

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville



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Monday 10-2

Wednesday and Friday 11-1

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Administrator: *Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.*



The Most Reverend Michael G. McGovern, Bishop of Belleville



## Parish Staff

Trustees:	Ms. Rose Jordan Mr. Dennis Martin
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 @ 6 pm

**Women's Club**-Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm (except June-August)

**Quilters**-Every Tuesday after 8 am Mass

**Knights of Columbus**-First (Business meeting @ 7:30 pm) and Third Wednesday (Social @ 7 pm)

**Society of St. Vincent DePaul**-First Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia in the Garden Level (except June-August)

## 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

**January 14, 2024      Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.**

**Year B**



*A little girl came home from Sunday school and said to her mother: "Mommy teacher told us that God puts people in this world so that they can get ready for a big banquet in Heaven." "Yes, that is right," she said. "But why doesn't grandma get ready for that banquet by getting a set of new teeth from her dentist?" Mother replied: "It is because she knows that God will give her a brand-new set of strong and beautiful teeth in heaven."*

I joyfully welcome you to the Ordinary Time in the liturgical cycle B. The anniversary of the birth of Christ is completed with the feast of Baptism of the Lord. He now begins to live among us, and we witness to the power of his examples. The First Reading describes the old man Eli mentoring the young Samuel to discern God's plan for him. Eli patiently accompanied the boy, reflected on Samuel's confusions, mistakes, struggles, and taught him to respond to God's invitation for relationship. Mentoring is an indispensable parental care, requiring a lot of listening, loving presence, patience, and prayer. You want to help your wards hear the voice of God and ultimately have a relationship with the God who craves for them.

We see John the Baptist, in the Gospel, play this important role for his disciples. He mentored them to desire a relationship with Jesus Christ. They spent the rest of that day together. These young men found a friend in Jesus. They joyfully tell their stories and invited others to friendship with Jesus Christ. Our world is still thirsting for God. God is thirsting for your friendship. He is calling you to share that joyful story with your neighbor. It's all about friendship with God. In our brokenness, God does not stop yearning for our return. Just let him be your friend.

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**  
(+ Deceased)

**Sunday, January 14, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

 7:30 a.m. Confession is available  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Virgil Casey+**  
9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donut Fellowship 

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Members of the Log Church**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Mary Weber 97th Birthday**

**Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Day**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, January 16, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-**Sacred Heart Women’s Club members, living and deceased**

**Wednesday, January 17, St. Anthony, Abbot**

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Helen Chaput+**

**Thursday, January 18, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mass @ Sacred Heart-**Carol Kelling+**


**Friday, January 19, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Sarah Aldridge+**

**Saturday, January 20, Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family-**Bobby Sumpter+**

**Sunday, January 21, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

 7:30 a.m. Confession is available  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Uhrhan Family Members, living and deceased**  
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Ron**

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10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Daniel Schreckenber+**



**Parish SUPPORT**

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

**December 31, 2023**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**General Collections**

Envelopes (17)	\$12,270.00
Other Donations	150.00
Loose	0.00
Candles	<u>\$ 4.00</u>

**Total General Collections \$12,424.00**

**Special Collections**

Religious Retirement (1)	\$ 20.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement (1)	20.00
First Offering (3)	15.00
Collection for the Needy (5)	205.00
Solemnity of Mary (3)	185.00
Christmas Flowers (1)	20.00
Christmas Collection (11)	<u>\$ 860.00</u>

**Total Special Collections \$ 1,325.00**

**Total Deposit \$13,749.00**

**Building Maintenance (2) \$ 25.00**

**Mass Intentions (14) \$ 140.00**

**January 7, 2024**

**The Epiphany of Our Lord**

**General Collections**

Envelopes (14)	\$ 750.00
Other Donations	0.00
Loose	0.00
Candles	<u>\$ 4.00</u>

**Total General Collections \$ 754.00**

**Special Collections**

Solemnity of Mary (3)	\$ 40.00
First Offering (5)	<u>40.00</u>

**Total Special Collections \$ 80.00**

**Total Deposit \$ 834.00**

**Building Maintenance (5) \$ 75.00**

**Mass Intentions () \$ 0.00**

**St. Vincent DePaul (5) \$ 190.00**

**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.**



Join us for Coffee and Donut Fellowship in the Parish Center after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Messenger Renewal Weekend**

