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Fr. James Nall

Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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**First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**



**WELCOME
BACK
FR. JIM!!!**

Parish Organizations, Committees and Ministries

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:
Tom Kannall
Office Manager
John Hilmes
Office Secretary
526-7746

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

Websites:
St. Dominic Church www.saintdominicbreese.org
Diocese of Belleville www.diobelle.org
Knights of Columbus www.breeseeknights.org
Mater Dei High School www.materdeiknights.org
All Saints Academy 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 Usselman

Adult Servers
Mary Ellen Detmer

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
Amy Koch
Laurie Klostermann
Joan Meredith
Katie Unverfehrt

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

OCIA
Parish Office

Sacristans
Helen Essenpreis
Dot Baumann
Bonnie Ritzheimer

Servers
Parish Office

Spiritual Formation
Laurie Klostermann
Joan Meredith

Ushers
Rich Eilermann

Youth Faith Formation
Dan Robben

Youth Ministry
Erin Ethridge
Rhonda Pulver
Paris Hempen

Picnic Executives
Jeff Niemeyer
Adam Becker

Schedule for December 1– December 7

Sunday - 1	Monday - 2	Tuesday - 3	Wednesday - 4	Thursday - 5	Friday - 6	Saturday - 7
11am - Mass	Altar Sodality Christmas Party in the cafeteria OCIA at 7pm in the Annex	8am - Mass 1-6pm - Adoration Liturgy Committee in Annex at 7pm	8am - Mass YFF Class at 6:30pm at the School	8am - Mass	8am - Mass	5:30pm - Mass

Mass Intentions

Sat., November 30th

5:30pm: Leo & Lorine Schmidt

Sun., December 1st

11:00am:

Henry & Mary Rita Hilmes

Mon., December 2nd

No Mass

Tues. December 3rd

8:00am: Leo & Lorine Schmidt

Adoration from 1p to 6pm.

Wed. December 4th

8:00am: Peace in the Holy Land

Thurs., December 5th

8:00am: Leo Lammers

Fri., December 6th

8:00am: Peace in Ukraine & throughout the world

Sat., December 7th

5:30pm: For those struggling from mental illnesses

Sun., December 8th

11:00am: Lynn Robben

In light of Tom Kannall's previously announced retirement, St. Dominic Parish is in need of an Accountant / Bookkeeper and an Office Manager.

The Accountant position is expected to be part-time (roughly 10 to 15 hours a week) and most of the tasks could be handled at one's home on their time with occasional responsibilities at the Rectory. Some of the responsibilities of this position include payment of all bills, processing of payroll twice a month, journalizing cash collections and producing, analyzing, and presenting financial statements out of QuickBooks. This position would be ideal for someone looking for some extra cash and flexibility in their schedule. Previous experience with QuickBooks is required.

The Office Manager position includes responsibility for all administrative, human resource, and parish database management functions. Other responsibilities include but are not limited to performance of Child Protection Location Coordination duties, coordination with various Church committees on their needs, and supervision of the Parish Receptionist. This position would require presence in the Rectory, but it is possible this position could also be part-time and would be ideal for someone looking for extra money with a desire to be involved in Parish activities. The ideal candidate is organized, detail-oriented, excels at multi-tasking, and finds fulfillment in completing a task.

Interested parties should contact one of the parish trustees: Suann Fields (314) 409-6925 or Steve Usselman (618) 806-6318.

IMPORTANT!!!: There will be only the 8am and 12:10pm Masses on December 9th in celebration of The Immaculate Conception, there will be **NO** 7pm Mass that day.

Altar Sodality Christmas Party/Meeting will take place Monday, December 2nd with dinner starting at 6:30pm. Meal and drinks will be provided, with a meeting and entertainment to follow. Please bring a Parish member to celebrate the Holiday with you. There will also be fair trade products available during the party, use this as a great chance to do some Christmas shopping.



Giving Tree: Please help the less fortunate families in our area by purchasing gift cards. Gift cards to Walmart, Dollar General, Farm Fresh Market, Fischer's Butchering and 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 Saturday, December 14. Thank you!



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. The Envelopes are due by Tuesday, December 17th at 5pm.

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office to reserve a date. Mass intentions are \$10 per intention.

If you would like a 7-day votive prayer candle to be lit, please contact the Parish Office. Candles are \$5 per candle.

This Week's Stewardship

Sunday Envelopes	\$4,658.00
Loose	\$241.00
Online	\$2,817.00
Sunday Contributions	\$7,716.00
All Saints Day	\$7.00
Adopted Parish	\$110.00
Needy	\$40.00
Tuition Assist.	\$20.00
Flowers	\$399.00
Thanksgiving Collection	\$119.00
Building	\$1,090.00
Cemetery	\$20.00

Thank you for your generous donations

13th Weekly Raffle Winner \$100!: Mike & Donna Nettekmeier, CONGRATULATIONS!

