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Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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Parish Staff

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	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 29, 2024

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

A family celebrated Christmas every year with a birthday party for Jesus. An extra chair of honor at the table became the family's reminder of Jesus' presence. A cake with candles, along with the singing of "Happy Birthday" expressed the family's joy in Jesus' presence. One year on Christmas afternoon a visitor to the home asked the five-year-old girl, "Did you get everything you wanted for Christmas?" After a moment's hesitation, she answered, "No, but it's not my birthday, It's Jesus' birthday!"

Christ's Nativity leads us to celebrate our beautiful families. God sanctifies the marriage institution by choosing to be born within the family. Thus, we have Jesus, Joseph and Mary whom we look up to as we navigate the complexes of family. To be clear family is the best blessing we need in order to enjoy life. Nothing else comes close for it is the bedrock of a happy life. The family where God is welcomed and honored is a prototype of heaven. Mary and Joseph joyfully received their baby boy and nurtured him with everything they have got. The manger was a happy home for them. It wasn't what they wanted but they were satisfied. Aware of their mistakes and limitations they stick together and prayed for each other. They were open to God's plan. That is the fruit of prayer and it is comforting.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

Sunday, December 29, Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Fr. Eva SH & HF)



+ 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–**Ron and Helen Whited and family**
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Don Eversman+**

Monday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord No Mass

Tuesday, December 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope (Fr. Andy)
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–**Carol Kelling+**

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God-(Holy Day Of Obligation) (Fr.)

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Parishioners of Holy Family living and deceased**
7:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart–**Parishioners of Sacred Heart, living and deceased**



Thursday, January 2, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church (Fr.)

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–**John Vairo+**

Friday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus (Fr.) First Friday

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Mary Weber+**

Saturday, January 4, Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord (Fr.)

10:00 a.m. Reciting the Rosary @ Sacred Heart
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family–**Holy Family Quilters**



Sunday, January 5, The Epiphany of the Lord

+ 7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Blake Rene Urke and Elizabeth Marie Preis+**
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church–**Fred & Elaine Fitzpatrick families, Living & Deceased**
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Gene F. Wojcek+**

Father Evaristus' Reflection continued from page 2

St Paul encourages us to put on love which he calls the “bond of perfection”. Love manifests in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness. Always remember that some people taught us love by the examples of their lives. It is important that we are always thankful for the sacrifices they made for our own good. We should constantly celebrate all the people in our lives, the good and not too good. The Gospel tells us about how Mary, Joseph and Jesus handled their misunderstanding. The little boy was missing and none of them could account for him. They accepted the failure together and worked as a team to remedy the situation. Compare this to Adam and Eve who blamed the other person or things. In the case of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, this failure strengthened their bond of love. The little boy was found in the temple. It became a learning curve for the parents. They were open to God’s plan for their boy. They let him grow in wisdom and God’s favor was on him. To God be glory. Merry Christmas!



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 in next week’s 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>.



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
JANUARY 1, 2025



Sacristan:	Peggy Hoffmann
Lector	Need
Host	Need
Eucharistic Minister-Choir:	Need

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 5, 2025

Sacristan:	Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf
Lector	Dennis Martin
Host	Emily Weber
Eucharistic Minister-Choir:	Geri Basinski



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!



Join us for the Holy Rosary next Saturday, January 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. Direct questions to Carol McClanahan, Chair.

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...January: 2nd-Barbara Mallory 4th-Kaleb Buechler**
5th-Andrew Evers 7th-E. Marie Smitt 14th-Hunter Kelling 17th-Sean Frederick
24th-Fr. Evaristus Akabueze

*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

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

DOCTORS OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

The American Medical Association (AMA), American Psychiatric Association, and dozens of other medical groups oppose assisted suicide. The AMA says "Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer." Physicians are entrusted with saving lives, not ending them, and assisted suicide violates the Hippocratic Oath. Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499 - assisted suicide. Visit www.ilcatholic.org for additional information and resources.



Vocation Corner

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Each of them was called to in a unique way to love and serve their family, but the power of their love within also went out to the world. The Gospel story tells of Jesus being presented in the temple as per the law. They are already "sharing" their Son with the world as acknowledged by Simeon and Anna. Can we, as family, support one of our family members who might be discerning a call to the religious life? Joseph and Mary made that ultimate sacrifice.



2025 A Holy Year of Hope JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year 2025 by opening the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve. Join Bishop Michael McGovern in opening the celebration of the Jubilee Year in our diocese at the 10:30am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter (200 West Harrison, Belleville) on Sunday December 29, 2025. Our theme for the Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. For more information visit www.diobelle.org.

