

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

The Most Reverend Michael G. McGovern,
Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville

Father Evaristus Akabueze, CM-Administrator

Parish Staff

Trustees:	Ms. Rose Jordan Mr. Dennis Martin
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Liturgy Committee:	Mrs. Peggy Hoffmann Mrs. Karen Pratt

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 Morning 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

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)

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

Sunday, April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Virgil Casey and Father James Dougherty+**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Ron and Helen Whited and Family**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Jean Doyle+**

Monday, April 22, Weekday of Easter No Mass

Tuesday, April 23, St. George, Martyr and St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

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

Wednesday, April 24, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**McClenahan family intentions**

Thursday, April 25, St. Mark, Evangelist

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

Friday, April 26, Weekday of Easter

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Carlos Zavala, Jr.+**

Saturday, April 27, Vigil of Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family-**Joann Malone**

Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter



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-**Ricky Jackson+**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Greer Family**



Parish SUPPORT

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

April 14, 2024

General Collections

Envelopes (13)	\$ 550.00
Other Donations	0.00
Loose	13.00
Candles	\$ <u>0.00</u>

Total General Collections \$ 563.00

Special Collections

Catholic Services Ministry Appeal	\$ 0.00
Total Special Collections	\$ <u>0.00</u>

Total Deposit \$ 563.00

Maintenance Fund () \$ 0.00

Mass Intentions (20) \$ 200.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul (2) \$ 65.00

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024



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

April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

Year B

By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

Evangelist Billy Graham tells of a time during the early years of his preaching ministry when he was due to lead a crusade meeting in a town in South Carolina, and he needed to mail a letter. He asked a little boy in the main street how he could get to the post office. The boy gave him directions. Billy said, "If you come to the Central Baptist Church tonight, I'll tell you how to get to Heaven, God the Father's house." The boy replied, "No thanks. You don't even know how to get to the post office, and you are going to teach me how to go to Heaven?!"

On this Good Shepherd Sunday and the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, the Church reminds us of our call to become good shepherds of God's flock and invites us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated life. Both the Old and New Testaments use the image of a Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and of the Christ with Christians. Jesus is the perfect example of a shepherd whose mission is the welfare of all. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers.

St John in the Second Reading describes God's love for us. Through Jesus Christ we encounter the shepherd-love of God. He reminds us that we are God's children, that we are one with God. That's cool! The Gospel tells us that Jesus is the good shepherd. In the person of Jesus, God made himself one with us. The shepherd became one with the flock. This a perfect model for family life. We are encouraged to be one with our family members. We learn that it's perfectly fine that we "smell like the sheep". We learn that we can be "dirty" and feel no shame while shepherding our families. All are called to be shepherds. We may feel unworthy but remember that God's grace is abundant for us. As parents, teachers, leaders, caregivers, pastoral agents we are privileged to care for God's people. Just love the people entrusted to your care. Love them and pray for them.

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, Constance 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 Nobbe, Dillan Oberson, Parker, Bill Pennock, Irma Proffer, Beau Bennett Reeves (infant), Alyssa Rhyne, Kim Ross, David Ryder, Mary Schmid, Paul Schonlau, 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).

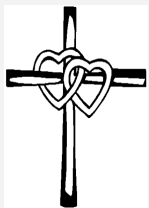
Home Visitation and Communion-If anyone would appreciate a visit or Communion brought to their home please call Fr. Akabueze at (618) 340-6915 or leave a message at the parish office (618-286-4373).

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...April: 29th-Peggy Hoffmann and Karen Hood**

Happy Anniversary to...April



22nd	Raymond and Melanie Curtis	19 Years
23rd	Russell and Vanessa Buechler	41 Years
24th	John and Candice LaCroix	54 Years
30th	Alan and Linda Hooch	
30th	David and Becky Uhrhan	47 Years

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

Notice: Due to a cost increase from our supplier the 6-day votive candles will increase from \$2 to \$3



Book Study Opportunity
“Beautiful Eucharist” by Matthew Kelly

Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist? Join us and visit reflections from others and see how you may encounter a new relationship with Jesus. If you would like to join this book study group, please see **Rose Jordan or Joan Scharf**. We have not chosen a day or time yet, but we are looking at a Tuesday or Thursday after Mass.



