

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville



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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

February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

Year B

During the last Sunday service that the visiting pastor was to spend at the Church he had served for some months, his hat was passed around for goodwill, farewell offering. When it returned to the pastor, it was empty. The pastor didn't flinch. He raised the hat to Heaven. "I thank you, Lord, that I got my hat back from this congregation."

The First Reading tells us how the extremely religious Jewish people responded to highly infectious leprosy in their community. Moses received from God the guidelines for slowing down the spread at a time there was no cure. The infected was removed from community life and lived in isolation till certified free from the sickness. The community depended rightly on God for healing, and the leper is rejected and abandoned. No compassion!

In the Gospel, Jesus shared in the dehumanizing condition of a leper. He identified with him by touching him. This encounter restored the leper to family and community life. In this way Jesus manifested the face of God's mercy. He willingly shares in each person's life and offers us the grace for transformation. Nothing could stop the leper from testifying to God's goodness. He talked about his encounter with Jesus everywhere that Jesus could not freely enter a town. Jesus took the position of the leper while setting him free to reunite with his family. This is awesome to contemplate. But it reminds us that God is willing to liberate us from any situation. Be not afraid to come to him. He is always willing to touch you.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

Sunday, February 11, Sixth 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. Coffee and Donut Fellowship
 9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-Vivian Wall
 10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Floyd and Rosemary Wade+

Monday, February 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time
No Mass

Tuesday, February 13, Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday
St. Valentine's Day

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Don Eversman+
 7:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart-For Lost Souls

Thursday after Ash Wednesday, February 15,

8:00 a.m. Mass @ Sacred Heart-Virgil Casey+

Friday after Ash Wednesday, February 16,

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Dorothy Matejka+

Saturday, February 17, Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, February 18, First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. Confession is available
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –Virgil Casey+
 9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-Ron & Helen Whited and Family
 10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Dan Greer+

Join us for Coffee and Donut fellowship after Mass in the parish center.



Parish SUPPORT

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

February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

General Collections

Envelopes (21)	\$1,400.00
Other Donations	22.00
Loose	200.00
Candles	\$ 4.00

Total General Collections

\$1,626.00

Special Collections

First Offering (1)	\$ 5.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	20.00
Ash Wednesday (1)	\$ 20.00

Total Special Collections

\$ 45.00

Total Deposit

\$1,671.00

Building Maintenance (7)

\$ 155.00

Mass Intentions (0)

\$ 0.00

St. Vincent DePaul (5)

\$ 170.00

Messenger Renewal (5)

\$ 145.00

On-Line giving available at:

<https://sacredheartdupo.org/donate>

Thank you for your generous support of our church.

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

Sacristan: Peggy Hoffmann
Lector: Joan Scharf
Host: Geri Basinski
Eucharistic Minister-Choir: Peggy Hoffmann

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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



Pray for the soul, family and friends of **Joan Frederick**, who was born to eternal life on Thursday, February 1, 2024 and received a Christian burial from Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, February 10, 2024 with Fr. Linus Umoren and Fr.

Evaristus Akabueze co-officiating. "Eternal rest grant her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen**"

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Commitment
Sunday February 11, 2024

The CSMA helps to support many people and organizations in the Belleville Diocese. For more information visit: diobelle.org and look for the Giving Tab.

Prayerfully consider your stewardship to supporting God's work in our Diocese.



Ash Wednesday Masses

Holy Family 8:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Friday's

At Holy Family after 8:00 a.m. Mass

6 p.m. at Sacred Heart



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, 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 Merkley, 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, 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 Tim Frederick 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...February: 15th: Pete Nichols

17th: Jonathan Koebbe and David Walster 23rd: Jim Urke 25th: Jill Chartand

*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

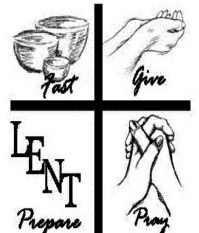
Cathedral, Belleville: Thursday evenings 6 to 7 pm (w/weekly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)



Lenten Abstinence and Fasting Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics**. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, **the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59**. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

These guidelines can be found at: usccb.org





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 is finally here...

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



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.

Respect for Life

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.” Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, LibreriaEditriceVaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved



St. Andrew Dinner
LEARN MORE ABOUT
BECOMING A PRIEST

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a **St. Andrew Dinner** for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on **Sunday, March 10, 2024** held at *Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo*. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us.

