



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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Parish Staff

Trustees:	Ms. Rose Jordan Mr. Dennis Martin
Secretary/Bulletin:	Mrs. Joan Scharf
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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 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

A man had spent a fruitless day fishing. He didn't want to go home empty-handed. He decided to stop at a local fish market. "I'd like three good sized fish," he said to the clerk. "But before you wrap them, toss them to me, one by one." The clerk looked puzzled at his request, "Sir? That's a strange thing to ask." Smiling the man said, "This way I'll be able to tell my wife truthfully that I caught them!"

The Readings this weekend invites us to consider the place of God in our relationships and interactions. Awareness of God's presence in our life empowers us to happily navigate the dynamics of family and community. A person can certainly be moved to forgive another for the sake of God. King David is a perfect example. The First Reading presents a very Godly David who refused to harm his enemy, King Saul. David is aware that Saul was anointed by God. He is made in God's image. This is an indelible mark on all humans. Saul was seeking to kill David. But David would not take revenge when he got the opportunity. He would not harm the Lord's anointed. God is the reason for David's kindness to a dangerous Saul. Think about it for a moment.

The Gospel builds on this example drawn from our merciful God. Jesus enjoins his disciples to love their enemies and do good to those who hate them. This is very hard, almost impossible to comprehend. However, Jesus is offering us a way of life that can help stop the cycle of evil. He asks me to do to others as I would have them do to me. But this golden rule is not easy to apply when the other person hates me. I have to go beyond the person in front of me to find a reason to be kind and to forgive. God is the reason. We forgive for the sake of God. Forgiveness is a very powerful weapon. It nourishes the family life and preserves the community from self-destruction. It is life-giving, even though it is difficult to practice. Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

(+ Deceased)

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+

**Monday, February 24, Weekday in Ordinary Time
 No Mass**

**Tuesday, February 25 –Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva) -Kenneth and Elsie Hofstetter+**

**Wednesday, February 26, Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-John Weber+ 90th Birthday**

**Thursday, February 27, St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)-John Vairo+**

**Friday, February 28, Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)-Cindy Horn+**

Saturday, March 1, Vigil Mass for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 10:00 a.m. Rosary @ Sacred Heart
 5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-Thomas & James Carrico and Bobby Sumpter+



Sunday, March 2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 a.m. Confession is available
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –John Vairo and Mary Weber+
 9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-Carlos & Renee Gallegos
 10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Members of Holy Family Church



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



Parish SUPPORT

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

Due to early submission of the bulletin the Tithing report will be published next week.

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>.



**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 March 2, 2025**



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



**Ash Wednesday
 March 5, 2025**

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



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**



**Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2025
 Begin, February 9, 2025**

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

Getting Ready for Lent; here are the Abstinence and Fasting Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics**. In addition, *Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.* When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. *The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.*

These guidelines can be found at: usccb.org

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, Randy Ladyman, 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: 23rd-James Urke 25th-Jill Chartrand**
March: 10th-Jagger Kenner and Geraldine McCoy
17th-Lindsay Kenner 24th-Ron Mentel 26th-Barbara Cleveland 27th-Tim Frederick

Happy Anniversary to...February



28th	Ron and Joanna Mentel	55 Years
	March	
3rd	Bishop McGovern's Appointment as Bishop of Belleville	5 Years
7th	Brad and Carol Cronin	44 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

“People often discover their vocation to religious life at Mass or in adoration, but I “heard the call” while literally receiving a phone call! Before this life-changing moment during my last semester of college, I had spent about a year growing in my spiritual life through spiritual direction and getting to know members of Pro Ecclesia Santa. I was attracted to their joy, their charism to live and promote holiness, and their closeness to the Sacred Heart. But I was wrestling with the question of whether God was really calling me to religious life. Speaking on the phone with a potential roommate for the following year, I knew deep down that I was fooling myself. I didn’t need to make housing plans; God wanted me to say “yes” to my vocation and move in with the sisters. Whatever your state of life, say ‘yes’ to God’s will and let yourself be surprised by his loving plans for you. “ Sister Leann Luecke; Pro Ecclesia Santa; Columbia Magazine – July/Aug. 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 **Deacons**. 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>

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.

Respect for Life

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you...God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 “Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”
respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

Forgiveness..should be an action verb not a noun!

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



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 Palottine 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.



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!

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.

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

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



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@gibaulthawks.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 call (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.

Knights of Columbus #4596 presents

**Color Raffle Only
March 09, 2025**

Games start @ 1 pm

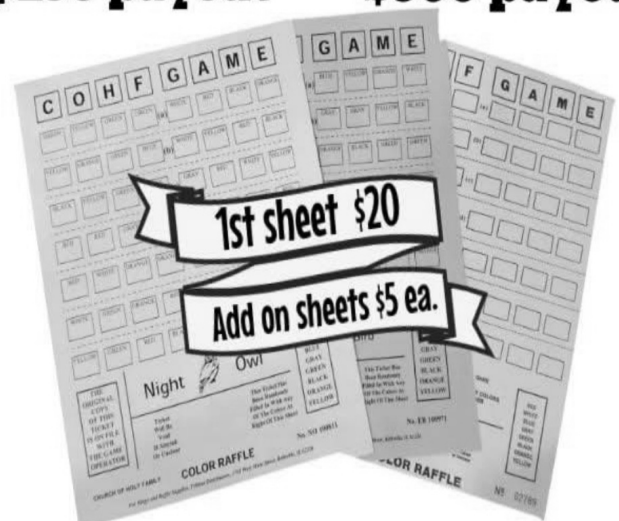
Holy Family Gymnasium
109 Church St., Cahokia, IL

8 games

\$250 payout

2 games

\$500 payout



For more info contact Bo: Franey727@gmail.com

Proceeds benefit: *Knights of Columbus Charities*

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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.



Stations of the Cross

During the six weeks of Lent join us and walk the Passion of Christ. Watch the bulletin for further details and times.