



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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Parish Staff

Trustees:	Ms. Rose Jordan Mr. Dennis Martin
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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 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

September 8, 2024

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

Year B

In one of his books, Mark Twain recalls a visit to the Holy Land and a stay in Capernaum. It was a moonlit night, so he decided to take his wife on a romantic boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Twain asked a man in a rowboat how much he would charge to take them out on the water. The man saw Twain's white suit, white shoes and white hat and supposed he was a rich Texan. So, he said the cost would be twenty-five dollars. Twain walked away as he said, "Now I know why Jesus walked on water."

This weekend the Gospel is from Mark 7: 31-37. It is about the healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. It is remarkable that Jesus paid undivided attention to this deaf man, but other than his impediment we know nothing else about him. The action of Jesus reveals his desire to have personal relationship with each person. He took him away from the crowd and attended to his needs. Jesus came into his life. He touched him. This incidence reveals the mystery of God's love. It is personal and impartial. Jesus reveals God in a relationship with his people. He tells us that it's more than God responding to the needs of people. It's about being present to his people. God's presence transforms people's lives and they proclaim his goodness. The crowd rightly said that he has done all things well. He touches everyone who allows him. This is a great point for reflection.

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**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)**

Sunday, September 8, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Carol Kelling and Joan Frederick+**

9:00 a.m. Coffee and donut fellowship in the parish center



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

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Frank and Dorothy Matejka+**

**Monday, September 9, St. Peter Claver, Priest
No Mass**

Tuesday, September 10, Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–**Elsie Hofstetter and Rose Sanders+**

Wednesday, September 11, Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Holy Family Quilters**

Thursday, September 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 a.m. Mass @ Sacred Heart–**Carol Kelling and Rose Sanders+**

Friday, September 13, St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Saturday, September 14, Vigil of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

5:00 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family–**Father Gene Wojeck+**

Sunday, September 15, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Henry, Marie and Blake Rene Urke and Ted and Dolores Rogers+**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church–**Michael**

Whited and Family

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Parishioners of Holy Family, living and deceased**



Join us in the Parish Center today after Mass for Coffee and Donut Fellowship.

Save the date...

Make the time to join us for our Parish Mission on November 4-6, 2024. More details to come!



Parish SUPPORT

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

Due to early submission of the bulletin the tithing report will be published next week.

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.



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**



Sacristan:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Lector

Emily Weber

Host

Joan Scharf

Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Rose Jordan

NOTICE...NOTICE...2025 Mass Intentions are being scheduled. If you have any special Mass Intentions you would like to schedule for 2025 please send me the name of the person the intention is for, the date and if it is in memory or a special occasion, and if you do not wish the intention to be shared. Send your request to: sacredheartdupo@gmail.com



**Retired Diocesan Priest Collection
Today, Sunday, September 8, 2024**

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our retired priest. For more information visit: www.diobelle.org.

Father Evaristus' Reflection continued...

We learn from the life and ministry of Jesus. One lesson this weekend is to avoid the temptation to judge people. We are to help people encounter God who loves them and desires to be in a relationship with them. People with whatever impediments as well as the holy ones are called to God's love. Jesus is teaching us to be attentive to all. He cares for the poor and the rich inviting both to an intimate relationship with him. St James, in the Second Reading, tells us to do likewise. As sensual beings, we are easily moved by the senses. As spiritual beings also, we see beyond individual differences. We are able to see the image of God in others irrespective of their personal choices or impediments. Sharing God's love with them non-judgmentally will help them come to a deeper knowledge of Jesus and his teaching.

God is good all the time.

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, Jolene Carroll, Richard Chartrand, I.D. Cleveland, 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, Karen and Sonny Pratt, Irma Proffer, Alyssa Rhyne, Kim Ross, David Ryder, Mary Schmid, Paul Schonlau, Richard Singer, Abby Steffen, Ron Smitt, Patty Urke, Joshua Wade, Evermore Grace Wagner, Maryann Wagner, Angela Weber, Dave Werner, James Whipple and Ashlie 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.* **SIX DAY VOTIVE CANDLES ARE \$3.00****

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...September: 8th-Brad Cronin 12th-Jorri Kelling
 13th-Russell Buechler 15th-Dorothy Ross 17th-John Kenner
 27th-Kris Morice 29th-Patti Urke**

Happy Anniversary to...September

19th	Christopher and Mary Cronin	43 Years
22nd	Jose and Kayla Jarillo	12 Years
22nd	Dennis and Linda Martin	51 Years
24th	Leslie and Brenda Nichols	36 Years

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



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 At Immaculate Conception in Columbia**

Please join them for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Spend some quiet time with the Lord.