Make The Messenger a part of your New Year's Resolution!

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www.bellevillemessenger.org.

Tax-deductible donations are also appreciated.



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.

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.

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen December 17

"When you think of the condition the world is in now, you sometimes wish that Noah had missed the boat."

Matthew Kelley, by Blue Sparrow 2020
Dynamiccatholic.com

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

Queen of Hearts
\$6,872 JACKPOT
 & Growing

Get YOUR
 tickets today!



Tickets are \$5

BUY 5 Tickets and receive 1 Ticket FREE!

Online drawings are every Friday at 8pm unless otherwise posted.

Card Payouts: Number Cards: \$25, Face Cards: \$50

Joker Cards: \$100!

goraisedough.com/buy/2170

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Thank you for your support!



St. Vincent de Paul Still Needs Coats!

Despite all the generous coats we received during our Coat Drive last month, the Cold winter weather has definitely arrived and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages – toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) are being requested. Items can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul office located at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, across from Blessed Sacrament Church, or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm and donate a coat today!

Thank you very much.



Cahokia Holy Family							
BINGO							
10	27	45	52	68			
6	19	43	56	75			
3	25	34	49	64			
15	30	31	55	69			
11	23	42	54	72			

Noon Holy Family Parish License #B-02865
 (618) 337-2974 ~ www.holyfamily1699.org
 Holy Family Catholic Parish Gymnasium
 109 Church Street (Rt. 3 & Hwy. 157)
 Cahokia, Illinois 62206



Every Saturday ~ Doors open @ 10:00 a.m. ~ Tally sales @ 10:30 ~ Games start @ NOON

1 Hat Pin.....blue..... \$150.00	Speedball - 4 games played (\$75 payout per game)
2 Regular.....orange..... \$125.00	#1...blue #2...orange
3 Regular.....green..... \$125.00	#3...green #4...yellow
4 Letter X.....yellow..... \$150.00	
5 Regular.....pink..... \$125.00	
6 *Early Bird Color Raffle..... 50/50	14 Regular.....purple..... \$125.00
<i>*MUST be daubed for valid payout</i>	15 Maggie & Jiggs-Wildball.....black..... \$150.00
	16 Regular.....aqua..... \$125.00

5 minute intermission

7 Regular.....gray..... \$125.00	17 Around the World(progressive)...lime... \$185.00
8 6-pack.....olive..... \$150.00	18 Coverall...(played on same sheet as game #17)... \$500.00
9 Regular.....brown..... \$125.00	

Special Games

10 Popeye.....orange..... \$185.00
11 Nine Pack.....green..... \$185.00
12 Windmill.....yellow..... \$500.00

10 minute intermission

13 Dotted Picture Frame.....red..... \$150.00

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You must be 18 yrs of age to be in the hall and play bingo; You must have a tally marked with the current date, and it must be displayed at all times. No extra bingo cards are allowed at your table; if you are playing hard cards, they must be orange. You must have the last number (or color) called; You must make sure your bingo is heard and acknowledged by the caller before the game is closed or another number or color is called. Prize money is divided equally on games with multiple winners.

Absolutely no profanity is allowed in the hall and derogatory remarks of any kind used against any worker or the caller will not be tolerated, you will be asked to leave without a refund. Early Bird and Final Color Raffle must be daubed to be valid for payout. Proceeds go to support Catholic education for Holy Family Grade School Children.



Christmas Trivia Answers

- 1. What does Christmas season begin and end?**
Answer: Christmas begins on Christmas Eve at the Vigil Mass and ends on the Epiphany of our Lord.
- 2. When and where did the Magi visit Mary and Jesus?**
Answer: Some say that the Magi visited the Holy Family in Bethlehem around January 6th after Jesus' circumcision but before his presentation in the Temple. Others believe that Jesus was a toddler when the Magi visited, not a newborn, because of the slaughter of children in Bethlehem by Herod the Great.
- 3. Where there more than three Magi?**
Answer: According to the Bible, the Magi, or "wise men", visited Jesus at an unspecified time after his birth in Bethlehem. The Bible doesn't say how many Magi there were, and the story is told in Matthew 2 without much detail. However, the tradition of three Magi visiting Jesus developed later, based on the three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh they brought.



We want to recognize and thank everyone who helped to make the Christmas Masses a very festive and solemn celebration. Our Liturgy Committee, the Choir, our decorators, the cleaning crews and last, but not least Reverend Evaristus and Reverend Andrew for their leadership and homilies.