

Blank for special Christmas cover



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church
Diocese of Belleville

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By Appointment

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Administrator: *Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.*
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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

January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord Year C
By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

One day, a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought for a while, and said, "Momma, how come grandma's head is full of white hair?"

The feast of Epiphany highlights the first appearance of Jesus Christ to the world, represented by the visit of the Magi. The divine birth was announced to the world by the appearance of a unique star which led the Magi to Jerusalem to seek out and adore the newborn King. This event is very symbolic revealing that the baby is a Light to the world. It fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah in today's First Reading. Isaiah consoled the people in exile saying that a Light emanating from Jerusalem will shine to the nations and draw all to worship the God of Israel. Nations shall walk by that Light. The Responsorial Psalm declares that all the kings of the earth shall pay homage to and serve the God of Israel and His Messiah.

I invite you to reflect on the experience of the Magi. They responded positively to the star and acknowledged the unique event. Their willingness to learn what was happening shows their wisdom. They allowed themselves to be enlightened by God. Their encounter with King Herod showed their limitations. They made a mistake by seeking the assistance of Herod which exposed the child to danger. However, they read through the hypocrisy of Herod and protected the child by not returning to Herod. Herod represented agents of darkness seeking to destroy the Light. We, like the Magi, are people of the Light, who walk by the Light and give Light to all. Sometimes, we may make the wrong choices that threatens to extinguish our Light. The Magi had a similar experience. Our closeness to God and prayer are spiritual weapons that ensure we continue to shine. Do not give up on your prayer. Let your light shine.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)



Sunday, January 5, The Epiphany of the Lord (Fr. Andy @ SH & HF)



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+**

Monday, January 6, St. André Bessette, Religious No Mass

Tuesday, January 7, St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest No Mass (Priest Retreat)

Wednesday, January 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass (Priest Retreat)

Thursday, January 9, Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass (Priest Retreat)

Friday, January 10, Weekday in Ordinary Time No Mass (Priest Retreat)

Saturday, January 11, Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord (Fr. Andy)
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-**Mary Weber+**



Sunday, January 12, The Baptism of the Lord (Fr. Andy @ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Mary Louise Kemp+**

9:00 a.m. Coffee and donut fellowship
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-



Ron and Helen Whited and Family
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Mary Weber+**



DuKare

As we leave the Christmas season, please remember 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!

Thank you to all of our Parish Family members for all you do for Sacred Heart Parish



Parish SUPPORT

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

December 22, 2024

General Collections

Envelopes (14)	\$ 655.00
On-Line Donations (1)	400.00
Loose	10.00
Candles	\$ <u>0.00</u>

Total General Collections

\$1,065.00

Special Collections

Christmas Party and Pot of Gold	\$ 807.00
Collection for the Needy (1)	50.00
Christmas Collection (2)	\$ <u>350.00</u>

Total Special Collections

\$1,207.00

Total Deposit

\$2,272.00

Maintenance Fund (2) \$ 40.00

Mass Intentions () \$ 0.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul () \$ 0.00

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>.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12, 2025



Sacristan:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Lector

Joan Scharf

Host

Geri Basinski

Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Emily Weber



Join us next week for Coffee and Donut Fellowship in the Parish Center after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

****Special Notice****

Due to the Priest's Annual Retreat there will be no daily Masses at Sacred Heart of Jesus or Holy Family January 7, 8, 9, or 10, 2025. Please keep our Priests in your prayers that week and pray they have a spiritually relaxing time with our Lord.

Any Mass Intentions scheduled during that week will be rescheduled.

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.

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: 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. "May God's blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. I send heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in my prayers." -Bishop Michael McGovern

Respect for Life

Living out Christmas in the New Year. How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to pray 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life taking place January 16-24. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, and more. Download the novena or sign up to get the daily prayers by email or text message at 9daysforlife.com! Copyright © 2024, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. Reprinted with permission. All rights reserved. Graphic: <https://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/upload/new-years-reflection-9-days.png>



Immaculate Conception Columbia Men's ACT Retreat January 23-26, 2025

Join us at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville. Cost is \$345 for single occupancy and \$265 for double occupancy. **\$50 deposit due at the time of registration.** Do not let the cost keep you from coming, aid is available by calling Fr. Steve Thoma, C.R. at (618) 281-5105. For information or to register call (618) 281-5105 or visit on-line at: iccacts.il@gmail.com

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Tax-deductible donations are also appreciated.



