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## COMBINED PARISH OFFICES

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**Office Hours**  
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Deacon Tim DeRousse

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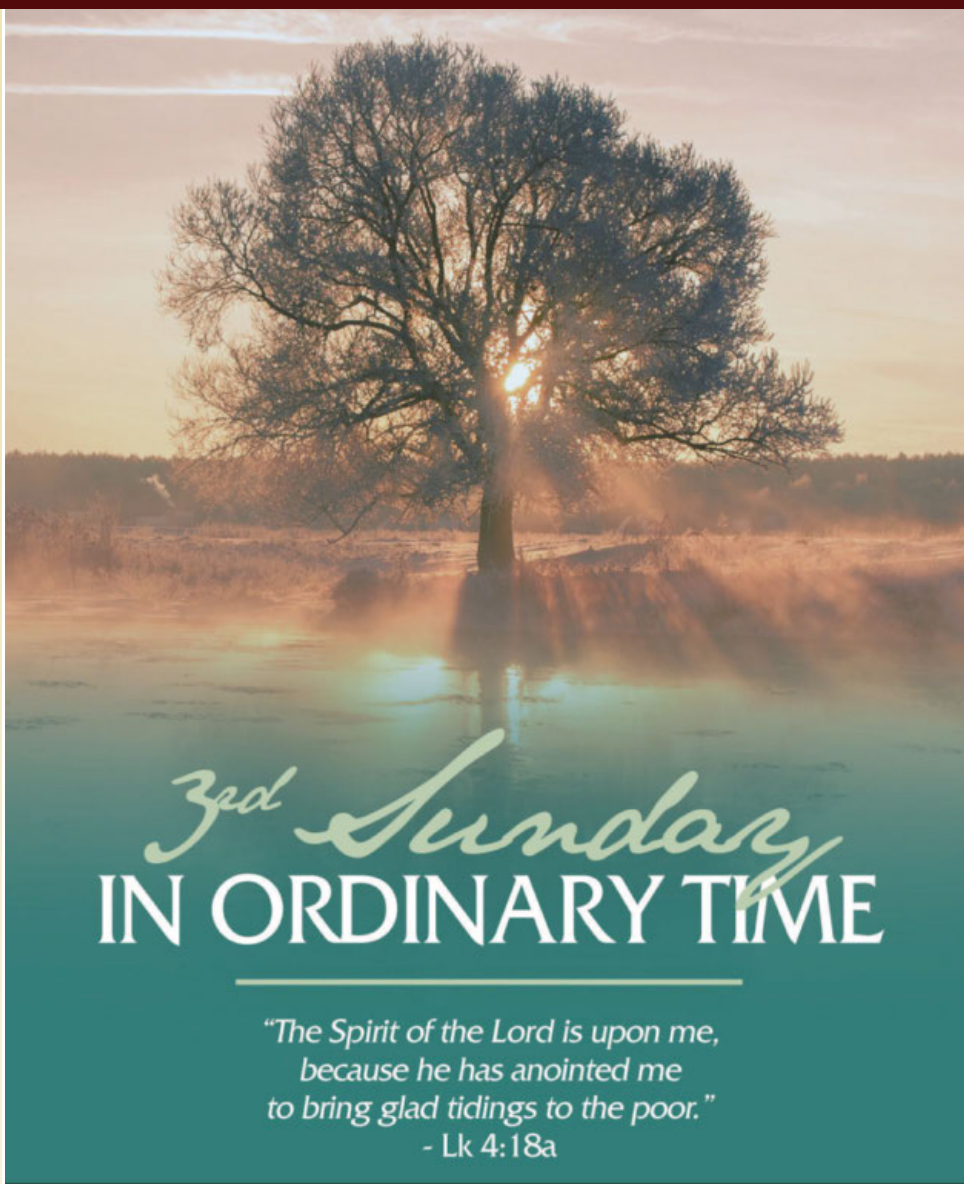
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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.”  
- Lk 4:18a

## PARISH SCHOOLS

### Blessed Sacrament School

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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**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God’s constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God’s fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi



**ST PEREGRINE DEVOTION**

Please join us to pray for those suffering with cancer at the 8:15 am Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace on Thursday, February 3, 2022.