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

This year our goal is \$4,215. We have 70 households registered. If each household gave \$65 we can make our goal this year. As of **3/29/2024** 19 households have pledged **\$2,339**. We are **\$1,876** from our goal. Your contribution to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 11,128 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to The 2024 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.-Bishop Michael McGovern



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Be the first in your neighborhood to be on top of the news throughout the Diocese of Belleville! 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

Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response Through Catholic Social Teaching

A Small Group Interactive Program on Zoom
 10 Consecutive Thursdays--April 25-June 27, 6-8 p.m.
 Facilitators: Beth Gutzler and Cheryl Sommer
 This program guides participants in exploring the Gospel's call to respond to poverty in our communities, nation and world, and equips participants with practical tools to take action in effective and sustainable ways. The program contains extensive resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and is encouraged for use in Catholic parishes.

For more information, go to: <https://justfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/JustFaith-Catholic-Program-1-Program-Booklet.pdf>

Register at: <https://justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-catholic-version-st-louis-spring-2024-small-group/>

The Diocese of Belleville has a new Facebook page. Please visit them at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?>

Respect for Life

Join Today!

ICAN-The Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network
<https://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/action-Register>

Did you know... Hope is rising. Throughout scripture, there is evidence that we are called to be ambassadors of hope and healing. Did you know children of abuse long to hear this message of hope? Victims of crime, their families, and loved ones need to know that their voices are heard. Organizations throughout the nation are striving to share the message that He has risen and that there is hope. Each of us has a unique ability to support individuals who are hurting, to promote healthy relationships, and to build communities that are safe from those who may want to do harm. How has He called you to be an ambassador of hope and healing?

**SAVE
 THE
 DATES
 July 7
 July 8**



**Bishop Michael McGovern
 and The Diocese of Belleville
 Invite you to
 Emmaus Days**



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.**



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 (weekly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)



Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collections on April 28th

Strengthening the Church at Home by supporting essential pastoral programs in financially challenged diocese and eparchies in the United States.



Seminarian Education Collection on May 5th

Please prayerfully consider your stewardship to help those who are considering the priesthood.

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



All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the **Spring Farm Blessing**, which will be held on **Friday, April 26, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. at Braeutigam Orchards** located at 2795 Turkey Hill Lane, Belleville, IL.

Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit, vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. We look forward to having you join us!

The Diocese of Belleville Welcomes Martina Skorch...to the position of Administrative Assistant for the Office of Vocations and Deacon Formation and the Department of Life, Marriage, and Family. Her first day of employment is Tuesday, April 2, 2024. As the Administrative Assistant, Martina is responsible for providing support to Deacon aspirants, Permanent Deacons, and seminarians; and will be the onsite liaison during deacon formation weekends. She will support the Director of Life, Marriage, and Family in fulfilling its three-fold mission to educate, advocate, and provide pastoral and spiritual programs that protect human life and promote marriage. Martina is a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Tamaroa. She leads a youth group at her surrounding parishes. In her free time, Martina enjoys reading, drawing, and spending time with her parents, twin sister, and younger sister. Martina can be reached by phone at 618-722-5043, or by email: mskorch@diobelle.org. Please keep Martina in prayer as she transitions into this new role.

Ladies Save the Date...

St. Augustine and St. Henry ladies will co-host the Spring Meeting of the Metro-East Vicariate Council of Catholic Women on Thursday, April 25th beginning at 8:30am in the St. Augustine of Canterbury parish hall in Belleville. Msgr. William McGhee will celebrate Mass followed by guest speaker Father Nicholas Junker, a delicious lunch and short vicariate business meeting. Plan now to enjoy a day of fellowship and fun with ladies from many neighboring parishes and be inspired by the Catholic women of southern Illinois. Cost for the day is \$15. Email smcange84@gmail.com for a registration form or more information. Come and be blessed!

Parish Mission
Enriching our Faith

April 22, 23, and 24
6pm-8pm

Please join us in this revival at Holy Family Church.