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



As of July 31, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,077,014 from 4,156 households for an average gift of \$259. We are at 83% of our overall goal of \$1,300,000. Last year we were at 81% of our goal at this time with 4,242 households pledging their support. ***This year Sacred Hearts goal is \$4,316.*** We have 70 households registered. If each household gave \$65 we can make our goal this year. As of **7/31/2024 19** households have pledged **\$2,435.** We are **\$1,881** from our goal.

The Messenger, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support The Messenger. If you haven't done so, subscribe to The Messenger today and also make your gift to The Appeal! Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you.-**Bishop Michael McGovern**

Pre Cana on September 14, 2024

Where: St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church (Fellowship room): 1550 Main Street, Mt. Vernon IL. 62864

Registration: 9:15 – 9:45 Start: 9:45

Close with 5:00 Mass.

Cost: \$75.00 per couple. The cost includes materials, lunch and pizza (optional) after 5:00 Mass.

To register: Contact Deacon Mark Kabat 618-316-8027



DuKare

During the lazy, hot days of summer, 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!

Vocation Corner



DID YOU KNOW that there are special seminaries for men entering the priesthood later in life, seminaries where students range from ages 25 to 60? Many of these men have thought about being a priest at one time or another but, for whatever reason, pushed the idea to the back of their minds. They are men who have made a career change to a second vocation, the priesthood. They're ordinary people, men who have been electricians, teachers, barbers, policemen, social workers, businessmen, farmers, dentists. Some are widowers, even grandfathers. Diverse though their backgrounds may be, they now share one aim in life: to become a priest and serve God's people. Could you be one of them?

**Mass of Remembrance
For People Who Have Died by Suicide**

The Diocese of Belleville is sponsoring a Mass of Remembrance for those who have died by suicide, on Sunday, September 15, at 2:00 PM, at St. Mary Church, 1706 W. Main Street, Belleville, IL. Bishop Michael McGovern will preside and preach. Family members and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one are encouraged to attend this Mass and bring a photograph of the person you wish to pray for to be placed in the Sanctuary during Mass. The week of **September 8-14 is National Suicide Prevention Week.** At this time, let us remember those who have died by suicide and recommit ourselves to providing hope and healing for those who mourn their passing.

For more information, call Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722-5003.

Respect for Life

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “How to Build a Culture of Life”<https://www.respectlife.org/culture-of-life>.

Why did our Blessed Lord use bread and wine as the elements of this Memorial?

First of all, because no two substances in nature better symbolize unity than bread and wine. As bread is made from a multiplicity of grains of wheat, and wine is made from a multiplicity of grapes, so the many who believe are one in Christ.

Second, no two substances in nature have to suffer more to become what they are than bread and wine. Wheat has to pass through the rigors of winter, be ground beneath the Calvary of a mill, and then subjected to purging fire before it can become bread. Grapes in their turn must be subjected to the Gethsemane of a wine press and have their life crushed from them to become wine. Thus, do they symbolize the Passion and Sufferings of Christ, and the condition of Salvation, for Our Lord said unless we die to ourselves we cannot live in Him. Kelly, Matthew. “*The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen*” Blue Sparrow. Copyright 2019 August 24

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



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>

Enrolling for Fall 2024

There is still time to be a Gibault Hawk this fall! We are accepting incoming freshmen and transfer students at all other grade levels. To learn how you can be part of the Gibault family, visit <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.



Annual Friends of the Poor Walk/Run Society of St. Vincent dePaul Saturday, September 21, 2024

Grab your team mates and help those who struggle with basic needs. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville. You can obtain the Walker Pledge Sheet and Accident Waiver and Release form by calling 618-394-0126 or when you arrive at the event. There is also one on the bulletin board as you enter the door in the back of church. If you cannot make the event, please consider a virtual walk/run and send your donation to P. O. Box 35, East St. Louis, IL 62203.



Suicide Prevention Training and "We Remember You" Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide

Presented by The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows and the St. Clair

County Suicide Prevention Alliance
Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Training at 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center

"We Remember You" Candlelight Vigil at 7:00 pm at the Shrine's Lourdes Grotto

If you are concerned about a loved one or dealing with the loss of a loved one to suicide, please join us for our Suicide Prevention Training and Candlelight Vigil to honor those we have lost to suicide.

