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## BLESSED SACRAMENT GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023



Left to Right...

Top Roll:

**Dominic Templin, Lilah Graeff,  
Madisyn Crosby, Claudia Sierra,  
Mason Thacker**

Second Roll:

**Gabriella Dumstorff,  
Aubreigh Desmond,  
Arryah Mosby, Siena Sustar,  
Brendon Clark (Not pictured).**

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023



Left to Right...Front Roll:

**Sara Sanchez, Callie Kimball, Abby Anderson, Nina North**

Second Roll:

**Giada Santanello, Ella Riley, Sophia Ysursa, Samantha Tieman, Savannah Lawson**

Third Roll:

**IB McCarver, Ben Ysursa, Callum McCoy, Colin Kohnen, Lucas Jacquot, Brody Barnes, Drew McGee**

Fourth Roll:

**Luke Tolle, Bradley Stein, Tyler Pollock, Lucas Kavran, Steven Brown, Patrick Foley**

**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**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am inviting the faithful in our area to gather for Mass on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, May 31, at 6:00pm at St. Clare Church in O'Fallon. The Visitation celebrates the meeting of the Blessed Mother with her cousin St. Elizabeth as recorded in the Gospel of Luke (1:39-56). This beautiful encounter of two women, each expecting a child, moves us to marvel with them at the gracious goodness of God who is the Author of all life.



In this time when the sanctity of human life is often disregarded, it is important for us to pray together for an increase in respect for human life at all of its stages, with all of its vulnerabilities. Relying on the power of God, we affirm that every human life should be cherished and respected from conception until natural death; hospitals and healthcare agencies should remain committed to preserving life, not ending it; and that the consciences of healthcare workers should be respected and protected so that they are never coerced into actions that violate their spiritual core.

Please join with me at St. Clare on May 31 at 6:00pm. May Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life give us the strength we need to share the Gospel of Life with our families, friends and neighbors.

In Christ,  
Bishop Michael McGovern  
Diocese of Belleville



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

When the world sees us, do they see to whom we belong? In what ways are we most manifestly Christian? In prayer, in service, in sacrifice? Whatever it is, let us devote ourselves to it with one accord, so that Jesus Christ may be glorified in all that we do. ©LPi

**An Invitation from Bishop McGovern:**

I will ordain 14 candidates to the (Permanent) Diaconate. The liturgy will take place on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 10:00 AM, in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. All are invited to attend this Ordination.



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

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS	SATURDAY	May 20	4:30pm.(BS)	Don & Gladys Parker, James Kelly, Rev. Paul Stauder, Laverne Simmons
		SUNDAY	May 21	8:00am.(BS)
			10:00am.(QP)	Roger Smith, Joseph & Marie Meyer, Special Intention for Robert & Margy McGlynn
	TUESDAY	May 23	8:15am.(BS)	Doy & Jane Freeland
	WEDNESDAY	May 24	8:15am.(BS)	Poor Souls
	THURSDAY	May 25	8:15am.(QP)	Joseph Poell
	FRIDAY	May 26	8:15am.(QP)	F. Patrick Lamb, MD
	SATURDAY	May 27	4:30pm.(BS)	Sylvester & Catherine Brutto, Kathy Rettle, Edward & Erlene Metcalf, Cyril & Helen Schmisser, Martin C. Hart, Margaret Brastein
	SUNDAY	May 28	8:00am.(BS)	Parish Family
			10:00am.(QP)	Roger Smith, Joseph & Marie Meyer, Special Intention for Robert & Margy McGlynn



# Community Outreach

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD BARREL

During May and June, the St. Vincent de Paul Food Barrel will be collecting for the Day Star Program. Founded in 1978 by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, this agency serves people in and around Cairo, Illinois. Their mission is to bring hope to the poor, elderly, and disadvantaged of that area. We can support this truly worthwhile mission by contributing these most needed items. Currently they need Peanut Butter, Hamburger Helper, Canned Fruit, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap or Bleach. You have always been generous, so thank you in advance for your help.



## The Cupboards Are Bare Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council reports record numbers of people staying at its Over Nite Center and 300+ people per day coming for meals at Cosgrove's Kitchen. With these increased numbers, there is an urgent need for food. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients and, if you are able, your donation of food (all kinds) that will be cooked and served at the soup kitchen and/or individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) to distribute at the OverNite Center.

### Items can be dropped off at:

#### St. Vincent de Paul Council Office

8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223  
(across from Blessed Sacrament Church)  
Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

#### Or SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen

3718 State Street, East St. Louis  
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday  
9:00 a.m.-12 Noon.

For additional information contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.



## DO YOU HAVE PRAYER YOU NEED TO SHARE?

Contact the parish office at  
618-397-2287 or call Marian Meyer  
at 618-277-8155.

## BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. VINCENT de PAUL CELEBRATES 75 YEARS!

Blessed Sacrament St. Vincent de Paul was established in 1948. Throughout the years our mission the poor, the forgotten and less fortunate among us.

Currently, eighteen parishioners are active Vincentians who provide assistance to our needy neighbors during the year.

Our services include:

- ◆ Staffing a Help Line phone system to field calls from the needy.
- ◆ Sponsoring the Annual Giving Tree to brighten the Christmas season.
- ◆ Maintaining a Food Pantry to provide canned goods and dry foods to families in need of groceries.
- ◆ Providing paper goods and household cleaning supplies.
- ◆ Assisting SVDP Drop In Center with food, snacks, water and drinks throughout the year.
- ◆ Providing rent and utility assistance to families.

Over the next few months watch for a more detailed description of these programs in the hope that our parish family will find it in the goodness of their hearts to **JOIN** us in responding to the **CALL OF THE POOR**.

