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*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

**January 12, 2025**

**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.**

**Year C**

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 that grandma's head is full of white hair?"

This weekend we reflect on Jesus accepting baptism from John the baptizer. John preached a new baptism calling his people to repentance for the forgiveness of sin. He was preparing the people for the Messiah who will liberate them from their sins. Jesus received John's baptism to give credence to the ministry of John and inaugurate the beginning of a new way of living. Thus, the Sacrament of Baptism restores in us the grace of our human dignity, reminds us of our place in God's kingdom and joins us to the Christian community. You may take a few seconds to meditate on the meaning of your baptism. The First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah says that the Messiah is the "covenant of the people and a light for the nations". Jesus' baptism is a public manifestation of these messianic qualities.

The Gospel says that "Jesus will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire". He consecrates the waters of baptism which makes us adopted children of God. Our baptism configures us to Christ inscribing in us an indelible mark. It reminds us of God's love for us which is beyond human understanding. At our baptism God declares us his beloved. He is pleased with us the way he created us. We carry within us the mark of God's love which is not diminished by sin. However, His love bestows on us the longing to do good. The Second Reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that "Jesus went about doing good and healing those possessed by the devil, for God was with him". Our baptism challenges us to do the same. We are consumed by the fire of love moving us to do good. We may falter but we find comfort that God is with us.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH (+ Deceased)

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+ and for healing and recovery of Nora Lee
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+

Monday, January 13, St. Hilary, Bishop and doctor of the Church No Mass

Tuesday, January 14, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)-Casey family members, living and deceased

Wednesday, January 15, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-Michael and Leona Banach+

Thursday, January 16, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva)-Cort/Reed family

Friday, January 17, St. Anthony, Abbot
8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-Roxanna Teason-Recovery

Saturday, January 18, Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Fr. Eva)
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-In Celebration of Father Eva's Birthday

Sunday, January 19, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Fr. Eva@ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart -John Vairo and Madison Crockett+
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-Alan and Dianna Vanbooven

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Daniel Schreckenbergt

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



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 19, 2025



Sacristan: Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf
Lector: Emily Weber
Host: Kathy Koebbe
Eucharistic Minister-Choir: needed



Parish SUPPORT

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

December 29, 2024

General Collections

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Envelopes (16) \$4,770.00, Donations (Knights of Columbus) 400.00, Loose 60.00, Candles \$19.00.

Total General Collections

\$5,249.00

Special Collections

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Hall Rental \$150.00, Immaculate Conception (1) 15.00, Retirement for Religious (1) 20.00, Collection for the Needy (7) 225.00, Christmas Collection (12) \$735.00.

Total Special Collections

\$1,145.00

Total Deposit

\$6,394.00

Table with 2 columns: Fund and Amount. Includes Maintenance Fund () \$0.00, Mass Intentions (2) \$20.00, 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.

It is that time of year again...

Sacred Heart Parish Tithing Tax Report

If you would like your tithing contribution report for 2024, please send your request to our email at: sacredheartdupo@gmail.com

Or cut out this form and put it in the collection basket.

Please be sure to include this information so that the correct tithing report is provided.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know if you wish to receive your report:

By Mail: Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/zip \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/zip \_\_\_\_\_

by email at: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

\_\_\_\_\_ Please leave my tithing report in the back of church.

**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, 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, 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...January: 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](mailto: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*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.~Bishop Michael McGovern

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. Sacred Heart has 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.

## Respect for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 16 – Friday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at [9daysforlife.com](https://9daysforlife.com)!  
 Graphic: <https://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/9-days-promo-3.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](mailto:iccacts.il@gmail.com)



### 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](http://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](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>

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

The Messenger brings you the stories of real people quietly living their faith through compassion and good works. Inspirational stories that show our Catholic faith is alive and well in southern Illinois. To subscribe to the paper copy or E-Edition, call The Messenger at 618-233-8670 or by going online go to: [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org).

**Tax-deductible donations are also appreciated.**



Save the Date!

2025

Catholic Women's  
 Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 22, 2025

St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland



### 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](mailto:ahs.sta.classof75@gmail.com) or visit Facebook Page at: AHS Class of '75.

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Joker Cards: \$100!

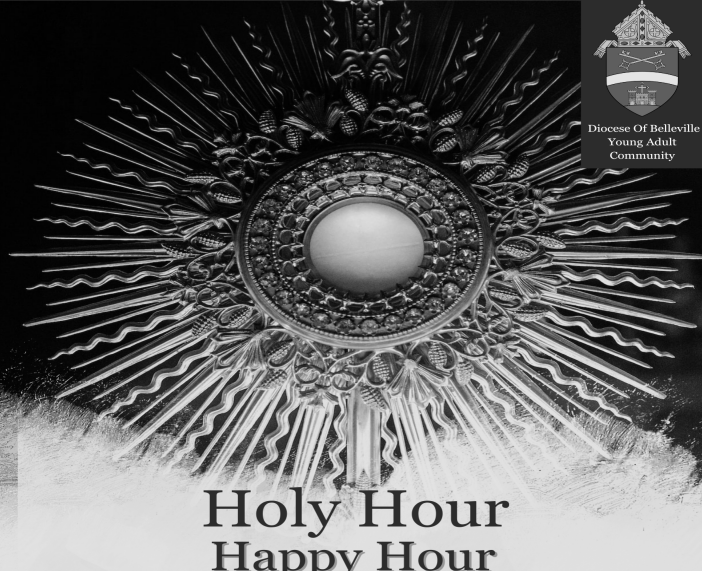
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# Events around the Parish, within the Diocese and in the community



  
 Diocese Of Belleville  
 Young Adult  
 Community


## 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**


Ages 21-35

Adoration Followed  
by Fellowship  
and a Few Beers




**Diocese of Belleville**  
**YOUNG ADULTS**  
**PRESENTS**

## BIBLES AND BREWS



**WEDNESDAY**  
**JANUARY**  
**15**

  
 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: GrÜv 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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**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](mailto:mking@diobelle.org)



## 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!