2025 A Holy Year of Hope JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Our theme for the Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. For more information visit www.diobelle.org, Vatican Website <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>, USCCB Website: <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025> or the full text of the Papal Bull: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html
Hymn for the Jubilee Year – text and music <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/search.html?q=hymn>

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tickets today!



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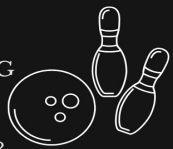


Welcome 2025!

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



BARTELSON BOWLING ALLEY
912 CARLYLE RD,
BARTELSON, IL 62218



YOUNG ADULT BIBLES AND BREWS

with Fr. Thomas Luge


FOR YOUNG ADULTS 21-35 YEARS OLD

Thursday, January 9, 2025
6:30pm

Diocese of Belleville
YOUNG ADULTS PRESENTS

BIBLES AND BREWS



WEDNESDAY
JANUARY
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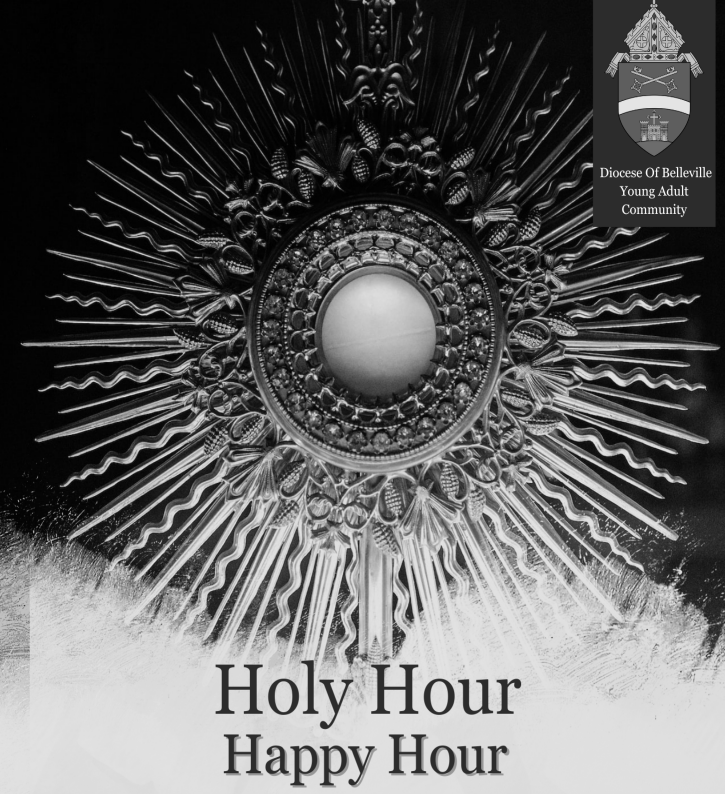

Speaker: Mark Loyet, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
Topic - Spiritual Life Hacks for Young Adults: What I Wish I'd Known 20 Years Ago

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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 Diocese of Belleville Young Adults

Holy Hour Happy Hour

Third Thursdays 6 p.m.
January 16, February 20, March 20

Cathedral of St. Peter
200 W. Harrison St.
Belleville, Il

Adoration Followed by Fellowship and a Few Beers

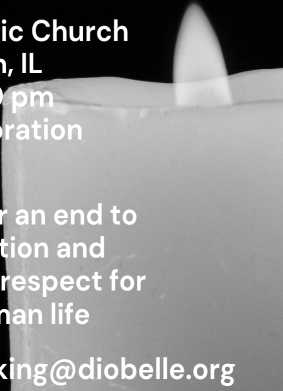
Ages 21-35

January 24, 2025


Nationwide Prayer Vigil for Life

St. Teresa Catholic Church
Belleville, IL
8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Adoration Chapel
Silent Prayer
11-12 Confession
Noon - Holy Mass

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Germantown, IL
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Eucharistic Adoration



Pray for an end to abortion and greater respect for human life



For information contact mking@diobelle.org