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Deacon Tim DeRousse

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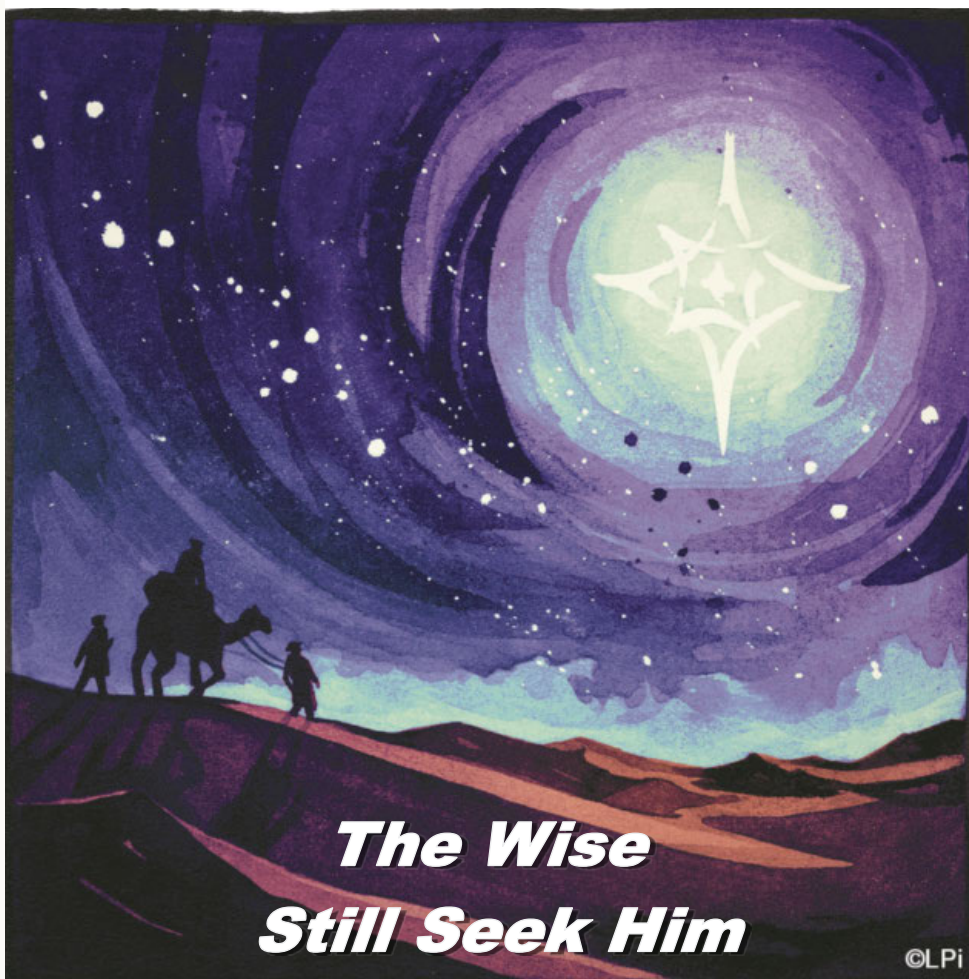
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The Epiphany of the Lord



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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 10/20/22 at Queen of Peace, and Spring at Blessed Sacrament.

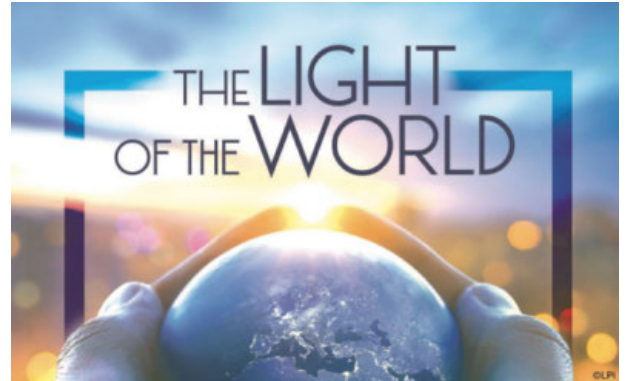
In emergencies, contact the Parish Office or the priest residence.

