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## PRIEST RESIDENCE

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## COMBINED PARISH OFFICES

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## Office Hours

M - F, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Deacon Tim DeRousse

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## 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When someone strikes you on your right cheek,  
turn the other one as well.” Mt 5:39

## 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 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**

**7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: “But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.” An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren’t you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God’s love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can’t be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return.

That’s why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him. When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother’s heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It’s stronger than death. Real love is unusual. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS	SATURDAY	February 18	4:30pm.(BS)	Patricia Skinner, Michael Cordes, Tony O'Truk, Antonia Abegg, Debbie Wondolowski
	SUNDAY	February 19	8:00am.(BS)	Parish Family
			10:00am.(QP)	CBHS Class of 57', Larry Simonin, Special Intention for Robert & Margy McGlynn
	TUESDAY	February 21	8:15am.(BS)	Rev. Thoonkuzhy
	WEDNESDAY	February 22	8:15am.(QP)	Deacon Donald Sparling
			10:00 am.(BS)	Rev. Joseph Rascher
			12:15 pm.(BS)	Cyril & Helen Schmissey
	THURSDAY	February 23	8:15am.(QP)	Adolph & Emma Auer, Mary Halvachs-Keeser, Amelia Grass
	FRIDAY	February 24	8:15am.(BS)	Deacn Charles Letteken
	SATURDAY	February 25	4:30pm.(BS)	Don & Lorraine McCann, Ronald Schwartz, Jennifer Miller
	SUNDAY	February 26	8:00am.(BS)	Parish Family
				10:00am.(QP)



**ASH WEDNESDAY - MASSES**  
**February 22, 2023**  
**8:15 AM Queen of Peace**  
**10:00 AM Blessed Sacrament**  
**12:15 PM Blessed Sacrament**

**Please Pray for** all the Confirmand from Queen of Peace, St. Henry's PSR, and Blessed Sacrament, who are preparing for their Confirmation on February 21, 2023, 7 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.



**Please Pray for** our First Communicants preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD BARREL

During the month of February the food barrel at Queen of Peace will be collecting for the Belleville Christian Center. They provide breakfast, along with other meals for those in need in our area. They could use both Coffee (no decaf) and pancake mix to help them provide a hot breakfast for their community.



Please help us to bolster their supplies by donating during the month of February. We have supported their outreach for many years. Let's continue to be the hands of Christ and assist them in their need. Thank you for your generosity. Donations can be dropped in the food barrel in the vestibule of church.

## COMMUNITY INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

Because of the increase cost of food the pantry is asking each church to bring in certain items.

Our church is assigned: rice Roni beef, rice Roni chicken, Pasta Roni, canned peaches, canned mixed fruit and cash to buy meats. Milk is now over \$5 a gallon and a doz eggs are over \$4 m. Any donations can be dropped off at the pantry located at: 1218 W Main St, Belleville, IL 62220.

Thank you for assisting us as we support this ministry that serves the needy of Belleville.



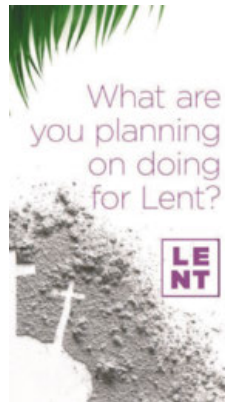
**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

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.

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## LENTEN SUGGESTIONS

- ~Stations of the Cross: Wednesday's at 2:15 pm at BS- 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, Monday's 2:30 pm at QP- 2/27, 3/13,3/27
- ~Thursday's 7:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy at QP.
- ~Donate to Rice Bowl campaign.
- ~Join in on Bible Study, Wednesday's 7:00 pm QP Library.
- ~ Volunteer or attend the Lenten Fish Fry's at both parishes.

## COSGROVE'S KITCHEN CASSEROLE PROGRAM

QP St. Vincent de Paul is again asking for your help. It is time for our quarterly collection for Cosgrove's Kitchen and Drop-In Center. We are still unable to collect food items, so we are asking for monetary donations again. The Kitchen and Drop-In Centers are in dire need of supplies. Between the two they serve over 100 people a day with breakfast and lunch; and provide a snack for those who come to the Drop-In Center at night.

If you are able to help, please put your check or cash donations in an envelope labeled SVDP Belleville

Council and drop it in the collection basket at church. Please make checks payable to Belleville Council SVDP, and mark in memo "Cosgrove's Kitchen".

If you are not attending church, your donations can be sent to the Parish Office, 8707 West Main St., Belleville, IL. 62223. Please mark on envelope "Cosgrove's Kitchen". **We will be accepting donations until March 5th.** Thank you in advance for your generosity. In these difficult times our parishioners are always there to help those in need!



