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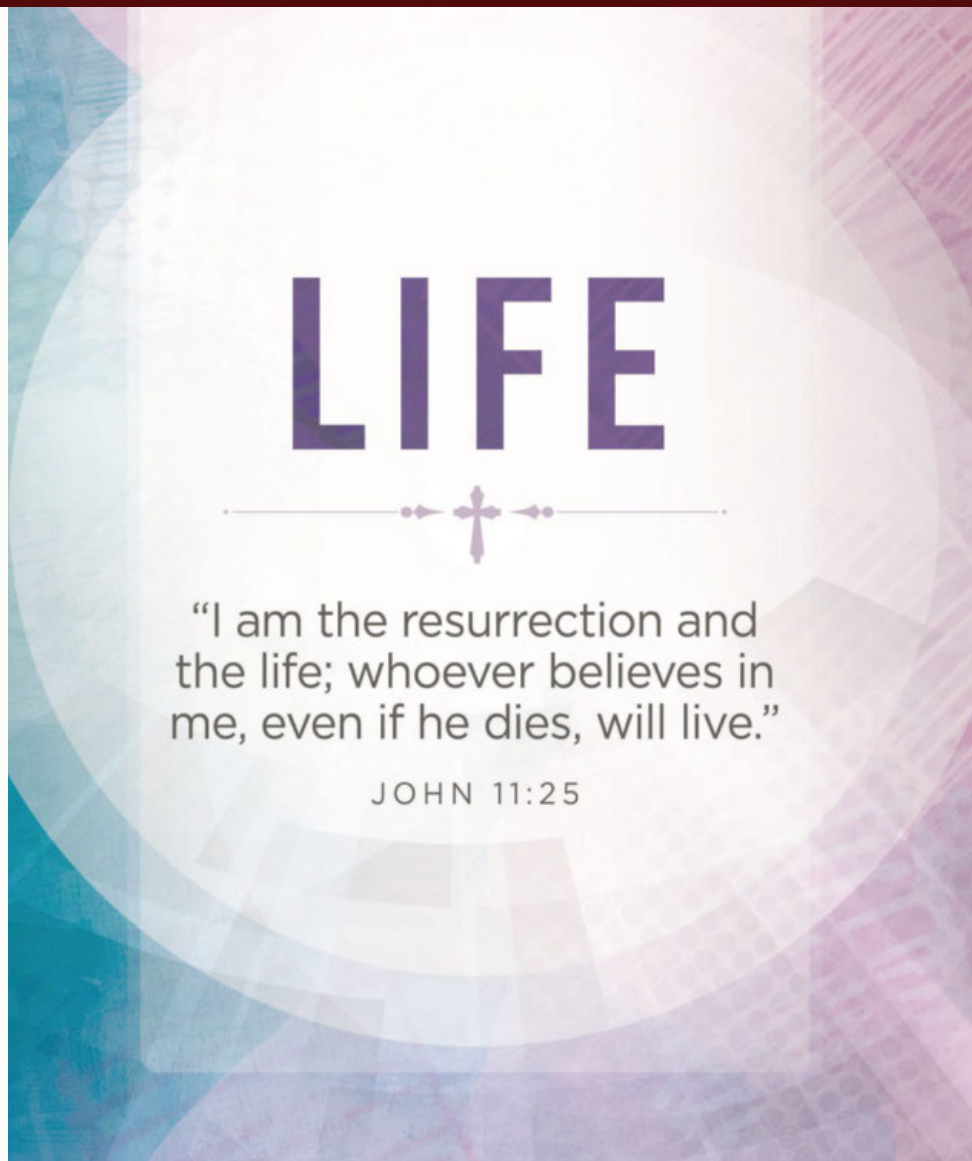
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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

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



Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three Miracles reveal to us that no matter our

circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.

— Father John Muir

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



ST PEREGRINE CHANGING DAY FOR HOLY WEEK

We will move the St. Peregrine Devotion Day to **Thursday, April 13, 2023** at 8:15 am because of Holy Week schedule. Please join us to pray for those suffering with cancer.

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS	SATURDAY	March 25	4:30pm.(BS)	Richard Boyle, Ron & Margaret Wallace, Shirley Yociss, Special Intention Brett Sheroky, Jeanette Keck
	SUNDAY	March 26	8:00am.(BS)	Parish Family
			10:00am.(QP)	Larry Simonin, Roger Smith, Special Intention for Robert & Margy McGlynn, George & Rose Phillips
	TUESDAY	March 28	8:15am.(BS)	Margaret Boggeman
	WEDNESDAY	March 29	8:15am.(QP)	Martin Weckermeyer
	Grandparents Day		11:00am.(BS)	All Deceased Grandparents
	THURSDAY	March 23	8:15am.(QP)	Edward Schweichert
	FRIDAY	March 24	8:15am.(BS)	Walter Reyland
	SATURDAY	March 25	4:30pm.(BS)	Special Intention for Brett Sheroky, Ronald Smith, Tom & Betty England, Elizabeth Goelz, Charlie Strube
	SUNDAY	March 26	8:00am.(BS)	Parish Family
10:00am.(QP)			Linda Heap, Charles Kaltwasser, Mary Halvachs-Keeser, Jennifer McDonnell	

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)



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.



