



**Pastor:**  
Fr. Patrick N. Peter

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

**Weekday Masses:**  
8am: Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday 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:**  
Tom Kannall  
    Office Manager  
John Hilmes  
    Office Secretary  
526-7746

**All Saints Academy**  
Kahiwalani Goetsch  
    Principal  
Dustin McSparin  
    Office Manager  
295 N. Clinton St.  
526-4323

**Mater Dei High School**  
Dennis Litteken  
    Principal  
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# Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 10, 2023**  
**First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**  
**Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14**  
**Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**



## 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)

### Parish Council

Adam Becker - Pres.  
Katie Unverfehrt  
Joan Meredith  
Diane Kuhl  
Stacey Becker  
Dale Hempen  
Lynette Eilermann  
Chris Holthaus  
Connie Robben

Trustees  
Suann Fields  
Steve Usselmann

Adult Servers  
Mary Ellen Detmer

Adoration  
Rich Carlton  
Altar Sodality  
Maribeth Detmer-Pres.  
Staci Becker (Matt) V-P

Building & Maintenance  
Dave Kruep  
Adam Becker

Choirs, Cantors,  
Musicians  
Leah Loddeke

Church Decorating  
Aggie Dumstorff

Community Committee  
Diane Grapperhaus  
Katie Unverfehrt

### Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Pat Peter

First Friday/Homebound  
Ministry  
Fr. Pat Peter

### Finance Committee

Golden Egg  
Stacey Becker  
Adam Becker  
Katie Unverfehrt

Lectors  
Rod Kloeckner

Liturgy Committee  
Amy Koch  
Joan Meredith  
Katie Unverfehrt

Media Committee  
Katie Unverfehrt  
Mike Klein

Men's Sodality  
John Becker

Picnic Executives  
Jeff Niemeyer

### Prayer Ministry Parish Office

Rosary Leaders  
Connie Robben

RCIA  
Fr. Pat Peter

Sacristans  
Helen Essenpreis  
Dot Baumann  
Bonnie Ritzheimer

Servers  
Fr. Pat

Spiritual Formation  
Laurie Klostermann  
Joan Meredith

Stewardship Committee  
Mary Hoffmann  
Laurie Klostermann

Ushers  
Rich Eilermann

Welcoming Committee  
Dot Bauman  
Diane Grapperhaus  
Mary Kay Wiegmann

Youth Faith Formation  
Dan Robben

Youth Ministry  
Diane Klostermann

## Mass Intentions

### Sat. December 9

**5:30pm:** Bob & Toots Timmermann  
Kenny Jansen

### Sun., December 10

**11:00am:** Steven Helmink  
Steve & Ralph Von Bokel  
Ruth Ann Langhauser

### Mon. December 11

**8:00am:** Joe Voss  
**Adoration from 1-6pm**

### Tues. December 12

**8:00am:** For all Priests and Religious  
**10:00am(N.H.):** For an End to Covid

### Wed. December 13

**8:00am:**  
For the Conservation of Earth

### Thurs., December 14

**No Mass**

### Fri., December 15

**8:00am:** Henry & Mary Ann Peek

### Sat., December 16

**5:30pm:** Karla Perkes

### Sun., December 17

**11:00am:**  
Living & Deceased of the Ed Jansen Family  
Richard & Joan Lampe  
David & Jerry Tabaska

**A reminder to parents** of Mater Dei and ASA to make a weekly contribution of at least \$15.00 per week to St. Dominic to help defray the costs for the Mater Dei assessment and ASA subsidy.

**Mass Intentions:** There are a lot of dates available if you would like to book a mass for a loved one. (Weekday and Weekend masses) Masses are \$10 each. Please call the office if you would like

## Last Week's Stewardship

<b>Sunday Envelopes</b>	<b>\$8,146.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$266.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$5,158.00</b>
<b>Adopted Parish</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>
<b>1st Friday Donation</b>	<b>\$43.00</b>
<b>CCHD</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Retired Priests</b>	<b>\$430.00</b>
<b>World Mission</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>All Saints Day</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Christmas Offering</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Padre Pio</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Immac. Conception</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Needy</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$385.00</b>
<b>Christmas for the Needy</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>\$490.00</b>

Thank you for your generous donations.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Wednesday Dec. 13** - Youth Faith Formation Reconciliation at 6:45pm.

