

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Fr. Dave, your new parochial administrator! While I will not officially begin my new role in Green County, Belleville, and Argyle (which for now we're calling "Pastorate II") until July 1, 2023, I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate some very important information related to our priests, the revised Mass schedule, and a new Transition Team.

I am excited to be working as part of our new priest team along with Fr. Joseph Bellamkonda and Fr. Chahm Gahng. Fr. Joseph will reside in Belleville, while Fr. Chahm and I will live in Monroe. We will, together, share the pastoral responsibilities for the whole pastorate.

Below is the new Mass schedule for the entire pastorate, which will begin on Saturday, July 1st. The new Mass schedule will be fairly similar to the current Mass schedule, with a few significant changes. After consultation with the outgoing pastors, the new priest team, parish staff, and the parish councils, we decided upon a Mass schedule that should be able to accommodate Church usage and current Church programming. I am particularly happy that this Mass schedule should allow our priests time after Mass to get to know you, rather than rushing to drive to another Church for Mass. Details of the updated Confession schedule will be released within the next few weeks.

Here is the new Mass schedule with times and locations [changes indicated in bold]:

<b>NEW MASS SCHEDULE</b>			
for Pastorate II effective July 1, 2023			
<u>Saturday Vigil Mass</u>			<u>Daily Masses</u>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	St. Victor, Monroe	Monday	<b>8:15 am</b> St. Victor, Monroe
<b>6:00 pm</b>	St. Francis, Belleville	Tuesday	8:00 am St. Patrick, Albany
			<b>8:00 am</b> St. Joseph, Argyle
			8:15 am St. Victor, Monroe
<u>Sunday Mass</u>		Wednesday	7:30 am St. Francis, Belleville
8:00 am	St. Victor, Monroe		8:15 am St. Rose, Brodhead
<b>9:00 am</b>	St. Francis, Belleville	Thursday	<b>6:00 pm</b> St. Victor, Monroe
10:00 am	St. Victor, Monroe		7:30 am St. Francis, Belleville
<b>11:00 am</b>	St. Joseph, Argyle		8:15 am St. Victor, Monroe
12:00 pm	St. Victor, Monroe	Friday	<b>TBD</b> rotation of Masses at hospital/ care centers
	(Spanish - every week)		7:30 am St. Francis, Belleville
12:00 pm	St. Rose, Brodhead		8:15 am St. Victor, Monroe
	(1st Sunday of the month)		

A special word of thanks to our outgoing pastors and all who helped in this consultation. Thanks to all of our liturgical ministers for their flexibility where adjustments in schedules are needed.

While this new Mass schedule will be in effect beginning July 1, it will need to be reevaluated as we continue with our Into the Deep strategic plan. As parishes are merged sometime next year, it will be important to recall some of the goals of the plan concerning our liturgies: 1) to reclaim the Sabbath and Eucharist as the center of parish life; 2) to have more than 50% of our liturgies at greater than 50% capacity; 3) to have better coordination between parishes with Mass times, confession times, etc.; and 4) to have no more than 3 weekend Masses per priest. Thus, while this initial schedule is meant to serve us as we begin our pastorate, it will need to be evaluated and changed down the road to ensure we are meeting the goals of Into the Deep.

On another note, I'm happy to announce that I have assembled a Transition Team for Pastorate II to assist me in unifying our parish communities, decision-making, and completing the merger process. These lay volunteers were recommended by your pastors and have generously agreed to serve the best interest of the pastorate as a whole. They are:

Doug Eppich, St. Clare  
Linda Faessler, St. Clare  
Steve Krebs, St. Clare

Hector Larraga, St. Clare  
Laurie Minneci, St. Francis  
Michael Ryan, St. Francis

Tim Young – St. Francis  
TBD - St. Joseph

Thank you for reading this. I look forward to moving to Pastorate II and working with you next month, and I pray for all of us, including the outgoing pastors, during this time of transition.

In Christ,



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Parochial Administrator, Pastorate II