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Deacon Tim DeRousse

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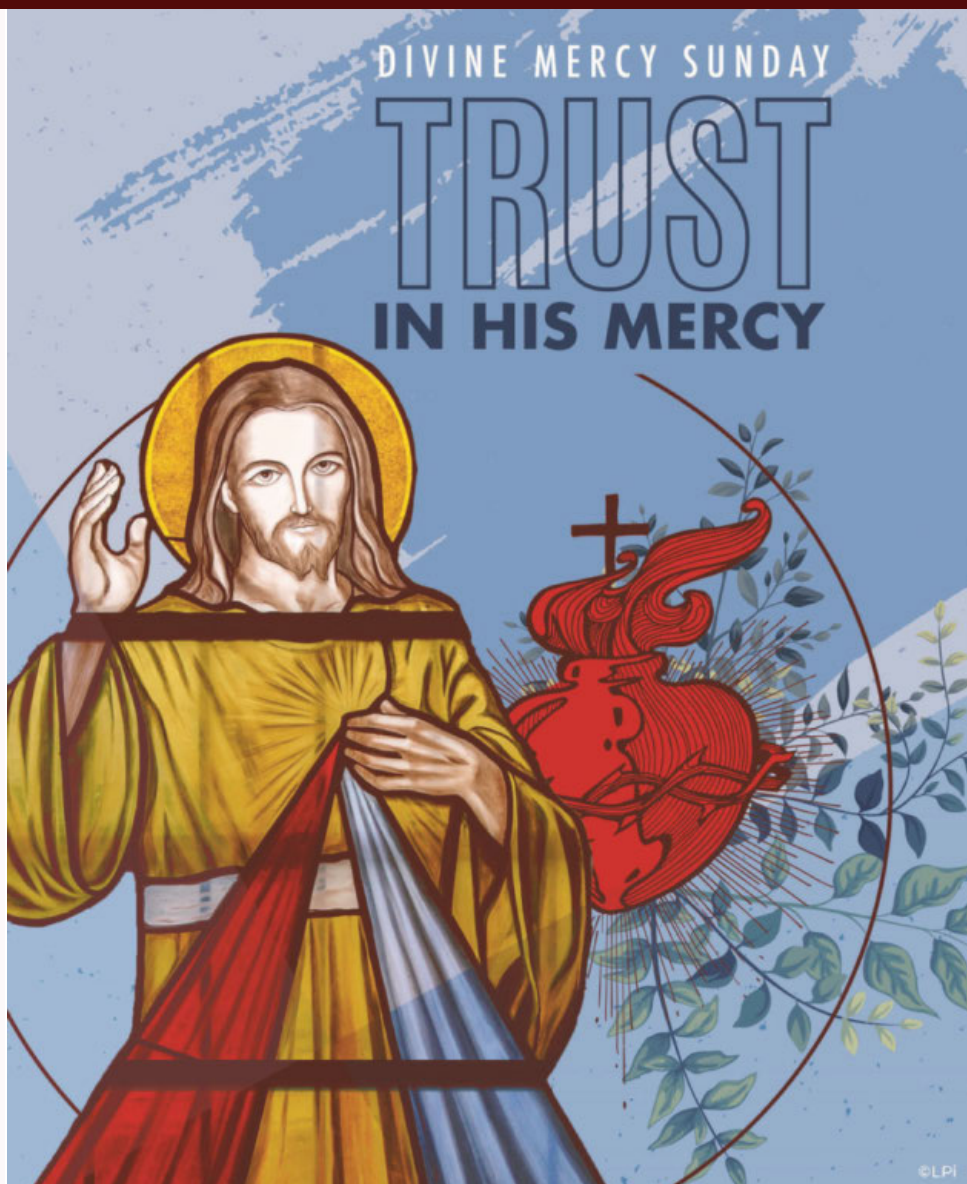
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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

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

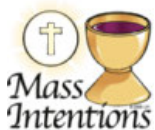
2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself!

Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!" ©LPi



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

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS	SATURDAY	April 23	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Martha Goelz, Dr. Bill Knaus, Anna Bauer, Edward Grass, Adolph & Emma Auer
	SUNDAY	April 24	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Roger Smith, Mary E. Flynn, Rose & George Phillips, Betty Keeley
	TUESDAY	April 26	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Cyril & Helen Schmisser
	WEDNESDAY	April 27	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Josephine Walko
	THURSDAY	April 28	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Mary Beth Rompel Schaltenbrand
	FRIDAY	April 29	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Msgr. James Blazine
	SATURDAY	April 30	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Parish Family
	SUNDAY	May 1	8:00 a.m. (BS)	O'Leary/ St. Eve Families
			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Wayne Muren, Rev. Vincent Hazelhorst, Efigenia Spacher



MEN'S RETREAT AT THE KING'S HOUSE

Men's ACTS Retreat -
May 12-18, 2022

The ACTS weekend INSPIRES, ENCOURAGES, CHALLENGES, and so much more. It is put on by the Lay men, for lay men and supported from our Parish Priest's. Take a leap and enjoy some quality time away from your busy life and with Jesus. This retreat is open to all Men 18 yrs and older. Hosted by men from Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia Il. To embrace the journey contact Keith at 314-750-3801/ email: kcrenner63@gmail.com or Greg 618-420-1637/ email: sheehanjk@charter.net.

REMEMBER AND HONOR THE MESSENGER MEMORIAL DAY EDITION

Memorial Day is fast approaching and we hope to do a story related to the holiday. If anyone has a story to tell about someone you know or a relative who gave the ultimate sacrifice during war, please let us know. Send any information to: editor@bellevillemessenger.org no later than May 1st.

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



Jane Freeland, who passed away on April 12, 2022, **Charlotte Barger**, who passed away on April 13, 2022 and **Kenneth Hipkind** who passed away on April 16, 2022. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

The 2022 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Go and do likewise... -Luke 10:37

"Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable." - Bishop Michael McGovern
Please consider a gift to the appeal today!

MINI DUMP TRUCK NEEDED

Holy Cross Cemetery in Fairview Heights is in need of a mini Dump truck which will be used by the cemetery for all burials and maintenance projects. A used truck in good condition is acceptable or donations, which would be tax deductible, are also welcome. For additional information, please call Dee Dee Murray at the Cemetery Association office - 618-397-0181. Thank you for any help you might provide.



DON'T MISS YOUR UP COMING CLASS REUNION!

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: hssta50th@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.

Noon Luncheon
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
St. Luke's Parish Center
226 North Church St., Belleville, IL





Mothers Day

Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO
Enjoy a delicious lunch,
Have fun and support St. Luke's Parish!
Menu: TBD Spring Surprise,
Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water

Tally: \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carryout)
Cards & BINGO with prizes

Bring canned goods for the Food Pantry





BS: March Budget \$37,000	Actual YTD: \$26,528
QP: March Budget \$37,000	Actual YTD: \$31,191



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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, St. Vincent de Paul, Mass Memorial's, School Annual Fund, School Tuition Assistance, Church Improvement Fund and more.

ONLY 3 EASY STEPS!!

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

WE THANK YOU in ADVANCE!

Your donations help your parish and school!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe! ©LPi



HELP KEEP OUR RECORDS CURRENT

Have you moved or changed your phone number or email?? We need your help! Send any changes to the parish office.

Name: _____
Address: _____
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Parish
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Easter Flower Memorial's



Arns Family
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 Pete Bauer
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 Vic Behrmann
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 McEvelly, Mueller & Wallace Families
 Walsh-Fournie Families
 Ben J. Wessel
 Jim Wessel
 Anna Wiegand/Wessel
 George & Lottie Wieggers
 Hubert O. Williams, Jr.
 Wimmer Family



WELCOME TO OUR FAITH FAMILY

Miriam Dapron, who was received into the Church and her son, *Benjamin Dapron* who was Baptized and received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

WELCOME RECEPTION

A reception will be held in the QP Parish Center on May 1st after the 10 am Mass to welcome Miriam and her son, Benjamin. Light refreshments will be served. Please come and welcome them and the rest of their family.

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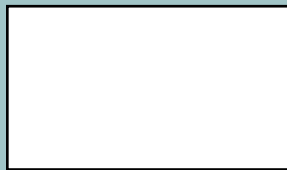
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