Guest speakers DePaul Mission Team
All are welcome!

Holy Family Church 110 Church St. Cahokia Heights, IL 62206



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. All your donations are greatly appreciated; jelly is desperately needed at this time. 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!

Educate, Celebrate, Connect, Inspire

Masterworks
CHORALE
CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Founded 1974

Celebrating 50 years!

Dr. Stephen Mager,
Artistic Director and Conductor

Voices of Spring: A Viennese Kaffeeklatsch

April 21, 2024, 3:00 p.m.
Masterworks Children's Chorus



Tickets available at
www.singmasterworks.org
or scan QR code above



Heritage Hall at
St. Paul United Church of Christ
115 W B St, Belleville, IL 62220

www.singmasterworks.org
www.facebook.com/singmasterworks

The Masterworks Chorale is supported in part by the Illinois Arts Council Agency and by the National Endowment for the Arts.



Nina Smith Update

She is out of Mercy South Rehabilitation Center and is at Garden Place in Waterloo. If you would like to visit or send a card the address is 735 Columbia Avenue, Room #14, Waterloo, IL 62298. Please keep her in your prayers.



Gibault High School News and Events... Visit Gibault! Last Call!

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>

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



United Church of Christ Church Women's Spring Luncheon

All women of Sacred Heart are invited to attend the Spring Luncheon on **May 2, 2024** at noon. You are invited to wear a hat for the occasion. If you would like to attend please call Mickey Casey at (618) 286-5634 or call the UCC office at (618) 286-4211. Reservations must be received by **April 29, 2024**. It is always a great time of fellowship!

Pregnancy Resource Highlight

Pregnancy Care Center, 180 South 3rd St. Belleville, IL
Phone: (618) 233-2273 email: Pregnancycenter.org
open Mon, Tue, Wed from 10 am-2 pm

Provides referrals for pregnancy care, clothing, diapers, and other assistance to mothers and families free of charge.

Do you hear the shepherd calling 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

“Being Disciples of Jesus in Charity, Justice, and Prophecy – Why Simply Being Good Hearted Is Not Enough.”

Presenter: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

When: Friday, June 14, 2024, 4:00 pm through Sunday, June 16, 2024, at 1:00 pm

Cost: Based on Packages

Join Fr. Ron for a weekend retreat focusing on developing a spirituality of charity, justice, and prophecy. Our communities, civil and church, have never been more divided about what constitutes charity, justice and prophecy. Faith issues and moral issues have never been more divisive. Today, the sincere are being divided from the sincere. What is taught in scripture and what is the Church's rich tradition on charity, social justice and prophecy. **For more information**, please call 618-397-0584 or visit <https://kh.snows.org/events/>

“Our Shared Journey of Loss and Grieving: How does Our Faith Inform, Influence, and Inspire Us?”

Presenters: Dr. Gary Behrman, PhD.

Dates: May 3-5, 2024

Cost: \$200 per person (includes lodging and meals) or \$165.00 per person for commuters

For more information, call 618-397-0584 or register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/behрман-wknd-2024>

The three-day weekend begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and ends with lunch at noon. We will identify our many losses as we age and how we grieve these losses in healthy and unhealthy ways. Whether the loss of a job, family member, or our health, our faith can be strengthened, our hope inspired, and love achieved. We will share how we transform our wounds into wisdom by understanding, acceptance, and forgiveness. We will also discuss what we are called to let go of to grieve in life giving ways.

Summer Directed Retreats

Directed Retreat I from June 17 through June 24, 2024.

Directed Retreat II from July 8 through 15, 2024

The 7-day summer Directed I Retreat is a primary way to hear the voice of God through the people and events of daily experiences. The goal of the directed retreat is to allow you to go deeper into your relationship with God while savoring what is happening in your life. The retreat includes daily meetings with your own Spiritual Director and a period of personal prayer, using scripture. Also available are optional periods for group Centering Prayer experiences, Eucharist, and Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Directed I Retreat is designed so you may adjust the length of your retreat according to your personal schedule. This year you also have the option to commute.

Cost: Please visit kh.snows.org/events/directed-1-2024, or for more information, call 618-397-0584.