



# Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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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 8, 2024**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Year C**

**By: Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.**

*A woman was in the mall doing her Christmas shopping. She was tired of walking through every aisle of every store to find just the right present. She was stressed out by the mounting debt on her credit card. She was tired of fighting the crowds and standing in lines for the registers. Her hands were full and when the elevator door opened, it was full. "Great!" she muttered and the occupants of the elevator, feeling her pain, graciously tightened ranks to allow a small space for her and her load. As the doors closed, she blurted out, "I think whoever came up with this Christmas junk ought to be found, strung up, and shot!" A few others shook their heads or grunted in agreement. Then, a single voice said, "Don't worry. They already crucified Him."*

We are half way to Christ's event – His birthday. We light the candles of hope and peace signaling that Jesus comes to restore peace to our broken world. You may want to reflect briefly on what makes for peace. This is a right step towards preparing for Christmas. The First Reading tells us to prepare for the coming of the Messiah, to level all mountains and age-old depths. This powerful imagery speaks eloquently of Justice. Jesus is coming to lead us in the way of justice. He teaches us to be fair to one another.

The Gospel relates to the emergence of John the Baptist. His mission is to prepare a people fit for the Lord. He preached repentance and reconciliation for all. We are to prepare for Christ's event by welcoming the ministry of John the Baptist. Think of justice and fairness. Meditate on what makes for peace. St Paul's writing to the Philippians prays for increase in love. Where there is love there is peace. Let's open our hearts to the baptism of John. Let love flow from our hearts, let's prepare for Christmas!

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

**Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent** (Fr. Andy, SH & HF)

+ 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+**

**Monday, December 9, Feast of the Immaculate Conception** (Fr. Andy, SH & HF) *Holy Day of Obligation*

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Poor and Homeless**  
7:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-**Parishioners**

**Tuesday, December 10 (Fr. Eva), Our Lady of Loreto**

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

**Wednesday, December 11, (Fr. Eva), St. Damasus I, Pope**

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Robert & Elizabeth Weber+**

**Thursday, December 12 (Fr. Eva), Our Lady of Guadalupe**

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

**Friday, December 13 (Fr. Eva), St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Donnie Odum+**

**Saturday, December 14, Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent (Fr. Andy),**

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-**Charles and Shirley Baker+**



**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+**



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

This is the last chance to sign up on the sheet in the back of church. The fee is due at the time of sign up. The cost is \$10 for 11 to adult; 10 and under free. It is also requested that you bring a side dish or dessert. In order to ensure a variety, we are requesting that you state the actual side dish or dessert you are bringing. For more information please see Karen Pratt, Chair.



**Parish SUPPORT**

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

November 24, 2024

**General Collections**

Envelopes (17)	\$ 700.00
On-line Donations	140.00
Loose	30.00
Candles	<u>\$ 9.00</u>

**Total General Collections**

**\$ 879.00**

**Special Collections**

Retirement for Religious ( )	\$
Campaign of Human Development (2)	<u>\$ 20.00</u>

**Total Special Collections**

**\$ 20.00**

**Total Deposit**

**\$ 899.00**

**Maintenance Fund (2)**

**\$ 25.00**

**Mass Intentions (15)**

**\$ 150.00**

**Society of St. Vincent dePaul ( )**

**\$ 0.00**

December 1, 2024

**General Collections**

Envelopes (18)	\$1,500.00
Other Donations	0.00
Loose	40.00
Candles	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

**Total General Collections**

**\$1,540.00**

**Special Collections**

Christmas Flower Collection (6)	<u>\$ 140.00</u>
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**Total Special Collections**

**\$ 140.00**

**Total Deposit**

**\$1,680.00**

**Maintenance Fund (9)**

**\$ 290.00**

**Mass Intentions (14)**

**\$ 140.00**

**Society of St. Vincent dePaul (6)**

**\$ 210.00**

**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>.



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**GAUDETE SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2024**



**Sacristan:**

**Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf**

**Lector**

**Christopher Cronin**

**Host**

**Carol McClanahan**

**Eucharistic Minister-Choir:**

**Emily Weber**



**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.



Join us for Coffee and donut Fellowship after Mass!

