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## **PRIEST RESIDENCE**

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## **COMBINED PARISH OFFICES**

8707 West Main Street  
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**Phone:** 618.397.2287  
**Office Hours**  
M - F. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Pastor**

Rev. Matthew Elie

### **In Residence**

Rev. Msgr. John W. McEvilly

### **Deacon**

Deacon Tim DeRousse

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, “Follow me.” - Jn 21:19b

## 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**

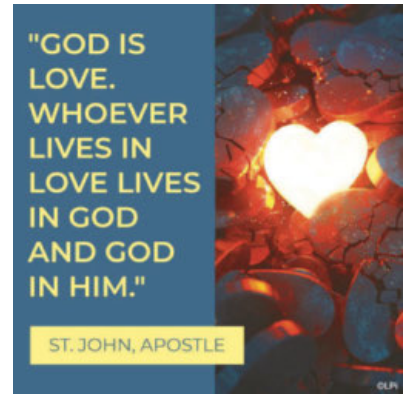
Please call or stop by the rectory to register.  
**Bulletin Deadline: Monday 1:00 pm**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

Could it be that God’s image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God’s image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God’s agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God’s image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man “dies on the cross to cleanse God’s image, which is soiled in today’s humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful.” Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each

of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with “Christ’s light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved.” The resurrection calls us to be God’s microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero). Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, “do you love me?” We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God’s children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this? ©LPi



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

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS	SATURDAY	April 30	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Parish Family
		SUNDAY	May 1	8:00 a.m. (BS)
			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Wayne Muren, Rev. Vincent Hazelhorst, Efigenia Spacher
	MONDAY	May 2	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Laverne Friederich
	TUESDAY	May 3	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Edith Elie
	WEDNESDAY	May 4	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Paul Buentgen
	THURSDAY	May 5	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Rose Oliver
	FRIDAY	May 6	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Jane Freeland
	SATURDAY	May 7	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Ronald E. Smith, Adolph & Emma Auer, Daniel William O’Leary, Jane Freeland
	SUNDAY	May 8	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Joseph & Marie Meyer, Amelia Grass, LaVina Descher





# THANK YOU

for your generosity

Thanks to the generous gifts in the 2nd collection during the Lenten season we collected:

- \$1,500 to go to the Food For Families Program.
- \$900 was collected for Operation Rice Bowl.

Thank you for helping those in need.

## 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](mailto:editor@bellevillemessenger.org) no later than May 1st.

**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

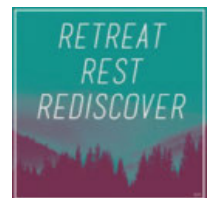
Bring canned goods for the Food Pantry

## 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: [krenner63@gmail.com](mailto:krenner63@gmail.com) or Greg 618-420-1637/ email: [sheehanjj@charter.net](mailto:sheehanjj@charter.net).

## MID-LIFE SINGLES RETREAT

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis), on June 3-5, 2022. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 including meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call (314) 283-0044 for details.



## The 2022 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Go and do likewise... -Luke 10:37

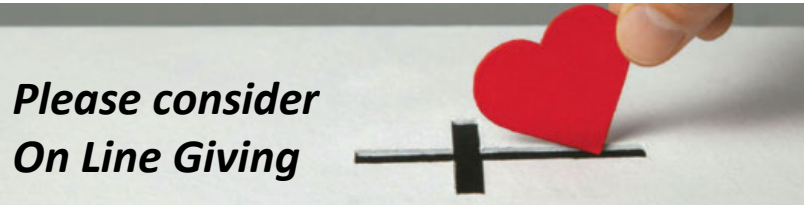
"Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable."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

## DON'T MISS YOUR UP COMING CLASS REUNION!

**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.



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



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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.

**WE THANK YOU in ADVANCE!**

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



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

What prevents us from seeing the Lord?  
We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?" ©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.

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**Please Pray for the people of Ukraine.**



**ST PEREGRINE 18th CURE FOR CANCER PRAYER DAY**

Please join us on Thursday, May 5, 2022, this special anniversary to pray for those suffering with cancer at the 8:15 am Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace. Devotion begins immediately following Mass. After devotional prayers, Adoration of the Eucharist will be observed in church until 1:00 pm. Refreshments will be available immediately following the Mass in the Parish Center.

If you would like more information on the Prayer Day, contact Anna O’Gara at 618-397-0111 or [annavogagra@yahoo.com](mailto:annavogagra@yahoo.com).

Prayer Intention sheets are available at both church locations. Intentions will be placed at the altar for this special prayer opportunity as we remember the Feast of St. Peregrine.

**HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE**

**Blessed Sacrament 11 am - 12 pm**  
**Our Lady Queen of Peace 12 pm - 1 pm**  
**Volunteers are always welcome!**

**ON OUR OWN EVENT**

For the month of May, the On Our Own group will be meeting at Spike’s in Millstadt. Come and join us on Wednesday, May 11, at 11:30am for lunch. We will talk, eat, laugh, and enjoy each other’s company. Anyone who is on their own in life is 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!!!**

**Queen of Peace Classic Golf Tournament:** (4 person Scramble) Friday, August 19, 2022 at Tamarack Golf Club, Shiloh, IL. Question contact Bridgett Jacquot at [bridgetcal@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgetcal@yahoo.com).

**Blessed Sacrament Parish Picnic:** Saturday, August 20, 2022: Contact Sarah Shannon 618-531-2693 or [sashannon79@hotmail.com](mailto:sashannon79@hotmail.com).

**Blessed Sacrament Presents The Greatest Auction on Earth:** Saturday, November 19, 2022. Questions? Email [auction@blessedsacramentbelleville.com](mailto:auction@blessedsacramentbelleville.com).



**SPRING FLING OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, May 15, 2022 from 11 am 2 pm at Belleville Health & Sports Center, 1001 S. 74th St. Welcome to all! Stop by during our Open House for food, Venders, and Fun.

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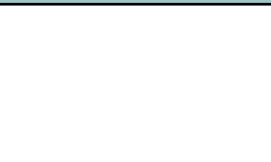
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