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## **Office Hours**

M - F. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Deacon Tim DeRousse

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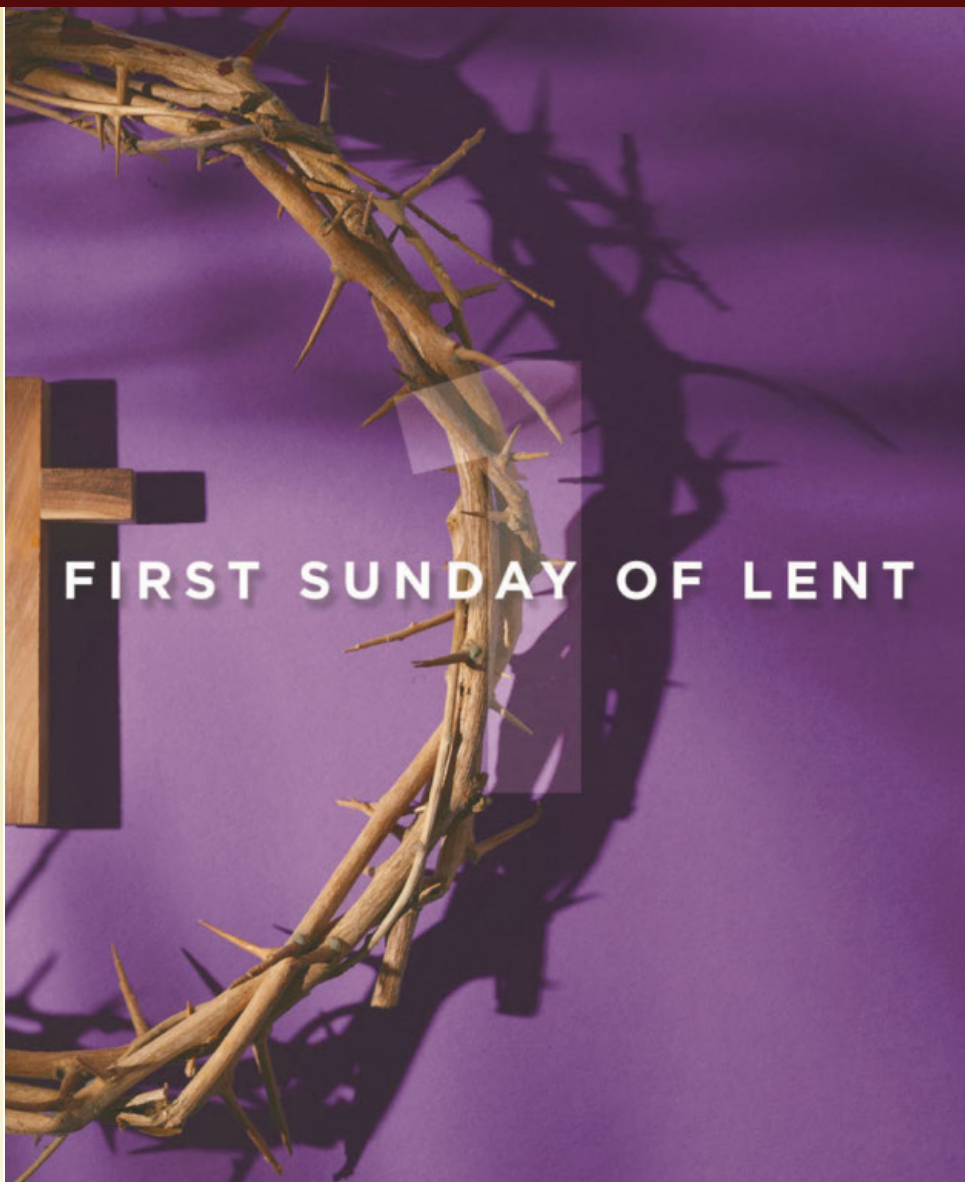
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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

## **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**

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the “path of least resistance.” The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?



We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a “pet” one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation’s remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us. ©LPi

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**



1:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Mount Carmel Peace Chapel. All are cordially welcomed. This group has offered support to those who are grieving since September of 1998.

*“There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness.”*  
—Josh Billings

<b>MASS TIMES &amp; MASS INTENTIONS</b>	SATURDAY	March 5	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Ronald E. Smith, Patricia Murphy, Eileen “Tinker” Jamruk
	SUNDAY	March 6	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Carey Mansfield/Sawyer, MaryBeth Rompel Schaltenbrand, Wayne Muren
	TUESDAY	March 8	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Ronald E. Smith
	WEDNESDAY	March 9	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Poor Souls
	THURSDAY	March 10	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Jay Keeley
	FRIDAY	March 11	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Cyril & Helen Schmisser
	SATURDAY	March 12	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Rev. Paul Stauder, Adolph & Emma Auer
	SUNDAY	March 13	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Mary Swedo, Joseph & Marie Meyer, Wayne Muren



# Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

**PARTNERSHIP  
PENANCE  
SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
MARCH 6, 2022  
1:00 PM AT  
OUR  
LADY  
QUEEN  
OF  
PEACE  
CHURCH**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

2:30 pm- Monday's @ QUEEN OF PEACE & Wednesday's @ BLESSED SACRAMENT

March 7 @ QP

March 9 @ BS

March 16 @ BS

March 21 @ QP

March 23 @ BS

March 30 @ BS

April 4 @ QP

April 6 @ BS

## WELCOME TO OUR FAITH FAMILY

**Anne Francis Diekemper**, daughter of Jason & Katherine (VonBrecht) Diekemper,

**Nancy Marie Meirink**, daughter of Andrew & Natalie ( Wipperman) Meirink,

**Luke Thomas Holman**, son of John & Jody (Reynolds) Holman, and

**Laurel Joann Flikkema**, daughter of Jon & Caitlin (McGlynn) Flikkema, who were Baptized in our parish.



## LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

We offer the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song on Thursdays at Queen of Peace at 7:00 p.m. starting on March 10th through April 7th as an opportunity for additional prayer time. Please join us as we pray together on our Lenten journey.