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**February 4, 2024**



**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JANUARY 21, 2024**



**Sacristan:**

**Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf**

**Lector**

**Christopher Cronin**

**Host**

**Carol McClanahan**

**Eucharistic Minister-Choir:**

**Emily Weber**

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE PRAY FOR:**



Cassidy Aldridge, David and Sandy Anderson, Lauretta Anzalone, Kim Arnold, Lindsey Arnold, Donita Baldwin, Benjamin Bassler, Monica Bauer, Betty and Larry Blair, Lydia Boyer and family, Egypt Call, Jolene Carroll, Jill Chartrand, Mia Cleveland, Elisabeth Curtis, Hannah, Jerry, and Marilyn Dycus, Mary Engleman, Eli Fielder, Joan Frederick, Loretta Gardner, Marion Gautreaux, Erica and Michael Golightly, Phyllis Gould, Joseph Gourley, Mary Gramm, Bryant Hahn, Christ Hallerman, Susan Heape, Charles Heard, Jerry Hight, Linda Johnson, Earnest Jordan, Norma Karstetter, Richard Kelling, Hailey Kofron, Candice LaCroix, William LaCroix, Alice LaMastus, Steve Lawlor, Barbara Mallory, Michele Martin, Duane McClanahan, Geraldine McCoy, Scott McIntosh, Joanna and Ron Mentel, Nancy Merkle, Robin Miller, Sr. Emile Morgan, Tammy Murdoch, Kady Myers, Brian Nobe, Dillan Oberson, Parker, Bill Pennock, Irma Proffer, Beau Bennett Reeves (infant), Alyssa Rhyne, Kim Ross, David Ryder, Mary Schmid, Richard Singer, Nina Smith, Abby Steffen, Patty Urke, Joshua Wade, Evermore Grace Wagner, Maryann Wagner, Angela Weber, James Whipple and Ashlei Wilson. **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!**



<b>Tressa Tucker</b> , U.S. Air Force	Sister of Jake Weber
<b>Hunter Kelling</b> , U. S. Navy	Son of Holly and Travis Kelling
<b>Joseph F. Gloeckner</b> , 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 Akabueze to visit, please leave a message for him at (618) 340-6915 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. Akabueze at (618) 340-6915 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](http://www.sacredheartchurchdupo.org) and clicking on Hall Rental.



♪Happy Birth day to ♪ ♪ ♪You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪  
**birthday ♪ ♪dear...January: 14th: Hunter Kelling 17th: Sean Frederick**  
 24: Fr. Earistus Akabueze (50th!)

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



**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION ON WEEKNIGHTS IN OUR AREA:**

**St. Clare, O'Fallon: Tuesday evenings 6 to 7 pm**  
**Cathedral, Belleville: Thursday evenings 6 to 7 pm (w/weekly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)**

**Columbia Public Library News...**

**Seniors Club for those 55+**

Every Thursday at the American Legion Club. Doors open at 11:a.m. Cost is \$5.50 and includes lunch and activities.

**Coffee With Caregivers**

Are you a Caregiver? Join us for coffee and conversation and meet other Caregivers as we share experiences, tips information, resources, and stories. They meet every second Wednesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Columbia Public Library. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2024 From Bishop McGovern. . .**  
***The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15***

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make **your gift** to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today. **-Bishop Michael McGovern** and Ministries and Programs Funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal *As we begin a new year, prayerfully consider your stewardship to continue God's mission of Hope.*



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***Interested in the Permanent Diaconate?***

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men (and their spouses) who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220. The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering another new class of aspirants starting in the fall of 2025. Eligibility is extended to men who have reached the ages thirty-three (33) to fifty-six (56) by September 2025. *Men older than fifty-six may still apply but require special approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop.* The formation process is a five-year commitment, including academic studies conducted by St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon's role. Participants are required to attend a three-day meeting once per month over the course of the five-year program. Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with their pastor. For those unable to attend the initial meeting, another session will be scheduled later. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the process and requirements for becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese.

