhurst.

Ministers visit Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. to share the gift of the Eucharist, offer prayer, and bring the comfort and hope of Christ to our parishioners and other residents.

If you would like to learn more or volunteer, please contact the parish office. We would be grateful for your willingness to share your time and faith in this meaningful ministry.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Registration for the 2026-2027 PSR year is now open!

Registration forms are available in the back of church, on the parish breezeway, and through the parish office.

We encourage all families with school-age children to register soon as we prepare to grow together in faith this year.

• **Registration night is Wednesday, August 19th at 6pm in the Cafeteria**

• **The first YFF Class is Wednesday, August 26th at 6pm.**

EVENTS

• **Following Mass on August 8th and August 9th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Dominic by having a social in the lawn of the Rectory. Bring your family & join in celebrating our Parish's patron saint.**

• **The next fair-trade sale is the weekend of August 15th & 16th following both weekend Masses.** 15% of ALL sales will be divided between our Sister Parish, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Guatemala, & House of Manna.

• **The Next Monthly Rosary in the Prayer Garden is Sunday, August 9th at 6pm. All are Welcome!**

• **Schedule for Upcoming Children's Masses:**

- Sunday, August 16th at 11:00am:
Blessing of Backpacks

- September Children's Mass: September 27th at 11am.

• **Mater Dei High School is excited to welcome internationally recognized Catholic speaker, musician, and comedian Paul J. Kim on Thursday, September 10.** This special presentation will take place during the school day and is open to the entire community. The presentation time will be announced soon.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this inspiring opportunity to grow in faith and be encouraged in your walk with Christ. Everyone is welcome

PICNIC WRAP-UP MEETING

Picnic wrap up meeting is set! Please come join us for the final meeting of 2026 to discuss ideas on what worked well and what can be improved for next year. Thanks again for all of your support!

Thursday, August 13th at 7:30pm. Breese KC Hall.



Ministry Scheduler Pro is Coming to St. Dominic Parish!

To better serve our parish and support those who generously volunteer in our liturgical ministries, St. Dominic Parish is transitioning to Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP).

This new scheduling system will make it easier for our lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, ushers, music ministers, and other liturgical ministers to:

- **View their ministry schedules anytime from a computer or mobile device.**
- **Receive schedule reminders by email or text.**
- **Request substitutes when they are unavailable.**
- **Block out dates when they cannot serve.**
- **Accept or decline substitute requests with just a few clicks.**

Our goal is to simplify scheduling, improve communication, and help ensure that every liturgy is well served.

Don't Have Email or a Smartphone? No Problem!

Ministry Scheduler Pro works well for those who use email or a mobile device, but you do not need a computer, smartphone, or email address to continue serving in your ministry. If you only have a landline telephone, we will gladly continue to communicate with you. Our goal is to make scheduling easier while ensuring that every minister can participate in the way that works best for them.

Over the coming weeks, current ministers will receive an email and/or text message with information on how to log into the system, update their contact information, indicate their serving preferences, and enter unavailable dates. Training and assistance will be available for anyone who would like help getting started.

Thank you to all who share your time and talents in service to our parish. Your ministry helps make our worship prayerful, welcoming, and reverent. We look forward to this new tool as another way to support you in your generous service to St. Dominic Parish.