



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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By Appointment

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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

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

A young boy wanted to go down to the lake to fish, and his mother asked him to take his little sister with him. He said, "Mom, don't make me take her with me. The last time she came with me, I didn't catch a single fish." The mother said, "I'll talk to her, and I promise this time she won't make any noise." The boy said, "Mom, it wasn't the noise. She ate all my bait!"

Our Readings this weekend focus on missionary discipleship. Missionary discipleship speaks to our being chosen, set apart and sent to our brothers and sisters. It is the deepest understanding of the Christian vocation. Isaiah in the First Reading gives a powerful narrative of his call to be God's prophet. A sinner among sinful people, Isaiah was chosen to behold God's glory. God sanctified him by purging away his sins. Joyfully and freely, Isaiah decided to spread the goodness of God.

In the Second Reading, St Paul reminds us that like the Apostles we are called to preach the crucified Christ. It is fair to say that our religion is Jesus Christ crucified. St Paul is highly aware of his unworthiness to be a missionary disciple. It's all by grace. By God's grace I am what I am.

St Luke's account of the call to missionary discipleship in today's Gospel is dramatic. We see that the young men felt unworthy to receive the grace Jesus was offering them. Jesus calmed their fears and invited them to follow him. It's perhaps not uncommon for us to be afraid of the unknown in our journey. Some of us may be frustrated that our works are not bearing the expected fruits. We often face an intense pressure to give up the faith. The demand may be overwhelming. But what we need to do is just follow Jesus. You may not be able to change the world, and you are not called to, but you will make a difference. Do not be afraid. Just lay the nets. Let Go and let God work through you.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH (+ Deceased)

Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Fr. Andy@ SH & HF)

7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart -The Uhrhan family members, living and deceased
9:00 a.m. Coffee and donut Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-Fred & Elaine Fitzpatrick Family members, Living and Deceased
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Dave Radake, Recovery and healing

Monday, February 10, St. Scholastica, Virgin No Mass

Tuesday, February 11 -Our Lady of Lourdes
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr.Eva) -Kenneth and Elsie Hofstetter+

Wednesday, February 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-In Celebration of Father Andy

Thursday, February 13, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)-Cort/Reed family, members, living and deceased

Friday, February 14, Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop
Valentine's Day
8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-Dorothy Matejka+

Saturday, February 15, Vigil Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Fr. Andy)
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-Andrea & Emily Troske, Elizabeth, Luke & Drew Freyman

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



Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2025 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

February 2, 2025

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name and Amount. Includes General Collections, Special Collections, and Total Deposit.

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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2025



Sacristan: Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf
Lector: Dennis Martin
Host: Geri Basinski
Eucharistic Minister-Choir: Emily Weber



Today, Sunday, February 9, 2025

Join us for Coffee and Donut fellowship after Mass in the Parish Center.



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

Dear Good People of Sacred Heart Parish: Thank you very much for the many cards and variety of gifts I received at Christmas time. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are deeply appreciated. Keep the faith and a smile on your face! Peace and joy, Fr. Andy

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, 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...**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.

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

A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate World Marriage Day on this Sunday, we realize that no matter our station in life -married, single or religious - we have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant. For the Catholic steward, marriage goes far beyond the legal or societal agreement that our culture might define. Marriage brings us countless blessings but is met with many obstacles. Busy schedules, the challenges of parenthood, the strains of finances, mortgages, issues of health, and aging – all of these tests the bonds of even the finest unions.



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 **Armed Forces and Police Security personnel** 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

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”
 Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

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.



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

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.

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.

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.


Diocese of Belleville
YOUNG ADULTS
PRESENTS

BIBLES AND BREWS

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY

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Speaker: Fr. Michael Caruso, SJ - Director of Education/Superintendent of Schools
Topic - Pray Like a Pro: Jesuit Spirituality for Everyone



FOR YOUNG ADULTS
AGES 21 - 35

Location: Bennie's Pizza Pub
113 East Main Street, Belleville, IL 62220

6:30-7:00PM SOCIAL
7:00-8:30PM EVENT

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Save the Date!

2025

Catholic Women's
Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 22, 2025

St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland



SACRED HEART CHURCH

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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


Bring your own
beverage and snacks

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

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


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

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



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!



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 this, please reach out to Pam Kueker at: pkueker@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!

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



Kings House at National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Presents:
“The Mirror of Consciousness: Seeing the Divine in All Things”
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Cost: \$60

Embark on a transformative journey to uncover the profound connection between Ultimate Reality and daily life. Through this exploration, discover how to see God reflected in all creation and embrace a deeper sense of divine connection in daily living. Experience the beauty of the sacred in every moment and learn to live a life rooted in divine awareness. Step into the mirror of consciousness and embrace the infinite presence of the Divine in all things.

Paul Coutinho is a recognized international scholar, speaker, and spiritual guide who blends spirituality with psychology and Eastern wisdom with Western spirituality. He regularly conducts workshops, retreats, and spiritual direction sessions, addressing the heart’s relentless quest for the Divine and the desire to live life to its fullest. Paul has pursued doctoral studies in Psychology and holds a doctorate in Historical Theology from Saint Louis University, where Ignatian Spirituality was at the core of his studies.

He is the author of several books, including the award-winning *How Big Is Your God? The Freedom to Experience the Divine* and his latest work, *Awaken to the Divine: 52 Contemplative Reflections to Transform Your Spirit*.



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.



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.

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.

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.