

# *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
Secretary/Bulletin:	Mrs. Joan Scharf
Webmaster:	Mr. David Vernon
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 14, Third Sunday of Easter**



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

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



9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donut Fellowship



9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Fred and Elaine Fitzpatrick family, living and deceased**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Lawrence Miller+**

**Monday, April 15, Weekday of Easter No Mass**

**Tuesday, April 16, Weekday of Easter**

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

**Wednesday, April 17, Weekday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Dorothy Matejka+**

**Thursday, April 18, Weekday of Easter**

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

**Friday, April 19, Weekday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Don Cuvo+**

**Saturday, April 20, Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Sunday, April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter**



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

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

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

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



Join us for coffee and donut fellowship after Mass. We will also celebrate **Darby Evers First Communion.**



**Parish SUPPORT**

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

April 7, 2024

**General Collections**

Envelopes (21)	\$1,485.00
Other Donations	0.00
Loose	15.00
Candles	\$ 43.00
<b>Total General Collections</b>	<b>\$ 1,543.00</b>

**Special Collections**

<b>Easter Flower Donations (1)</b>	\$ 20.00
<b>Holy Land Collection (1)</b>	20.00
<b>Catholic Services Ministry Appeal ( )</b>	\$ 40.00

**Total Special Collections**

**\$ 80.00**

**Total Deposit**

**\$ 1,583.00**

**Maintenance Fund (8)**

**\$ 185.00**

**Society of St. Vincent dePaul (6)**

**\$ 250.00**

**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 EASTER**

APRIL 21, 2024



<b>Sacristan:</b>	<b>Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Joan Scharf</b>
<b>Host</b>	<b>Patti Urke</b>
<b>Eucharistic Minister-Choir:</b>	<b>Rose Jordan</b>

**April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Good Shepherd Sunday Year B**  
**By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.**

A mom heard that a priest in a downtown parish had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her troubled boys of 8 & 10. He decided to see them individually. The priest asked the younger boy sternly, “where is God?” (a basic Baltimore catechism question). The boy’s mouth dropped open. “Where is God”, the priest repeated more sternly. No attempt to answer. So, he shook his finger in the boy’s face and bellowed, **WHERE IS GOD!** The boy screamed and ran home. He was hiding in his closet when his older brother found him. “What happened?” he asked. The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, “We are in **BIG** trouble this time Dave. God is missing – and they think **WE** did it!”

The joy of Christ’s resurrection is the strength of the disciples. The First Reading presents a transformed Peter filled with power and gracious words. He speaks convincingly about the mysteries of Christ’s death and resurrection as a divine fulfillment. It’s enriching to reflect on Peter’s transformation. He denied Jesus three times. But his encounter with the Risen Lord transformed him into a powerful instrument of God. Today, he invites us to encounter the *Risen Lord*. He invites us to experience anew the healing remedies of God’s mercy. We are spiritually nourished to continue the good works of Christian charity.

The Risen Lord is full of God’s healing powers. The Gospel tells us that the apostles recognized him at the breaking of bread. Jesus is ever present to a believing and worshipping community. He wishes to join us in our journey of life. His post resurrection greeting was, “peace be with you.” He brought new life into the apostles. He assured them of his presence and empowered them to witness to the ever presence of God in the world. His presence transforms our perception of the world. We are able to have a deeper vision of reality. We are his witnesses in this present age. And he is with us breathing peace into us.

**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, 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!**



<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).

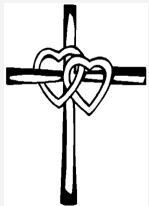
**Home Visitation and Communion**-If anyone would appreciate a visit or Communion brought to their home please call Fr. Akabueze at (618) 340-6915 or leave a message at the parish office (618-286-4373).

**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...April: 15th- Alice LaMastus 17th-Phyllis Gould**  
**29th-Peggy Hoffmann and Karen Hood**

**Happy Anniversary to...April**



16th	Richard and Jill Chartrand	1 year
18th	Travis and Holly Kelling	26 Years
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 Hooek	
30th	David and Becky Uhrhan	47 Years

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



**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***

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. "Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable." -Bishop Michael McGovern



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***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...Child abuse can occur in every culture and every socio-economic demographic. Peer-reviewed research, especially that of the past 30 years, repeatedly shows this to be true. This same research indicates that the vast majority of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the victim. Those who seek to do harm to children will pursue opportunities that provide access to children and may even ingratiate themselves into the home. You can protect children by respecting the safe environment protocols established at youth-serving organizations. More importantly, you can implement many of these protocols in your home and be ever observant and vigilant in all public and private settings.

**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: [mksorch@diobelle.org](mailto:mksorch@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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.singmasterworks.org)  
[www.facebook.com/singmasterworks](https://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!

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>

## 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!

### United Church of Christ Church Chicken & Dumpling Dinner

Today, April 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Do you need some comfort food? Dinner includes: green beans, carrots, coleslaw and dessert. Dine-in will be cafeteria style, carry outs are available, and if you require delivery please call (618) 286-4211.

**Prices:** adults-\$13; children (5-12)-\$6 and children under 5 are free. They are located across the street at 200 South 3rd Street, Dupo.



### 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 3-part Ecospirituality Series - Caring for Our Common Home

**Presenters:** Mark Etling, PhD. with Maxine Pohlman, SSND on Sunday, April 14, then Galen Gritts, Cherokee Nation on Sunday, April 21

**Cost:** \$10.00 each session

**For more information,** call 618-394-6281 or visit our website at <https://snows.org/ourcommonhome>

Ecospirituality refers to the connection between ecology and spirituality. It is a way of living that reveals a deep respect for our fragile planet Earth and makes us willing, caring guardians of it. Through his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis has attempted to reignite a reverent awareness of our common home and calls us to a shared responsibility to protect it. Resurrect your sense of wonder and awe of creation as you expand your vision of our connectedness to the natural world and learn how we can develop a more compassionate stewardship of our planet.

### “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.