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Deacon Tim DeRousse

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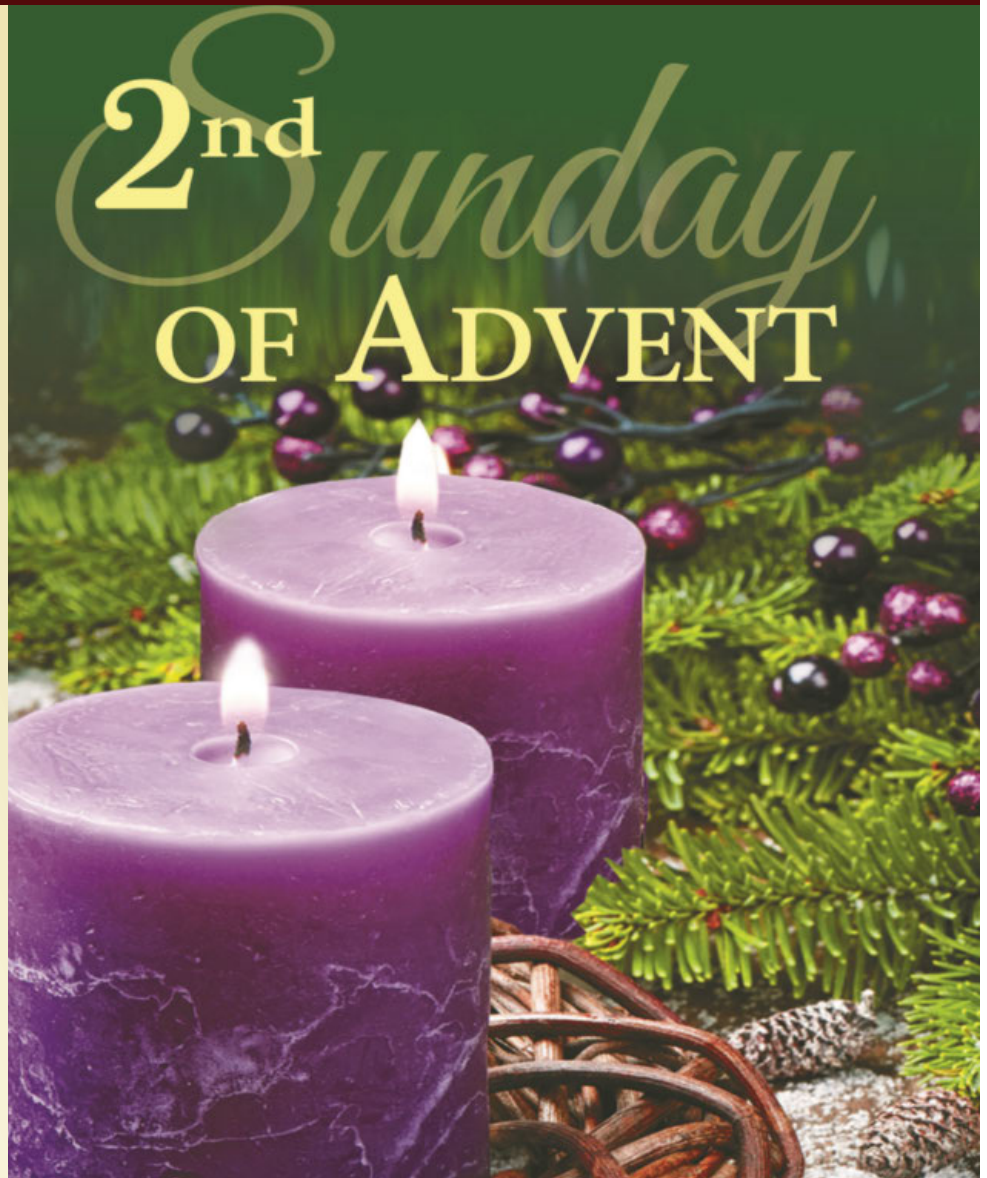
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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

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

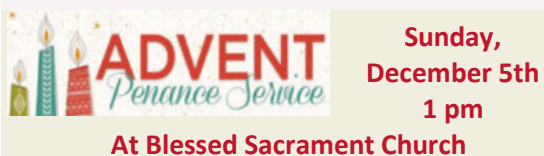
Celebrated in the Fall at **Queen of Peace**, and **May 3, 2022 at Blessed Sacrament**.

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



2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day) Wednesday, December 8th

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Monday, December 8th. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. See list of Mass times below.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	SATURDAY	December 4	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Rose Marie Micka, Bauer, Hart & Lipe Families, Audrey Johnson, Alice Braun
	SUNDAY	December 5	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Peggy Slapshak, Kathy Rettle
	TUESDAY	December 7	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Deacon Don Sparling
	Immaculate Conception	Holy Day of Obligation	5:00 p.m. (BS)	Bruno & Marge Kwapis
	WEDNESDAY	December 8	8:15 a.m. (QP)	Msgr. Maurice Driscoll
			10:00 a.m. (BS)	Ray & Ginny Czech
	THURSDAY	December 9	8:15a.m. (QP)	Bette Voss
	FRIDAY	December 10	8:15 a.m. (BS)	Cyril & Helen Schmisser
	SATURDAY	December 11	4:30 p.m. (BS)	Julia Kappel, Rev. Paul Stauder, Lizbeth Azar-Knepper, Ronald Smith
	SUNDAY	December 12	8:00 a.m. (BS)	Parish Family
			10:00 a.m. (QP)	Rose & George Phillips, Jerry Geppert, Adolph & Emma Auer





Lectors

Attention All Lectors,
please pick up your copy of
the NEW 2022 Workbook for

Lectors from the sacristy of the church where you usually read from. Names are labeled on books.

