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Deacon Tim DeRousse

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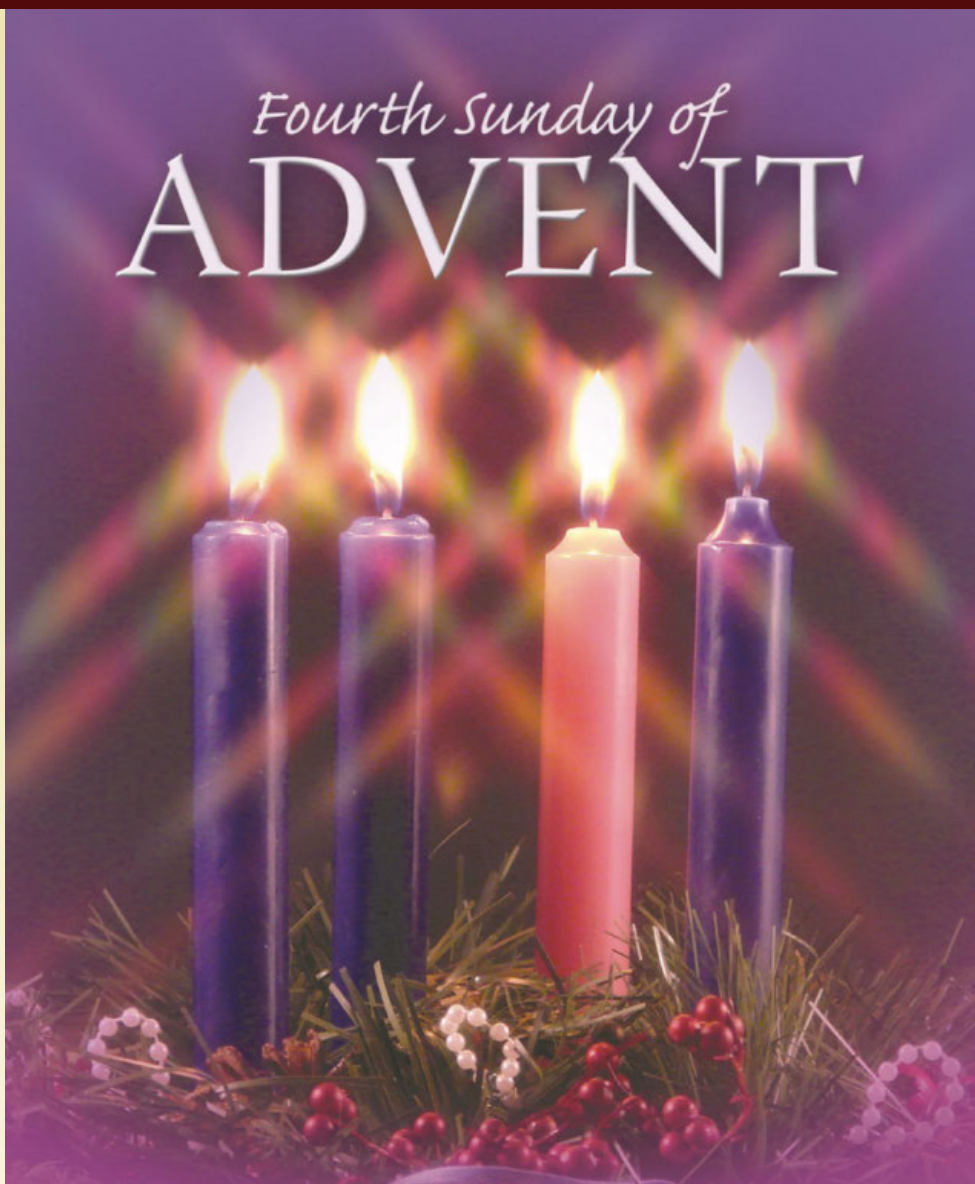
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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office at least four months in advance.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church or anytime by appointment.

Confirmation

Celebrated during the Season of Easter. Contact the Parish Office.

Eucharist

Tuesday 8:15 AM

Blessed Sacrament Church

Wednesday 8:15 AM

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Thursday 8:15 AM

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Friday 8:15 AM

Blessed Sacrament Church

Saturday 4:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament Church

Sunday

8:00 AM Blessed Sacrament Church

10:00 AM Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Holy Matrimony

Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance. If you or your intended have been previously married, please talk to the pastor before you schedule anything.

Holy Orders

Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated in the Fall at **Queen of Peace**, and **May 3, 2022 at Blessed Sacrament**.

In emergencies, contact the Parish Office or the priest residence.