### **14th Weekly Raffle Winner \$100!: Bernie & Irene Huelsmann**

Welcome to our new member who was Baptized this past week. Weston Gerard Huelskamp, son of Dawson & Shannon Huelskamp. May God watch over her as she grows in faith.

**We gratefully acknowledge the memorials from family and friends of Karla Perkes & Joe Voss for donations received in their honor.**



**Giving Tree:** Please help the less fortunate families in our area by purchasing gift cards. Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Dollar General, Farm Fresh Market, Fischer's Butchering & Deli, Gas Stations, or local restaurants are preferred. Gift cards can be returned to the box in the back of Church or in the secure dropbox in the breezeway. Please return all gift cards to the Church by December 9th. Thank You!

**34th Annual National Night of prayer for Life** is being hosted by St. Dominic parish this year on December 12th, from 6-10pm. We will be leading the first hour from 6-7pm, but you can come at any part of the night to pray.

**Cemetery Pavilion Fundraiser:** If anyone did not receive a letter for the cemetery fundraiser, please contact the Parish office by calling 618-526-7746, or sending an Email to johnatstdominic@gmail.com.

**Christmas Flowers:** Help decorate the altars this Christmas Season by donating to the Flower Fund in memory of your loved one. They will be remembered in our Christmas Liturgy celebration. Look for the "Christmas Flower Offering Envelope" in your envelope package (make sure to include the name of your loved one). Place your donation in the collection basket or send directly to the rectory.



**Thank you** to everyone who supported our St. Dominic's Altar Sodality, Deer Widow's Weekend Purse for a Purpose BINGO! We had over 320 Bingo players, and raised over \$10,350. Additionally, we collected a generous amount of food for the House of Manna. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

**USHERS NEEDED!** Due to having a few Ushers retire from the ministry, we are in great need of people to Usher at 11am Mass on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 618-526-7746, or email johnatstdominic@gmail.com.

**Adoration:** We are in need of volunteers for weekly Adoration on Mondays from 1 to 6pm. No Adoration on holidays. Please contact the Church office, or contact Rich Carlton (618-322-1917) to sign up. Come spend an hour with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament once per week. It's a time well spent with Jesus, and time to relax and pray, away from all the hustle and bustle.

**Lectors Needed:** If you would like to Lector at the nursing home Mass on Tuesday mornings at 10am, call the parish office (618) 526-7746 to sign up.

## Local Reconciliation Services

<b>12/10 St. Mary (Carlyle)</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>
<b>12/10 St. Boniface</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>12/12 St. Rose</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>12/14 St. Anthony (Our Parish Cluster)</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>12/17 St. Francis</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>



**Contribution Envelopes:** If you use "Online Giving" for your contributions to both St. Dominic and the Diocesan collections and no longer wish to receive the contribution envelopes in the mail, please contact John at the Parish Office to stop the mailings of the envelope packet. Thank you!!

Please call the parish office (618)-526-7746 if your address or phone number has changed. This allows us to update your contact information.

**Fair-Trade Market:** St. Dominic's Parish is selling Fair-Trade products every third weekend after 5:30pm & 11:00am Masses. The booth will be set up inside of Fr. Pat's garage. **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.

### Youth Faith Formation

**Youth Faith Formation Religion Classes are from 6:30 to 7:45pm.** If you have not registered your child/children for the classes, please call the parish office at 618-526-7746 or inform their Religion teacher that you are needing a registration form.

#### Next Service:

**December 13th - (Reconciliation Service)**

**Join us for SEEK24**, a collegiate/young adult conference coming to St. Louis on January 1-5, 2024. There will be keynote speakers such as Fr. Mike Schmitz, Mass, a concert, breakout sessions, Adoration, Reconciliation, vendors, and fellowship through the week. Register online at <https://seek.focus.org>.

**Way of Lights Volunteer:** National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is looking for people to help share the Christmas spirit. Volunteer for a shift or two during the Way of Lights, greeting visitors to the Christmas tree display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, from November 17 through December 31. This is also a great chance for youth to gain some service hours. If interested, please email [programs@snows.org](mailto:programs@snows.org), call 618-394-6281, or go to their website at: [www.snows.org/wayoflights](https://snows.org/wayoflights).

