

# 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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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 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

**Year B**

*Two sisters spent the day fighting. That evening they prepared for bed, still mad at each other. As usual, each knelt by the side of her bed for their prayers. "Dear God," the 8-year-old began, "Bless Daddy and Mommy, bless our cat and dog." Then she stopped. Her mother gently prodded, "Didn't you forget somebody?" She glared across the bed at her 6-year-old sister and added, "And, oh yes, God, bless my ex-sister."*

The theme is everlasting compassion of God towards the failures of God's people. The First Reading explains the ultimate reason for the Babylonian exile. Every choice has consequences. This does not negate the compassion of God. Rather, we see that God would never give up on human kind. God will not stop sending messengers to proclaim the message of life to his disobedient children. Refusing to abide by those instructions led to Israel's defeat and loss of their freedom. They suffered the consequences of their decision but God continued to trace a path of salvation for them. They were again restored to their land and to freedom.

The history of man's salvation culminates in the mystery of Christ. The mission of Jesus Christ reveals the boundless and unconditional love of God. The Gospel explains the implication of God's love. Jesus was lifted up for our salvation. It's a blessing to fix our eyes on Jesus every day of our lives. He is lifted up to reconcile us with God. Divine light shining in Jesus Christ illuminates our world leading us to a wonderful community life. In him and with him we see clearly and make informed decision for the good of all. It takes a great deal of courage and humility to walk in the light. Our weaknesses and misdeeds are highlighted, but the good news is that we have been given the grace to conquer.

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

(+ Deceased)

**Sunday, March 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent (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+

**Monday, March 11, Weekday of Lent No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 12, Weekday of Lent**  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-Carol Kelling+

**Wednesday, March 13, Weekday of Lent**  
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Lawrence Miller+

**Thursday, March 14, Weekday of Lent**  
8:00 a.m. Mass @ Sacred Heart-Virgil Casey+

**Friday, March 15, Weekday of Lent**  
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Lawrence Miller+  
**Stations of the Cross** after Mass @ HF  
6:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross** @ SH



**Saturday, March 16, Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
5:00 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family-James Byrd+  
**Knights of Columbus BBQ dinners @ Holy Family gym after 5 p.m. Mass**

**Sunday, March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Happy St. Patrick's Day**



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-Carlos and Renee Gallegos  
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Zavala Family Intentions

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



**What is Laetare Sunday?  
Laetare is Latin for “rejoice”.**



So why does the Church use different words to express joy during the seasons of Advent and Lent? **Gaudete** (used during Advent) means “expressed or exuberant joy”, as we wait for the birth of the Savior. **Laetare** (used during the season of Lent) means internal joy, a joy of anticipation we feel because Jesus tells us he is going to make a place for us. May today your heart feel the great love in Jesus’ passion! No greater love does one have, but to die for a friend.

**Parish SUPPORT**

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



**March 3, 2024  
Third Sunday of Lent**

**General Collections**

Envelopes (12)	\$6,125.00
Other Donations	0.00
Loose	0.00
Candles	\$ 0.00
<b>Total General Collections</b>	<b>\$6,125.00</b>

**Special Collections**

<b>First Offering ()</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>Catholic Relief Services ()</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Special Collections</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$6,125.00</b>
<b>Building Maintenance (8)</b>	<b>\$ 205.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions (6)</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>St. Vincent DePaul (5)</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Messenger Renewal ()</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**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.**



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 17, 2024**

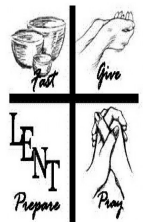


**Sacristan:** Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf  
**Lector:** Dennis Martin  
**Host:** Geri Basinski  
**Eucharistic Minister-Choir:** Rose Jordan



**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)



**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!**



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

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



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

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



**Lenten Reconciliation  
 For Sacred Heart and Holy Family**

Monday, March 18 at Holy Family starting at 6:00 p.m.



**The 11th Anniversary of Pope Francis' Election as Pope March 13, 2013**

Please say a prayer of thanksgiving and protection of our Pontiff.

**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*



**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 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)

**Diocese of Belleville Position Availability**  
**Copy Editor**

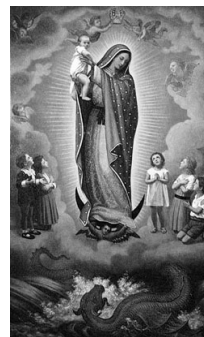
This is a 12 - 14 hour per week position with the potential of a hybrid work schedule. The Copy Editor proofreads articles, corrects grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors, and fact-checks stories along with changes text to improve flow and comprehension for the reader. The Copy Editor places columns and obituaries on the page and could be responsible for writing headlines and articles.

The successful candidate will hold an associate's degree in journalism, communications or English, with a bachelor's degree preferred, or equivalent experience; and 1-3 years' experience in a related role with newspaper experience preferred. Ability to provide copy editing and proofreading to the highest standard under tight deadlines and acute attention to detail and accuracy. Self-motivated with the ability to work independently, but also part of a team. Candidate will have knowledge of desktop publishing skills with Adobe programs, specifically In Design, and Microsoft Office. The Messenger operates on dual platforms so a knowledge of both Macintosh and PC computers is necessary, as well as knowledge of website design, and other computer programs/applications. Practicing Catholic required with thorough knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices, and organizational structure.

TO APPLY: Send resume, cover letter, preferred salary range, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 South Third Street, Belleville, IL 62220 or email [humanresources@diobelle.org](mailto:humanresources@diobelle.org).

**Application Deadline: March 19, 2024.**

**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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***Good Friday***  
***March 29th***



***Pontiff's Holy Land***  
***Collection 2024***





# 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.



## 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!

## A Morning of Reflection for Catholic Men (Ages 16-32) With Bishop Michael McGovern and Fr. Mullen, OSB

Join them on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish, 625 St. Nicholas Drive, O'Fallon, IL for Mass, three short inspirational talks, quiet time, discussion and lunch. This is an excellent spiritual opportunity for young men discerning their future paths, including the possibility of priesthood or religious life.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Mrs. Judy Hoffmann by email at: [jhoffmann@dio9belle.org](mailto:jhoffmann@dio9belle.org) or by phone at (618) 722-5003 by March 15, 2024.



## 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.

## The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Commitment

*Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100*

On behalf of Bishop Michael McGovern and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – **in any amount** – are needed and can be made through your parish or at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) (click on "Giving to the Diocese"). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.



### 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>

### 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).**



### 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**.

### 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.



### 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 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.

### “I Want to See You” Couples Event

**Presenters:** Fr. Salvador Gonzalez, OMI; Karen and Scott Seaborn

**When:** April 19 @ 4 p.m.-22 @ 2 p.m. 2024

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

Our couples retreat allows you to experience our “I Want to See You: silent retreat while encompassing your togetherness as a couple. 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 the new sight God's love provides.

Cost: \$400 per couple (includes lodging and meals).

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