**Catholic Schools Week 2022**  
January 30-February 5

[www.NCEA.org/csw](http://www.NCEA.org/csw)  
#CSW22

**MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY	January 22	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Ronald Smith, Lois Sieron, Christina Rudolf
SUNDAY	January 23	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Cyril & Helen Schmisser
		10:00 a.m. (QP)	Parish Family
TUESDAY	January 25	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Thelma Currat
WEDNESDAY	January 26	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Poor Souls
THURSDAY	January 27	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Hawkin Tolle
FRIDAY	January 28	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Mary Liz & Thomas O'Donnell
SATURDAY	January 29	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Wyatt Rawlings Jr. Family, William Ott, MD, Joseph Millard
SUNDAY	January 30	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
		10:00 a.m. (QP)	Roger Smith, Rose & George Phillips



Remember your loved ones with a Mass. Contact the parish office at 618-397-2287.





## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY

The tornados that hit Owensboro, Ky on January 3rd were devastating to so many people. We will be taking up a special collection to help those families who experienced such a loss. Please be as generous as you can. Please send in before January 30, 2022.



### BECOME A PRAYER CHAIN WARRIOR Believe in the Power of Prayer?

We could use your help! Join the Prayer Chain and help us pray for the intentions of family and friends from both of our parishes. Contact Sharon Needham at 618-234-7550 or email: [needhamsharon2@gmail.com](mailto:needhamsharon2@gmail.com).

### EVENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

**Thursday, January 27**

**QP ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Mtg. 6:30 pm in side room of church.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** 7:30 pm in QP church.

**Saturday, January 30**

**BS CHILI COOK OFF:** Tasting begins at 5:30 pm goes until 8 pm in the gym.

**Tuesday, February 1**

**QP-SODALITY/MOTHER'S CLUB:** 7 pm Mtg. in the school cafeteria.

**Thursday, February 3**

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** 7 pm in QP church.

**Monday, February 7**

**BS ST. VINCENT de PAUL:** Mtg. 7 pm in parish office basement.

### EMPOWER ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady Queen of Peace Schools have the opportunity to raise \$50,000 for each school.

Empower Illinois is the Tax Credit program that awards scholarships to schools as part of the Invest in Kids Act. A generous donor has created a 1 to 1 matching gift program, which means that every dollar you pledge to Empower Illinois an additional dollar will be donated to the school you designate. This donation gives you a 75% Illinois tax credit.

Last year this program benefited both Blessed Sacrament School and Our Lady Queen of Peace School. We must act fast! The matching gift program will only last until April 1, 2022. Please talk to your financial advisor or tax preparer. Additional information is available at [donors@empowerillinois.org](mailto:donors@empowerillinois.org).



### END OF YEAR TITHING STATEMENT

Reminder for those needing a End of Year Tithing Statement for taxes, please contact the parish office at 618-397-2287.

### DO YOU HAVE PRAYER TO SHARE WITH OUR PRAYER CHAIN?

Contact the parish office at 618-397-2287 or call Marian Meyer at 618-277-8155.

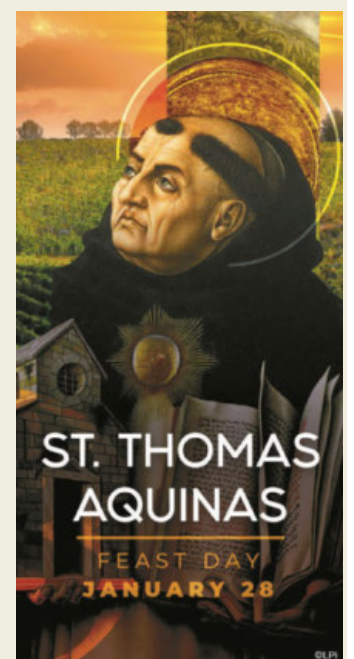


### SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

**St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28**

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



## LENTEN PREPARATION

In order to prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter, we must "Spiritually Cleanse" ourselves during our Lenten Journey. What better way to prepare for Lent than by studying the 7 Penitential Psalms that Holy Scripture provides us. In this 4 week study, we will focus on 2