New Parishioners

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."



The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus. — Father John Muir ©LPi

OFFERTORY PROCESSION RESUMES

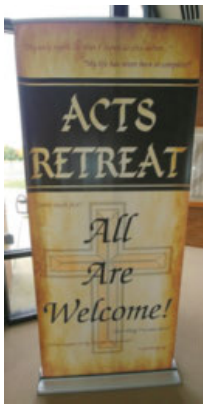
We are resuming Offertory Procession again. 2-3 people or a family are welcome to carry up the bread and cruets at Offertory during all weekend Masses. Please let a Usher know you are willing to carry up the gifts before Mass starts.



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

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS	SATURDAY	January 7	4:30pm.(BS)	Ron & Margaret Wallace, Lynda Cheatham, Cynthia Neff
	SUNDAY	January 8	8:00am.(BS)	Parish Family
			10:00am.(QP)	Don & Loraine McCann, John Jacob Hipp, Viola Thelma Hipp, John Jay Hipp
	TUESDAY	January 10	8:15am.(BS)	Ronald Schwartz
	WEDNESDAY	January 11	8:15am.(QP)	Poor Souls
	THURSDAY	January 12	8:15am.(QP)	Mary E. Flynn
	FRIDAY	January 13	8:15am.(BS)	Cyril & Helen Schmisser
	SATURDAY	January 14	4:30pm.(BS)	Rev. Paul Stauder, Audrey Johnson, Robert Henderson
	SUNDAY	January 15	8:00am.(BS)	Parish Family
			10:00am.(QP)	Mary Beth Rompel Schaltenbrand, Larry Simonin, Joseph & Marie Meyer





ACTS MEN'S RETREAT

January 26 - 29, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbia, IL. Your invited to join other men from the area parishes to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to build lasting friendships throughout your parish community. For more information or to register go to: www.icc-columbia-il.us.

LUKE 18 RETREAT

Luke 18 is coming back this year. The date for the Catholic Belleville Area Youth (CBAY) **Luke 18 2023** youth retreat has been set! The retreat will be held **February 10-12, 2023** at St. Mary's Church & School in Belleville. This is a retreat for 6th -9th graders. Luke 18 is a special because it is youth ministering to youth. High school students give talks about things that are important to your child right now and help them find ways to welcome God into their everyday lives. The retreat is organized and coordinated by adult leaders, but success comes from the high school teens and the "Lukers" coming with an open mind and heart. To register and get more information go to: bellevilleluke18@gmail.com. The retreat cost is \$50 includes cost of meals, supplies, T-shirt, etc. Deadline for T-shirt is January 10, 2023.

BE A PART OF SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club of St. County is an organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to foster and affirm vocations to the Priesthood and vowed religious life. Our purpose is to pray for vocations and inform our community the need for vocations. We provide many social events for our Priests, Deacons and Nuns. We sponsor occasional visits to the Seminaries for our grade and high students guided by a priest or a seminarian. You are most welcome to be a part of our organizations. Our group meets every first and third Friday of the month at the Shrine of our Lady of the Snows. We begin Mass at 11:45 am, follow by lunch and a brief meeting, and a prominent speaker. Additional information please call Marvin Winkeler 402 214-1155 or Mel Lucash 618-531-4244 **Serra has a new web page: serrastclair.org** PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!



BLOOD DRIVE ST. HENRY'S Monday, January 9, 2023, 1:30 -5:30 pm

Please give the Gift of Life. If you have given blood on or before November 14, 2022, you are eligible to give again on Monday, January 9, 2023. Blood is always needed no matter what season it is. **Please refrain from drinking tea two weeks before giving blood as it depletes your iron.** Also, please go to redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to complete your history at home. Walk-ins are always welcome.

