



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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By Appointment

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

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Year B

By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

One Sunday after Church, a mother was talking to her young daughter. She told her daughter that, according to the Bible, Jesus will return to earth someday. "When is he coming back?" the daughter asked. "I don't know," replied the mother. "Can't you look it up on the Internet?" the little girl asked.

With a joyful hope I welcome you to a new liturgical year, Cycle C. It begins with Advent. It is a time for looking both backward and forward. We look backward as we prepare to celebrate the historical birth of Jesus. At the same time, we look forward to his *Second Coming*, as we prepare ourselves to welcome him into all areas of our lives during the Advent season. One of the most recognizable Catholic symbols of the Advent season is the Advent wreath. It symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. The concept of the Advent wreath originated in pre-Christian times when people would gather evergreens and light candles to ward off the darkness of winter and serve as a sign of hope that spring would come. By the 16th century, Catholics in Germany began using the wreath as a sign of Christ's coming. From there the tradition slowly spread throughout the world as Germans immigrated to various countries.

The circular wreath represents the fact that God has no beginning and no end. The evergreen branches stand for everlasting life. Four candles—representing Christ as the light of the world—adorn the wreath. Traditionally, three of the candles are purple, a sign of penance. These candles are lit on the first, second, and fourth weeks of Advent. On the third week a rose candle is lit. This week is known as "Gaudete" Sunday, Latin for "rejoice." The rose candle symbolizes joy. In addition to these four candles, many people place a white candle in the center of their Advent wreath. This candle is called the Christ candle and is lit on Christmas Day to represent the birth of Christ. These symbols, as well as the Readings, represent our longing for Christ. Jeremiah looks to the fulfillment of God's promises to redeem his people. St Paul tells the Thessalonian Christians to live in love for one another and for all in preparation for Christ's coming. Jesus warns his disciples to be alert all the time.

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent
(Fr. Andy-SH & HF) *Year C begins*



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-Deceased
members of the Pluff Family
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Floyd Wade+

Monday, December 2, Week in Advent No Mass

Tuesday, December 3 (Fr. ?), St. Francis Xavier, Priest
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-Carol Kelling+

**Wednesday, December 4, (Fr. ?), St. John Damascene,
Priest and Doctor of the Church**
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Andrew K. Knopik+

Thursday, December 5 (Fr. ?), Week in Advent
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-Joan Frederick+

Friday, December 6 (Fr. ?), St. Nicholas, Bishop
First Friday
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Mary Matejka+

**Saturday, December 7, Vigil of the Second
Sunday of Advent (Fr. ?),**
10:00 a.m. Rosary @ Sacred Heart
5:00 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family-Judi
Dobberstein+



Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent
(Fr. ?),
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 after Mass
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-Ron and
Helen Whited and Family
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Shirley Jones+



Parish SUPPORT

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

November 24, 2024

Due to early submission of the bulletin the tithing
report will be posted in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your generous support of our church.

On-Line giving available. You have the ability to
safely and securely donate to Sacred Heart at: [https://
sacredheartdupo.org/donate](https://sacredheartdupo.org/donate).



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2024



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

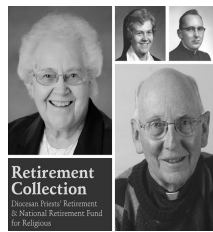


Join us for the Holy Rosary next Saturday
at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. Direct ques-
tions to Carol McClanahan, Chair. Then
join us for Coffee and Donut Fellowship next week
after Mass on Sunday.



Decorating the Hall for Christmas

Come join the fun and help decorate
the hall for the Christmas season on
Wednesday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m.
Many hands make light work! Direct
questions to Linda or Dennis Martin or
Liz or Dave Vernon.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please consider your stewardship in
supporting those who have given their
all for God through religious life. There
is an envelope in your packet for your
convenience.



Women's Club Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Please be sure to sign up on the sheet in the
back of church. The cost is \$15 and due at the time of
sign up.

Reflection continued...

