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Deacon Tim DeRousse

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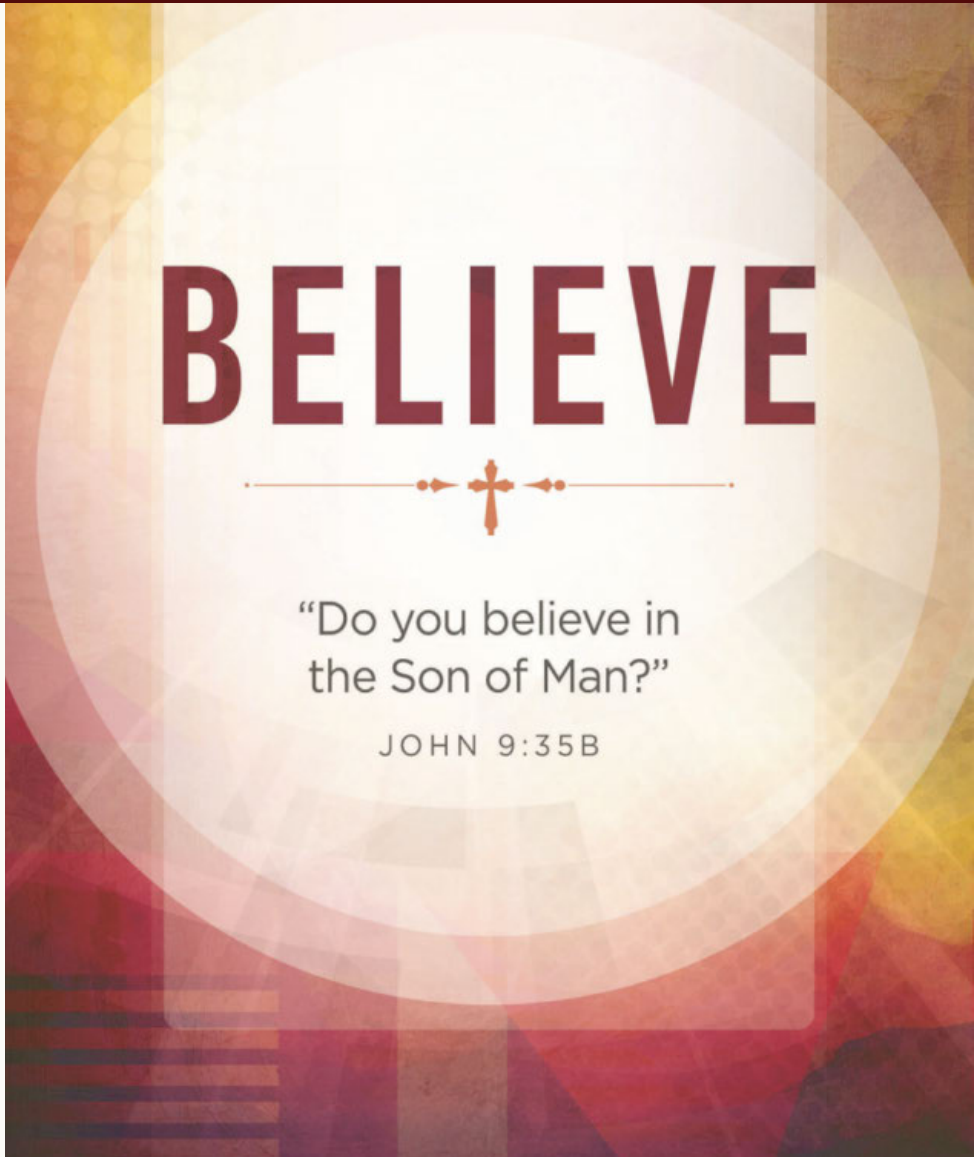
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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

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

4th Sunday of Lent

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pity-party forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my



king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history. How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you

and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— Father John Muir

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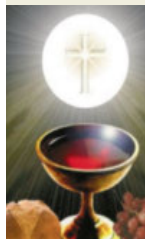
Remember your loved ones with a Mass. Contact the parish office at 618-397-2287.

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.



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS	SATURDAY	March 18	4:30pm.(BS)	Geoppo/James/Werle Families, Sylvester & Catherine Brutto, Rev. Paul Stauder, Patrick D. Fiore
	SUNDAY	March 19	8:00am.(BS)	Parish Family
			10:00am.(QP)	Mary Beth Rompel - Schaltenbrand, Don & Lorraine McCann, Joseph & Marie Meyer
	TUESDAY	March 21	8:15am.(BS)	Doy & Jane Freeland
	WEDNESDAY	March 22	8:15am.(QP)	Deacon Charles Speaks
	THURSDAY	March 23	8:15am.(QP)	Virginia Arterburn
	FRIDAY	March 24	8:15am.(BS)	Deacon Charles Sparks
	SATURDAY	March 25	4:30pm.(BS)	Richard Boyle, Ron & Margaret Wallace, Shirley Yociss, Special Intention Brett Sheroky
	SUNDAY	March 26	8:00am.(BS)	Parish Family
			10:00am.(QP)	Larry Simonin, Roger Smith, Special Intention for Robert & Margy McGlynn, George & Rose Phillips



SISTER PARISH UPDATE

Did you know???