Youth Faith Formation

**Next Service: Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm.
(Reconciliation Service)**

Youth Ministry

**Erin 618-604-7640
Paris 618-910-4551
Rhonda 248-840-1857**

Holiday treat making on 12/8.

Christmas caroling for the elderly and Youth Ministry Christmas Party on 12/15.

The Clinton County Snack Pack Program Needs Your Help!

The Clinton County Snack Pack Program gives lunch to school children in need, specifically feeding 200 children weekly. The issue they are running into is a lack of funds. It costs about \$150 to feed a single child for the whole school year, so the Snack Pack program is needing monetary donations to help keep the program going and keep children fed. Even if you are unable to donate enough to cover the full amount for a child, any amount helps the organization feed those that are hungry.

You can give your donation by putting it in the collection basket in an envelope marked Clinton County Snack Pack or Snack Pack; likewise, you can also mail your donation to 904 Peach Ln. New Baden, IL 62265.

**PLEASE WRITE OUT ALL CHECKS TO
CLINTON COUNTY SNACK PACK PROGRAM.**

The Columbus Corner

Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 Meeting will be held at the K of C Hall on Thursday, December 12th. With the meeting starting at 7:00pm with a Rosary being said.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at the St. Barbara Parish Center in Okawville.

As the weather grows colder, the Breese Knights of Columbus Council #2869 is organizing a drive to help those in need. We kindly ask for donations of new or gently used hats, gloves, and scarves. Please drop off your contributions in the red collection boxes located at the back of the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated thank you in advance!

Breese Knights of Columbus Breese Council is having a 5th Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, December 29th at the KC Hall. Breakfast is being served from 8:00am - 11:00am. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be there from 9:00am-11:00am. Dine-in tickets for adults cost \$12, and kid's tickets are \$6. Any children (12 & under) who wear a Christmas shirt will eat for free. All carry-out tickets are \$12. The breakfast will include scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, and fruit.

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100

Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 11,128 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 2024 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

Pro-Life Corner:

ASSISTED SUICIDE INCENTIVIZES DENYING TREATMENT

Insurance companies have turned down coverage for cancer treatment but offered to pay for suicide drugs instead. Furthermore, the disabled community already faces demoralization and oppression in seeking adequate medical care. Assisted suicide encourages this kind of prejudice. Access Living, Progress Center for Independent Living and the National Council on Disability oppose assisted suicide. People need quality medical care and treatment, not assisted suicide. Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499- assisted suicide. Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources.

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New Respect Life and Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer cards are on the table in the back of church. Please pick up one of these beautiful prayer cards and pray with people across the country and world for Pro-Abundant Life from conception to natural death.

The Annual Pro-Life Night of Prayer is Tuesday, December 10 at St. Anthony Church in Beckemeyer. We will be the first leaders of the Prayer Service starting at 6:00pm, followed by St. Augustine from 7:00pm, after that is St. Anthony at 8:00pm, & the last hour is lead by the Breese Knights of Columbus and will begin at 9:00pm.

Now more than ever we need to start speaking up for unborn babies and their mothers.

Vocation Corner

"My career was flourishing. With a master's degree in ecology, I was working at the International Institute of Tropical Forestry in Puerto Rico. Things were coming together for me to pursue a doctorate and continue my career in ecological research. Only one thing was amiss: my heart was unsettled. Despite my efforts to convince Christ that there was no way I could be a nun, an undercurrent of gentle invitation remained. I took a leap of faith – well, a guarded one – and gave Our Lord a year to lay to rest the questions of a religious vocations. Surely it would be perfectly clear that I was not called to religious life and could move on with my life. God met my reluctance with much grace and persistence. Monastic life resonated deeply with how I felt called to live; ... I am humbled and grateful for the great gift of being a bride of Christ."

Sr. Christina Marie-Order of Cistercians;
Columbia Magazine Nov 2024

PLEASE PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS!!!



Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!



The temperature will soon be dropping as Fall begins, which means that people will be dressing to keep warm. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients, and if you are able, please donate water & food along with Fall & Winter clothes, which include: Jackets, Coats, Long-sleeve shirts, jeans & other pants. Along with these, there is always a need for socks and underwear.

There is a donation box in the breezeway between the Church & Rectory, and is accessible at all hours to drop off your items.

Thank you for helping St. Vincent De Paul !

