

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 21, 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

Year B

At morning Mass, the pastor announced to the congregation that the bishop had just appointed him to another parish. After the Mass, a woman came up to him and expressed her dismay at his leaving. "Oh, I'm sure the bishop will send you someone who's far better than I am," The pastor tried to console her. "No," the woman replied, "that won't happen, and that can't happen." "Why not?" asked the priest, unable to resist the temptation to hear a compliment in the superlative about himself. "Because," the woman said, "I've seen five pastors now in this parish, and each new pastor was worse than the last."

I joyfully welcome you to the celebration of Sunday of the Word of God. The motto for it is, "Remain in my Word," (John 8:31). Pope Francis wants to make it clear how important it is in the daily life of the Church and our communities to refer to the Word of God, a Word that is not confined to a book, but which remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign. Today's liturgy invites us to enthrone and live the Word of God. The First Reading helps us understand the transforming power of God's Word spoken through Jonah. The Ninevites listened to the Prophet Jonah and experienced total transformation that saved the community.

In the Gospel Jesus proclaims the kingdom of God and invites everyone to it. Again, we see the transforming power of God's Word. Andrew and Simon heard the Word and never remained the same. It became a turning point in their lives. I invite you to live the Word. Let the Word take flesh in you by listening to Jesus daily. Consider picking a copy of the "Word Among Us" from Holy Family or Sacred Heart monthly for your daily reflection on the Word of God. The Word can be our daily bread forming us into a community of disciples. *So, take a step today.*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

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 Whited
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Daniel Schreckenberg+

Monday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Babies No Mass

Tuesday, January 23, St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-Virgil Casey+

Wednesday, January 24, St. Francis DeSales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Happy Birthday Fr. Eva
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Carlos Zavala, Jr.

Thursday, January 25, the Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle
8:00 a.m. Mass @ Sacred Heart-diverse gifts within our church

Friday, January 26, Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Parishioners of Holy Family

Saturday, January 27, Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family-Recovery of Dave Radake

Sunday, January 28, the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –Carol Kelling+
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-Ron and Helen Whited and Family
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Gertrude and Malcolm Clark+



Parish SUPPORT

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

January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

General Collections

Envelopes (14)	\$ 540.00
Other Donations	0.00
Loose	0.00
Candles	\$ 2.00
Total General Collections	\$ 542.00

Special Collections

Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 10.00
First Offering (2)	10.00
Total Special Collections	\$ 20.00

Total Deposit

Total Deposit	\$ 562.00
Building Maintenance (2)	\$ 40.00
Mass Intentions (0)	\$ 0.00
St. Vincent DePaul (0)	\$ 0.00

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28, 2024



Sacristan:	Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf
Lector	Phyllis Gould
Host	Joan Scharf
Eucharistic Minister-Choir:	Geri Basinski



Happy 50th Birthday on January 24th
Father Evaristus!

May God continue to protect you and may your new year be full of blessings.

From **Sacred Heart Faith Family**



****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.

Messenger Renewal Weekend

For just \$30 for the printed version with home delivery, \$25 for the digital version or \$35 for both, you can stay in touch with the stories and events throughout the Belleville diocese, enjoy the Good News in articles by exceptional writers, and a featured article by Bishop Michael McGovern! To get a subscription is easy...just use the envelope in your tithing packet (make your check payable to the Messenger), call the Messenger at (618) 233-8670 or email them at:

www.bellevillemessenger.org

February 4, 2024

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, Elisabeth Curtis, Hannah, Jerry, and Marilyn Dycus, Mary Engleman, Eli Fielder, Joan Frederick, Loretta Gardner, Marion Gautreaux, Richard Geringer, David Geringer, 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 Merkley, Robin Miller, Sr. Emile Morgan, Tammy Murdoch, Kady Myers, Brian Nobbe, Dillan Oberson, Parker, Bill Pennock, Irma Proffer, Beau Bennett Reeves (infant), Alyssa Rhyme, 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!

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 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 and clicking on Hall Rental.



♪Happy Birth day to ♪ ♪ ♪You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪
 birthday ♪ ♪dear...January: 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)

The Reverend Jose Ancheril Mathai

Fr. Mathai died Thursday evening, January 11, 2024, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Il. He was born on January 10, 1954, in Pothanicad, Kerala, India. He was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ by The Most Eugene D'Souza on March 24, 1986, at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assis in Bhopal. Fr. Jose was incardinated into the Diocese of Belleville on September 6, 1996.

Liturgy of Christian Burial was on Friday, January 19, 2024 at St. Liborius Catholic Church. Principal Celebrant was the Most Reverend Michael McGovern and homilist was Monsignor William McGhee. Fr. Mathai was interned at St. Liborius Catholic Cemetery.



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.*



The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend...February 4, 2024

Make The Messenger a part of your New Year's Resolution! The Messenger brings you the stories of real people quietly living their faith through compassion and good works. Inspirational stories that show our Catholic faith is alive and well in southern Illinois. Subscribe to The Messenger at 618-233-8670. To subscribe online go to www.bellevillemessenger.org



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.

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.



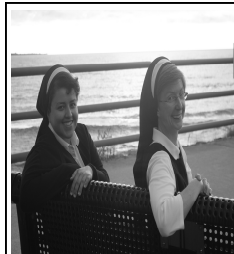
Fauré Requiem on Sunday,
March 3, 2024
Cathedral of St. Peter

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. 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.



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**.



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>.

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

Lunch & Card Party
Tuesday, February 6, 2024
St. Luke's Parish Center
226 North Church St., Belleville, IL



Happy Valentine's Day

Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO
Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm
Delicious Lunch! Have fun & support St. Luke's Parish!

MENU: Chicken à la King over Biscuit,
Seasoned Green Beans, Chunky Applesauce,
Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water

Tally: \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carryout)
Cards & BINGO with prizes

Bring canned goods for the Food Pantry
In case of bad weather, an announcement will be made on the parish website.



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

You can download tickets at:
[holytrinityil.org/st-ann-s-tickets](https://www.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](https://www.bellevilletec.org) or contact Tim Toennies @ (314) 341-74769 or by email: timothy.toennies@centerwellhomehelath.com

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 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 8th at 6:30pm at Ss. Peter & Paul Church and concludes on Sunday, February 11th 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.



Gibault High School News and Events...

Visit Gibault!

We are accepting Shadow Visitors for the second semester. Your 7th or 8th 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 Applications 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 1st for \$250. GRAND PRIZES of \$5000, \$1000, \$500, and \$250, and 6 @ \$100 Prizes** will be drawn on **February 1st** 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@gibalthawks.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@gibalthawks.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!

Income Tax Tithing Record Request

If you would like your tithing donation record please check the method of how you would like it received and drop this form in the collection box. If you have a question please call Joan at 618-286-4373.

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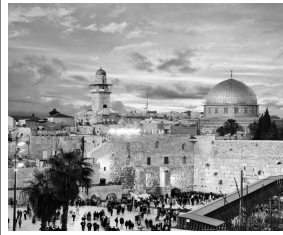
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I would like to add my tithing record delivered to the back of church and I will pick it up there.

I would appreciate having the my tithing record sent to my home at: _____

I would like to add my tithing record sent to me by e-mail at: _____@_____.com

Thank you!



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



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

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, information, tips, resources, and stories. We 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!