The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study



invites you to join us for the second half of our study of The Letter of Paul to the Romans. All new members are welcome for our Spring Visitors' Day on **January 11, 2023 from 9:30-11:30am**. This study is for men and women who wish to deepen their faith through an increased knowledge of the inspired Word of God which can transform your heart and mind. Weekly meetings will be held for ten weeks from January 2023 to March 2023 in the Fellowship Hall at St. Clare Catholic Church, O'Fallon, IL..

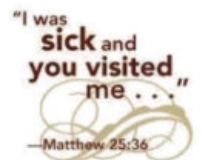


GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

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.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Mary and Martha Ministry of our parishes sends cards to our homebound and nursing home parishioners throughout the year. Can you help us to include more people in this ministry? If you know of someone who is homebound or in the nursing home, please let us know their mailing address so we can include them. Send your information to: needhamsharon2@gmail.com or call Sharon Needham at 618-234-7550.





BS: October Budget \$27,700	Actual MTD: \$20,433
QP: October Budget \$27,700	Actual MTD: \$25,569

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Then click Give Online.
Pick the collection you wish to donate to.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD BARREL

During the month of January the Saint Vincent de Paul Society food barrel at Queen of Peace will be collecting for the Belleville Christian Center. As a parish, we have supported this worthwhile outreach for many years. Currently their greatest needs are ground coffee (no decaf) and bleach. Please drop any contributions in the barrel in the vestibule. Thank you for assisting us as we support this ministry that serves the needy of Belleville.

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call the hotline; 1-800-640-3044.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP


The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn't it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. I am no Boy Scout, so I am not sure how well I would do following a star like that. But the important point here is that God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn't have believed it.

You would have passed on by. In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear.



This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ's call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer.

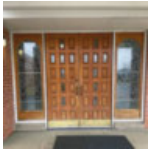
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Save the Date!
March 18, 2023
Queen of Peace
School Auction



SECOND COLLECTION PROJECTS (Jan.- Feb.)



Queen of Peace church doors are scheduled to be refinished in the spring of 2023—estimated cost \$55,000.

Blessed Sacrament church doors are failing. The proposal to replace all of the wood exterior doors with galvanized doors is estimated to be \$35,000.



During Lent, the 2nd Collection will be given to St. Vincent de Paul. As always, your generous support is appreciated. Yours in prayer, Fr. Matt



WITH SYMPATHY, please keep in your thoughts and prayers...

Neil Hayden, passed away on December 10, 2022; **Joan Proffitt**, passed away on December 20, 2022; **Mary Arcynski**, passed away on December 21, 2022; **Elizabeth Kroupa**, passed away on December 24, 2022; **Emilia Poelker**, passed away on December 25, 2022; and **Patricia Cueto**, passed away on December 26, 2022. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

ON OUR OWN LUNCH

For the month of January, the On Our Own group will meet at Bandana's Restaurant in Fairview Heights. We will get together on Tuesday, January 10, at Noon. Anyone on their own in life is welcome to join us for good food and conversation. If you have any questions or need information, please contact Karen Vick at 618-277-3374.

SAVE THE DATE!
BLESSED SACRAMENT ALL SCHOOL AND ALUMNI MASS & FISH FRY
Saturday, January 28 at 4:30 pm Mass
 Come home to Blessed Sacrament School as we kick off **Catholic Schools Week!** This year we are welcoming back any **ALUMNI** who would love to revisit their days at Blessed Sacrament. Come join us for 4:30 pm mass led by Blessed Sacrament students, followed by a **FISH FRY** in the gym. The school will be open for touring and Alumni gifts will be provided by the PTO. Please reach out to your Blessed Sacrament Alumni friends and invite them along! We look forward to seeing you there!



WOW What a turnout over 990 runners braved the cold at the Holiday Hilltop 5K in support for Gabby!! Thank you to all who participated or donated. Please continue to keep Gabby and her family in your prayers as she continues to battle cancer.

Congratulation to Blessed Sacrament Alumni and current school parent **Jill Gomric Dalke** on her induction into the **St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame!** She will be awarded at the Annual Enshrinement Dinner on February 20, 2023.



We lift up our hearts in prayer to God in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of
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 16 April 1927 – 31 December 2022

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Monday, January 16

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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