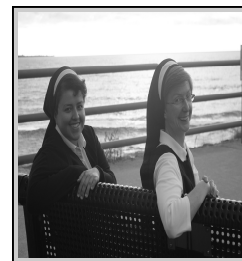


Diocese of Belleville Office of Human Resources welcomes **Sharon Buckley** to the position of Administrative Assistant for the Office of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.

Her first day of employment was Wednesday, January 3, 2024. As the Administrative Assistant, Sharon supports the promotion and implementation of the National Directory of Catechesis to parishes in our diocese. This includes Adult Faith Formation, Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation, Young Adult Faith Formation, and Youth Catechesis. She also serves as the point of contact for the digital catechist formation platform. Sharon and her husband, Jerry live in Fairview Heights and are members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. They have one daughter, Erica, who lives in Nashville, TN. They enjoy visiting her as much as possible. In her free time, she also enjoys golfing, pickleball, and yoga. Sharon can be reached by email at: [sbuckley@diobelle.org](mailto:sbuckley@diobelle.org) or by phone at: 618-722-5058. Please keep Sharon in prayer as she transitions into this new role.

**Respect for Life**

This month's intention is to pray for the protection of human life. In addition to the National March for Life taking place in Washington, D.C., on January 19, we are encouraging Americans nationwide to pray the Novena "9 Days for Life," from January 16-24.



**Single Catholic Women 20-35:**

Franciscan Sisters invite you to in-person and on-line Discernment Events designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Contact Sr. Julie Ann (920) 323-9632 or visit <https://fsc-calledtobe.org>.



**Catholic Radio**

For inspiration and encouragement in your spiritual life listen to **AM 1080 WRYT, it is Catholic radio.** For a program schedule and a free CD, please call (314) 752-7000 or toll-free **1-877-305-1234.**

# Events around the Parish, within the Diocese and in the community



**King's House Retreat Center at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center**

*“The Power, Presence and Provision of Black Spirituality in a Time of Reflection and Discernment”.*

**Presenter: Danielle Harrison**

**Monday, February 26, 2024 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Lunch included)**

Join Danielle Harrison as she explores the richness and giftedness of Black Spirituality, and how its embrace of Scripture, Ritual, Community and Justice serves as a refreshing catalyst for experiencing the time of lent. We will spend time reading God's Word, singing God's Praises, and responding to God's call on our life.

**Cost: \$50 (Lunch included)**

For more information, call 618-397-0584 or visit:

[www.snows.org](http://www.snows.org)

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Quilt of the Month Raffle 2024  
Tickets are \$25**

You can download tickets at:

[holytrinityil.org/st-ann-s-tickets](http://holytrinityil.org/st-ann-s-tickets)

Mail tickets to Holy Trinity Catholic Church, c/o Quilt Raffle, 505 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights IL 62208

For more information contact:

Carol Geluck at 618-792-9439 or

Mary Lou Anderson at 618-277-4664 or cell: 618-540-9607

**TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat...**A three day Catholic retreat (Saturday-Monday) designed for juniors and seniors in High School to rekindle their relationship with Jesus Christ and share their faith.

For more information or to register, visit:

[bellevilletec.org](http://bellevilletec.org) or contact Tim Toennies

@ (314) 341-74769 or by email:

[timothy.toennies@centerwellhomehelath.com](mailto:timothy.toennies@centerwellhomehelath.com)

**Father Eva's 50th Birthday  
is January 24, 2024!**

## *ACTS Retreats*

*Adoration, Community, Theology and Service*

*Men's Retreat January 25-28, 2024*

Join them at the Eureka Marianist Center,  
4000 MO-109, Eureka, MO 63025

For more information or to register contact:

**Jeff Moreno at (314)399-6108.**



**ACTS Women's Retreat -January 25-28, 2024**

**Who:** Women over the age of 18

This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to build and deepen lasting friendships throughout your parish community. Come experience discovery, renewal and peace with the women of Immaculate Conception and other area parishes.

**Cost:** A deposit of \$50 is requested to reserve your place with the remaining \$285 registration fee due at check-in (the full amount is \$335). We understand these are challenging times, so everyone will be accommodated regardless of ability to pay.

**How To register:** Register online at [www.icc-columbia-il.us](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us) or return your registration form (found on line or **contact Geri Basinski**) and deposit to: Immaculate Conception Parish Office 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, Illinois 62236.