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.

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

Joseph Powell, passed away on March 13, 2023, and **Anna Mae "Ann" Fahrner**, passed away on March 12, 2023 May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.



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.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Queen of Peace St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all the parishioners and friends who donated to our recent Cosgrove's Kitchen and Drop-In-Center Collection. Because of your generosity we were able to donate \$1,907 to Cosgrove's Kitchen. This money will definitely help both Cosgrove's Kitchen and the Drop-In-Center. Thank you again for being so generous and always willing to help those in need. St. Vincent de Paul can always count on our QP Parishioners and Friends

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the entire Queen of Peace family for helping to make our Raider Madness 2023 Auction a huge success! We couldn't have done it without you. From donations to raffle purchases to joining us that evening, our parishioners are always so incredibly supportive and we truly thank you. While some teams were not so successful with March Madness, there was nothing less than success at Raider Madness 2023!

Sincerely,
Jill Geoppo, Ally James, and Mandy Werle
Auction Chairs

Raffle Winners:

\$1000 Cash Raffle: Lou Slapshak
1/4 Side of Beef: Martha Halvachs, Patricia Lauth
Quilt: Steve and Kelly Strubberg

CONGRATULATIONS TO QUEEN OF PEACE TEACHER, CINDY VYMOLA

Since 1970, the Illinois State Board of Education has sponsored the “Those Who Excel” and “Teacher of the Year” program to honor educators who have made significant contributions to the state’s public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. Awardees will be honored at an annual banquet in the spring.

Cindy Vymola, the pre-kindergarten teacher at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic School in Belleville **has been chosen for the “Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year” Award!** Cindy has been a teacher for 25 years – one year at St. Elizabeth in Granite City and 24 years at her current school.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She started as a kindergarten teacher at Our Lady Queen of Peace, then moved up with those students each year for first, second and third grades.

“Eighteen years ago, I accepted the challenge to begin a pre-kindergarten program at our school,” Vymola says, who lives in Smithton with her husband. She has a grown daughter, who teaches at a day care, and a son in college.

“As the need for a pre-kindergarten program arose, the principal, in 2003, reached out to Cindy to take the lead and start our program,” says Michelle Tidwell, the current principal at the school.

“Cindy jumped at the chance and spent the year researching, observing, planning, creating and, in 2004, she welcomed our first pre-kindergarten class. Over the past 18 years, Cindy has built our program into a superior pre-kindergarten program.”

Vymola likes the welcoming part of teaching – welcoming the students and the parents.

“Pre-kindergarten is a student’s first experience at a ‘big kid’ school,” she says. “I love the openness and honesty of the little kids,” she shares. “They have an excitement for everything.”

Currently she is teaching the stations of the cross, and the students are “in awe of things like this. They are eager to learn. They don’t have prejudices, like when we are older.”

Vymola says she remembers how it was when she took her two children to school.



“I want my students’ parents to feel comfortable coming to me,” she says. “I always want to meet them before the school year begins. I want them to know how I run my classroom and that I am accessible to them.”

Vymola adds, “I treat these kids like my own.”

Vymola feels that Catholic education is important, especially because of the state our society is in right now. The value is worth any sacrifice, she says.

“We refer to ‘What would Jesus do?’ all day long,” she explains. “We bring in faith throughout the day. We think about how to treat others.”

There is a prayer wall in the classroom, and they pray for the people on the wall at the end of the day.

“We pray in our own words. It might be for a student or a parent or someone’s spouse who is sick. We also pray for something good,” she says.

When asked why she wanted to become a teacher, Vymola says that answer is easy. She credits her first-grade teacher, Mary Lynn Karban, at St. Augustine of Canterbury in Belleville, to whom she still talks.

“Even in first grade, I remember so much from her class. Little positive things stuck with me,” this teacher shares. “I want to be the teacher, the person, that people remember.”





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

**EASTER IS 2 WEEKS AWAY,
ARE YOU PREPARED?**



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)

On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at www.diobelle.org (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - MOUNT CARMEL CEMETERY

We need a grounds person for trimming the weeds on our property. This is a seasonal job, beginning in the month of April through the growing season. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm. This job is perfect for the student looking for summer employment or for someone retired looking for a part-time job. Please call Jessi at 618-397-0181 for more information. Thank you.

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