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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

1st Sunday of Lent

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: “He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.” Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn’t it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles?

Why fast?

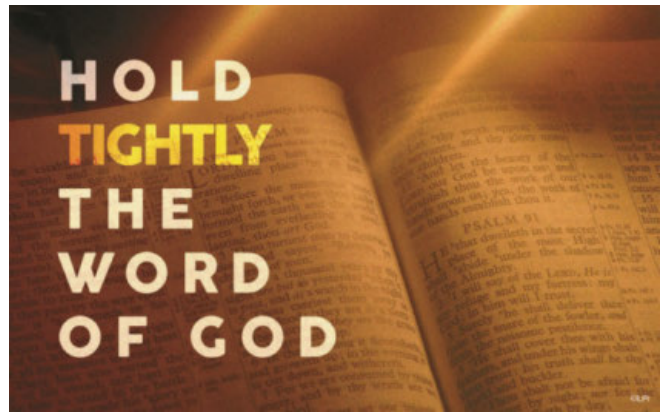
This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held fast to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex,

laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can’t manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they’ll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He’s showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. “Man does not live by bread alone,” he says, “But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” Jesus’ fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— Father John Muir

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



ST PEREGRINE DEVOTION

Please join us to pray for those suffering with cancer at the 8:15 am Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace on Thursday, March 2, 2023. Devotion begins immediately following Mass.

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS	SATURDAY		February 25	4:30pm.(BS)	Don & Lorraine McCann, Ronald Schwartz
		SUNDAY		February 26	8:00am.(BS) Parish Family
	TUESDAY		February 28	8:15am.(BS)	Cyril & Helen Schmisieur
	WEDNESDAY		March 1	8:15am.(QP)	Rev. James Blazine
	THURSDAY		March 2	8:15am.(QP)	Jennifer Miller
	FRIDAY		March 3	8:15am.(BS)	Deacon Charles Sparks
	SATURDAY		March 4	4:30pm.(BS)	Robert Henderson, Memphis Brothers College Class of 57', Neil Hayden, Jennifer Miller
	SUNDAY		March 5	8:00am.(BS) Parish Family	10:00am.(QP) Andrew Glauber, Roger Smith, Charles T. Kaltwasser, George & Rose Phillips





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

ON OUR OWN

Who: People who are on their own in life

What: A lunch gathering

Where: O'Town Food Hall, 1214 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon

When: March 8 at Noon

Why: We enjoy the chance to share conversation, laughs, and food with others.

If you would like to join us, please contact Karen Vick at 1-618-277-3374.

All are welcome.



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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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD BARREL

Catholic Urban Program has many needs as they attempt to help as many people as possible as food prices continue to rise. We have the power to make their job easier with our donations. During the six weeks of Lent, the Queen of Peace St. Vincent de Paul Food Barrel will be collecting for CUP. Food, household supplies, and personal items are always needed. Please check out the list below and the larger list on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Your generosity can make a lasting impact in the lives of others!



Food

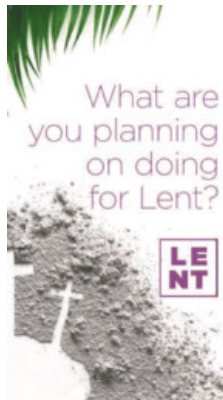
- Rice
- Pasta
- Canned Meat
- Cooking oil
- Flour
- Cake, Muffin, Pancake Mix

Household

- Bleach
- Bar, dish, laundry Soap
- Paper Towels

Personal

- Shaving Supplies
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Diapers (especially sizes 4-6)



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/ or BS: 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!

FAITH BASED TEACHING

Want to make a difference in the Life of a child? Retired too soon and still want to teach and/or lead? Why not collect your retirement and work in a Catholic School? We want you and our students need you! Come share your expertise and passion in a Faith Based Setting! Contact the Diocese of Belleville, Office of Education at officeofeducation@diobelle.org for mor information!



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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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. 2nd St.
- 12-5:30 pm** Eucharistic Adoration, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave.
- 1:00 pm** March around the Capitol Building.



EVENTS IN AREA PARISHES

LUNCH & CARD PARTY

St. Luke's Parish Center, Tuesday, March 7, 2023 . Doors open at 10:30 am. Delicious Lunch is served at noon - Salisbury Steak, buttered noodles & Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Cake, Coffee. Event ends around 3 pm.

QUILT & CASH BINGO

St. Joseph Parish Center, Freeburg, Il. Sunday, March 19, 2023. Raffle begins at 12:30 pm, Bingo begins at 1pm. Lunch served from 11 am to 1 pm.

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
Sweet Shoppe Sign-Up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsP2DIPPscEV2Q46qZsSjtn0jmtEZdjurnxZrc_sk4JIB1nQ/viewform?usp=sharing

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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!

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Feb 24th
March 10th
April 7th
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