



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

Office: (618) 286-4373

email: sacredheartdupo@gmail.com

Office Hours:

Website: <https://sacredheartdupo.org>

By Appointment

130 South Third Street, P. O. Box 35
Dupo, Illinois 62239

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

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

A man hails a taxi in front of his office building, gives his destination to the driver, and climbs into the back seat. About ten minutes into the drive, he leans forward and taps the driver on the shoulder. At his touch, the cab driver screams, swerves off the road, careens off a lamppost, and comes to a stop in the middle of the sidewalk. The astonished passenger apologizes. "I'm sorry", he says, "I didn't mean to scare you. I just wanted to ask a question." "I know", said the cab driver, "I'm sorry. But this is my first day driving a cab. For the last twenty-five years, I drove a hearse."

We have the beatitudes to meditate on this weekend. I think that it is one of the most powerful sermons Jesus taught. It is the synopsis of a holy life, a positive understanding of the ten commandments. We reflect on what makes for happiness. Remember that God made us to know him, love him, serve him in this world and to be happy with him in the next. Happiness, therefore, is our ultimate desire and goal. The First Reading tells us to be happy in the Lord. Like a tree planted beside the waters we have abundant life because we are rooted in God. God gives us true happiness that endures all times and seasons. Our happiness is assured if we trust God all the time.

The Second Reading teaches that the fullness of life extends beyond the boundaries of this present life. We are not beings unto death. Rather, we have been given the hope of eternal happiness. The beatitudes speak to what gives us true happiness. They encourage us never to give up when our faith is seriously challenged. Challenges are opportunity for courageous witnessing. They draw us nearer to God. We are happy when we let God be God; when we humbly accept the limitations of our human nature. Everything in this world is transitory and should be understood as such. God is the source of true happiness. When you are poor, or mourning, or persecuted, or hungry, or rejected, remember that you are in God's hands. He remains forever! In Him our happiness is guaranteed.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

(+ Deceased)

Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Fr. Andy@ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**John Vairo and Arnold Kinsella+**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Valentine and Evelyn Klunk+**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Frances Nadler+**

11:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Help us celebrate Father Andy's Birthday in the Parish Hall with a Continental Breakfast

Monday, February 17, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order *President's Day* **No Mass**

Tuesday, February 18 –Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy) -**Women's Club members, living and deceased**

Wednesday, February 19, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)-**Floyd & Rosemary Wade+**

Thursday, February 20, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva)-**Cort/Reed Family members, living and deceased**

Friday, February 21, St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-**Carlos Zavasla Jr+**

Saturday, February 22, Vigil Mass for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Fr. Eva)

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-**Mary Weber+**

Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Fr. Eva@ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Cort/Reed Family members, living and deceased**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Alan & Dianna Vanbooven**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Mary Jo Troske+**



Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2025
Opens Today, February 9, 2025

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



A Very Happy Birthday to Father Andy whose birthday was Saturday, February 15th. We pray you had a good day and we cannot wait to celebrate you at Holy Family today after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. May God richly bless your new year. **The Sacred Heart Parish Family**



Parish SUPPORT

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

February 9, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (18)	\$ 860.00
On-Line Donations (1)	0.0
Loose	24.00
Other Donations ()	0.00
Candles	\$ <u>6.00</u>

Total General Collections \$ 890.00

Special Collections

Christmas ()	\$ 0.00
First Offering (1)	10.00
Solemnity of Mary ()	\$ <u>0.00</u>

Total Special Collections \$ 10.00

Total Deposit \$ 900.00

Maintenance Fund (2) \$ 70.00

Mass Intentions () \$ 0.00

Messenger Subscription Renewal () \$ 0.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul (1) \$ 30.00

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>.



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2025



Sacristan:	Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf
Lector	Joan Scharf
Host	Kathy Koebbe
Eucharistic Minister-Choir:	Geri Basinski



Women's Club Quilt Raffle

The Quilters have been hard at work and they have another quilt ready! The next raffle will be Sunday, March 9, 2025. Your Quilt raffle tickets are on the table in the back of church. Please pick them up to defray the cost of mailing them. Extra tickets are available, if you need more please check the ticket box or see me.

Thanks, **Carol McClanahan, Quilt Chair**

Knights of Columbus BBQ Pork Steak Dinner

Today is the last day to get your advanced tickets for the Pork Steak dinners offered after the 5:00 p.m. Mass next Saturday, February 22, 2025. Please see Duane McClanahan before or after Mass. The dinners are \$12.50 and includes a delicious pork steak and two sides. You can buy your meal at Holy Family's Hall next week.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE PRAY FOR:



Tony Albers, Cassidy Aldridge, David and Sandy Anderson, Laretta Anzalone, Kim Arnold, Lindsey Arnold, Donita Baldwin, Aubrey Bayard, Benjamin Bassler, Monica Bauer, 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, Alyssa Rhyne, Kim Ross, David Ryder, Mary Schmid, Paul Schonlau, Richard Singer, Abby Steffen, Kingston Todd, 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...**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

28th

Ron and Joanna Mentel

55 Years

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

NOTICE...NOTICE...If you have any concerns about Mass cancellations due to weather or just want to confirm Mass times, please feel free to call the office at (618) 286-4373.

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

“I was born in El Salvador and came to the United States when I was 12. My family faced many challenges: civil war, immigration, a new language, and culture. Our faith held us together and provided solace during the hard times. After I was confirmed in 2011, I felt a deeper call to be active in the Church, and I began to teach catechism at my parish. One evening, I went out to measure a building for my job with an insurance company...and I got lost. Turning into another building, I went inside, where a receptionist welcomed me to Holy Trinity Seminary. I knew I couldn’t keep running from my desire to give more. I ... entered seminary that summer. Being embraced by divine providence in my call to priesthood and through all the challenges of my life allows me to cry out with confidence: Viva Cristo Rey! Fr. Elmer Herrera-Guzman, Diocese of Dallas; Columbia Magazine, March 2023



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

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.