### **2024 St. Dominic's Parish Picnic Planning Needed!**

We are looking for 2-3 parishioners to help plan our 2024 parish picnic. This will be Father Pats last picnic, let's make it a good one! Contact Jeff 618 210-0365.

### **National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows - Way of Lights**

The Way of Lights is open from November 17 through December 31, 2023, 5pm-9pm. Indoor activities are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, & Christmas Day. The Way of Lights Display depicts the journey of Mary & Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem, depicted by over 1.5 million beautiful lights. This year, they have added colored lights to celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to offer activities for young and old alike.

There is no cost for the display, although donations are accepted. There are additional charges for some activities. For more information, call 618-397-6700, or visit their website <https://snows.org/wayoflights>.

### **The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

Your contribution to The Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 9,500 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2023 Appeal today. No amount is too large or too small, Thank You.

**St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Mt. Vernon will have a Spanish Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th.** A mariachi music Prelude will start at 2:30pm, with Mass beginning at 3:00pm. There will be a Spanish & English Rosary to follow Mass.

### **Youth Ministry**

**Cheryl 526-7594, Rhonda 248-840-1857  
Diane 526-4395 Angie 618-604-3116**

**Next Meeting:** 1/7 @ Noon in St. Dominic's Gym

**Updates:** For Youth Ministry, events will be posted on Groupme. Download the Groupme app and please contact Cheryl, Rhonda, Angie or Diane to be added to the Groupme.

**Any adult wanting to assist** with youth ministry, please contact Diane, Cheryl, Angie or Rhonda. Share your faith with the youth as they share theirs with you.

Catholic Men for Christ will be 2/17/24 at St. Louis High School. Early bird registration is \$30. Grow deeper in your faith. Contact Diane 618-910-9266 for details.

Catholic Women for Christ will be 3/9/24 at St. Louis High School. Early bird registration is \$30. Grow deeper in your faith. Contact Diane 618-910-9266 for details.

### **Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!**

The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul Night-Time Drop-in Center continues to operate at full capacity every night, providing shelter and helping homeless men, women, and children survive the dangers of the city streets. In addition, Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen serves an ever-growing number of hungry people each day. We humbly ask for your prayers for St. Vincent De Paul staff and clients, and if you are able, to once again provide any of these much-needed items: **Individually packaged cookies, fruit cups, tuna & chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt cups, cereal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta, water and other individual-serve drinks, laundry detergent pods, paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues** are always in short supply.

Items can be dropped off Monday - Friday, 9am - 2:30pm at:

**St. Vincent De Paul Office  
8800 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62223  
(Across from Blessed Sacrament Church)**

**Or  
SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen  
3718 State St., East St. Louis 62205**

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the SVDP council office at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables our ministry to the very poorest among us.

**The Miracles of the Eucharist Exhibition** will take place Saturday, December 2nd through Thursday, December 21st at Trinity Hall in Highland, IL from 8am-4pm each day. This event shown by St. Paul Catholic Church during the Eucharistic Renewal, displays 150 amazing miracles of the Eucharist on display.

**The Hispanic Ministry would like to invite you to the celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** The celebration will take place Sunday, December 10th starting at 9:45am. It will begin with a procession from St. Bernard in Albers, ending at St. Damian in Damiansville. Afterwards, a Mass will commence at 11am, with food and music to follow. Please RSVP to [hispanicministrymg@gmail.com](mailto:hispanicministrymg@gmail.com).

Beth (Klostermann) Gesinski a former St. Dominic's parishioner who now lives in Tallahassee, FL has published an Advent devotional called *Make Ready the Way*, and with her husband Stephen has co-authored a short Christmas book, *On These Twelve Days of Christmas: the Catholic Meaning Behind the True Love's Gifts*. Both are available on Amazon, and there is a copy of each in the church "library." Please take a look!

### Pro-Life Corner:

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother."

Learn how at [respectlife.org/support-her](http://respectlife.org/support-her).  
-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

*"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"*

**Blood Drive:** ImpactLife is hosting a blood drive at the Breese American Legion on Monday, December 18th from 3pm to 7pm. ImpactLife in the exclusive provider of blood products for St. Joseph's Hospital. Masks are optional, but appointments are required.