New Parishioners

Please call or stop by the rectory to register.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 1:00 pm

4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and



God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be. ©LPi

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS FOR HOLIDAY WEEK	SATURDAY	December 18	4:30 p.m. (BS)	James Kassly, Leo Kappel, Rawlings Family, Deceased Members of the Descher & Grass Families
	SUNDAY	December 19	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Joseph & Marie Meyer, Special Intention of Robert & Margy McGlynn
	TUESDAY	December 21	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Frances Deschler
	WEDNESDAY	December 22	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Poor Souls
THURSDAY	December 23	8:15a.m. (QP)		
FRIDAY	December 24	8:15 a.m. (BS)		
	CHRISTMAS MASSES			
	FRIDAY	December 24	5:00 p.m. (BS)	Hatch & Tidwell Families
			10:00 p.m. (QP)	Elie & Ferguson Families
	SATURDAY	December 25	9:00 a.m. (QP)	McEvelly, Miller & Wallace Families
	SATURDAY	December 25	4:30 p.m. (BS)	NO MASS
SUNDAY	December 26	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Vincent & Mary Ann O’Leary	
		10:00 a.m. (QP)	Special Intention in Honor of Ron & Pat Lanter’s 65th Wedding Anniversary	



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPE



Donations can be made at either parish to help with the flower and greenery decorations this Holiday Season by using your "FLOWER" envelope. Memorial of loved ones can be added on the back of your envelope.

***Deadline to have loved ones names listed in the New Year's bulletin is Monday, December 20th.**

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Memorial Candles are part of the Christmas decorations at Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to remember a loved one this holiday, send a donation of \$4.00 per candle along with name(s) of your loved one to the Parish office. ***Deadline to have the names listed in the bulletin for New Year's is Monday, December 20th.**




HOLIDAY WEEK MASS TIMES

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve
 5:00 pm Blessed Sacrament
 10:00 pm Queen of Peace
Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day
 9:00 am Queen of Peace
 NO 4:30 pm MASS
Sunday, December 26
 8:00 am Blessed Sacrament
 10:00 am Queen of Peace
Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve
 NO 8:00 am MASS
 4:30 pm Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, January 1 New Year's Day
 9:00 am Queen of Peace
 4:30 pm Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, January 2
 8:00 am Blessed Sacrament
 10:00 am Queen of Peace

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Catholic Diocese of Belleville will sponsor the annual Diocesan Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, at 12 noon in the Monsignor Bernard Voss Parish Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville (masks will be required when not eating). Meals can also be delivered to those who are disabled/homebound (three meals maximum for delivery). If you or someone you know live alone and would like to attend the dinner or need a meal delivered, please call 618-722-5024 no later than December 15, 2021. Due to Covid-19 we are not able to accept homemade cookies.



Do you have any prayers to share with our Prayer Chain? Contact the parish office at 397-2287 or call Marian Meyer at 277-8155.

THE MESSENGER—DIOCESE NEWS

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HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Each parish is doing some form of giving through our Parish St. Vincent de Paul's, please choose which one pleases you!

BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE



As the holidays approach our commitment to serve the poor is our priority. Your participation this Christmas is crucial! We will continue our St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree with individual need requests, and will be assisting families through our school and help line requests. **We are asking you for cash donations to purchase gift cards for clothing needs and tuition relief.**

Our mission is to serve those in need in our parish community. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. **Donations can be sent to the parish office or placed in the collection basket designated for Blessed Sacrament St. Vincent de Paul no later than December 19th.** Questions: call Charlie or Sandy Cullen at 398-2506.

QUEEN OF PEACE ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

An opportunity to provide a Christmas gift to a person who may otherwise have none. This year our parish Giving Tree will be in the entrance of church.



Ways to help...

- * Choose a tag from our tree.
 - * Purchase a gift requested and deliver it back to church no later than Wednesday, December 19th.
 - * Send a monetary gift to the QPSVDP treasurer to be used for a family if you cannot shop.
- All gifts will need to be turned in by Wednesday, December 19, 2021.**
Questions? contact: Phyllis Ernst at 618-398-8929.



WESHARE DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.

VISIT OUR WESHARE SITE LISTED BELOW WITH QR CODES...

QP: qofp.weshareonline.org/  BS: blessedsacramentbelleville.weshareonline.org/ 

Any questions contact the parish office at 618-397-2287

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
A Night Under the Stars
 2022 DINNER AUCTION * ADULT PROM

Join us for a Night Under the Stars for our adult prom and annual dinner auction on Saturday, February 26, 2022!

How can you support the auction?

