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Deacon Tim DeRousse

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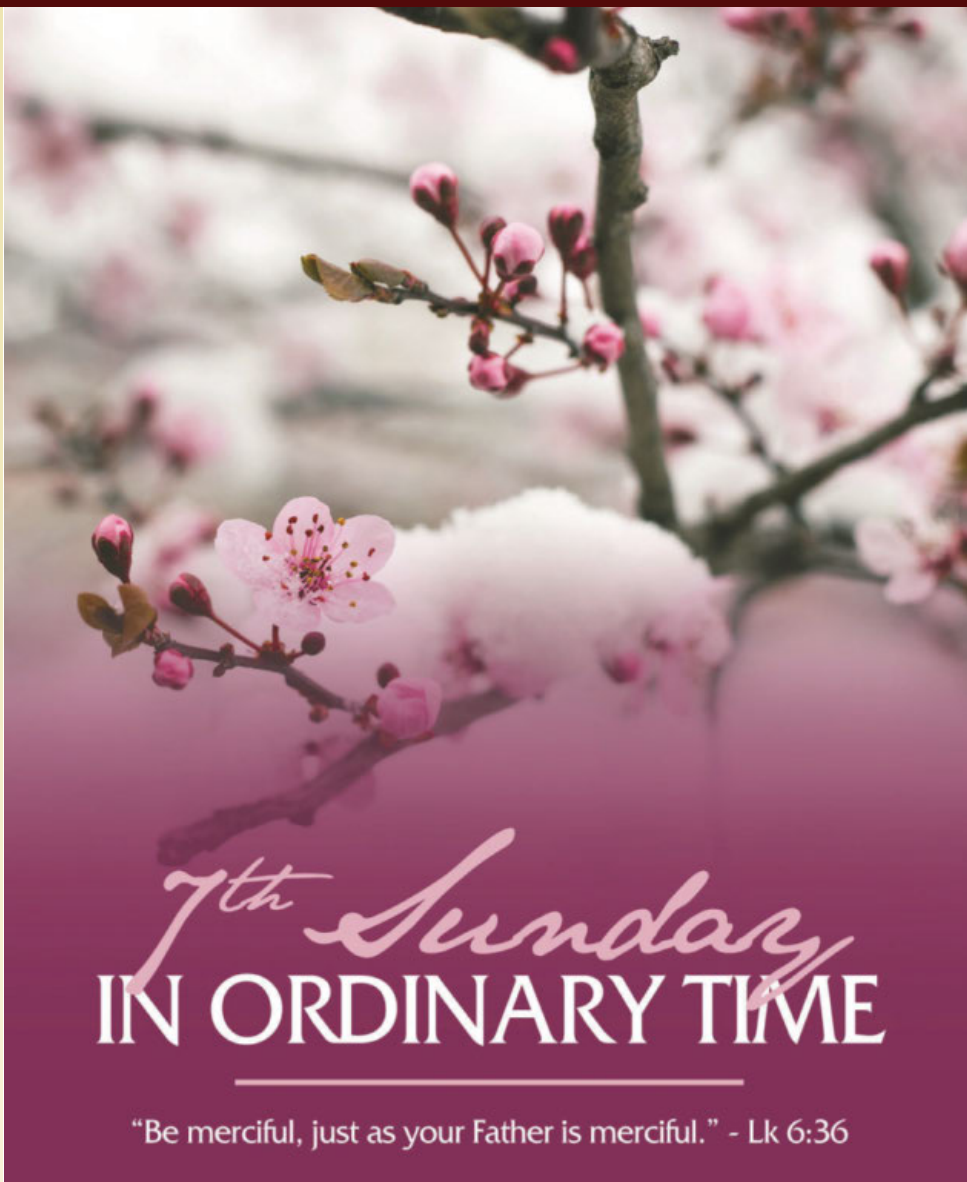
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7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” - Lk 6:36

PARISH SCHOOLS

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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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sometimes, Jesus' teachings don't seem to make practical sense. When we hear things like love your enemies and do good to them, turn the other cheek when struck, give to anyone who asks, do to others as you would have them do to you, be merciful, stop judging, forgive, and give to others, we get a bit unsettled. After all, it's okay for God to do all of these things, but does He really want us to do them, too? Many good-hearted Christians really draw the line with some of these ideals and say, "No way!" They even remark that if someone did something hurtful to someone they loved, they would have no reservations seeking severe retribution. There is still this persistent thinking, even among those who consider themselves Christian, that a violent action deserves a violent response. Somehow, we continue to justify this.

