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Deacon Tim DeRousse

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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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do



you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so. St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, “he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God.” We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It’s not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly. ©LPi



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

The students from Our Lady Queen of Peace & Blessed Sacrament, as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Queen of Peace - Sunday, April 24th at the 10 am Mass, and Blessed Sacrament - Saturday, April 30th at the 4:30pm Mass.

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS	SATURDAY	March 12	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Rev. Paul Stauder, Adolph & Emma Auer
		SUNDAY	March 13	8:00 a.m. (BS) Parish Family
	TUESDAY	March 15	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Russell Blaes
	WEDNESDAY	March 16	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Poor Souls
	THURSDAY	March 17	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Mary Flynn
	FRIDAY	March 18	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Patrick Fiore
	SATURDAY	March 19	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Rose Marie Micka, Dr. Harry Lipe
	SUNDAY	March 20	8:00 a.m. (BS) Parish Family	10:00 a.m. (QP) Special Intention of Robert & Margy McGlynn, Jack Polites, Ray Wiley



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.

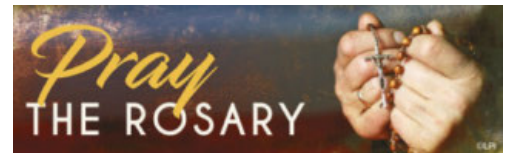


2:30 pm - Monday's @ QUEEN OF PEACE & Wednesday's @ BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Wednesday, March 16 @ BS
 Monday, March 21 @ QP
 Wednesday, March 23 @ BS
 Monday, March 30 @ BS
 Monday, April 4 @ QP
 Wednesday, April 6 @ BS



LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

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



2ND COLLECTION TAKEN DURING LENT
 All proceeds collected will be split 50/50 with our parish St. Vincent de Paul's & the Diocesan Food for Families Program.

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:

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

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. 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.



The Key of the Day
Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night.

—George Herbert



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

While we have to be cognizant of our societal and personal responsibilities in this world, we can never lose sight of where our true citizenship lies — heaven. When we become too immersed in earthly things and too preoccupied with our temporal responsibilities, we can actually become numb to our faith. Becoming ambivalent about our faith, our belief in Jesus Christ and the promises of heaven become more a source of agitation rather than a source of promise and hope. It is easy to become an enemy of Christ without even knowing it is happening. God has given us a very clear destiny. We are definitely not meant to conform ourselves to this world but to the transfiguration and glorification of our bodies to come. It is here where we can see clearly not only who God is but who we are. The way many conduct the daily business of their lives suggests that such a promise or hope is of little importance. What does the way you live your daily life say about you? ©LPi

BS: February Budget \$37,600	Actual YTD: \$26,318
QP: February Budget \$37,600	Actual YTD: \$28,060



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Our Parish Community does benefit from your donations.

Please prayerfully consider donating today using your debit/credit card, checking, or savings account. Make a donation for Sunday Contributions, donate to St. Vincent de Paul, Mass Memorial, School Annual fund, School Tuition Assistance, Church Improvement Fund.

ONLY 3 EASY STEPS!!

1. Go to: QP: qofp.weshareonline.org/
BS: blessedsacramentbelleville.weshareonline.org/

Or scan the QR code:

QP:QR CODE



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and click Give Online.

2. Click the collection you wish to donate to.
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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.

SEASONAL GROUNDKEEPER NEEDED

The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a part-time Seasonal Groundkeeper. Position offers flexible daytime hours working 24-30 hours per week. This position includes preserving the grounds at the Pastoral Center and other diocesan-owned buildings. Mostly lawncare, along with some exterior and interior general maintenance. To apply send cover letter with resume to Human Resource Dept., Diocese of Belleville, 222 S. 3rd St., Belleville, IL, 62220. FAX to 618-722-5020; email to humanresources@diobelle.org. Application deadline: March 15, 2022

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. Hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LENTEN FISH FRY'S

Blessed Sacrament is looking for volunteers for the April 1st Fish Fry. If you can help go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849aaac23aaf3-march>.

Dine in or carry out available. Average cost for plate dinner is \$12. The next upcoming Lenten Fish Fry dates for 2022... **April 1st & 15th.**



Blessed Sacrament PTO Presents:
A SPRING CASH RAFFLE
Enter to win Four CASH Prizes

Tickets \$10 each

Grand Prize: \$1000
Second Prize: \$500
Third & Fourth Prizes: \$250

Drawing on 4/1/22 FISH FRY

*Raffle will turn into a 50/50 if fewer than 250 tickets are sold.

Purchase your tickets from a student, school office, parish office or at any Fish Frys. Make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament PTO. Buy online at <https://one.bidpal.net/vikingscashraffle2022> Please share this link with family and friends! (Need not be present to win.)

All proceeds directly benefit students of Blessed Sacrament School!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God, You have called 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.

NOON LUNCHEON at ST. LUKE'S PARISH CENTER

Tuesday, April 5, 2022. 226 N. Church St. Belleville, IL. Play Cards, Board Game of your choice & BINGO. Enjoy Lunch, Mostaccioli & Meat Sauce, Salad/Ital dressing, Roll, Cake, coffee, hot or Iced Tea & water. Tally \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carry-out). Cards & BINGO with prizes. Bring canned goods for the Food Pantry.

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.

**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.

ALTHOFF'S 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**



QUILT & CASH BINGO
Sunday, March 20, 2022
St. Joseph Parish Center
6 north Alton St.
Freeburg, Il. 62243
Lighting Raffle 12:30 pm
Quilt & Cash Bingo 1:30 pm
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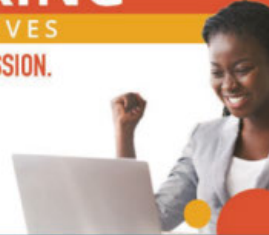
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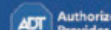


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