Cost: No Charge

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



Kings House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center Retreats

A Desperate Seeking

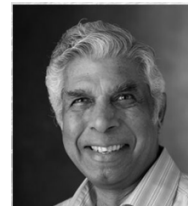
Dates: September 13, 2024 through May 2, 2025

Time: Beginning at 4:00 p.m. Friday-Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Cost: Minimum donation is \$230.00 per person (includes lodging and meals).

This year's weekend quite retreats explore the dense text of Mark's Gospel containing two different healing stories (CF: Mark 5:21-43). Both Janius and the woman suffering from a hemorrhage are desperately seeking Jesus' healing touch. Come and experience the loving response of Jesus to the needs and please of those he encounters-Januis, the suffering woman and you.

For more information or to register, please call 618-397-0584 or go to snows.org



Ignatian Discernment: A Path to Mindful Living A Day of Reflection with Paul Coutinho, Ph.D.

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Join us for a Day of Reflection to explore the Ignatian principles of discernment and how they can guide us towards a more mindful and intentional life. Discover techniques to enhance self-awareness, make thoughtful decisions and deepen our spiritual journey. Embrace the opportunity to live with greater clarity and purpose.

Professor Paul Coutinho is an internationally recognized Ignatian scholar and speaker, who brings an Eastern flavor to Western spirituality. Originally from India, he shares his knowledge and experience of Saint Ignatius in various parts of the world through retreats, workshops, seminars, keynote speeches, his books and other writings.

The Psalms: Israel's All-Purpose Prayers

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD

When: Saturdays, September 14, and October 5, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

With the exception of the Gospels, Christians are probably more aware of the psalms than any other books of the Bible. We are familiar with them, because we hear them at every celebration of the Eucharist. We pray them, either alone or with others, in times of joy and sorrow and need and hope. In this two-part series we will examine the content, context and theology of the psalms.

Cost: \$10 per session / \$20.00 for the series

Register online at <https://snows.org/mark-etling-september-october/> or call 618-394-6281.

Parish Picnics 2024

*St. James Parish, Millstadt
Fall Cash/Quilt Bingo*

*Sunday, September 8: Father Freud Center
Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Bingo begins at 1 p.m.
50/50, Raffles, Basket Boutique, chicken dinners and
other refreshments; 1 non expired canned good for a
free voucher*

*Holy Trinity Parish, Fairview Heights
Saturday, September 21: 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Food, wings, booths, cake stand, games
<https://www.holytrinityil.org/>*

*St. Clare of Assisi Parish, O'Fallon Oktoberfest
Saturday, September 28: 4:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Event is taking place at St. Clare School (214 West
Third Street, O'Fallon)*

*St. Augustine of Canterbury, Belleville
Saturday, September 28: 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. Mass*

*All you can eat Chicken Dinner: 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Dine-in or Carry Out; Quilt 'n Cash Bingo: 7:00 p.m.
Games, booths, music
<https://www.stasaints.org/>*



Diocese of Belleville

**DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE
YOUNG ADULTS PRESENTS**

BIBLES AND BREWS

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER**

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With Fr. Nick Junker

**FOR YOUNG ADULTS
AGES 21 - 35**

**Location: Eckert's Cider Shed Outdoor Pavilion
951 S Green Mt Rd, Belleville, IL 62220**

**6:30 - 7:00PM SOCIAL
7:00 - 8:30PM EVENT**



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Diocese of Belleville Young Adults

Save the Date

Thursday

September 19, 2024

Bunco Party

**St. James Parish Center
405 Madison Street
Millstadt, Illinois**

Registration begins at 6:30 pm
Bunco from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Enjoy 50/50 Drawing
Homemade Dessert Buffet
Everyone Wins A Prize.

Tickets are \$10.00 and available at door
Call Patty at 476-3731.

Proceeds Benefit the
Meal Program at
Millstadt Township Senior Center.

DATE NIGHT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Communication... A Step in the Right Direction

POLISH YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS
TAKE A SWING DANCE LESSON
INCLUDES APPETIZERS, WINE, LESSON & BABYSITTING
BYOB

*\$30 Per
Couple*



DAY:

SATURDAY, SEPT 21, 2024

TIME:

5:30-9:00PM

LOCATION:

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH HALL
625 ST. NICHOLAS DRIVE
O'FALLON, IL 62269

REGISTER AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.DIOBELLE.ORG/MARRIAGE-ENRICHMENT](https://www.diobelle.org/marriage-enrichment)