2025 A Holy Year of Hope
JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Our theme for the Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. This week please pray for our **Artists**. For more information visit www.diobelle.org, 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

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

Black and Indian Missions Collection
March 9, 2025

The (BIMC) exists to help bishops and dioceses to build up the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native Church communities. Many people benefit from your support such as students in a small mission school in the Deep South, a Catholic community served by a Native deacon in Alaska, the Native American parish on the prairie. Your support helps all of them come to know Jesus by getting good teachers in schools that would otherwise struggle to stay open or funding dioceses form lay ministers and catechists to spread the Gospel in their own communities.

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.

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

Holy Family News

February 16-Fr. Andy's Birthday Celebration...Everyone is invited to a Continental Breakfast after 10:00 a.m. Mass to celebrate him. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you wish to attend.

February 22-Knights of Columbus Pork Steak Dinner

Dine-in or Take Out after 5 p.m. Mass. Please reserve your order next week before or after Mass by giving your money or check to Duane McClanahan. Dinners include a pork steak and your choice of two sides (pick from potato salad, baked beans or slaw), dessert and drink for \$12.50.

March 9-Colorball Raffle...Details 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!

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Trivia

MARCH 15, 2025

Doors open at 6:00pm
\$100 per table of 8 max
paid in advance

All checks payable to Sacred Heart Church PO Box 35, Dupu, IL 62239

1st Prize \$200
2nd Prize \$100
3rd Prize \$50

What:
silent auction
50/50
lottery board
cooler of booze
attendance prizes
Mulligans \$10

Bring your own
beverage and snacks

Where:
Sacred Heart Hall
124 South 3rd St
Dupu, IL 62239

Auction Items may be
paid by cash/credit
or bank card

Contact Sherri LaCroix 618-696-9451/Karen Pratt 618-541-8698

ST. ANDREW DINNER

Sunday, March 2, 2025

4:00 Evening Prayer | 4:30 Dinner & Discussion

What is it like being a Catholic priest?
How do you know if you're called to become one?
If these questions have crossed your mind,
you are invited to join Bishop McGovern, priests,
and seminarians for dinner and conversation
about the priesthood.

Open to young men in high school, college, &
beyond, parents are also welcome to attend.

St. Joseph Catholic Church Hall,
901 N. Alton St. Lebanon, IL 62254

For more information & to RSVP, contact the vocation office at
618-722-5043 or mskorch@diobelle.org



Our Freshman Class is starting to come together!

Acceptance Day may be complete but we are still accepting applications! If you missed the Acceptance Day deadline you can still complete the application for the 25-26 school year. Financial Assistance Applications are due no later than February 28th. If you need information on the this, please reach out to Pam Kueker at: pkrucker@gibalthawks.com. Scholarship applications are due no later than March 31, 2025. Reach out to Pam Kueker with any questions. Placement Test scores are in and currently being reviewed to determine course recommendations. These will be sent out very soon! And we are still scheduling Shadow Visits.

It's a great time to see what it is like to be a Hawk!

Save the Date!

2025

Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 22, 2025

St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland



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



Kings House at National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Presents:

“Gifts from Friends We Never Wanted”

Monday, March 10, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Presenter: Virginia Herbers

Unwelcome guests are not generally greeted with gratitude but occasionally they become unexpected friends bearing gifts we never would have asked for. This Day of Reflection will focus on a few of these surprising guests in our lives—disappointment, worry, failure—and the gifts they provide when they come visiting. Using a gospel figure as a companion, we will engage these uninvited “friends” and learn something about ourselves and our God in the process.

Cost: \$60.00 (lunch included)

For more information or reservations: (618) 397-0584.

“Spiritual Cinemas”

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Cost: Movie is free and dinner is by freewill offering.

Simple Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. and the film starts at 6:15 p.m.

March 18 movie is: *One Life* A biographical drama film based on the true story of British humanitarian Nicholas Winton. The film alternates between following Anthony Hopkins as 79-year old Winton reminiscing on his past, and Johnny Flynn as a 29-year old Winton who successfully helps 669 predominantly Jewish children in German-occupied Czechoslovakia to hide and flee in 1938-39, just before the beginning of World War II.

For more information or reservations: (618) 397-0584.

The Messenger
Our Catholic Family's Connection

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription
It's not too late...Renewal Weekend was 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 or \$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.



GCHS THEATER
PRESENTS

THE PLAY
THAT GOES
WRONG

HIGH SCHOOL
EDITION

FEBRUARY 6-9

THURS - SAT. @ 7 PM

SUN. @ 2 PM

GCHS AUDITORIUM



Serra International

A worldwide organization of Catholic men and women who promote vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life.

Our local club, the **Serra Club of St. Clair**

County, works to affirm our Priests and Religious, educates our youth on listening for the call to this life, and prays to increase each member's personal holiness. Would you like to join this important work of the Church? We meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month for Mass and a meeting at Corpus Christi Parish Center in Shiloh, IL. Contact Marvin Winkeler at 402-214-1155 or mewinkel51@gmail.com or visit our website at www.serrastclair.org for information.

Singles Upper 50s and Above:



Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on March 28-30, 2025. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit www.RenewRetreats.org; email us at: renewretreat.stl@gmail.com; or call (314) 703-1002 for details.