Missions International is the non-profit that helps with our sister parish in Guatemala. **100% of your donations are given to our sister parish.** Would you like to get more involved in our beautiful faith, The Universal Church? Currently, we are seeking ambassadors for communication with our sister parish. You don't have to be fluent in Spanish, but a smartphone is needed. This is a simple and amazing way to love our neighbors. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. Thank you!

CRS RICE BOWL

Make a donation to CRS Rice Bowl to help communities in Honduras, the Philippines, Kenya and other countries overcome hunger and malnutrition, poverty and the impacts of climate change. Your almsgiving will make a difference for families trying to escape poverty and thrive. Go to **CRS.org**.

E A S T E R F L O W E R O F F E R I N G

In Memory / Honor of...

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL'S
 You can help with the Easter flower expenses and also remember your loved one's. Please use your easter flower envelope or send in an envelope marked Easter Flowers with the names of your loved ones. **Deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday, March 29, 2023.**

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LENTEN SUGGESTIONS - THINGS TO DO...

- ~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 Chapelet 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 at both parishes.



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

Rosamond "Mickey" Brummer, passed away on March 11, 2023. May her soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.



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)



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.

CHURCH DOOR FUND

Blessed Sacrament is still accepting donations for the Church Door Fund. We have received \$15,220 in donations so far.



The proposal to replace all of the wood exterior doors with galvanized doors is estimated to be \$35,000. Any donation is appreciated.

LENTEN SECOND COLLECTION
 During Lent both parishes will be collecting for St. Vincent de Paul



Are you someone looking to earn \$\$\$, Retiree? Empty Nester? Stay at home parent? Looking for work?

Queen of Peace is looking to hire a Janitor full-time or part-time. Let's Talk!! Great benefits (full-time), Fun people. What more could you want? Call the parish office at 618-397-2287 for details.

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

The CMSA has started for the new year. 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!



EVENTS IN AREA PARISHES

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.

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MARCH 24, 5PM - 8PM
 For those 18 years and older, Admission is \$3.00 OR a pair of new/gently worn men's jeans.
MARCH 25, 8AM - 12PM
 Free Admission!
 St. Nicholas Activity Center, 625 St. Nicholas Dr, O'Fallon, IL
 Proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul Help Center/Congrove's Kitchen/Night Center located in E. St. Louis.

SPRING QUILT/CASH BINGO: St. James Parish, Millstadt, Sunday, March 26, 2023. Doors open at 10:30 am, Bingo starts at 1 pm. Serving Fried chicken dinner & refreshments. Bring your own covers.

The purpose of life is not to be happy but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have made a difference that you lived at all. —Leo Rosten

TIME - TALENT - TREASURE
Stewardship—it's not just about giving money. It's about giving **everything**.
 And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. —1 Peter 4:10, CEB

Parish Events

See you on Friday, March 24 - 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

QP FISH FRY

"In Cod We Trust!"



These four Raiders from the Class of 1990 grew up going to and working at QP Fish Fries. They loved it so much, they brought the Fish Fry back in 2022. Thank you, Eric Edgar, Ray Schott, Craig Vosse and Adrian Jacquot! If you haven't tried their phenomenal food, this is your last chance this Lent.



FAMILY MASS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday, March 25 at 4:30 pm. Please join us to celebrate our monthly Family Mass with our wonderful student choir and lectors. There will be a social gathering on the playground after mass as well. Hope to see you there!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend
April 1 & 2, 2023

Masses 4:30 pm BS, 8:00 am BS, & 10:00 am QP.

Chrim Mass: April 4, 2023
11:00 am at The Cathedral.

Holy Thursday: April 6, 2023
7:00 pm Lord's Supper at BS.

Good Friday: April 7, 2023
3:-00 pm Passion at BS.

Holy Saturday (Sundown Mass)
April 8, 2023, 8:00 pm at BS.

Easter Sunday:
8:00 am Mass at BS
10:00 am Mass at QP

FISH FRY-DAYS

WHERE EVERYTHING IS A CATCH!

Join us for the
LAST Fish Fry in Lent

April 7th
4:30-7:30

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