<p align="center"><u>Around the Parish</u></p> <p>Fair-Trade Market: St. Dominic's Parish is selling Fair-Trade products the weekend of December 14th & 15th 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: coffee, chocolates, Palestinian olive oil, cocoa, teas, Haitian banana paper greeting cards, and more.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Around the Area</u></p> <p>St Johns UCC in Breese is having a homemade Christmas Cookie Walk Saturday, December 7, from 8am while supplies last or until noon whichever comes first. Cookies are \$8/per pound. The sale is in the church hall located to the East of the church on 2nd Street, across the street from Little Augie's.</p>
<p align="center"><u>HOLIDAY MASSES</u></p> <p>We are in need of the following ministries at each of these holiday Masses.</p> <p align="center"><u>Immaculate Conception:</u> Monday, December 9th (8:00am) Ushers: (3-5 Ushers Needed) Extraordinary Ministers: (3-5 Ministers Needed)</p>	<p>The Diocese of Belleville Young Adults present Bibles and Brews on Wednesday, December 4th. The gathering will be from 6:30pm until 8:30pm & will be held at Gruv Bistro & Wine Bar, located at 223 East Main St. Belleville, IL 62220.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Immaculate Conception:</u> Monday, December 9th (12:10pm) Ushers: (3-5 Ushers Needed) Extraordinary Ministers: (3-5 Ministers Needed)</p>	<p>Corpus Christi Catholic Church is holding their 20th Annual Winter's Aire Concert, <i>Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree</i> featuring special guests Jilly B & the Jingle Bells on Saturday, December 7th. Doors open at 6pm, & the concert begins at 6:30pm. Join them as they hold a holiday wine tasting and silent auction while the concert is being performed.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Christmas Eve:</u> Tuesday, December 24th (4:30pm) Ushers: (2-4 Ushers Needed) Extraordinary Ministers: (5-7 Ministers Needed) Altar Servers: (3 Servers Needed)</p>	<p>The Diocese of Belleville will host a Memorial Mass for Archbishop Emeritus James P. Keleher who died on November 9. Archbishop Keleher served as the sixth Bishop of Belleville (1984-1993). Bishop McGovern will offer Mass at 12:10 PM on Wednesday, December 11, in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL. Everyone is invited to pray together for the repose of Archbishop Keleher's soul.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Christmas Eve:</u> Tuesday, December 24th (10:30pm) Ushers: (4-6 Ushers Needed) Extraordinary Ministers: (4-6 Ministers Needed) Altar Servers: (2 Servers Needed)</p>	<p>The Aviston Sons of American Legion 2024 Black Tie and Talent Show will be on Sat. Jan. 11th 2025 @ 5:00 pm at the Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston IL. This formal event is a talent and glamour contest where we give away over \$8000 in scholarships to (8) college bound contestants. We are selling tickets for the event at \$50.00 each. Ticket includes: happy hour, 4-course meal, talent contest, late night entertainment. Interested contestants can tryout at a down select competition at Aviston Legion at 6:00 pm on Friday, Dec 20th. A 3 minute speech on a topic of contestants choice and a talent demonstration is required. Any Clinton County residents who will attend college or trade school in 2025 can enter contest. For tickets or entry info text: Jim Kues 618-973-5688 or Craig Timmermann 618-830-7737.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Christmas:</u> Wednesday, December 25th (9:00am) Ushers: (3-5 Ushers Needed) Extraordinary Ministers: (4-6 Ministers Needed) Altar Servers: (3 Servers Needed)</p>	<p>Way of Lights Volunteer: Looking for a special way to share the holiday 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 now through December 31. This is also a great opportunity for youth service hours, too. If interested, please email to programs@snows.org, call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: www.snows.org.</p>

MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR December 7th & 8th

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Sat. 5:30pm	Leonard Bathon Dave Moss Rich Kruep Stewart Freeman Mike Garner Brian Albers	Lydia Ratermann Austin Dobrynski Carson Loddeke	Barb Koopmann Kate Rivera-Kunz Dennis Litteken Mary Berndsen Laura Voss Norb Tebbe Aggie Kampwerth Jill Timmermann	<u>Lector:</u> Sarah Becker <u>Organist/Cantor:</u> Darlene/Mark C. <u>Gift Bearer:</u> Volunteer
Sun. 11:00am	Alan Grapperhaus Cindy Grapperhaus Darlene Ciborowski Laurie Klostermann	Camryn Wheeler Mason Furfaro Noah Varel	Leslie Klay Maggie Timmermann Karen Lager Jane Jansen Eric Detmer Diane Klostermann Brenda Hellige Mary Hoffmann	<u>Lector:</u> Melissa Becker <u>Organist/Cantor:</u> Choir <u>Gift Bearer:</u> Volunteer