**Ss. Peter & Paul Women's ACTS Retreat Coming Soon – February 8-11, 2024**

All women over the age of 18 are invited to join us for our women's ACTS retreat to be held February 8-11, 2024 at the King's House at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, strengthen your faith and build lasting relationships with women at Ss. Peter & Paul and surrounding parishes. You may register for the retreat through on the parish website (<https://www.sppcc.org/acts>). The retreat begins on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Ss. Peter & Paul Church and concludes on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am mass at Ss. Peter & Paul. The cost of the retreat is \$295 and includes all lodging, transportation, and meals. We are SO excited to welcome you on this spiritual experience – PLEASE REGISTER SOON! If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Harper at 314.922.8459 or Tara Phillips 618.340.2138.





### **Fauré Requiem on Sunday, March 3, 2024 Cathedral of St. Peter**

Singers from across the Belleville Diocese are invited to join in singing the Fauré Requiem on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 3 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Rehearsals will be held on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from January 8 through March 3. Rehearsal recordings of each individual part will be sent to each singer. If you are interested and would like more specific information, please contact Mr. Richard Thompson, Organist & Choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. Peter, by e-mail: [rthompjd@gmail.com](mailto:rthompjd@gmail.com). The Fauré Requiem is a magnificent program to be presented in our beautiful Cathedral with its wonderful acoustics and rebuilt and enlarged pipe organ. I hope everyone interested can join us.

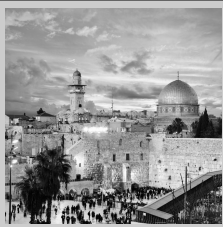


### **DuKare**

As the holidays wind down please do not forget that there are many in our community that still need your help. Your donation of syrup and complete pancake mix is desperately needed. Direct questions to Geri Basinski, Rose Jordan, I.D. Cleveland, Linda Martin or Christopher Cronin.

### **\*\*Cemetery Notice\*\***

**Mt. Carmel Catholic Cemetery, Belleville and Holy Cross Cemetery, Fairview Heights will be removing the live Christmas Grave Blankets and Wreaths on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024.**



### **A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land December 1-13, 2024**

**Hosted by:** Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

**Pilgrimage Leaders:** Fr. Jim Buerster, Deacon John Gomez, and Sue Huett Asbeck

You are invited to join a Pilgrimage of Prayer-Solidarity-Peace, to the Holy Land for 12-days. Visits include: Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jerico, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more! To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Animator for the Belleville Diocese at 618-624-2838 or send an email to: [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com)

### **Gibault High School News and Events...**

#### **Visit Gibault!**

We are accepting Shadow Visitors for the second semester. Your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader or current high school student can spend the day at Gibault as a Shadow Visitor. Shadows will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they'll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! We also offer Private Tours for the whole family. See our campus and get your questions answered by our Director of Enrollment. Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>

#### **Apply to the Class of 2028**

Apply by Jan. 26, 2024, in order to be part of this year's Acceptance Day festivities. Application available at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>

#### **Raffle-Mania**

Raffle-Mania is back with bigger prizes! This year's grand prize has **DOUBLED** to **\$5,000!** Visit <https://givebutter.com/Raffle-Mania> to purchase your tickets! **Early Bird Drawing December 1<sup>st</sup> for \$250. GRAND PRIZES of \$5000, \$1000, \$500, and \$250, and 6 @ \$100** Prizes will be drawn on **February 1<sup>st</sup>** during Catholic Schools Week. Tickets are being sold exclusively online. If anyone has difficulty with their online purchase, contact Desiree Frasure at Gibault Catholic High School. [dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com) or 618-939-3883

#### **Alumni Basketball Game**

Join us on January 27 for our Alumni Basketball Game at 4 p.m. Come out to play or just to cheer on some of your favorite Hawks from the past! Interested players should RSVP to Kelly at [kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com). Player registration is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. Make it a whole evening at Gibault and stay as the Hawks take on Red Bud. JV begins at 5:15 p.m., with Varsity to follow!



## **GIBAULT WOMEN'S CLUB**

# *Bunco Night*



Gibault Catholic High School Cafeteria  
**JAN 19, 7PM | \$20/PERSON**

Includes 2 drinks, snacks, and games  
Doors open at 6:30pm  
Childcare available at \$5 per child

