



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 26, 2025

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

A man who had been a husband for ten years was consulting a marriage counselor. "When I was first married, I was very happy. When I came home from a hard day at the shop, my little dog would race around barking and my wife would bring me my slippers with a heart-warming smile. Now after all these years everything is changed. Now when I come home, my dog brings me my slippers and my wife barks at me." "I don't know what you are complaining about," said the counselor. "You are still getting the same service."

This weekend we celebrate Sunday of the Word of God. We enthrone the Sacred Scripture to show its primacy in the Church and in Christian life. Pope Francis chose the theme, "I hope in your Word" (Ps 119:74) which connects very well with the *Jubilee Year of Hope*. We are pilgrims of hope on a journey to self-discovery and peace. The celebration encourages us to assimilate and spread the Word of God. This Word of God is not confined to a book, but always remains alive and active in people's life. The First Reading narrates the impact of God's Word on the people. The discovery of God's Word was joyfully celebrated. They were cut to the heart reading from the book of the law. The Word of God speaks to our heart, unites us to God and sends us on a mission. Burdened by uncertainties of life we find hope in the Word of God. Pope Francis encourages us to meditate on it daily.

Jesus is the Incarnate Word of God. The Gospel tells us that his mission is to bring good news of God's love to the world. The power of God's Word is liberating and transformational. It binds us to God and to one another. We are able to see as God sees, which helps us to build community. The Second Reading is a powerful treatise on community. St Paul reminds us that we are one. We are uniquely made, diverse in mind, body and spirit, but made to share life, enjoy one another and collaborate in community building. He makes the important case that all of us are needed in our community. It is very encouraging to feel needed and to be able to serve our community. We find true happiness in a community. The Word of God helps to keep us in this journey. It sustains our hope.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

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-**Diane Young and Family**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Carlos Zavala, Jr.+**

Monday, January 27, St. Angela Merici, Virgin
No Mass

Tuesday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)-**John Vairo+**

Wednesday, January 29, Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-**Parishioners of Holy Family Church**

Thursday, January 30, Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva)-**Kenneth & Elsie Hofstetter+**

Friday, January 31, St. John Bosco, Priest
8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-**Holy Family Men’s Club**

Saturday, February 1, Vigil of the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Fr. ?)

10:00 a.m. Rosary @ Sacred Heart
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-**Andrew M. Knopik+**



Sunday, February 2, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Fr. @ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Cort/Reed Family**
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Ron and Helen Whited and Family**
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Holy Family Women’s Club**



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



Catholic Service Ministry Appeal
Opens February 9, 2025

Please prayerfully consider your stewardship. For more information before you make your commitment visit: www.diobelle.org



Parish SUPPORT

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

January 19, 2025

Due to early submission of the bulletin the tithing report will be reported in next weeks 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>.



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2025



Sacristan: Rose Jordan/**Joan Scharf**
Lector: Christopher Cronin
Host: Joan Scharf
Eucharistic Minister-Choir: Carol McClanahan

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

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.

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.

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 and clicking on Hall Rental.



♪Happy Birth day to ♪ ♪ ♪You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪

birthday ♪ ♪dear...January: **24th-Fr. Evaristus Akabueze**

February: **11th-Joanna Mentel**

15th-Pete Nichols and Fr. Andy Knopik

17th-Jonathan Koebbe and David Walster 23rd-James Urke 25th-Jill Chartrand



Happy Anniversary to...February

3rd

Timothy and Donna Frederick

35 Years

28th

Ron and Joanna Mentel

55 Years

May each of you be richly blessed by the Lord! From Your faith family.

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.

Vocation Corner

My parents gave me and my siblings a joyful and loving childhood where the beauty of the Catholic faith shone brightly. They sent us to a school in Madrid operated by the sisters of the Company of the Savior, whose charism is to cooperate with parents by providing a strong education in a faithful catholic environment. The joy, devotion and dedication of the sisters immediately attracted me. During my last years of high school and my first year of college, I was tempted by new experiences and friendships based on different ideals than those of my youth. It was Mary who opened my eyes to see deeper. She brought me back to the heart of Jesus. Eventually, I embraced His loving call to be only his and joined the Sisters of the Company of the Savior.

Sr. Maria Alguacil; Sisters of the Company of the Savior; Columbia, Sept. 2021



Bishop Michael McGovern's Writings

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

Enjoy such articles as:

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

Many other writings and articles available to read.

Formal Annulment Application Now Available Online

From the Desk of The Very Rev. James M. Nall, Judicial Vicar of the Tribunal Office: For all those who assist with the annulment process; The Office of the Tribunal now has its Formal Annulment Application available online on the Tribunal web site: www.diobelle.org/tribunal

On our web site, you will first see the *Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Annulments*. Scroll down to the lower part of the web page and click on the link to open the Annulment Application in a new browser window. Once open, click the printer icon to print the 17-page Annulment Application on single-sided 8 ½" x 11" white paper.

Printed applications should be filled out by the Sponsor (priest, deacon, religious, pastoral associate, etc.) and Petitioner together, signed and sealed with church seal, and returned to the Tribunal Office with all required documents enclosed.

Completed applications should be dropped off (please call ahead) or mailed to:

Office of the Tribunal
 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Building 5
 Belleville, IL 62221

If you have additional questions, please contact the administrative assistant, Joyce Jamison, at the Tribunal Office at 618-722-5029 or by email to:

jjamison@diobelle.org

For information on Bishop McGovern's schedule, access the daily reading or the Bible or get general information about the Catholic faith visit: diobelle.org



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 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

Hymn for the Jubilee Year – text and music <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/search.html?q=hymn>

Respect for Life

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Living the Gospel of Life,” © 1998 USCCB

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!

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 Thank you for your support!




Save the Date—It's Trivia Night
at Sacred Heart March 15, 2025
1st Annual Trivia at Sacred Heart Church Hall with Doors opening at 6pm.

Cost: \$100 for Table of 8 (max per table). Bring your favorite drinks & snacks.


Prize money awarded. Attendance prizes, Auction items, 50/50, Lottery raffle, Barrel of booze and much more.

For more information contact: Sherri LaCroix 618-696-9451 or Karen Pratt 618-541-8698

Reservation information to follow!



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!

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.



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 or visit Facebook Page at: AHS Class of '75.

Continued Events around the Parish, within the Diocese and in the 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. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at:

admin@partnershipforyouth.org.

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 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.



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

Thursday, February 27th, 2025

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

Holy Trinity Parish, Fairview Heights, IL



Watch your mail box....The Women's Club Quilt raffle tickets will be coming soon. The next raffle will be held in March!