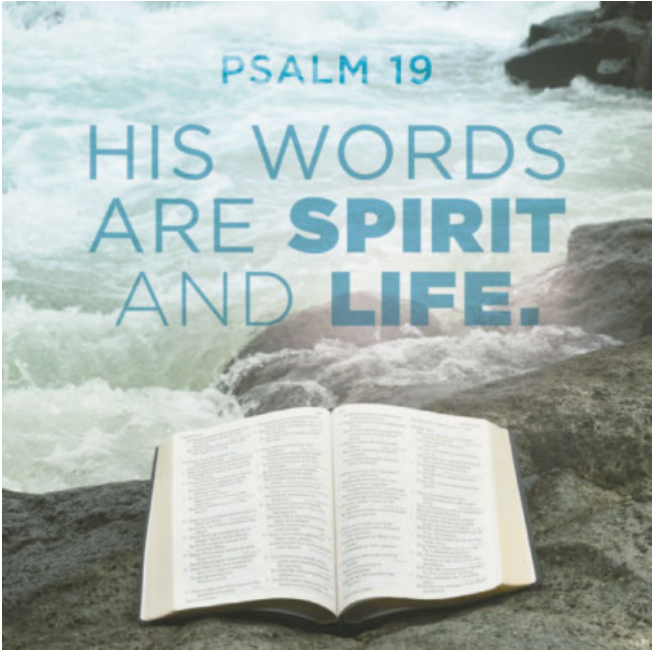
Psalms each week (Psalm 51, the Miserere will be its own week). This Bible Study will utilize Sarah Christmyer's book, "Create in Me a Clean Heart". Our study will be on Wednesday evenings at 7pm (Feb. 2nd,- 23rd) in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

Those interested in this study contact Greg Nowak at [greg.kowak@qofp.com](mailto:greg.kowak@qofp.com) or [nowak25@chater.net](mailto:nowak25@chater.net). Books will need to be ordered and we will use the Zoom platform.

## DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

We would like to begin a Adult Day Time Bible Study soon.

Those who are interested, contact Greg Nowak at [nowak25@charter.net](mailto:nowak25@charter.net) or [greg.nowak@qofp.com](mailto:greg.nowak@qofp.com). We would like to begin the study in February or March 2022. Day and time to be determined as well as topic. Watch for more details.



BS: December (Inc. Christmas) Budget \$63,500	Actual YTD: \$76,569
QP: December (Inc. Christmas) Budget \$53,400	Actual YTD: \$43,823



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### ONLY 3 EASY STEPS!!

1. Go to: QP: [qofp.weshareonline.org/](http://qofp.weshareonline.org/)  
BS: [blessedsacramentbelleville.weshareonline.org/](http://blessedsacramentbelleville.weshareonline.org/)

Or scan the QR code:

QP: QR CODE



BS: QR CODE



and click Give Online.

2. Click the collection you wish to donate to.
3. Click Recurring donation, enter your donation \$ & frequency.

**THANK YOU in ADVANCE!**

**Your donations help your parish and school!**

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God. ©LPi



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 the 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](mailto:QPAuction@qofp.com).

**CLEAN-OFF DAY AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**  
 Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Belleville & Holy Cross Cemetery in Fairview Hts. will be removing the live Christmas Blankets and Wreaths on Friday, February 4, 2022.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Gracious God, You have called us through Baptism to discipleship, believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world. We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and his people. May a new generation of priests, deacons, sisters and brothers be a sign of your presence among us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

*“Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.”*

—Dale Carnegie

**GROWING WITH THE Gospel**  
 CYCLE C



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**GOSPEL**

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah’s words, they described Jesus perfectly, Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in public, even to help blind people see.

**PRAYER**

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

**PUZZLE**

Circle these words from today’s Gospel:

- |        |         |       |
|--------|---------|-------|
| SPIRIT | FREEDOM | LORD  |
| CHOSEN | SIGHT   | JESUS |
| POOR   | SUFFERS | TRUE  |

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**MISSION**

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!



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