



## Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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

Associate: *Reverend Andrew J. Knopik*



*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 19, 2025**

**The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

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

*A pastor told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."*

We begin the ordinary time of the liturgical year reflecting on the manifestations of God's spirit in Jesus Christ. In the Gospel Jesus changes water into wine at the wedding in Cana. It reveals the power of God working in him. Many people were filled with wonder. I am particularly touched by Mary's role in this miracle. She stayed at the background and humbly interceded for the bride and her groom. She lets Jesus freely take the center stage. She told the stewards to do whatever Jesus tells them. She teaches us discipleship. She shows us how to journey with Jesus and surrender to his divine purposes. Great miracles happen, Jesus has his way in us.

The Second Reading presents a deep discourse on the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in a community or family. St Paul says that each of us is gifted differently by the same Holy Spirit. God is working in us to provide our community with the needed services. The beauty of community lies in the various talents given to us by God. The same Spirit inspires the works of evangelization, teaching, charity, decorating, cleaning and serving at liturgy. We are challenged to appreciate these special gifts because they flow from the same spirit. The awareness enhances our unity and commitment to the progress of our community. Each of us is a manifestation of God's goodness which benefits our community. It is very important that we humbly serve our community with what has been given us by God. **God is good all the time.**

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

**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**

**Monday, January 20, St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr and St. Sebastian, Martyr** *Martin Luther King Day* No Mass

**Tuesday, January 21, St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva)-**Women’s Club members, living and deceased**

**Wednesday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**  
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)-**Helen Knopik+**

**Thursday, January 23, St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr And St. Marianne Cope, Virgin**  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)-**Father Evaristus Akabuez’s birthday**

**Friday, January 24, St. Francis deSales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** *Happy Birthday Father Eva*  
8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-**Recovery of Helen Schreckenber**

**Saturday, January 25, Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Fr. Andy)**  
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-**Mary Matejkas+ and Diane Young Family**

**Sunday, January 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(Fr. Andy@ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Rose Sanders and Richard A. Geringer+**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-  
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Carlos Zavala, Jr.+**



Third Sunday in Ordinary time  
January 26, 2025



**Sacristan:** *Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf*  
**Lector:** *Geris Basinski*  
**Host:** *Carol McClanahan*  
**Eucharistic Minister-Choir:** *Kathy Koebbe*



We want to wish many blessings to **Father Evaristus Akabueze** For a very happy Birthday next Friday, January 24th  
From your Sacred Heart faith family



**Parish SUPPORT**

*Please prayerfully consider your own stewardship and pray for the financial well being of Sacred Heart Parish*  
**January 5, 2025**

*Due to weather conditions Mass was cancelled. Any tithing received this week will be reported next week.*

**January 12, 2025**

**General Collections**

Envelopes (23)	\$4,885.00
Donations	0.00
Loose	0.00
Candles	\$ 3.00

**Total General Collections \$4,888.00**

**Special Collections**

First Offering (5)	\$ 35.00
Solemnity of Mary (3)	50.00

**Total Special Collections \$ 85.00**

**Total Deposit \$4,973.00**

<b>Maintenance Fund (6)</b>	<b>\$ 205.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions (7)</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>
<b>Society of St. Vincent dePaul (1)</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>

*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 Income Tax Request**

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

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, Maryann Klosterman, 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!**



**Tressa Tucker, U.S. Air Force**  
**Hunter Kelling, U. S. Navy**  
**Joseph F. Gloeckner, U. S. Navy**

Sister of Jake Weber  
 Son of Holly and Travis Kelling  
 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: **24th-Fr. Evaristus Akabueze**

**May each of you be richly blessed by the Lord!**

**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 Websit: <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>

### The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 1-2

Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click SUBSCRIBE. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.

**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.



### Bishop Michael McGovern's Writings

To read the newest writings, insights and thoughts of our Bishop visit:  
<https://www.diobelle.org/our-bishop/writings>

Writings such as:

**2025: Follow Jesus, A Perfect Welcome, The Look of Love or Thankfulness**

Many other writings and articles available to review and read.

# 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](http://goraisedough.com/buy/2170)

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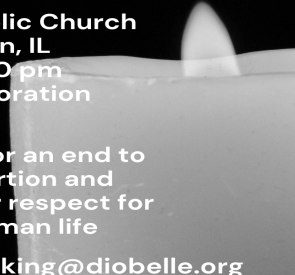



**January 24, 2025**


## 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)




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*O, blessed am I, that I may sing my devotion*

## Lunch & Card Party

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025**  
**St. Luke's Parish Center**  
 226 North Church St., Belleville, IL



Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO  
 Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm  
 Delicious Lunch! Have fun & support St. Luke's Parish!

**MENU:** Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo,  
 Tossed Salad, Roll & Butter,  
 Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water

**Tally: \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carryout)**  
 Cards & BINGO with prizes

Bring canned goods for the Food Pantry  
 In case of bad weather, an announcement will be made on the parish website.



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



## 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!

## 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).



## Thank you

From the Bottom of our hearts we want to thank Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart parishioners for their continued support of our Ministry here during the 2024 year. Your generosity in the Thanksgiving and Holy Thursday Envelopes, the SVDP Boxes at Church, the Casserole and Pantry Food Collections continue to help fund our work to help the less fortunate in our area. We are grateful for other monetary donation, all the clothes, coats and warm items, the essential needs for CUP and canned foods that were collected and distributed. Our best wishes and blessings for 2025.

**Bob Dillman, President**  
and the *St. Vincent dePaul Society*



Young Adult

## Catholic Speed Dating

Ages 21-33

Scan QR code  
to register



Speed Dating



For questions contact  
[mskorch@diobelle.org](mailto:mskorch@diobelle.org)

Thursday, February 27th, 2025

Check in 6:30 PM, Event 7:00-9:30 PM

Holy Trinity Parish, Fairview Heights, IL