Yet, it is most clearly against the very grain of the Gospel. Part of our difficulty has more to do with understanding God's love. We wrongly think that sinful or hurtful actions and evil people somehow are seen as lesser in God's eyes. They are not. God loves the sinner as much as He does the saint. And, both of these inclinations exist in every human being, even those who consider themselves holy. Both the capacity for good and the disposition toward evil exist in every one of us. Viktor Frankl has this to say when reflecting on the Holocaust: "Our generation is a realistic generation because we have learned what a human being really is. When all is said and done, man is that same creature who invented the gas-chambers of Auschwitz; but he is also that being who walked upright into those chambers with the prayer 'Shema Yisrael' on his lips."

If we believe in God, we have to act like God. Whether we like that idea is another issue. If we don't then perhaps, we need to reconsider our faith and whether we really believe in Jesus Christ. We are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian must, at all costs, leave resentment and the need for retaliation behind, lose defensiveness and bring into the mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world. ©LP



Two ears, one mouth. Is there a lesson here?

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS	SATURDAY	February 19	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Rev. Paul Stauder, Antonia Abegg, Dolores T. Kassly, Deborah Wondolowski, Adolph & Emma Auer
	SUNDAY	February 20	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Special Intention for Robert & Margy McGlynn, Mary E. Flynn, Wayne Muren, Kathy Rettle
	TUESDAY	February 22	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Cyril & Helen Schmisieur
	WEDNESDAY	February 23	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Adolph & Emma Auer
	THURSDAY	February 24	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Jay Kelly
	FRIDAY	February 25	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Poor Souls
	SATURDAY	February 26	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Charlotte Huggins, Joseph Millard, Albert J. Hoppenjans, Martin C. Hart
	SUNDAY	February 27	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Roger Smith, Amelia Grass, Rose & George Phillips, Wayne Muren



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.nowak@qofp.com or nowak25@chater.net. Books will need to be ordered and we will use the Zoom platform.



CRS RICE BOWL

– A Lenten Opportunity
During lent we are asked to pray, fast, and give alms as a preparation for Easter. This year, consider taking the opportunity to participate in the Catholic Relief

Services RICE BOWL – For LENT for LIFE. Your RICE BOWL is available at church as you enter, or you can contact the business office. It comes with a Lenten calendar filled with intentions, teachings, fasting ideas, stories of hope, and outreach through giving. In short it offers a way to walk through Lent and reach out to others. At the end of Lent, just tally up your alms, write out a check and drop it in the basket at church, or give online at crsricebowl.org/give. Please use the envelope included with your bowl, and write checks for the Rice Bowl should be made out to “Queen of Peace” or “Blessed Sacrament” with “Rice Bowl” in the memo line. A portion of the proceeds serve the needy in our local community and a portion goes to serve the global community.

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 or 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.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES March 2, 2022

8:15 am Our Lady Queen of Peace
10:00 am Blessed Sacrament
12:15 pm Blessed Sacrament

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH BISHOP BRAXTON DURING LENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I would like to offer a scripture seminar on the writings of St. Paul at my residence (400 Oak Hill Drive, Belleville) during the six weeks of Lent. The seminar will be based on N.T. Wright’s very readable book, [Paul: A Biography](#). It is available on amazon.com for about \$30. Please order the book immediately after your registration has been accepted. All participants will need to bring a copy of this book and a copy of the New Testament. I am limited to inviting only 12 participants who will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, please call or email Mr. Tom Myler, my Administrative Assistant (314-707-0832, tmyler@diobelle.org). The seminar will take place from 7-9:30 PM on Wednesdays - March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6. At this point, I have some flexibility in making some adjustments in the schedule, once we know who the participants are. We will, of course, follow all protocols that are in place at that time concerning the Coronavirus pandemic. St. Jerome teaches us that to be ignorant of Sacred Scripture is to be ignorant of Jesus Christ. I hope you can join us.
The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D



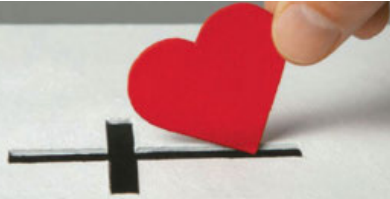


**LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

“Love your enemies and do good to them.” We have such a hard time with this teaching! But it doesn’t end there. Jesus continues with turning the other cheek when struck, giving to everyone who asks, doing to others as you would have them do to you, being merciful, stopping our judgment of others, forgiving, and giving. We are okay when God does these things but get a little anxious when we realize that God really wants us to do them too! Secular justice and Gospel justice are definitely not the same. We need to remember that we are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian is called to act like Christ even in those situations where a more assertive or defensive response may seem more justifiable. In order to live up to this call we have to leave our resentment and need for retaliation behind, lose our defensiveness and bring into our mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world. We are not here to satisfy or promote our own well-being and agenda. We are here for God’s. That’s a hard nut to crack especially when it comes to loving and forgiving people who do hurtful and violent things. ©LPI

