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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
 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 7, 2024 Solemnity of the Epiphany

By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

Year B

A 4-year-old boy was asked to give the blessing before Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes– even the Cool Whip. Then he paused, and everyone waited–and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, “If I thank God for the broccoli, won’t He know that I’m lying?”

Epiphany celebrates the first appearance of Jesus to the gentiles. It refers to God’s self-revelation in Jesus Christ. He let His light shine upon all. The Prophet Isaiah describes this awesome historical event in the First Reading. The glory of the Lord shall shine upon the earth and nations shall walk by His light. We believe that this prophecy came true in the birth of Jesus Christ.

Today’s Gospel narrates the appearance of a special star and the visit of the Magi from East. The Magi saw good news in the appearance of the star. They made a decision to be part of the good news. This shows forth their wisdom! King Herod possessed by destructive ego refused to welcome the good news. This shows his foolishness! No one can thwart God’s plan. The Magi saw great future in the little baby and joyfully offered him gifts. Herod went away sad because he refused to see the light of God that has appeared in the world.

My dear brothers and sisters, the Magi offers us important points for reflection. They crossed human barriers to recognize and celebrate good things happening there. I dare to say that it was God who brought about this gracious spirit in them. God’s spirit is working in us, leading us to break human barriers, biases, prejudices, and recognize that God is present in our world. God still speaks, the wise listen.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

Sunday, January 7, the Solemnity Epiphany of the Lord



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart – recovery for Joan Frederick

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-Fred and Elaine Fitzpatrick family members, living and deceased

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Don Eversman+

Monday, January 8, 2024 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (only celebrated in the Cathedral this year) **No Mass***

Tuesday, January 9, First Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-No Mass*

Wednesday, January 10, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-No Mass*

Thursday, January 11, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass @ Sacred Heart-No Mass*

Friday, January 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-No Mass*

Saturday, January 13, Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family-Members of Holy Family Church

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-



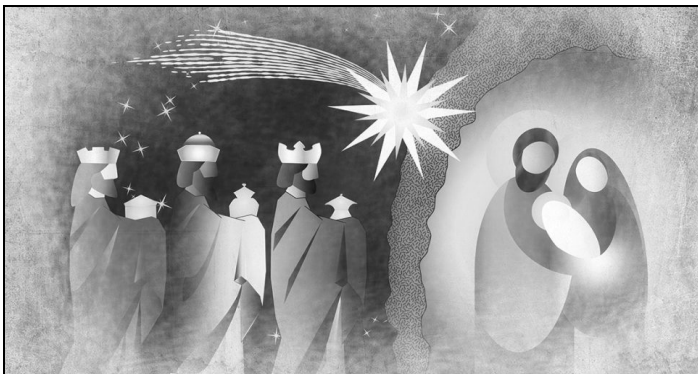
Members of the Log Church

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

****Special Note:** There are no daily Masses this week as the Priests are on their annual retreat.** All Intentions scheduled this week will be rescheduled.



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



Parish SUPPORT

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

December 24, 2023

General Collections

Envelopes (18)	\$ 980.00
Other Donations	270.00
Loose	0.00
Candles	<u>\$ 4.00</u>

Total General Collections \$1,254.00

Special Collections

Collection for the Needy (4)	\$ 180.00
Christmas Flowers (1)	25.00
Christmas Collection (8)	<u>\$ 845.00</u>

Total Special Collections \$1,050.00

Total Deposit \$2,304.00

Building Maintenance (3) \$ 180.00

Mass Intentions () \$ 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.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 14, 2024



Sacristan:	Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf
Lector	Emily Weber
Host	Kathy Koebbe
Eucharistic Minister-Choir:	Carol McClanahan



Un-decorating Help Needed

Today ends the Christmas season and we begin Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

Church-If you have time, please stay after church today and help us to put all of our lovely decorations away.

Parish Center-Please join us to put away the decorations on Tuesday, January 9th at 9 a.m. (after Mass) .

Many hands make light work!



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.

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 Nobbe, 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, Christopher Vernon, 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 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: 7th: E. Marie Smitt 13: Elsie Hofstetter
14th: Hunter Kelling 17th: Sean Frederick 24: Fr. Earistus Akabueze**

*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.*



The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal...

Start your New Year off great by Subscribing to The Messenger! Subscribe online for the Paper or E-edition by going to: www.bellevillemessenger.org or Call 618-233-8670.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

Stay aware and if you think someone may be thinking about suicide please be sympathetic and let them know they are not alone. Please be sure to share this life-saving telephone number with them. **1-800-273-8255**



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://fscs-calledtobe.org>.

2024 ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN YOUTH CHORAL FESTIVAL & MASS
for Mixed Voice and Treble Choirs (grades 4-12)



Saturday, February 10, 2024 • 10:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Peter
 200 W. Harrison St., Belleville, IL 62220

Bishop Michael G. McGovern, Celebrant
Paul French, Guest Conductor

8 Professional Development Credits are available for school conductors



MP3 rehearsal tracks of the Festival repertoire are available for participating choirs.

Respect for Life



“Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)



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



Gibault High School News and Events...

Apply to the Class of 2028

Winter break is the perfect time to get your application in! 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 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.

dfasure@gibaulthawks.com or 618-939-3883

The Kings came because they saw the light of the Christ child. Do you see the light of Christ? We may not have a star to guide us, but we have the Word of God and our faith family. Each Mass we too make the pilgrimage to see Christ, give thanks for Him in our lives and to strengthen each other through solidarity. ~Joan

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

You can download tickets at:
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 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.