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

**Ronald Wallace**, who passed away on February 21, 2022. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

## 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



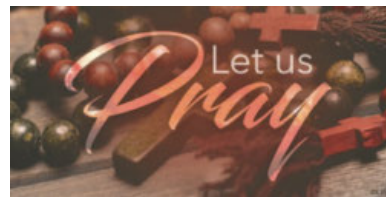


**DIOCESAN FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM**  
 During Lent we are collecting food for area Food Pantry's. All non-perishable food items are useful and needed like:

- Canned Meats/Fish
- Dry Package Items
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Chicken
- Pancake Mix (complete)
- Canned Beef Stews
- Bisquick/Baking Mix
- Canned Ravioli; Spaghetti
- Breakfast Cereals
- Canned Chicken/Dumplings
- Cornbread Mix
- Canned Soups and Chili
- Dried Beans (Navy, Pinto, etc.)
- Canned Tuna, Salmon and Sardines
- Rice
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Macaroni
- Fruit and Applesauce
- Noodles/Pasta of any type
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Vegetables-corn, peas, carrots, green beans
- Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat
- Canned Tomatoes
- Graham Crackers
- Saltine Crackers
- Canned Beets
- Milk (powdered or canned)
- Staples
- Canned Pork and Beans
- Sugar
- Canned Whole White Potatoes
- Flour
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Coffee (ground & instant)

**LIVE THE LITURGY -  
 INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Human beings did not come to believe in God just because of someone's private testimony about him. Rather, belief in God became real when human beings understood that all of human history is being guided and lead, kept and sustained by a God who is incredibly in love with all that he has made. It is this realization that leads us to thanksgiving and gratitude for the one who



gives us "this land flowing with milk and honey." It also leads us to adoration and worship as we

continue to see the creative power of God's presence in all of the events of our lives. The Church stands as a living witness to all of these things and calls us this Lent to reflect and remember. There is a great temptation for human beings to leave the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them. Falling into this temptation we cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. While having more may seem better, the only thing we really need more of is love. This fortifies us and keeps us from falling. ©LPi

BS: January Budget \$38,500	Actual YTD: \$31,257
QP: January Budget \$38,500	Actual YTD: \$35,573

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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:  
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**2022 CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL**

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 & Ministry Appeal are direct recipients of your gifts.



### CAMP O TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Church in Fairview Heights, IL. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each or \$200 for a table of up to 8 people. Raffle prizes and games during the event.

To make a reservation visit [www.ondessonk.com](http://www.ondessonk.com)

### ON OUR OWN EVENT

For March, the On Our Own group will be gathering at Tim & Joe's on Main Street. We will be meeting on Wednesday, March 16, at 11:00am for lunch. Come and join us for a pre St. Patrick's Day gathering. We will talk, eat, laugh, and enjoy each other's company. New people are always welcome! If you have questions, please contact Karen Vick at 618-277-3374 or [Kvgr4@aol.com](mailto:Kvgr4@aol.com). Hope to see you there!

### SAVE THE DATE!! 15TH ANNUAL ELLA PRICKETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in Queen of Peace Parish Center. Doors open at 6:15 pm, starts at 7 pm. Cost \$20 per person, includes beer, soda, and a snack. **(Just a reminder that all graduating Catholic 8th graders from St. Henry, Queen of Peace and Blessed Sacrament are eligible to be awarded this scholarship.)** For reservations call Kim Ahrens at 618-540-8383.



*Always True to the Gold and Blue*

### ALTHOFF 7TH ANNUAL GALA

Althoff Catholic High School is hosting its 7th Annual Gala

"Always True to the Gold and Blue" on April 8, 2022.

Please visit the gala's registration page <https://althoffcatholic.ejoinme.org/Gala2022> 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**

### UP COMING CLASS REUNIONS

**ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL & ST. TERESA ACADEMY CLASS OF '70 TURNS 70**

**FORMALY KNOWN AS 50TH CLASS REUNION**

**Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Holy Trinity Parish Center**  
For information email: [ahssta50th@gmail.com](mailto:ahssta50th@gmail.com).

**ACADEMY of NOTRE DAME Junior Class of 1972**

**50th REUNION—May 29, 2022 at 2pm.**

**Clinton Hills Pavilion—Swansea, IL. For more information contact Kathy Steckler at 618-233-8003.**



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LENTEN FISH FRY'S

Blessed Sacrament is looking for volunteers for the March 11<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry. If you can help go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849aaac23aafe3-march>.

Dine in or carry out available. Average cost for plate dinner is \$12. The upcoming Lenten Fish Fry dates for 2022... **March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.**



**Thank you to everyone who supported our 2022 Queen of Peace Auction! Through your generosity, we raised \$85,000 Our Lady Queen of Peace School!**

**Congratulations to the Raffle Winners:**

**Tuition—Padgett Family**

**\$750 CASH—Brad & Jodi Reinhardt**

**Quarter Side of Beef—**

**Nick & Michelle Kujawa**

**Ray & Jamie Schott**

**YETI Tundra Cooler—Ron & Cindy Schaefer**

**Congratulations to the 2022 Prom Court for raising funds for our school.**

**David Padgett was crowned King and**

**Jill Geoppo was crowned Queen.**

### CRS RICE BOWL

This year, consider taking the opportunity to participate in the Catholic Relief Services RICE BOWL – For LENT for LIFE. Your RICE BOWL is available as you enter church.

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](http://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.



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