



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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The Most Reverend Michael G. McGovern, Bishop of Belleville



Parish Staff

Trustees: Ms. Rose Jordan
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Secretary/Bulletin: Mrs. Joan Scharf
Webmaster: Mr. David Vernon
Liturgy Committee: Mrs. Peggy Hoffmann
Mrs. Karen Pratt

Parish Organizations and Meetings

Parish Council-Second Tuesday of the Month
Women's Club-Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Quilters-Every Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Knights of Columbus-First (Business meeting @ 7:30) and Third Wednesday (Social @ 7 p.m.)
Society of St. Vincent DePaul-First Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Columbia Parish, Columbia in the Garden Level

Worship Opportunities

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:00 p.m. at Holy Family, Cahokia
Sunday Masses:
8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass at Holy Family (Log church)
10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Family
Weekday Masses are at 8:00 a.m.
No Monday Mass
Sacred Heart: Tuesday and Thursday
Holy Family: Wednesday and Friday
Reconciliation
Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and by appointment
Rosary
First Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.;
Depending on weather, we will meet in the church or Mary Garden



A Reflection from the Pastor

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day December 25, 2022 Year A

On Christmas Day, we celebrate the long-awaited birth of the Messiah. For several weeks, we have waited in joyful anticipation for the birth of Jesus. God prepared the people of Israel to receive his son. We pray that we will also be ready to receive Jesus into our hearts, our homes, and our society.

In the gospel for the Christmas Vigil, we are presented with the genealogy of Jesus according to Matthew. Jesus' lineage is traced to the line of David. This is possible because of Joseph's willingness to adopt Jesus as his son. Notice that the members of Jesus' genealogy were not perfect in the literal sense of the word. The genealogy of Jesus also shows how God can use anyone to fulfill his will. What is important is that the individual is willing to be used as an instrument in fulfilling the will of God. The gospel for mass during the day announces the birth of Jesus in a manger, amidst farm animals, as there was no room in the inn for Joseph and Mary. Because Jesus was the son of God, it was somewhat ironic that there was no decent place for him to be born. One might even wonder why God did not intervene! Of course, "the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." – Matthew 20:28 (continued on page 3)

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)



Sunday, December 25, Nativity of the Lord



7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**For the poor, oppressed and imprisoned**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Ron & Helen Whited Family**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family– **Leonard & Clarabelle Montine+**

Monday, December 26, St. Stephen the First Martyr
No Mass

Tuesday, December 27, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-**Henry, Marie, and Blake Renee Urke and Ted and Dolores Rogers+**

Wednesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Paul Ponzetti+**

Thursday, December 29, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. mass @ Sacred Heart-**Parishioners of Sacred Heart**

Friday, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Carlos Zavala, Jr.+**

Saturday, December 31, Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:00 p.m. mass @ Holy Family-**Robert Weber+**

Sunday, January 1, 2023 The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**For All Mothers**
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Joseph Fitzpatrick**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Tim & Kevin McGinnis+**

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We welcome family, friends, college students, and all who are visiting with us this weekend. A very Merry Christmas to you all. May the peace and joy of the season remain with you all.

Sincere thanks to all who cleaned and decorated the church for our Christmas liturgies. Thanks, too, to all our liturgical ministers and ministers of hospitality. God bless you all. I would also like to thank all who sent me Christmas cards and gifts. Please know that I truly appreciate your generosity. Peace be with you and your families.

Parish SUPPORT



Please prayerfully consider your own stewardship and pray for the financial well being of Sacred Heart Parish

Due to early submission of the bulletin the tithing report will be in next weeks bulletin.

On-Line giving available. You have the ability to safely and securely donate to Sacred Heart at: <https://sacredheartdupo.org/donate>.

Thank you for your generous support of our church.



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Sacristan
Lector

Rose Jordan and Joan Scharf
Christopher Cronin

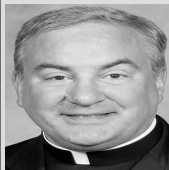
Eucharistic Minister-Choir: Geri Basinski

Holiday Mass schedule



New Years Day Mass (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) Holy Day of Obligation Saturday, December 31st at Holy Family at 5 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart and 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Family



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, I think of the words St. John wrote in one of his epistles: “we have come to know and believe in the love God has for us.”

My sincere prayer for the people of our diocese is that as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, each of us comes to know and believe more deeply in the love God has for us. May this Christmas be filled with a spirit of kindness and compassion and may you, your families and loved ones be filled with the peace of Christ in the New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Bishop Michael McGovern



45th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection Christmas Eve and Day

All monies collected will be utilized in the coming year to provide emergency assistance to those in need throughout the diocese.

Prayerfully consider your stewardship.