BS: January Budget \$27,700	Actual MTD: \$22,882
QP: January Budget \$27,700	Actual MTD: \$45,125

**YOUR SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Your contributions may be made by any of the following ways:

- ~ Drop off your envelope during Mass or in the collection or in the mail slot at rectory front door.
- ~ Mail in contributions to: 8707 West Main St., Belleville, IL. 62223.
- ~ Give online: QP: [qofp.weshareonline.org/](http://qofp.weshareonline.org/) or BS: [blessedsacramentbelleville.weshareonline.org/](http://blessedsacramentbelleville.weshareonline.org/) Register and set up your preferences. This is a secure site used by thousands of parishes throughout the USA.
- ~ Send a check directly from your bank account or quarterly investments. Contact bank or investment broker and ask for your contribution to be sent via check to your parish.

**THE 2023-2024 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL (CSMA)**

The new CMSA kicks off next weekend. The largest portion of appeal funds are allocated to our social concerns ministries – Daystar Community Program, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Office of Hispanic Ministry, Catholic Urban Programs, Griffin Center and Prison Ministry. Please consider giving your support; every gift – no matter the size – is important and needed!



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

Want to be a real revolutionary? Defy the fallen impulses of human nature. Love your enemy. Pray for your persecutor. Give to those who would take. We can do hard things, Christians. We aren't perfect, but our God is. ©LPi

**SECOND COLLECTION PROJECTS (Jan.- Feb.) CHURCH DOORS UPDATE:**

**Queen of Peace** Has exceeded the goal! We collected \$5600. The extra funds will be used to paint the pillars in front of church. QP will now be collecting for St. Vincent de Paul.

**Blessed Sacrament** Door fund is growing! 13,469 has been collected so far.

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

As always, your generous support is appreciated. Yours in prayer, Fr. Matt



**ALTHOFF FAITH IN OUR FUTURE GALA**

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**

**6pm Cocktails, 7 pm Dinner, 8 pm Live Program**

*Honoring:*

- Rising Star - Courtney Kemper (07)*
- Crusader Spirit - Fr. Nick Junker (99)*
- Distinguished Alumni - Gregory Hipskind (65)*
- Salute to Catholic Education - Denise Meile, Mary Pat Keubel, and Bert Scannell*

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Table of eight \$1,000.



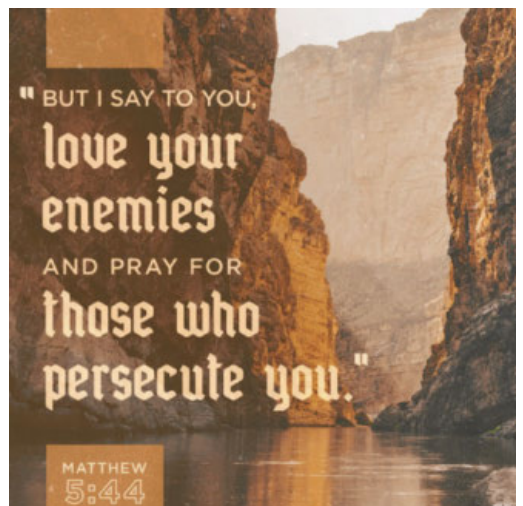
**Save the Date March 21, 2023, in Springfield, IL**

**10:00 am** Mass at Sangamon Auditorium, 1 University Plaza

**12:00 pm** Rally at the Capitol Building, 401 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

**12-5:30 pm** Eucharistic Adoration, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave.

**1:00 pm** March around the Capitol Building.



Are you ready for this?



Saturday, March 18, 2023  
Driscoll Parish Center  
5915 N Belt West Belleville, IL 62223

Doors open at 5:00 PM  
Dinner from 5:30-6:30 PM  
Online Silent Auction concludes at 7:30 PM  
Live Auction begins at 8:00 PM

Get your auction tickets using the QR code below  
\$60 per person until March 3  
\$75 per person after March 3



The 2023 Raider Madness benefit auction is right around the corner. Please join us for a night of food, fun, and fellowship to support our school through the largest fundraiser of the year! We will have the basketball games on TV, great items to bid on and a few surprises in store as well! If you are unable to attend and would still like to bid on silent auction items, please use the QR code on above Ad to get your free Virtual Attendee ticket or purchase raffle tickets. Also, Ways to help?? Consider browsing our Amazon Wish List or sign up to donate a dessert to our Sweet Shoppe! Links are listed above. We are also looking for themed baskets for our silent auction. Please feel free to drop these off in the back of church or at the school office.

**Amazon Wish List:** [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/12KNZVPK4SWYV?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/12KNZVPK4SWYV?ref_=wl_share)  
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### 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.

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## QP LENTEN FISH FRIES

Ash Wednesday - February 22  
Friday, March 3  
Friday, March 24

Volunteers Needed! - Scan the QR code to sign up to work at any of the three Fish Fries or to donate a dessert, Or you can sign up at <https://qrco.de/bdgzXV> after the 10 a.m. Mass.



### A FISHERMAN'S QUOTE...

*I cast my line, then cast my cares, and I know You'll answer all my prayers. I'll catch a fish and when I do, I always offer thanks to You.*

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## FISH FRY-DAYS

WHERE EVERYTHING IS A CATCH!

Join us this lenten season for the best fish fry in town!

**Feb 24th  
March 10th  
April 7th  
4:30-7:30**

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