**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!**



<b>Tressa Tucker</b> , U.S. Air Force	Sister of Jake Weber
<b>Hunter Kelling</b> , U. S. Navy	Son of Holly and Travis Kelling
<b>Joseph F. Gloeckner</b> , 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](http://www.sacredheartchurchdupo.org) and clicking on Hall Rental.



♪Happy Birth day to ♪ ♪ ♪You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪  
**birthday ♪ ♪dear...December: 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](mailto:sacredheartdupo@gmail.com).

**A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** In 2024, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Diocese states: solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9.

**Previously**, when the DATE was transferred the obligation was abrogated. That will no longer be true.

**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*

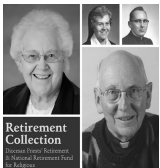
On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the 2024 campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always.

**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. 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 TARGETS THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

The proposal pending in Illinois does not require a psychiatric evaluation for depression. Many people requesting assisted suicide are depressed. The lifetime risk of suicide among patients with untreated depressive disorder is nearly 20% and 75.94% of communities in Illinois did not have enough mental health providers to serve residents in 2021, according to federal guidelines. Thinking about suicide can be a common part of depression, rather than a rational choice. Tell your state legislators to Vote NO on SB 3499 - assisted suicide. Visit [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) for additional information and resources. Visit [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) for additional information and resources.



### 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.



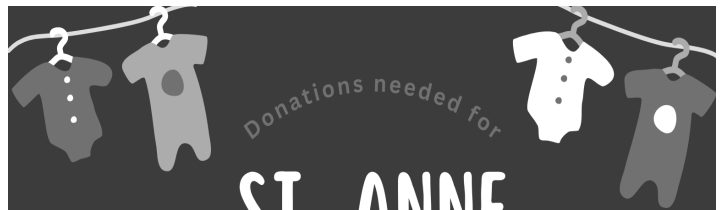
### Memorial Mass for Archbishop Keleher

The Diocese of Belleville will host a Memorial Mass for Archbishop Emeritus James P. Keleher who died on November 9. Archbishop Keleher served as the sixth Bishop of Belleville (1984-1993). Bishop McGovern will offer Mass at 12:10 PM on Wednesday, December 11, in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL. Everyone is invited to pray together for the repose of Archbishop Keleher's soul.



### Vocation Corner

Today we hear the evangelist John's account of the ministry of John the Baptist. John the Baptist' had a self-awareness of who he was (a proclaimer) and what he was not (the Savior). He knew his vocation and accepted that call from the Lord to "Prepare the way of the Lord". Even though the priests and Levites couldn't determine who he was, John assured them that his role was to baptize with water in anticipation of the one who would baptize with the Spirit. Are you listening for the call to be what the Lord wants you to be?



## 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:

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 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](mailto:mskorch@diobelle.org)




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**Ewtn.com or call (800) 447-3986**



# 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](http://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](http://partnershipforyouth.org). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at:

[admin@partnershipforyouth.org](mailto:admin@partnershipforyouth.org).



**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>



**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>




**30th Annual**  
**COOKIE WALK**  
**8AM - NOON**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14

SS. PETER & PAUL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
217 W 3RD ST - WATERLOO, IL

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!  
WALK YOUR WAY THROUGH OUR LARGE ASSORTMENT OF HOMEMADE COOKIES AND HOLIDAY TREATS. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. UNTIL WE RUN OUT

*Sponsored by the Mary and Martha Society*



**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.

# 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!

Sponsored by The Cathedral of St. Peter  
Young Adult Initiative



## BREAKFAST FOR DINNER WITH SANTA

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

SCAN ME



\$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](mailto:bulletin@cathedralbelle.org).  
Payments taken day of event.

DECEMBER 12 AT 8PM:

## Advent By Candlelight

FOR WOMEN

Set aside the hustle of holiday preparation, and focus minds and hearts on Advent. We will explore the theme "*Feeding Our Souls*" with Karen Seaborn, MDiv., and share music, fellowship and dessert! Join us at Immaculate Conception (Columbia) Thursday, Dec. 12, from 8-9:30pm in the Garden Level. All women are welcome, and we encourage ladies to host a table of 8-10, and provide dessert and decor for your table. (Coffee, tea and water will be provided, BYOB is optional.)

To host a table or come as a guest, contact  
Beth Pembrey at [beth.s.pembrey@gmail.com](mailto:beth.s.pembrey@gmail.com) or 636-328-6556.



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>