

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 @ 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

March 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

Year B

Two old men are chatting. One man says, "My friend, you must try this memory pill I'm taking. I remember everything. It's an amazing memory booster." The other man says, "Sounds wonderful. What is the name of the pill?" The first man says, "Hmm! The name of the pill ... Let's see ... Hmmm, what is the name of the flower produced on a garden plant with thorns? It's red ... You give it on Valentine's Day." The other man says, "A rose?" The first man says, "Yes, that's right!" Then, calling for his wife, he says, "Rose, what is the name of that pill which I take to boost my memory?"

First Reading tells us the basis and content of the Sinaitic Covenant. Moses reminded the people that it was God Almighty who brought them out of slavery in Egypt. God unconditionally adopted them as his own. This is unmerited grace! He gave them fundamental precepts that will enable them live and prosper in the Promise Land. This is called the Ten Commandments. It was the condition of the Covenant between God and the people He called to himself. The people were basically required to be devoted to God who loved them, and to live in love with others. I think that the goal was to build a community of caring people with God at the center. Faithful to the Covenant ensured that the liberated people enjoyed the Promise Land and developed into a prosperous nation.

In the Gospel Jesus begins his mission of sanitizing the desecrated Temple. People deviated from the dictates of Divine Law, thereby breaking away from the Sinaitic Covenant. So, the Temple needed to be cleansed, renewed, rebuilt. Jesus did it by offering true understanding of the Ten Commandments. We realize that they are powerful messages calling us to joyful community life and nourishing relationship with God. We are being built into God's Temple. St Paul, in the Second Reading, tells us that this is "a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks." But Christ represents God's wisdom for us. He teaches us that God's commandments are for our own good. When we spread love, we build community. In a good community, we enjoy the fullness of life.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

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+

Monday, March 4, St. Casimir No Mass

Tuesday, March 5, Weekday of Lent

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

Wednesday, March 6, Weekday of Lent

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Parishioners of Holy Family

Thursday, March 7, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

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

Friday, March 8, St. John of God, Religious

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



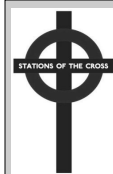
Saturday, March 9, Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family-Larry Miller+



Sunday, March 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent
Daylight Savings Time begins
(Laetare Sunday-Rose)

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 after Mass
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-Fred and Elaine
Fitzpatrick and family, living and deceased
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Mike Rottneck+



Stations of the Cross Friday's of Lent

Available at:

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

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. **Liturgy Committee**



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

Daylight Savings Time begins next weekend. Be sure to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour!



Parish SUPPORT

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

February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

General Collections

Envelopes (14)	\$ 450.00
Other Donations	0.00
Loose	0.00
Candles	\$ 7.00

Total General Collections

\$ 457.00

Special Collections

Ash Wednesday (10)	\$ 275.00
CSMA (5)	525.00
Black and Indian Mission (3)	\$ 35.00

Total Special Collections

\$ 835.00

Total Deposit

\$1,292.00

Building Maintenance ()

\$ 0.00

Mass Intentions ()

\$ 0.00

St. Vincent DePaul (1)

\$ 100.00

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 OF LENT
MARCH 10, 2024



Sacristan:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Lector

Phyllis Gould

Host

Emily Weber

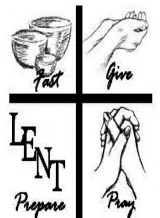
Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Kathy Koebbe



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**



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, Richard 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 Merkle, Robin Miller, Sr. Emile Morgan, Tammy Murdoch, Kady Myers, Brian Nobe, 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).

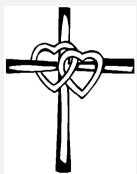
Home Visitation and Communion-If anyone would appreciate a visit or Communion brought to their home please call Fr. Akabueze at (618) 340-6915 or leave a message at the parish office (618-286-4373).

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...March: 10th-Jagger Kenner and Geraldine McCoy
17th-Lindsey Kenner 24th-Ron Mentel 26th-Barbara Cleveland
27th-Timothy Frederick

Happy Anniversary to...March



7th Brad and Carol Cronin 43 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)



Bishop McGovern announced that, **Father James Dougherty** died on Monday evening, February 12, 2024, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in O'Fallon, IL. He was born on October 8, 1942, in Cairo, Illinois. He was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ by The Most Reverend Albert R. Zuroweste, on June 1, 1968, at St. Henry Church in Belleville and celebrated his 55th Anniversary of Ordination in 2023.

At Fr. Dougherty's request, his body will be cremated. Funeral services will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Meridith Funeral Home in Lebanon, Illinois.



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.**



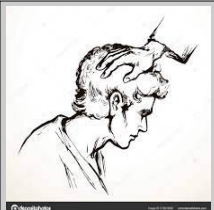
The Messenger Newspaper Subscription...It's not too late!

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



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.



St. Andrew Dinner
LEARN MORE ABOUT
BECOMING A PRIEST

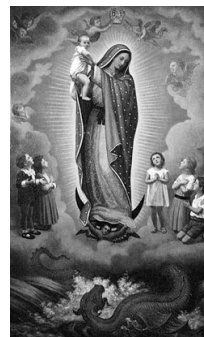
Bishop Michael McGovern will host a **St. Andrew Dinner** for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on **Sunday, March 10, 2024** held at *Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo*. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to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

Respect for Life



Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent

In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples. By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death. Today, we again see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and ill people are encouraged and assisted to take their own lives. How do we respond? The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished. God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen.

We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is sent. Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love.

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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.

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.



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.



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!



Casserole Opportunity

Thank you to everyone who took the time to help feed the poor of our community. May God's blessings rest on each of you.

Rose Jordan, Ralph or Joan Scharf, SVDP



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.



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

"Promoting Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life"

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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>

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.

**And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13**

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!



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

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 or call (618) 397-0584.



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.