



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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Parish Staff

Trustees:	Ms. Rose Jordan Mr. Dennis Martin
Secretary/Bulletin:	Mrs. Joan Scharf
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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 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Year C

By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

A soap manufacturer and a pastor were walking together down a street in a large city. The soap manufacturer casually said, "The Gospel you preach hasn't done much good, has it? Just observe, there is still a lot of wickedness in the world, and a lot of wicked people, too!" The pastor made no reply until they passed a dirty little child making mud pies in the gutter. Seizing the opportunity, the pastor said, "I see that soap hasn't done much good in the world either; for there is much dirt still here, and many dirty people are still around." The soap man said, "Oh, well, soap only works when it is applied." And the pastor said, "Exactly! So, it is with the Gospel."

The rose candle of the Advent wreath is lit. It's candle of joy! We rejoice in hopeful expectations because Christ's birthday is very near. Our community expresses this joy through exciting worship, Reconciliation services, exchange of gifts, parties, fellowships and visits. The love we feel all around us is reflecting God's love given to us through the birth of Jesus Christ. John the Baptist is a special Advent figure asking us to prepare for Christ's birthday anniversary. A very important question is: "what should I do". I suggest you grapple with it in your heart. May God bless your heart and lead you to a clearer vision of what makes for peace.

In the Gospel John the Baptist gives us interesting points to reflect on. He tells us to share our clothes with those who do not have. We should do likewise with our food. Charity is a great way to prepare for Christmas. We do not have to be rich in order to share. Having more than one thing is already an invitation to share. He also tells us to avoid cheating and stealing. The poor and vulnerable people in our midst are blessings to us. They help us grow in Christian love. We learn to be kind because our hearts are broken by the suffering in the world. The powerful should not be greedy, rather everyone should be satisfied with what they have. These are what Advent stands for in our lives. John the Baptist speaks to our hearts inviting us to repentance and reconciliation with God and others. Let us make our hearts ready for the Lord. Let His joy fill your heart. Let it flow!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)



Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent
(Fr. Andy SH & HF), *Gaudete Sunday*



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-**Fred & Elaine Fitzpatrick Family members, living & deceased**
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Bill Day+**



5:00 p.m. Doors open for the Parish Christmas Party

Monday during Advent, December 16, No Mass



6:00 p.m. **Reconciliation Service @ Sacred Heart**

Tuesday during Advent, December 17 (Fr. Andy)

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

Wednesday during Advent, December 18, (Fr. Andy)

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

Thursday during Advent, December 19 (Fr. Andy)

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-**Joan Frederick+**

Friday during Advent, December 20, (Fr. Andy)

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Charles & Shirley Baker+**
9:00 a.m. **church cleaning @ Sacred Heart**

Saturday, December 21, Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Fr. Andy),

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-**Helen Knopik+**



Sunday, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent (Fr. Andy SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Jacob Nelson+ and the Uhrhan Family Members, living and deceased**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Deceased Members of the Pluff Family**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Mearl Justice+**



Parish SUPPORT

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

December 8, 2024

General Collections

Envelopes (18)	\$ 860.00
Other Donations	0.00
Loose	10.00
Candles	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Total General Collections

\$ 870.00

Special Collections

Retirement fund for Religious (5)	\$ 200.00
Immaculate Conception (5)	120.00
Christmas Flower Collection (2)	<u>\$ 35.00</u>

Total Special Collections

\$ 355.00

Total Deposit

\$1,225.00

Maintenance Fund (3) \$ 85.00

Mass Intentions (5) \$ 50.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul (3) \$ 85.00

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>.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2024



Sacristan:	Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf
Lector	Phyllis Gould
Host	Joan Scharf
Eucharistic Minister-Choir:	Carol McClanahan



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

Last day to turn in your money for the party. The cost is \$15 and due at the time of sign up.



Parish Christmas Party
tonight, December 15, 2024
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Please be sure to bring the dish you signed up for so we can sample your amazing cooking. For more information please see Karen Pratt, Chair.



Cleaning the Church for Christmas
Friday, December 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

If you have any time to spare and would like to help with the cleaning at the church, please feel free to come on over. The carpets and pew cushions have been cleaned, now let’s make the rest of the church beautiful.



Christmas Diocesan Collection for the Needy

The 47th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection is to be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Monies collected will be utilized in the coming year to provide emergency assistance to those in need throughout the diocese. Please prayerfully consider your blessings and help those who are not so fortunate.

