

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
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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 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**

Monday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church No Mass

Tuesday, April 30, St. Pius V, Pope

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

Wednesday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Koerber Family**

Thursday, May 2, St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Friday, May 3, Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
First Friday

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Pluff Family**

Saturday, May 4, Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Holy Rosary @ Sacred Heart

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



Sunday, May 5, Sixth 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-**Randy Harres+**

Harres+

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



Parish SUPPORT

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

April 21, 2024

General Collections

Envelopes (15)	\$610.00
Other Donations	0.00
Loose	0.00
Candles	\$ 0.00

Total General Collections

\$610.00

Special Collections

Total Special Collections

\$ 0.00

Total Deposit

\$610.00

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024



Sacristan:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Lector

Geri Basinski

Host

Carol McClanahan

Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Emily Weber



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

April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

Year B

By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

A lawyer's dog, running around town unleashed, heads for a butcher shop and steals a roast. The butcher goes to the lawyer's office and asks, "If a dog running unleashed steals a piece of meat from my store, do I have a right to demand payment for the meat from the dog's owner?" The lawyer answers, "Absolutely." "Then you owe me \$8.50. Your dog was loose and stole a roast from me today." The lawyer, without a word, writes the butcher a check for \$8.50. The butcher, with a feeling of satisfaction, leaves. Three days later, the butcher finds a bill from the lawyer for \$100—for consultation.

We were blessed with a great opportunity to enrich our faith. Our faith is a generous divine gift. No one merited it. It's given to us out of love. In thanksgiving for this special gift, we continue to enrich ourselves through fellowship, worship and loving service. I thank DePaul Mission Team for their generous service to our parish family. The seed of faith sown in us will remain alive and fruitful. The conversion of Saul mentioned in the First Reading is a pointer to us that God is not done with us. Saul who persecuted the disciples himself became a disciple and joined in building up the community of believers. His apostolic ministry and epistles continue to echo loudly in the life and mission of Christians. It tells us that all are welcome to discipleship and to our fellowship.

The Gospel is centered on Jesus the True Vine. St John declares that Jesus is The Vine and we are his branches. This is a very powerful symbolism. Our family, our communion, our fellowship, our life is anchored on Jesus Christ for cut off from him we can do nothing. God "the vine grower" is ever at work building us into a community of God's people. Since we are imperfect, we continue to undergo pruning and rebuilding. Our life as a community, is nourished and sustained by the Holy Eucharist. The word of God prepares us for this awesome meal. The one bread and the one chalice are testimonies of our call to fraternal love. We are many branches of the one true vine. This is who we are!

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).

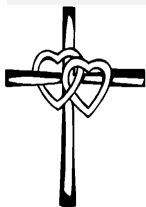
Hall Rental-For hall rental information please contact Tim Frederick at (618) 286-4373. You can view the Parish Hall -Policy and print out the Rental Agreement by visiting our website at www.sacredheartchurchdupo.org and clicking on Hall Rental.



♪ **Happy Birth day to** ♪ ♪ ♪ **You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy ♪ birthday ♪** ♪ **dear...April: 29th-Peggy Hoffmann and Karen Hood**

May: 9th-Diane Lovell 10th-John Koebbe 11th-Nancy Merkle
13th-Vernon Wienhoff 22nd-Fr. Paul Wienhoff 23rd-Oscar McCoy 31st-Glenn Levin

Happy Anniversary to... April



30th	Alan and Linda Hooch	
30th	David and Becky Uhrhan	47 Years
	May	
12th	Idus and Barbara Cleveland	40 Years
17th	David and Elizabeth Vernon	49 Years
21st	Ralph and Joan Scharf	48 Years
21st	Ordination of Bishop Michael McGovern	30 Years
30th	Duane and Carol McClanahan	61 Years

Idus and Barbara Cleveland's

You are invited to join them in the parish center after Mass on May 12th to celebrate their love and 40 years of marriage. Along with coffee and donuts they will have a special cake. Thank you!

40th Wedding Anniversary Celebration



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... The Catholic Church is deeply committed to protecting children from abuse and holding people accountable for inflicting such pain. In December 2021, the revised *Book VI of the Code of Canon Law* went into effect. This is the most recent of several documents that specifically address the issue of the abuse of children. Other documents include *Vos estis lux mundi* and *Vademecum*. These documents expand the acts which are considered abusive, clarify the manner in which the cases are processed, and hold people accountable for their action or inaction with regard to processing of a case. Of significant importance is attention given to the care of victim-survivors and all who have been harmed. Bishops in the US lead the way for these changes with the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People 20 years ago. Today every diocese and eparchy must have in place systems for tending to those who have been harmed, protecting those in our care, and seeking restorative justice.



Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collections

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States, including in our own Belleville Diocese. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Seminarian Education Collection on May 5th

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



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)

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

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



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!



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

Update on Nina Smith

Nina moved last week to Woodland Manor in Arnold Missouri. If you would like to visit or send a card her new address is: Mrs. Nina Smith, c/o Woodland Manor, Room 421, 100 Woodland Court, Arnold, MO 63010. 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>

Summer Classic Golf Tournament

Tee up for the students of Gibault Catholic High School as part of our 27th Summer Classic Golf Tournament! This year's tournament will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024, and there are lots of ways to get involved. You can sponsor our event, donate raffle prizes, or gather a team to play at the beautiful Annbriar Golf Course. For more info, email dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com or visit our event website: <https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com>

Summer Camps

Registration for our summer camps is now open! Choose from art, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' volleyball, and boy's soccer.

<https://gibaulthawks.com/2024-summer-camps/>

Masterworks chorale and Orchestra Presents... George Friderick Handel's

Messiah (Parts II and III)

Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 2 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 West Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220. Tickets are available at: www.singmasterworks.org



Join us for the fourth annual Gibault Catholic High School Women's Club Poker Run Sunday, April 28, 2024

Take a scenic Sunday afternoon drive!
Stop by each bar and pull a poker card. Best hand wins. No skill necessary!
Jeeps, motorcycles, and cars are welcome!

Registration opens at 11:30 am at Hopskeller; ride starts at noon:

- Hopskeller Brewing Company, 116 East Third Street, Waterloo
- Ott's Tavern, 20 E. Washington, Millstadt
- Pete's Hard Stop, 2 South Main Street, Smithton
- Insider, 116 North Main Street, Marissa
- Karban's Knotty Pines, 4569 Buss Branch Road, Paderborn

Turn in hands by 5:30 at Karban's Knotty Pines

Designated Drivers get free soft drinks at each bar and entered in a special drawing!

Two hands for \$25, each additional hand \$5

Five hands for \$40, get 6th free!

50/50, cooler of booze raffle, silent auction!
Food available at every stop

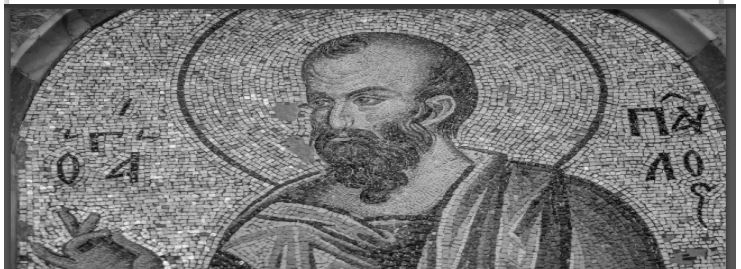
Prizes for three best hands!

For more info, call Claudia at (618) 660-6703 or email bcapagenberg@gmail.com

Proceeds to benefit GCHS Women's Club



Card swaps \$5 each!



A PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE TO GREECE

In the Footsteps of St. Paul and the Early Christian Community
Corinth, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Athens, Kalambaka, Delphi plus much more!
Hosted by Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

Pilgrimage Directors:

Fr. Jim Buerster, Retired Priest of the Diocese of Belleville
Dcn. John Gomez, Deacon of the Diocese of Belleville
Ms. Cheryl Sommer, Catholic Relief Services Diocesan Animator

11-Days: December 1 to 11, 2024



Messenger Memorial Day Issue Information

Memorial Day is fast approaching, and we hope to do a story related to this holiday. If anyone in your parish has a story to tell about someone they knew or a relative who died in war, please let us know. Send any information to me at editor@bellevillemessenger.org.

We also print the names of military service members who were killed in action (WWII onward) in The Messenger. We have a list from years past, but if we have missed anyone, please send that person's name, rank if it is known, and the war in which they served and died.

In addition, we would like to include a list of military service people who are presently serving in harm's way, asking for prayers for their safe return home.

Please submit the information to The Messenger by May 1. Thank you for your past and continued support of The Messenger.



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.



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: Pregnancycarecenter.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.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center Presents: **Other Gospels: The Gospels of Peter and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas** Presenter: **Mark Etling, PhD** On Fridays, May 10 and 17, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon Cost is \$10 per session or \$20 for series Register at 618-397-0584 or snows.org/ministries



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.