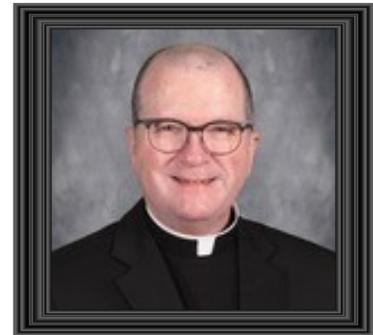


# Welcome to St. Dominic Church

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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	<a href="http://www.saintdominicbreese.org">www.saintdominicbreese.org</a>
Diocese of Belleville	<a href="http://www.diobelle.org">www.diobelle.org</a>
Knights of Columbus	<a href="http://www.breeseknights.org">www.breeseknights.org</a>
Mater Dei High School	<a href="http://www.materdeiknights.org">www.materdeiknights.org</a>
All Saints Academy	<a href="http://www.asasaints.com">www.asasaints.com</a>

Parish Council	Extraordinary Ministers Parish Office	Prayer Ministry Parish Office
Adam Becker - Pres. Katie Unverfehrt Joan Meredith Diane Kuhl Stacey Becker Dale Hempen Lynette Eilermann Chris Holthaus Connie Robben Trustees Suann Fields Steve Usselmann	First Friday/Homebound Ministry Parish Office	Rosary Leaders Connie Robben OCIA Parish Office
Mary Ellen Detmer	Finance Committee Chris Holthaus Golden Egg Stacey Becker Adam Becker Katie Unverfehrt	Sacristans Helen Essenpreis Dot Baumann Bonnie Ritzheimer Servers Parish Office
Adoration Rich Carlton	Lectors Rod Kloeckner	Spiritual Formation Laurie Klostermann Joan Meredith
Altar Sodality Maribeth Detmer-Pres. Staci Becker (Matt) V-P	Liturgy & Stewardship Committee Mary Hoffman Amy Koch Laurie Klostermann Joan Meredith Katie Unverfehrt	Ushers Rich Eilermann
Men's Sodality John Becker	Media Committee Katie Unverfehrt Mike Klein	Youth Faith Formation Dan Robben
Building & Maintenance Dave Kruep Adam Becker	Community & Welcoming Committee Dot Bauman Diane Grapperhaus Katie Unverfehrt Lynette Eilermann	Youth Ministry Erin Ethridge Rhonda Pulver Paris Hempen
Choirs, Cantors, Musicians Leah Loddeke		Picnic Executives Jeff Niemeyer Adam Becker
Church Decorating Aggie Dumstorff		

**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 Usselmann (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.

Thank you for your generous donations

**13th Weekly Raffle Winner \$100!: Mike & Donna Nettemeier, 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](http://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 !**



### Around the Parish

**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.

### HOLIDAY MASSES

**We are in need of the following ministries at each of these holiday Masses.**

**Immaculate Conception:**  
**Monday, December 9th (8:00am)**

**Ushers:** (3-5 Ushers Needed)

**Extraordinary Ministers:** (3-5 Ministers Needed)

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**Monday, December 9th (12:10pm)**

**Ushers:** (3-5 Ushers Needed)

**Extraordinary Ministers:** (3-5 Ministers Needed)

**Christmas Eve:**  
**Tuesday, December 24th (4:30pm)**

**Ushers:** (2-4 Ushers Needed)

**Extraordinary Ministers:** (5-7 Ministers Needed)

**Altar Servers:** (3 Servers Needed)

**Christmas Eve:**  
**Tuesday, December 24th (10:30pm)**

**Ushers:** (4-6 Ushers Needed)

**Extraordinary Ministers:** (4-6 Ministers Needed)

**Altar Servers:** (2 Servers Needed)

**Christmas:**  
**Wednesday, December 25th (9:00am)**

**Ushers:** (3-5 Ushers Needed)

**Extraordinary Ministers:** (4-6 Ministers Needed)

**Altar Servers:** (3 Servers Needed)

### Around the Area

**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.

**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 Grūv Bistro & Wine Bar, located at 223 East Main St. Belleville, IL 62220.

**Corpus Christi Catholic Church is holding their 20th Annual Winter's Aire Concert, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree 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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:programs@snows.org), call 618-394-6281 or go to our website at: [www.snows.org](http://www.snows.org).

### MINISTERS OF THE MASS FOR December 7th & 8th

	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCARISTIC 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	<b>Lector:</b> Sarah Becker  <b>Organist/Cantor:</b> Darlene/ Mark C.  <b>Gift Bearer:</b> 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	<b>Lector:</b> Melissa Becker  <b>Organist/Cantor:</b> Choir  <b>Gift Bearer:</b> Volunteer