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Cassidy Aldridge, David and Sandy Anderson, Laretta Anzalone, Kim Arnold, Lindsey Arnold, Donita Baldwin, Benjamin Bassler, Monica Bauer, Betty and Larry Blair, Jill Boker, Lydia Boyer and family, Gina Brendley, Jolene Carroll, Virgil Casey, Brian Cleveland, Camryn Coughlin, Betty DeRousse, Frank Dowd, Steve Dressler, Hannah, Jerry, and Marilyn Dycus, Mary Engleman, Eli Fielder, Joan Frederick, Loretta Gardner, Marion Gautreaux, Erica and Michael Golightly, Joseph Gourley, Mary Gramm, Bryant Hahn, Christ Hallerman, Vernon Heine, Jerry Hight, Dale Hoepfinger, Linda Johnson, Earnest Jordan, Norma Karstetter, Carol and Richard Kelling, Hailey Kofron, Candice LaCroix, William LaCroix, Alice LaMastus, Steve Lawlor, Barbara Mallory, Beverly and Michele Martin, Geraldine McCoy, Lisa McDonald, Myron, Scott McIntosh, Jim and Nancy Merkley, Robin Miller, Linda Mooney, Kady Myers, Brian Nobbe, Parker, Bill Pennock, Irma Proffer, Alyssa Rhyne, Dillan Roberson, David Ryder, Mary Schmid, Richard Singer, Nina Smith, Abby Steffen, Dee Sullivan, Mandy Sullivan, Andy and Michelle Urke, Patty Urke, Joshua Wade, Evermore Grace Wagner, Maryann Wagner, Angela Weber and James Whipple. **Please remember teenagers and their overwhelming challenges. *If you know of someone that needs to be added or removed from this list, please let Joan Scharf know as soon as possible.***

Please remember our Service Men and Women protecting our freedom!



Tressa Tucker , U.S. Air Force	Sister of Jake Weber
Hunter Kelling , U. S. Navy	Son of Holly and Travis Kelling
Joseph F. Gloeckner , U. S. Navy	Son of Michael and Renee Gloeckner




***Mass Intentions are a wonderful way to remember your loved ones, those who have special needs, or any special occasion. The recommended offering is \$10.00. Put your intention and money in the collection basket or send it to Joan at the parish office, P. O. Box 35, Dupo, Illinois 62239.* Available NOW!**


Hospital Visitations-Due to the new privacy laws most hospitals are not notifying the Pastor of parishioners who are in the hospital. If you or a loved one is in the hospital and wish for Father Osang to visit, please leave a message for him at (618) 215-0538 with the name, hospital, and room number (if you have it).

Home Visitation and Communion-If anyone would appreciate a visit or Communion brought to their home please call Fr. Osang at (618) 215- 0538 or leave a message at the parish office (618-286-4373).

Hall Rental-For hall rental information please contact Joan in the office at (618) 286-4373. You can view the Parish Hall -Policy and print out the Rental Agreement by visiting our website at www.sacredheartchurchdupo.org and clicking on Hall Rental.




**♪Happy Birth day to ♪ ♪ ♪You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪
 birthday ♪ ♪dear...December 27th—Travis Kelling 28th—Linda Hooch
 2023 January 2nd—Barbara Mallory 4th—Kaleb Buechler
 5th—Andrew Evers 7th—E. Marie Smitt 13th—Elsie Hoffstetter
 14th—Hunter Kelling 17th—Sean Frederick 21st—Linda Kukla**




**Happy Anniversary to...December
 27th Tim and Sheila Walster**

May each of you be richly blessed by the Lord! From Your faith family.



Volunteers Needed....We are looking for volunteers who have an hour or two each week to help clean the church and parish center. If you can help please call Joan in the office at (618) 286-4373 or email her at: sacredheartdupo@gmail.com. You can also speak with I.D. Cleveland or a parish council member.





SACRAMENT OF CONFESSIONS ON WEEKNIGHTS IN OUR AREA:
St. Clare, O'Fallon: Tuesday evenings 6 to 7 pm
Cathedral, Belleville: Thursday evenings 6 to 7 pm

Reconciliation



The 2022 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal (CSMA) Commitment

Go and do likewise... - Luke 10:37

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity,

*-Bishop Michael McGovern and
Ministries and Programs Funded by
The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal*

Contribution goal-\$4,360—21 households pledged-\$2,022—Total pledges collected-\$2,022.00 (as of 10/31/22)



Don't miss Bishop McGovern's inspiring column in every issue! *The Messenger* is in its 115th year of publication. **Historical Issues of *The Messenger* are available online at Newspapers.com.** Go to www.bellevillemessenger.org for the direct link to the Messenger Archives. Our new rates are: \$30 for regular print edition mailed to your address, \$25 for digital edition, and \$35 for both print and digital. For more information call **The Messenger at: 618-233-8670.**

What a wonderful Christmas gift!