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, Ashlei Wilson and Steve 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: 17th-Jose Jarillo and David Uhrhan
 27th-Travis Kelling 28th-Linda Hooock

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the holidays our publisher is asking for bulletins early. Thank you! Joan Scharf

Bulletin date	Early submission date	Last date to submit to Joan
December 29th	December 20th	December 18th
January 5th	December 27th	December 24th

Please submit your information in writing to: sacredheartdupo@gmail.com or scharfjo1956@yahoo.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

As of November 30, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,200,055 representing 92% of our goal. Cash receipts total \$1,127,424 which is 94% of the total amount pledged. Four thousand six hundred eighty-seven (4,687) households have pledged their support, 275 households less than compared to this time last year. 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. 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*

Respect for Life

ASSISTED SUICIDE SENDS A MESSAGE TO PEOPLE THAT THEY ARE BURDENSOME

In Oregon, where assisted suicide has been legal for years, data shows people request suicide drugs not for pain but because they cannot do the same activities that they could before, such as control bodily functions. They feel they've lost dignity or that they are a burden. Assisted suicide can also promote the view that elderly relatives are not persons to be loved but burdens to be managed. Suicide drugs are not the answer. Everyone deserves loving, supportive care, affirmation of their dignity, and to know that they are never a burden. Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499 - assisted suicide. Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources.



Vocation Corner

"I had many kinds of exotic pets as a kid and was always fascinated by the mysteries of nature. I was equally drawn to the ungraspable mystery of God. Though I grew up Catholic, I didn't know much about my faith or have deep prayer life. In college, I studied biological anthropology and encountered ideas that I thought were inconsistent with belief in God. Faith became doubt; I tried praying and going to Mass but the mystery of God I was once drawn to seemed an illusion. By God's providence, I found myself at Holy Thursday Mass a few months later. The moment I saw the priest washing the people's feet, I became overwhelmed with God's love for me. He spoke to my unbelieving heart, placing in it a call that enveloped my being with a new purpose: to join that priest in leading others to an encounter with God. I was ordained in 2019 and now use my pets to bring others.... to a greater appreciation of God's creation." Fr. Carlos Orozco; Diocese of Seattle; Columbia Magazine May 2024

Donations needed for

ST. ANNE CRADLE OF HOPE

Want to prepare for Christmas by helping families in need?
 Consider hosting an Advent donations drive for St. Anne Cradle of Hope in Carbondale

NEEDED ITEMS:

diapers & pullups	baby blankets
wipes	infant sleepers
baby lotion	onesies
baby wash	toddler coats
hooded towels	toddler outfits

For donation drive ideas or more information, please contact mskorch@diobelle.org

St. Anne Cradle of Hope



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Tax-deductible donations are also appreciatively received.



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.

Attention: Are you from St. Teresa Academy and Assumption Catholic High School class of 1975?

A 50th Class Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 to reconnect, reminisce and celebrate our shared journey. Please contact Monica Threlkeld by email at: ahs.sta.classof75@gmail.com or visit Facebook Page at: AHS Class of '75.



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>



Diocesan Christmas Dinner

The Catholic Diocese of Belleville will sponsor the annual Diocesan Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Monsignor Bernard Voss Parish Center of St. Henry Parish, 5303 West Main Street, Belleville. Meals can also be delivered in Belleville to those who are disabled/homebound (three meals maximum for delivery). If you or someone you know live alone and would like to attend the dinner or need a meal delivered, please call 618-722-5024 **no later than December 16, 2024.**



What is Gaudete Sunday?

The third Sunday of Advent is represented by the pink candle and linens adorning the altar. It known as *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice"! Advent is a time of waiting and anticipation of the coming of our Lord (re-living the waiting of his birth and most importantly waiting for His promised second-coming).

During the other three weeks of Advent we are called to repentance so we can be prepared for the Lords coming. But the third week is a time to rejoice because we have Hope. This Hope gives us a reason to be joyful. For God loves us so much He sends His Son to save us.

So this week Rejoice and be Hopeful !-Joan

Events Continued

Save the dates...Holiday Mass and Party Schedules



The Parish Christmas Party is today!
Sunday, December 15, 2024



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



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,

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 JACK-POT 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>

Rejoice and be glad!



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!

St. James School in Millstadt have approximately 15 almost new window AC units they had purchased for their school and are now excess. More information is listed below in the note from the school. If you have any interest in these units, you can contact Kathy at the parish (618) 476-3510.

When we were using the boiler for heat in the classrooms, we received a grant to put in units that were primarily for air conditioning, although they do provide some heat as well. These units were installed just last year (and I believe one of them is still new in the box.) We had to remove these in order to install the new mini-split units, and we are looking for someplace that can use them - we don't want to just throw them away or recycle them, as they are so new and in excellent condition. I believe there are 15 of them. They do, however, require 220 service instead of 110, and that has been a problem in finding someone to take them. I've tried St. Vincent de Paul, Habitat for Humanity, and the County department that helps people with heating/cooling their homes. (They would take them but do not have anywhere to store them.) Are you aware of any school or other building in the diocese that could use these? They are taking up a lot of storage space here, and I'd like to find a home for them before someone decides just to dispose of them....



Thank you to our Elves

A huge thank you to everyone who helped decorate the Parish Center for Christmas...it is beautiful and ready for a party. Also thanks to everyone who helped with preparing and putting everything back before and after the carpets and pew cushions were cleaned. We have awesome parish elves that step up and help keep everything clean and beautiful. We will announce when the church will be decorated for Christmas, so stay tuned!



Retirement Fund for Religious Sunday, was December 8, 2024

It is not too late to 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.