To schedule an appointment, call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401, or register online at [www.bloodcenter.org/group; grp #10269](http://www.bloodcenter.org/group; grp #10269)

**HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese will be hosting a Drive-Thru Live Nativity** Sunday, December 10th from 4-6pm. The Live Nativity will be located near the front entrance of the hospital. There will be activities inside for children, caroling, and cookies & hot chocolate available.

800 years ago, St. Francis of Assisi gathered the townspeople for a Christmas Eve celebration to look like the very first Christmas when Jesus was born. Join us in celebrating this anniversary with a Live Nativity experience.

### St. Dominic/St. Augustine/St. Anthony Cluster Holiday Masses

#### Christmas Eve:

- o St. Augustine - 4:00pm
- o St. Dominic - 5:30pm
- o St. Anthony - 6:00pm
- o St. Dominic - 10:30pm



#### Christmas Day:

- o St. Augustine - 8:00am
- o St. Dominic - 9:00am
- o St. Anthony - 10:00am

#### Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (New Years Day)

- o St. Anthony - 9:00am
- o St. Dominic - 11:00am

### Our All Saints Academy Capital Campaign

During these final days of the year, we give special attention to giving thanks. As the construction phase of the new addition begins, All Saints Academy would like to extend our gratitude to all those who have generously supported the building project. To date, the south footings and flooring have been poured, and the walls of the classroom which will also serve as a storm shelter are nearing completion. Together we are strong, and together we have raised \$2,035,419. We are still reaching for our goal of \$3,000,000 to complete the new addition and the renovation of the gym entrance and two classrooms. Thank you for all you have done and will do in the future to help provide for more learning space at All Saints Academy.

### Announcing the trip to Guatemala: July 11-17, 2024

Please join us to experience first-hand the joys of a closer relationship with your sister parish. The trip includes: 4 days and 3 nights in your sister parish, a one day pilgrimage to Lake Atitlán where Blessed Stanley Rother was martyred, and 3 nights at the Incarnate Word Retreat Center in Guatemala City. The largest expense is the flight which is approximately \$1100.00. There are only 30 seats reserved on the flight. If you are interested in this trip, please RSPV to [sisterparish13@gmail.com](mailto:sisterparish13@gmail.com). Please contact the Parish office, that way we are aware of who will be going on the trip. Only 2-3 parishioners per parish are allowed for the trip, so reserve your spot ASAP.

### Win a Brand New 2023 CFMoto UForce 1,000 (over \$15,000 in value!) with top, windshield, street legal kit, tax & title.

The drawing will be held December 16, 2023.

Tickets are \$20 each, or 6/\$100

Proceeds from the drawing benefit St. Stephen Catholic Church & the Guadalupe Project in Flora, IL.

You can buy tickets online at: [2023sidexside.com](http://2023sidexside.com)

If less than 1,000 tickets are sold, the drawing will just be a 50/50 drawing.

**St. Anne Cradle of Hope is in desperate need of infant & winter clothing.** If you are able to collect new and gently used items, and take them to Carbondale, they would very much appreciate you.

### MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR December 16th & 17th

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat. 5:30pm	Kent Robben Curt Weh Tim Richter Rich Eilermann Don Deiters Mark Hitpas	Camryn Wheeler Avery Boller Maribeth Cowgill	Jim Kuhl Janice Albers Tim Richter Susie Hempen Barb Koopmann Kate Rivera-Kunz Dennis Litteken Mary Berndsen	<b>Lector:</b> Joanie Becker <b>Organist/Cantor:</b> Maribeth/Greg S. <b>Gift Bearer:</b>
Sun. 11:00am	Alan Grapperhaus Cindy Grapperhaus Darlene Ciborowski Laurie Klostermann Cindy Kuhl	Kaylan Hilmes Lane Hilmes Mason Furfarro	Karen Lager Lisa Rivera Maggie Timmermann Jane Jansen Beth Bedard Eric Detmer Deb Koetting Diane Klostermann	<b>Lector:</b> Paul Klostermann <b>Organist/Cantor:</b> Hannah/Nif K. <b>Gift Bearer:</b> Joyce Detmer