The goal is to focus our attention on been vigilant.
We are often distracted by anxieties of daily life and desire
for worldly pleasures. These jeopardize our ultimate goal.
The holy season of Advent points to the ultimate goal and
fills us with divine grace to focus on it. We are called to
prayer, reconciliation with God and others, which empowers
us against sin. Let us work on our friendship with
Jesus. Let us desire communion with him in the holy
Eucharist. We need not worry about the second coming.
He is a friend! **Fr. Eva**



Parish Christmas Party Sunday, December 15, 2024

Please be sure to sign up on the sheet in the back of church, but this year payment is required at the same
time. Cost is \$10 for 11 to adult; 10 and under free. Also state the dish you are bringing (i.e. instead of
dessert you would state name of dessert or type of side dish). See Karen Pratt for questions.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE PRAY FOR:



Tony Albers, Cassidy Aldridge, David and Sandy Anderson, Laretta 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 Merkley, 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...December: 2nd-Richard Chartrand 6th-Holly Kelling
 7th-Lexi Curtis 8th-Emily Weber 10th-Candice LaCroix 12th-Karri Murphy
 13th-Alois Hoffmann 17th-Jose Jarillo and David Uhrhan 27th-Travis Kelling
 28th-Linda Hoock

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

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



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

On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the 2024 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.

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 **10/31/2024 17** households have pledged **\$2,465**. We are **\$1,851** from our goal. The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry provides funding to parishes, schools and organizations throughout our diocese for local projects. A total of 37 grants were awarded throughout our diocese in the past year. Help this popular program which funds local projects continue through your gift to this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.-**Bishop Michael McGovern**

Respect for Life

WHAT HAPPENS WITH ASSISTED SUICIDE?

A doctor prescribes lethal drugs that can be sent through the mail to a person wishing to end his or her life if diagnosed with a terminal illness. There is no requirement that a doctor or anyone be present with a person in case something would go wrong upon consumption of the drugs. The person may take hours to die. Assisted suicide is not dignified, it is deadly. Tell your state legislators: Vote NO on SB 3499 - assisted suicide. Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources.



Diocese of Belleville
**YOUNG ADULTS
 PRESENTS**

BIBLES AND BREWS

**WEDNESDAY
 DECEMBER**

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With Father Patrick J. McDevitt, C.M., Ph.D.
 Topic - Hope: It is better to light a candle
 than to curse the darkness.

**FOR YOUNG ADULTS
 AGES 21 - 35**

Location: Gräv Bistro and Wine Bar
 223 East Main Street, Belleville, IL 62220

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



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Vocation Corner



“My career was flourishing. With a master’s degree in ecology, I was working at the International Institute of Tropical Forestry in Puerto Rico. Things were coming together for me to pursue a doctorate and continue my career in ecological research. Only one thing was amiss: my heart was unsettled. Despite my efforts to convince Christ that there was no way I could be a nun, an undercurrent of gentle invitation remained. I took a leap of faith – well, a guarded one – and gave Our Lord a year to lay to rest the questions of a religious vocations. Surely it would be perfectly clear that I was not called to religious life and could move on with my life. God met my reluctance with much grace and persistence. Monastic life resonated deeply with how I felt called to live; ... I am humbled and grateful for the great gift of being a bride of Christ.” Sr. Christina Marie-Order of Cistercians; Columbia Magazine Nov 2024



Bishop McGovern Announces a new *Safe Environment* Format

The Diocese of Belleville has had a program in place since 2003 to ensure the safety of our children, young people and vulnerable adults. This program is required by all diocesan staff and volunteers who interact with these populations. The Pope, Bishops and all Catholic faithful take this safety seriously. A copy of the full letter from the Bishop is on the bulletin board in the back of church and in the parish center for review.



Where can you go to find daily readings, reflections and more information about our Catholic Faith?

You can download the Laudate application or go to the USCCB.org on your browser and it will take you to the United States of Conference of Catholic Bishops website. If you have any questions about either please me at: sacredheartdupo@gmail.com or call the office at: 618-286-4373 and I will do my best to walk your though it.

Joan Scharf, Secretary

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



2025: A Holy Year of Hope

Come join the millions who will journey on pilgrimage, for the best reason of all...to come in contact with the physical evidence of our Catholic Faith...A faith that draws us to our Redeemer!

For more information or to reserve your trip by calling (800) 777-7432 or visit: www.unitours.com/HolyYearofhope2025.aspx.

Steubenville Youth Conference 2025

These life-changing conferences offer an incredible opportunity for young Catholics to deepen their faith, grow in fellowship, and experience the joy of the Gospel in a powerful way. Here are the dates and locations for this year's conferences:

Steubenville Joliet

- June 27-29, 2025
- Joliet, IL
- Prices: Coming Soon!
- Lodging: Coming Soon!

Steubenville Rochester

- July 11-13, 2025
- Mayo Civic Center Rochester, MN
- Prices: Coming Soon!
- Lodging: Hotels

Steubenville St. Paul

- July 25-27, 2025
- University of St. Thomas St. Paul, MN
- Prices: Coming Soon!
- Lodging: Dorms

Spaces are limited, and these events fill up quickly, so we encourage you to mark your calendars and register early. To register or learn more about the conferences, visit our partnershipforyouth.org. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at:

admin@partnershipforyouth.org.