## DIOCESE IS HIRING DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Diocese is seeking a full-time Director of Communications. This position is responsible for planning, implementing, and monitoring the Diocesan communication strategy which includes social media, across the 28 southern counties of Illinois. This position is responsible for the development and production of the diocesan newspaper, The Messenger.

TO APPLY: Send resume, cover letter, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 South Third Street, Belleville, IL 62220 or email [humanresources@diobelle.org](mailto:humanresources@diobelle.org) Application Deadline: May 19, 2023.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you have a loved one or neighbor who is homebound or in Assisted Living and cannot get to church? We have a Ministry that can bring Communion and a friendly face from their Parish family. Contact the parish office at 618-397-2287.







**Notre Dame Academy  
Blood Drive**  
St Augustine Campus— Kuhl  
Hall 1900 West Belle  
Monday, May 26th  
1:30 pm—5:30 pm

**MEMORIAL DAY ROSE MASSES**

Mt. Carmel Cemetery will be celebrating our annual Memorial Day “Rose” Mass at the outdoor altar area on Monday, May 29, 2023 at 9 am. Holy Cross Cemetery in Fairview Hts., at 11 am. Roses can be pre-purchased for loved ones by stopping by the Mt. Carmel office call 618-397-0181. Bring a lawn chair for seating.

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**BECOME A PRAYER CHAIN WARRIOR**



Join the Prayer Chain and help us pray for the intentions of family and friends from both of our parishes. Contact Sharon Needham at 618-234-7550 or email: [needhamsharon2@gmail.com](mailto:needhamsharon2@gmail.com).



BS: April Budget \$27,700	Actual MTD: \$18,948
QP: April Budget \$27,700	Actual MTD: \$25,111

**GIVING GREENER!  
YOUR SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Are you trying to cut down the paper you use? Go **GREENER!** You can give greener by using our on-line Giving Program through WeShare.

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QP: [qofp.weshareonline.org/](http://qofp.weshareonline.org/)



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Register and set up your preferences for direct deposits for weekly, monthly giving, even Memorials and Bequests for one time giving. Never worry about writing a check or remembering your church envelope. This type of giving allows your parish better planning and a consistent income for paying bills. This is a secure site used by thousands of parishes throughout the USA.

**One-Stop Shopping is “IN THE BAG”**

Community Interfaith Food Pantry is requesting specific items from Our Lady Queen of Peace members. And.... It's as simple as 1,2,3.

The **BIGGEST NEED** is cash or checks to buy meat for the pantry. Or follow the steps below!

1. Grab a bag with the list of items needed attached. These are located in the back of church by the food barrel.
2. Go shop for the items and fill that bag.
3. Bring the filled bag to church and leave back where you got it!

As always, we thank you for your dedication to serving those in need in our community!



**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 & SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Summer Hours

May 30, 2023 - July 30, 2023

Mon-Thurs. 8:30 am - 3 pm

Friday 8:30 am - Noon

BS & QP School Office Hours

Mon - Thursday 9:00 am - 2pm

Closed for the month of July.



## KUDOS TO SPEEDY AUBREIGH

Congratulations to Blessed Sacrament 8th grader Aubreigh D., who broke the diocesan record in the 1600m (mile) with a time of 5:18!! She went on to compete at the State Track meet this past weekend in the 800m and 1600m races and finished FIRST PLACE in both!!



## SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection at Blessed Sacrament will go towards the Building Improvement Fund.

The Second Collection at Queen of Peace it will go towards Parish Improvement Fund.

Any amount will help! Both parishes have regular repairs and maintenance to keep up.

### SUMMER PROJECTS at BS:

Thanks to the wonderful donations that have come in towards the Church doors, we are able to get the doors ordered and the project should start project in July.

### SUMMER PROJECTS at QP:

~The chimney on the school will be replaced from Capital Campaign.

~The Fire Alarm System in school will be replaced as well as new Security Key Fobs for the school using Auction and Fund the Need revenue.

~The Church Doors will be taken down and refinishing using generous donations to the Building fund and Second Collections.

We are able to complete these project thanks to your Very Generous support of your parish.

Thank You.



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

**Verle Hoelscher** passed away on May 14, 2023. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

## Lectors LECTOR TRAINING

Lector training after the 8:00 a.m.

Mass on Sunday, May 21st at Blessed Sacrament Church. We welcome any Confirmed Catholic interested to come and be trained in proclaiming God's Word.

## WE NEED YOU!

The Blessed Sacrament Picnic committee is looking for parishioners to help plan our August 19th event.

**Interested?**

**Meet with us at 7pm on May 22 in the school library, or contact Sarah Shannon at 618-531-2693**

**QUEEN OF PEACE  
RUMMAGE SALE  
IS COMING SOON!!**



**Friday, June 2nd from 5-8 pm (\$3 Admission)**

**Saturday, June 3rd 8am - 3 pm (Free Admission)**

**Sunday, June 4th from 11 am - 3 pm (\$5 fill a bag sale)**

We are now accepting donated items. We accept anything from books, jewelry, and household items to clothes, toys, and furniture! No old TV's or broken items, please.

From May 29 - June 1 we will have open drop off times in the QP Gym: 9-11 am and 6-8 pm. If you would like to donate before May 29, just contact Kim Hoffman at 618-971-9832 to set up a time.

## Cheers to You!

Thanks to everyone who supported our 5 Fish Fries! Seeing the parish center packed with parishioners and friends from the community sure was fun and definitely good for the soul!

Together, we netted \$22,000 for our parish and school!

Yes, there will be more Fish Fries in the future! Stay tuned.

**QP FISH FRY**



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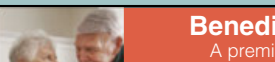
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