- Consider sponsoring the event.
- Taking out an Ad in our program
- Donate a basket item to our silent or live auction
- Purchase raffle tickets
- Attend the event.

Please continue to pray for the continued success of our QP faculty, staff and students.

Use the camera app on your phone to scan QR Code to go directly to auction website: Check out the QP Amazon wish list for silent auction, purchase raffle tickets or make a reservation. Forms for sponsorship, or ads are also available. Questions? Contact co-chairs Stacey Hesse or Liz Stookey at QPAuction@qofp.com.



BS: November Budget \$37,500	Actual YTD: \$25,315
QP: November Budget \$37,500	Actual YTD: \$28,133

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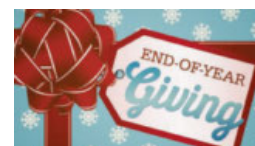
QCDs are distributions from traditional IRA accounts that are not included in taxable income.



Any parishioner taking Required Minimum Distributions from their IRA, and making donations to the church, should consider making their donation as a QCD. Please talk to your financial advisor or tax preparer for more details.

END OF YEAR GIVING

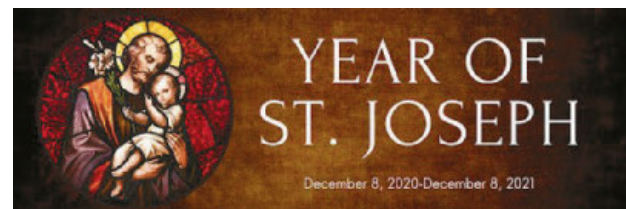
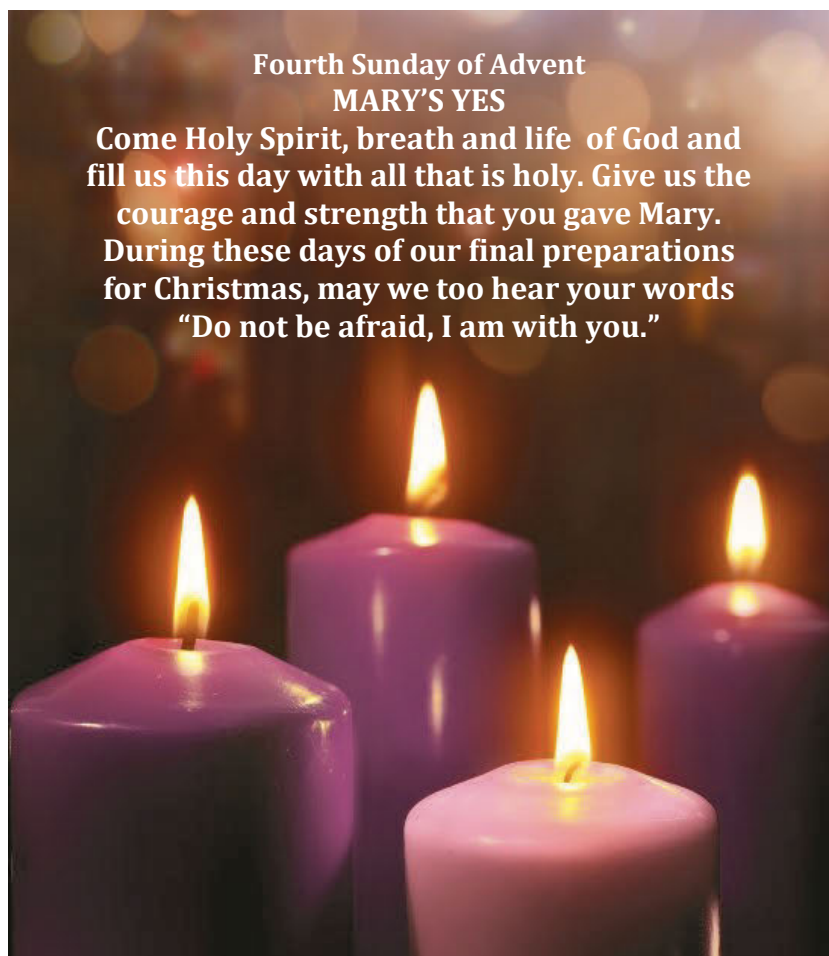
As calendar year 2021 nears a close, there are a number of ways to benefit your parish...



- A gift by check must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2021.
- Gifts of stock must be transferred by December 31, 2021.
- Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA are more complex and must clear your account by December 31, 2021.

*Remember to consult with your personal tax advisor regarding your own situation.

Thank you for your continued support to your parish.



Prayer to St. Joseph /Pope Francis

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself as father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline; 1-800-640-3044.

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