Church Carpet Cleaning Friday, December 6, 2024

I.D. Cleveland stated the carpet cleaning will be December 6th at 09:00 a.m. and we need people to volunteer to move items for the cleaning on Thursday evening, December 5th and put everything back on Saturday, December 7th.



King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

*An Advent Day of Prayer –
The Three Comings of Christ*

Presenter – Karen Seaborn

Saturday, December 7, 2024 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

This Advent Day of Prayer will consist of three conferences with time for quiet reflection after each and includes lunch with conversation. The presentations will include experiential elements, imaginative prayer, lectio divina and visio divina. Some simple art supplies will be provided. Cost: \$50 (lunch included) For more information, call 618-397-0584 or register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/adventdop/>



Way of Lights Display

When: November 22 through December 31, 2024, 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

Special note: The event will be closed for viewing on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

What can you expect? The Way of Lights Display uses over 1.5 million lights to depict the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. Come celebrate the birth of Jesus and enjoy the journey! Indoor activities continue to be offered for all to enjoy!

Cost: The light and Christmas Tree displays accepts free-will donations, but some of the indoor activities have a small fee.

For more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit at: <https://snows.org/wayoflights>



Gibault Incoming Students Placement Test

All Eighth-grade students considering Gibault are encouraged to take the placement test at Gibault on **Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 8:30am-11:30am**. The test is required for all incoming freshman to assist us in determining correct course placement levels. Please sign up using the sign up link below, or email:

Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker, at:

pkueker@gibaulthawks.com. [https://](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AAAC28A5FEC16-52414519-freshman)

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Softball Winter Warm Up

December 26-28, 2024 1-3:30 p.m.

For grades 5 through 8. Register by December 8, 2024 to ensure your athlete's T-shirt order by texting "gibaultsoftball" to 41444 or email to: <https://igfn.us/form/SBiBWQ>

Events Continued

Save the dates...Holiday Mass and Party Schedules



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9

8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

7:00 p.m. at Holy Family



The Parish Christmas Party will be

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Cost will be \$10 per person.



Christmas Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart



The Women's Club Christmas Dinner will be Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

Christmas Eve and Day Masses

Tuesday, December 24

Holy Family-4:30 p.m. Choir begins

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart- 9:30 p.m. Choir begins

10:00 p.m. Mass



Wednesday, December 25

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family



Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God- (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family

7:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart



DuKare

As we move into the fall months and school and social events begin, please do not forget that there are many in our community that still need your help. All your donations are greatly appreciated; **peanut butter and jelly** is desperately needed at this time. Direct questions to Geri Basinski, Rose Jordan, I.D. Cleveland, Christopher Cronin or Linda Martin. The DuKare team wishes to thank everyone for their generous donations that help feed those in need in our Community!

Lunch & Card Party

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

St. Luke's Parish Center

226 North Church St., Belleville, IL



Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO
Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm
Delicious Lunch! Have fun & support St. Luke's Parish!

Menu: Pork Loin with Dressing & Gravy,
Green Beans, Grape Salad
Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water

Tally: \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carryout)
Cards & BINGO with prizes

Bring canned goods
for the Food Pantry



If bad weather, an announcement will be made on the parish website.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!

DRAWINGS ON FRIDAYS AT 8:00PM

\$5 EACH OR BUY 5, GET 1 FREE!

Our Jackpot is over \$3,550!

Our first drawing is Friday,

November 22nd at 8pm.

St. James Catholic School, a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization, is selling \$5 tickets in our progressive Queen of Hearts E-Raffle. Please help by purchasing tickets. The Queen of Hearts is a Weekly drawing. If the Queen of Hearts card is not selected the JACKPOT carries over (progressive). However, to be eligible for the next drawing, NEW TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED for each weekly drawing.

Purchase your online tickets by going to:

<https://www.goraisedough.com/buy/2170>

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Young Adult Initiative



BREAKFAST FOR DINNER WITH SANTA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH | 5-8PM
NOTRE DAME CAFE

\$10 FOR CHILDREN (3 & UNDER FREE)
\$5 FOR ADULTS

Includes pancake, egg, & sausage breakfast,
photo with Santa, crafts, & more!

To RSVP scan the QR code
or email bulletin@cathedralbelle.org.

Payments taken day of event.

SCAN ME

