

# 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

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| Trustees:           | Ms. Rose Jordan<br>Mr. Dennis Martin    |
| Secretary/Bulletin: | Mrs. Joan Scharf                        |
| Webmaster:          | Mr. David Vernon                        |
| Liturgy Committee:  | Mrs. Peggy Hoffmann<br>Mrs. Karen Pratt |

## Parish Organizations and Meetings

**Parish Council**-Second Tuesday of the Month @ 3 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 25, 2024      Second Sunday of Lent**

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

**Year B**

*A long line of men stood at one of Heaven's gates, waiting to be admitted. There was a sign over the gate which read, "For men who were dominated by their wives while on earth." The line extended as far as the eye could see. At another of Heaven's gates, only one man was standing. Over this gate there was a sign that read, "For men who were not dominated by their wives." St. Peter approached the lone man standing there and asked, "What are you doing here?" The man replied, "I don't really know. My wife told me to stand here."*

Today we reflect on spiritual transformation or encountering God in our everyday life. First Reading tells the story of Abraham responding to the presence of God in his life. It was a discernment process. Abraham was led to the spiritual awareness that God did not require sacrifice from him. Rather God provides victim for the sacrifice! What did God require of Abraham? To say yes to God. To let God! Abraham would, then, become a dwelling for God. God living in his heart would transform Abraham into a blessing for the nations of the earth.

The Second Reading reveals the depth of God's love. St Paul tells the Roman Christians of his time that God is for us. This is clearly seen in Jesus Christ who indeed intercedes for us. He entered into human history with divine light which illuminates our dark areas. Thus, our encounter with God in Jesus Christ makes us bearers of divine light. The story of "The Transfiguration" reveals to us that the fullness of God's glory is to be seen in Jesus Christ. The Apostles were transformed to behold the splendor of God. But they must first go through the "scandal of the cross" before they enter the mystery of God. Lenten practices afford us opportunities for transformation. We are empowered to say yes to God as Abraham and St Paul did.

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

#### 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+

**Monday, February 26, Second week of Lent No Mass**

**Tuesday, February 27, St. Gregory of Narek**

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

**Wednesday, February 28, Second Week of Lent**

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Recovery of Tom Carrico

**Thursday, February 29, Second Week of Lent**

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

**Friday, March 1, Second Week of Lent First Friday**

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-James Byrd+



**Stations of the Cross** after Mass @ HF

6:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross** @ SH



**Saturday, March 2, Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent**

10:00 a.m. Rosary at Sacred Heart

5:00 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family-Thomas and

**James Carrico and Bobby Sumpter+**



**Sunday, March 3, Third 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-Donald

**and Barbara Bertshinger+**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-James Byrd+



### Parish SUPPORT

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

**Due to early submission of the bulletin the report will be in next weeks bulletin.**

**On-Line giving available at:**

<https://sacredheartdupo.org/donate>

**Thank you for your generous support of our church.**



### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 2024



**Sacristan:**

**Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf**

**Lector**

**Christopher Cronin**

**Host**

**Rose Jordan**

**Eucharistic Minister-Choir:**

**Geri Basinski**

### 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](http://diobelle.org) and look for the Giving Tab.*

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

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

I will be available by email or telephone if you need something. Joan Scharf



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

Available at:

Holy Family after 8 a.m. Mass

Sacred Heart at 6:00 p.m.



Join us for the Holy Rosary next Saturday, March 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.  
Direct questions to Carol McClanahan, Chair.

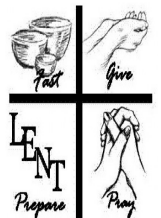
### Holy Week Volunteers

Attention Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, if you have not done so yet and would like to participate for Holy Week, please sign up on the sheet in the back of Church.



### 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: [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org)



**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, John Jacobs, 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!**

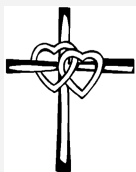
**Hospital Visitations**-Due to the new privacy laws most hospitals are not notifying the Pastor of parishioners who are in the hospital. If you or a loved one is in the hospital and wish for Father Akabueze to visit, please leave a message for him at (618) 340-6915 with the name, hospital, and room 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](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



*Happy Anniversary to...February*

28th

*Ron and Joanna Mentel*

54 Years

*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)



**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**.



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

Last year goal was \$4,215. We collected \$2,114. The CSMA continues to help many agencies throughout the Diocese of Belleville in Southern Illinois. Your donation helps to make this possible. This year our goal is \$4,316. We have 70 households registered. If each household gave \$65 we can make our goal this year. ***As we begin a new year, prayerfully consider your stewardship to continue God's mission of Hope.***



***The Messenger Newspaper Subscription...It's not too late!***

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" [respect-life.org/navigating-infertility](http://respect-life.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).



The Serra Club of St. Clair County is hosting an evening with **Bishop Michael McGovern** on

***"Promoting Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life"***.

**Who:** Any adult seeking ways to promote vocations

**Where:** St. Nicholas Parish, O'Fallon Il.

**When:** Tuesday, March 5th, 2024

**6:00 P.M.** - Mass celebrated by Bishop McGovern in the Parish Chapel

**6:30 P.M.**— Light dinner and drinks in Parish Hall

**7:00 P.M.**— Remarks by Bishop McGovern on encouraging Vocations.

The evening is **free**. We ask for an RSVP to ensure we have enough dinner/refreshments.

Contact Marvin Winkeler for more info—

[mewinkel51@gmail.com](mailto:mewinkel51@gmail.com) or call/text 402-214-1155.

Or RSVP from our website—[www.serrastclair.org](http://www.serrastclair.org)



# 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 Hoglebe 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.



## 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!



## 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 11:00 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.