

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville



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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

**February 18, 2024      First Sunday of Lent**

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

**Year B**

*You may have heard about the preacher who asked one elderly lady how it was with her soul. "Oh," she replied, "the old devil has been giving me a rough time." Immediately her husband protested. "Now hold on," he said, "she's not too easy to live with herself."*

Welcome to the forty days of Lent. Forty is biblical length of time that represents a period of purification before a very important event. After forty days of flood, mankind represented by Noah was completely purified and ready to start anew. After forty days on Mount Sinai, Moses was made worthy to receive the Ten Commandments –a sure way for the liberated people to live as God's people. After forty years in a desert, the exodus people were made ready to enter the Promise Land. After forty-day-journey to Mount Horeb, Elijah was renewed to return to his ministry among God's people. After forty days fast, Jesus was strengthened to battle victoriously with the Tempter. After forty days of Lent, we are made worthy to celebrate the new life of Easter.

Lent equips us with spiritual weapons to conquer temptations in our lives. These self-destructive desires are within. Suffice to say that the greatest victory is that of self-conquest. The three pillars of Lent – prayer, fasting and almsgiving –are necessary in this journey. A sincere practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving produces in us the fruits of faith, hope and love. Our confidence is dependent on Christ's victory over sin. In him and with him we are victorious. Baptism celebrates our victory and everlasting covenant with God. It is a sign that God will never give up on humanity. Let us begin again, armed with our Lenten observances, the forty days of Lent. The goal is to let Christ's light shine through us. Don't give up!

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

**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+

**Monday, February 19, First week of Lent No Mass**  
*President's Day*

**Tuesday, February 20, First week of Lent**

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-Women's Club Members,  
living and deceased

**Wednesday, February 21, St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Brady Baum+

**Thursday, February 22, the Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle**

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

**Friday, February 23, St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**



8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Carlos Zavala, Jr.+  
*Stations of the Cross* after Mass @ HF  
6:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross* @ SH



**Saturday, February 24, Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent**

5:00 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family-Dan Greer+

**Sunday, February 25, Second Sunday of Lent**



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-Renee &  
Carlos Gallegos

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Frances Nadler+



**Parish SUPPORT**

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

February 11, 2024  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**General Collections**

Envelopes (20)	\$1,115.00
Other Donations	0.00
Loose	5.00
Candles	\$ 7.00
<b>Total General Collections</b>	<b>\$1,127.00</b>

**Special Collections**

<i>First Offering</i> (2)	\$ 10.00
<i>Ash Wednesday</i> ()	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Special Collections</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$1,137.00</b>
<b>Building Maintenance</b> (4)	<b>\$ 135.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions</b> ()	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>St. Vincent DePaul</b> ()	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Messenger Renewal</b> ()	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

On-Line giving available at:

<https://sacredheartdupo.org/donate>

Thank you for your generous support of our church.



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
FEBRUARY 25, 2024



**Sacristan:**

**Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf**

**Lector**

**Geri Basinski**

**Host**

**Carol McClanahan**

**Eucharistic Minister-Choir:**

**Emily Weber**

**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

**\*\*Early Submission of the Bulletin Notice\*\***

Due to President's Day the bulletin producer is requesting early submission of the February 25th bulletin. If you have any information for that bulletin please send it to me at scharfjo1956@yahoo.com by February 14th. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Joan Scharf, Secretary/bulletin editor**

**The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Commitment**  
**It is not too late to commit!**

*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.*



**Stations of the Cross Friday's of Lent**

Available at:

Holy Family after 8 a.m. Mass  
Sacred Heart at 6:00 p.m.

**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!**



<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 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](http://www.sacredheartchurchdupo.org) and clicking on Hall Rental.



♪Happy Birth day to ♪ ♪ You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪  
**birthday ♪ ♪dear...February: 23rd: Jim Urke 25th: Jill Chartand**

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



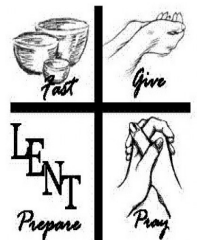
**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION ON WEEKNIGHTS IN OUR AREA:**

**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](http://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](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org)

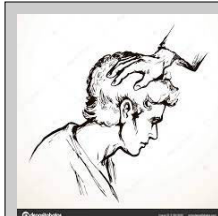


**Fauré Requiem on Sunday, March 3, 2024**  
**Cathedral of St. Peter**

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](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.

**Respect for Life**

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility” [respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](http://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)



**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](mailto: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.

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



## Casserole Opportunity

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Giving of our time and resources is a way of enjoining 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 or Joan Scharf.



## The Knights of Columbus Council 4596 Pork steak dinner sale Saturday, March 16, 2024

Eat in or carry out at Holy Family Gym after 5:00 p.m. Mass. Dinners are \$12.50 and include pork steak, 2 sides, a drink and dessert. You can pay at the counter or buy your tickets ahead of time from Duane McClanahan.

## 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.

## Lunch & Card Party

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

St. Luke's Parish Center

226 North Church St., Belleville, IL



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: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Buttered Peas & Carrots,  
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.



### 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>

#### 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](mailto: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](http://www.snows.org/Grief)

### King's House Retreat Center at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center “I Want to See You”

**Presenters:** Br. Pat McGee and Virginia Herbers

**When:** Weekends in March 8, 9, and 10; March 15,16 and 17; April 5,6, and 7; April 12,13, and 14.

Each retreat begins on Fridays at 4 p.m. and goes through Sundays at 2 p.m.

The Women's retreat allow you to encompass your inner light. This retreat centers on the story of the man born blind. Come and share the experience of being noticed by Jesus, touched, healed and called to witness to the new sight God's love provides. Spend the weekend learning the realization-no matter where we are or what we're doing, Jesus sees us.

Cost: \$200 per person (includes lodging and meals).

Register online at [snows.org/events](http://snows.org/events) or call (618) 397-0584.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

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!



### 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.