Respect for Life Corner

*Dear St. Joseph,
help us to imitate your
faithful trust and courage.*



“The infant Christ ‘came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph’ (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied

Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come... Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.”



Hospital Eucharistic Ministers Needed

If you are a trained Eucharistic minister and are willing to share a few hours a week taking Holy Eucharist to those in the hospital, please call Connie Barre, Assistant Director, at (618) 235-9991 or by email: cbarre@diobelle.org. You can also reach out to Rose Jordan or Joan Scharf at your local parish. Thank you, Fr. Gene Neff, Director “Lord, when did we see you naked and clothed you, ill and care for you, in prison and visited you.’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25:35-40 (NAB)

Employment Opportunity....Principal for Gibault High School, Waterloo, Illinois

Applicants should hold a Master's Degree in Education with an Illinois Administrative license; experience in secondary school teaching and/or administration if preferred; management and budgetary experience; and familiarity with Catholic education. He or she is required to be faithful and committed to the teachings of the Catholic faith. **Send your resume to:** Diocese of Belleville, Office of Education, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, Illinois 62221 or email it to: jbirdsong@diobelle.org.

Applications will be accepted until filled.

Job Opportunity-Scott Air Force Base Catholic (RE) Coordinator Not to exceed 25 hours per week

Company: FAR Government, Inc

Job Overview: Coordinate sacramental preparation programs to include Baptism; recruiting catechists and setting time and place for parent-teacher meetings; organize, plan, schedule and publicize religious programs including Catholic Vacation Bible School and maintain a sign-up/attendee log for program events.

To apply or get more details visit:

<https://scottairforcebase-il.geebo.com/jobs-online/view/id/1256910247-catholic-re-coordinato>

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Events—

**Hurry! The WOL ends
Saturday, December 31, 2022**



Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Bring your family and friends to see the lights and enjoy the many holiday sites in the Guest Center.

Experience the splendor of the greatest story ever told!

Events around the Parish and the community



THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

December 9, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

During the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas, we contemplate the good news that God has come to us in Jesus Christ His Son. The celebration of the birth of Christ reminds us that He came to us in humility so that we can be 'filled with the Father's great love'. Christ came to help all people, especially those who are most vulnerable and in need. During Advent, as faithful disciples of Christ, we prepare our hearts and our world for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

An important way of proclaiming the good news of our Savior's birth is by imitating Christ's love for the poor. I ask your support for our 45th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection which will be taken up at our Christmas Masses. Envelopes for this special collection are in your regular envelope packet, or you may also make your gift online by visiting the diocesan website – www.diobelle.org. One hundred per cent (100%) of the money collected through this fund stays in our Diocese to help people with emergency utility assistance, shelter, food, transportation, burial expenses and countless other forms of crisis aid. During the past year \$143,820 was distributed to those in need through your gifts to the Christmas Collection.

Our Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection has been a much-needed source of help for many. Please know I am most grateful for any support you might be able to give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville



Gibault High School News....

We are scheduling Shadow Visits for the second semester. Your 7th or 8th grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Private tours are available by our Director of Enrollment. Get started at:

<https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

Class of 2027! It's time to get your application in to stay on track for important registration and enrollment deadlines at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>.

Band Alumni Night

Calling all former Rockin' Hawks! Our Gibault Band Alumni Night is scheduled for January 6. Arrive between 6-6:30 p.m. For more information call Scott Ruppel at:

sruppel@gibaulthawks.com

Raffle-Mania!

Help Gibault and possibly win some money for yourself! Talk about a win-win!

With a purchase of a \$25 ticket, you are entered for:

\$30 Daily Drawings-Monday-Friday (January 1 - May 31);

\$100 Bonus Winner the last day of each month (January - April);

GRAND PRIZES in May for \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250!

If your ticket is pulled for a prize, it goes right back in so you can win again! To get a ticket online at: <https://one.bidpal.net/rafflemania>, or by calling the school office at 939-3883.



DuKare

Your help is desperately needed at the pantry. The next time you do your grocery shopping, put a couple of cans of chicken and dumplings, or boxes of Hamburger Helper items in your cart and help a family with a meal. For more information contact Geri Basinski, Karen Pratt, Rose Jordan or Linda Martin.



Father Osang Idagbo, the Trustees (Rose Jordan and Duane McClanahan) and Parish Council (Tim Frederick, Kathy Weichert, David Urhan, Christopher Cronin, Dave Vernon, and I.D. Cleveland), wish each and everyone of you and your families a very blessed and merry Christmas. May the new year be filled with peace, love, hope and good health!