If you feel called to become a lector please contact Rusty Asbury, 618-397-2287 ext. 16.

ON OUR OWN EVENT

For December, the On Our Own group will be gathering at Fletcher's Restaurant on Main Street in Belleville. We will be meeting on Wednesday, December 15, at 11:30am for lunch. Come and join us. We will talk, eat, laugh, and enjoy each other's company. New people are always welcome! If you have questions, please contact Karen Vick at 618-277-3374 or Kvgr4@aol.com. Hope to see you there!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPE

Donations can be made at either parish to help with the flower and greenery decorations this Holiday Season by using your "FLOWER" envelope. Memorial of loved ones can be added on the back of your envelope. To have loved ones names listed in the Christmas bulletin the deadline is Friday, December 10th.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Memorial Candles are part of the Christmas decorations at Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to remember a loved one this holiday, please send your donation of \$4.00 per candle. Please send name(s) of your loved one to the Parish office. ***Deadline to have the names listed in the bulletin for Christmas is Friday, December 10th.**



Please Join us in support of Queen of Peace

QP Designer Bag Bingo

Bingo Number: BL-51817

\$45/person includes:

10 games of bingo, dabber, soda, wine, and specialty vodka drink \$50/person if paying at the door. (Bring your own snacks)

Sunday, Dec 5th

Doors Open at 1:00, Begins at 2:00

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through QP office or pay at the door. Look for this event and click to purchase tickets and reserve your spot. Note who you'd like to sit with on the checkout page. Up to 10 people per table! Questions: email amyp@crbwater.com, or call at 618.234.1206

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HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Each parish is doing some form of giving through our Parish St. Vincent de Paul's, please choose which one pleases you!

BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

As the holidays approach our commitment to serve the poor is our priority. Your participation this Christmas is crucial!

We will continue our St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree with individual need requests, and will be assisting families through our school and help line requests. **We are asking you for cash donations to purchase gift cards for clothing needs and tuition relief.**



Our mission is to serve those in need in our parish community. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Donations can be sent to the parish office or placed in the collection basket designated for Blessed Sacrament St. Vincent de Paul no later than December 19th. Questions: call Charlie or Sandy Cullen at 398-2506.

QUEEN OF PEACE ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

An opportunity to provide a Christmas gift to a person who may otherwise have none.

This year our parish Giving Tree will be in the entrance of church.



Ways to help...

- * Choose a tag from our tree.
- * Purchase a gift requested and deliver it back to church no later than Wednesday, December 19th.
- * Send a monetary gift to the QPSVDP treasurer to be used for a family if you cannot shop.

All gifts will need to be turned in by Wednesday, December 19, 2021.

Questions? contact: Phyllis Ernst at 618-398-8929.



WESHARE DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

The holiday season is one of the largest giving seasons for our church. Our online giving provider WeShare is generously providing a donor match program to help us increase recurring giving. Online gifts help reduce costs and our time spent handling other forms of payment.

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between **November 1 and December 31, 2021**, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church. We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.

VISIT OUR WESHARE SITE LISTED BELOW WITH QR CODES...

QP: qofp.weshareonline.org/  BS: blessedsacramentbelleville.weshareonline.org/ 

Any questions contact the parish office at 618-397-2287

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God, You have called us through Baptism to discipleship, believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world. We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and his people. May a new generation of priests, deacons, sisters and brothers be a sign of your presence among us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

QCDs are distributions from traditional IRA accounts that are not included in taxable income.



Any parishioner taking Required Minimum Distributions from their IRA, and making donations to the church, should consider making their donation as a QCD.

Please talk to your financial advisor or tax preparer for more details.



BS: November Budget \$37,500	Actual YTD: \$25,315
QP: November Budget \$37,500	Actual YTD: \$28,133



Diocesan Christmas Dinner

The Catholic Diocese of Belleville will sponsor the annual Diocesan Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25, at 12 noon in the Monsignor Bernard Voss Parish Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville (masks will be required when not eating). Meals can also be delivered to those who are disabled/homebound (three meals maximum for delivery). If you or someone you know live alone and would like to attend the dinner or need a meal delivered, please call 618-722-5024 no later than December 15, 2021.

EVENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

Monday, December 6

BS ST. VINCENT de PAUL: Mtg. 7 pm in parish office basement.

Tuesday, December 7

QP-SODALITY/MOTHER'S CLUB: 7 pm Mtg. in the school cafeteria.

Wednesday, December 8

BS MEN'S CLUB MTG: 7 pm in school café.

Thursday, December 9

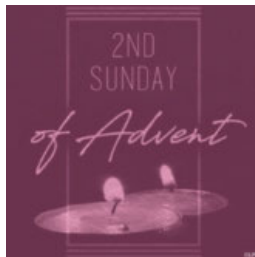
CHOIR PRACTICE: 7 pm in QP church.

Saturday, December 11

BS MEN'S CLUB WORKDAY: 8 am on parish grounds.

With Sympathy, please keep in your thoughts and prayers...

Harold Ord, who passed away on November 28, 2021. May his soul and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.



My Advent Promises

Week 1 HOPE

How will I be Hopeful...

Week 2 PEACE

How will I be Peaceful...

Week 3 JOY

How will I be Joyful...

Week 4 LOVE

How will I be loving...

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