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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**

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, “The Lamb of God!” Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, “Behold the lamb of God.” His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God’s lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and



consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, “This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God’s people may be free from sin and united to God.”

It’s crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That’s why he is the Lamb of God.

— Father John Muir

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**WEEKDAY MASS CHANGE**

Fr. Matt is moving the 8:15 am Mass scheduled at Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 to QP at 8:30 am. There is a funeral Mass for Patricia Whelan and they need to be at Jefferson Barracks by 10:15 am. This is only for this coming week, then masses will return to normal times.



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

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS	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
	TUESDAY	January 17	8:30am.(QP)	Patricia Whelan (Funeral Mass)
	WEDNESDAY	January 18	8:15am.(QP)	Deacon Charles Speaks
	THURSDAY	January 19	8:15am.(QP)	Peggy Slapshak
	FRIDAY	January 20	8:15am.(BS)	Rev. Gary Gummersheimer
	SATURDAY	January 21	4:30pm.(BS)	Adolph & Emma Auer, Richard E. Boyle, Mary Jo Halvachs - Keeser
	SUNDAY	January 22	8:00am.(BS) Parish Family 10:00am.(QP) Andrew Glauber, LindaHeap, Stephen Anich, Margaret Felder	



## TEC RETREAT for YOUNG ADULTS

TEC #269 Columbia for all HS juniors, seniors and graduates.



January 14-16, 2023. TEC provides a space to reflect upon one's own ideals, hopes, dreams, and problems; to discover a God that you can believe in . . . a Christ you can encounter as risen and alive in your midst. Sign up at [bellevilletec.org](http://bellevilletec.org). Contact [bellevilletec@gmail.com](mailto:bellevilletec@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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.

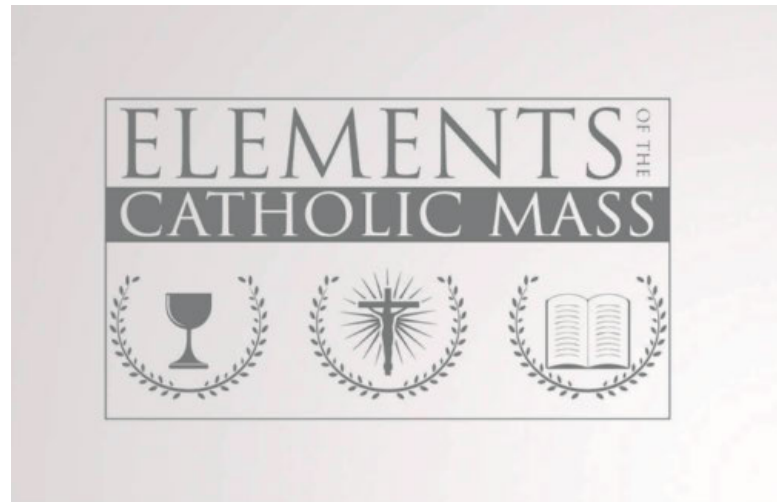
This is a retreat for 6th –9th graders. Luke 18 is a special because it is youth ministering to youth. High school students give talks about things that are important to your child right now and help them find ways to welcome God into their everyday lives. The retreat is organized and coordinated by 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](mailto:bellevilleluke18@gmail.com). The retreat cost is \$50 includes cost of meals, supplies, T-shirt, etc. Deadline for T-shirt is January 10, 2023.



## 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](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us).



## 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](http://serrastclair.org)

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

To prepare and aid us for our Lenten journey, our Parish cluster will be watching the video series, **Elements of the Catholic Mass**. It is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring experts from the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of beautifully produced short videos to explain our worship.

Walk through the Liturgy and be transformed through insights into the most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of our fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

Our 6-week study begins on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at the Queen of Peace school library and continues through Lent. All interested contact Greg Nowak at [nowak25@charter.net](mailto:nowak25@charter.net), [greg.nowak@qofp.com](mailto:greg.nowak@qofp.com), or 314-479-6197 for more information as well as to get an accurate count. This study will meet in person but will also be streamed via the Zoom platform for those who prefer that method.



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

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**WITH SYMPATHY, please keep in your thoughts and prayers...**  
*Reverend Gary Gummersheimer*, passed away on January 6, 2023.

*Patricia Whelan*, passed away on January 8, 2023. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD BARREL**

During the month of January the St 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.

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**GIRLS BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning January 15, 2023 at 1:00 pm **ON-LINE**. Contact Deacon Tim, at 618-541-8030 or [deacontime@gmail.com](mailto:deacontime@gmail.com).



**Save the Date**

**RAIDER MADNESS**

**AUCTION 2023**

March 18, 2023

Queen of Peace Catholic School



**HAVE A PRAYER??**

Share your prayers with our Prayer Chain. Contact the parish office at 618-397-2287 or call Marian Meyer at 618-277-8155.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT 8TH GRADE CLASS FUNDRAISER**

The 8th grade class at Blessed Sacrament is selling TJ's pizza and cookies! Funds raised will go towards their class trips, special events, and a charity of their choice as they approach graduation. You can order directly at: <https://go.tjsfundraising.io/blessedsacrament> Orders are due by 1/17 and will be ready for pickup on 1/27. Please spread the word to family and friends. Thank you for your support!



**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.

## SECOND COLLECTION PROJECTS (Jan.- Feb.)



**Queen of Peace** church doors are scheduled to be refinished in the spring of 2023—estimated cost \$5,500. We already have \$3,200 so the new goal is \$2,300.

**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. So far we have collected \$4,600. New goal is \$30,500.



**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

# BLOOD DRIVE

## Our Lady Queen of Peace School

Monday, January 16  
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Parish Center  
5923 North Belt West

Masks optional. Appointments required.  
To schedule an appointment, scan QR code  
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401  
or go to [bloodcenter.org/group, grp #9867](https://bloodcenter.org/group, grp #9867)



Give and get \$10 gift card or t-shirt.  
First time donor with ImpactLife?  
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*Come home to Blessed Sacrament  
for Catholic Schools Week*

## ALL-SCHOOL and ALUMNI Mass and Fish Fry

**Saturday, January 28**

- 4:30 Student-Led Mass
- 5:30 - 6:30 Open House
- 5:30 - 8:00 Fish Fry  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



**IT TAKES A VILLIAGE TO MAKE A FISH FRY A SUCCESS. PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP ONLINE TO VOLUNTEER: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849aac23aafe3-march#/>**

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