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QP: January Budget \$38,500	Actual YTD: \$35,573

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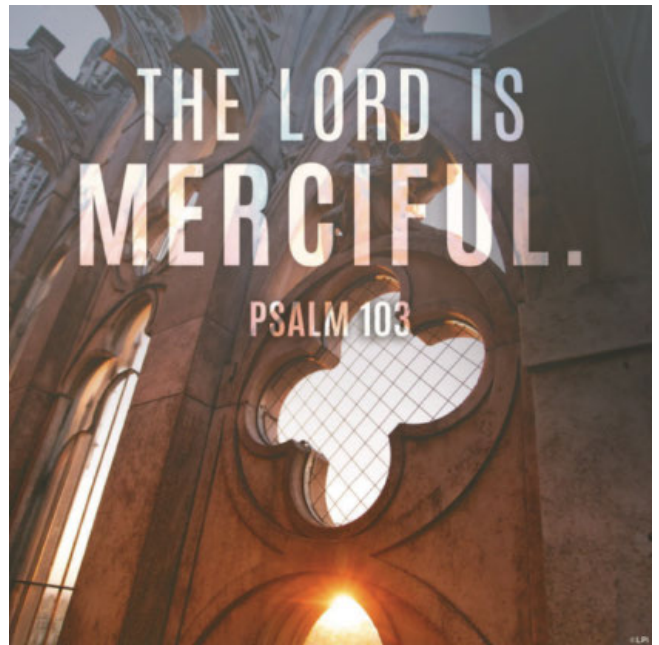
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**BEGIN YOUR LENT WITH
CONFESSION**
There will be 24 consecutive hours of Confession at the Cathedral. Eighteen priests will take turns hearing confessions Friday afternoon, evening through Saturday afternoon. The Blessed Sacrament

will be exposed for the 24 hours. This is a great opportunity especially if it’s been a while since your last Confession.



2022 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL TIME

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the CSMA ; every gift – no matter the size – is important and needed! Seventeen (17) diocesan ministries/programs funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal are direct recipients of your parishioners’ gifts.

**COSGROVE'S
KITCHEN
CASSEROLE
PROGRAM**

Please mark on envelope "Cosgrove's Kitchen".



We will be accepting donations until FEBRUARY 21ST. Thank you in advance for your generosity. In these difficult times our parishioners are always there to help those in need!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Blessed Sacrament Parish
Lenten Fish Frys**

Blessed Sacrament Fish Fry committee has announced the Lenten Fish Fry dates for 2022... **March 11th, April 1st & 15th.** Watch the bulletin for volunteer opportunities.

With Sympathy, please keep in your thoughts and prayers...

Katherine Radcliffe, who passed away on January 29, 2022, **Dick Effinger**, who passed away on February 3, 2022, May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.



Always True to the Gold and Blue

**ALTHOFF
CATHOLIC
ANNUAL GALA**

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

Althoff Catholic High School is hosting its 7th Annual Gala "Always True to the Gold and Blue" on **Friday, April 8, 2022** at the Four

Points by Sheraton – Fairview Heights. Revenue from the Gala will help support the school's mission of educating young people, in the Catholic tradition, to lead successful, faith-filled lives.

If you have contributed to the gala in the past, we sincerely thank you and kindly ask for your continued support. There are many ways you can support the gala this year - purchase an event ticket, donate a silent auction item, purchase a Large Cash Raffle Ticket, or make a donation on behalf of **Blessed Sacrament Parish or Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish.** These parishioner donations will be combined and a special auction item will be purchased in the name of our parish.

Please visit the gala's [registration page](#) and select "Parish Donation" to make a gift online. If you would prefer to pay by check, please make checks payable to Althoff Catholic High School by March 25, 2022, with our parish name in the memo line, and send them directly to: **Althoff Catholic High School, 5401 West Main Street, Belleville, IL 62226**



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The students from Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Henry's Parishes as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Combined Confirmation is Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at QP 7 pm.

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? We would love for you to join us on February 26 for the event in the Driscoll Parish Center! Consider sponsoring the event, taking out an ad in our program, donating a basket or item to our silent auction or live auction, or purchasing raffle tickets to win **\$750 cash, a Quarter Side of Beef, or a YETI Tundra 45 Cooler.** Please continue to pray for the continued success of our Queen of Peace faculty, staff and students. In the back of church there are silent auction ideas and extra raffle tickets We also need donations of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and water for the event.

Use the camera App on your phone to scan the QR code to go directly to our auction website to visit our Amazon Wish List, submit your sponsorship or add, view and purchase raffle tickets and to RSVP for the event.



Questions? Contact co-chairs Liz Stookey and Stacey Hesse 2022 Auction Chairs at QPAuction@gofp.com

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