The event will begin at 4:30 PM with gathering and introductions and Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation.

This is a terrific opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: jhoffmann@diobelle.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**.

Black and Indian Missions Collection
February 18

This 125-year-old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. For more information visit: <https://www.usccb.org/events/2024/collection-black-and-indian-missions>

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



The Cupboards Are Bare -- Society of St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council reports record numbers of people staying at its Over Nite Center and 300+ people per day coming for meals at Cosgrove's Kitchen. With these increased numbers, there is an urgent need for food. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients and, if you are able, your donation of food (all kinds) that will be cooked and served at the soup kitchen and/or individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) to distribute at the Over Nite Center.

Items can be dropped off at:

St. Vincent de Paul Council Office 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. or **SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen**, 3718 State Street, East St. Louis, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

For additional information contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.



Food Pantry Needs

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.

The DuKare team wishes to thank everyone for their generous donations that help feed those in need in our Community!

The Parish Office will be closed February 26 through March 1, 2024

I will be available by email or telephone if you need something. The March 3rd bulletin will be submitted early. If you would like anything printed in the March 3rd bulletin, please submit it to: scharfjo1956@yahoo.com by Wednesday, February 21.

Thank you for your cooperation! Joan Scharf



The Knights of Columbus Council 4596 Free Breakfast next Sunday, Feb. 18

Join the Knights at Holy Family Parish Hall after the 10:00 Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for those who are interested. Final totals will be collected today! We hope to have a big turnout!

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

You can download tickets at:
holytrinityiLorg/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



Casserole Opportunity

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Giving of our time and resources is a way of enjoying the Lenten experience. Casserole pans are available in the back of church with the Chili Mac recipe and instructions. Take as many casserole pans as you like, follow the recipe and bring them back to church by March 3, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Rose Jordan, Ralph Scharf or Joan Scharf.

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.



Gibault High School News and Events...Happy Catholic Schools Week!

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>

Taste of the Region

Join the Gibault Women's Club on March 2 for Taste of the Region. For full event info or to purchase tickets, visit: <https://givebutter.com/TasteoftheRegion>.

Pilgrimage to Greece: *In the Footsteps of Paul* December 1-11, 2024

Hosted by: Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

Cost: \$3,999

Retreat Leaders: Fr. Jim Buerster, Deacon John Gomez and Cheryl Sommer.

By traveling in the footsteps of St. Paul as he organized churches throughout new territory, pilgrims will be invited to reflect on what their own knowledge of Christ is calling them to do and what it means to be part of the Church today. We will also see the ministry that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf with migrants and refugees in southern Greece. Pilgrimage sites include: Thessalonica, Corinth, Philippi, Athens, and more.

For more information and a registration brochure contact the CRS Diocesan Administrator, Cheryl Sommer at crsdiobelle@gmail.com.

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.

Name: _____

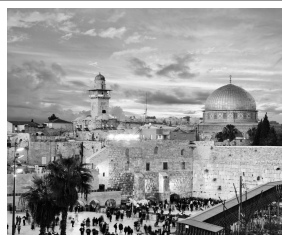
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I would like to add my tithing record delivered to the back of church and I will pick it up there.

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

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

"Grace and Gratitude...In the Grief of Our Everyday Lives"

Presenter: Madeleine Lane, SSND, MA, LMFT
Monday, March 18, 2024, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Join Sr. Madeleine Lane for a day of reflection to discuss how we live knowing that we and all that we love will one day die and in the presence of grief, how one lives in gratitude for all that has been given. When we open ourselves to the pain, we receive an invitation to deeper loving through grief. Our day will include input, sharing, and quiet time for reflection.

Cost: \$50 (Lunch included)

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

www.snows.org/Grief

Grizzly Baseball Outing

The Parish Council has been invited by the Grizzly Baseball Organization to have a Sacred Heart Night at the stadium. The tickets will be \$14 no matter how many we order. The Council would like a count on how many people would be interested. You can invite as many people as you would like to join us that night. No date has been set yet. Please tear this out and put it in the collection plate.

Yes, the _____ family would be interested in enjoying a night of baseball. We anticipate needing _____ tickets (just an estimated number for now.)

For further information contact our President, Tim Frederick or I.D. Cleveland the Community Life Coordinator.