



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 Ms. 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

March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

An atheist complained to a friend, "Christians have their special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter; and Jews celebrate their holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur; Muslims have their holidays. Every religion has its holidays. But we atheists," he said, "have no recognized national holidays. It's an unfair discrimination." His friend replied, "Well, why don't you celebrate April first?"

The lessons for our reflection speak about hypocrisy. The First Reading reveals a wise understanding of human experience. The author tells his audience to always test people by listening carefully to them. He argues that one's faults appear when one speaks. The wisdom is about reading deep into what is said. We are reminded that we are complex beings. It then means that you have to find out if what one says with what one does. A Nigerian comedian puts it this way: "Action speaks louder than television".

The Gospel guides us on the right way of living. Jesus teaches his disciples to concentrate on self-conquest. The heart is the light of the whole body. He asks us to work on purifying the intentions of our heart. What we do and say flows from within. Our real self is easily hidden from us. In reality, it is easier to recognize the faults of others than to recognize our own. This is why the Church encourages daily examination of conscience. The highest victory in our life journey is that of self-conquest. Indeed, a blind person cannot correctly guide another blind person.

But God has given us a perfect guide. The Second Reading reminds us that God has given us victory through Jesus Christ. Thus, the effort we make to be honest by overcoming our own weaknesses is not in vain. Let us be firm and steadfast in doing God's work. **Shalom!**

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

(+ Deceased)

Sunday, March 2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Fr. Andy SH & HF)



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**

Monday, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
 No Mass

Tuesday, March 4 –St. Casmir

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy) -**Leveling/ McClanahan family members, living and deceased**

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday (Fr. Andy SH & HF)



8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Andrew and Helen Knopik**
 7:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart -**For Lost Souls**

Thursday after Ash Wednesday, March 6,

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

Friday, March 7, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
First Friday

8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-**Anthony Elfrink+**

Saturday, March 8, Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-**Mike Rottnek+**

Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent (Fr. Andy @ SH and HF)-

7:30 a.m. Confession is available



8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Kenneth & Elsie Hofstetter+**

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donut Fellowship and  Women's Club Quilt Raffle Drawing

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Fred & Elaine Fitzpatrick Family members, living and deceased**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Cindy Horn+**



Coffee and Donut Fellowship and Women's Club Quilt Raffle



The next raffle will be next Sunday, March 9, 2025 during Coffee and Donut Fellowship. You cannot win if you do not have tickets in the drawing box, so make sure to get your tickets in. There are tickets in the back of church on the information table.

Thanks, **Carol McClanahan, Quilt Chair**

Ash Wednesday Masses

8:00 a.m. at Holy Family
 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus



Parish SUPPORT

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

February 16, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (11)	\$ 430.00
On-Line Donations ()	0.00
Loose	7.00
Other Donations ()	0.00
Candles	\$ 0.00

Total General Collections

\$ 430.00

Special Collections

First Offering ()	\$ 0.00
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Total Special Collections

\$ 0.00

Total Deposit

\$ 430.00

Maintenance Fund ()

\$ 0.00

Mass Intentions ()

\$ 0.00

Messenger Subscription Renewal ()

\$ 0.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul ()

\$ 0.00

February 23, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (12)	\$ 425.00
On-Line Donations ()	0.00
Loose	0.00
Other Donations ()	0.00
Candles	\$ 8.00

Total General Collections

\$ 433.00

Special Collections

First Offering ()	\$ 0.00
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Total Special Collections

\$ 0.00

Total Deposit

\$ 433.00

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>.



Ash Wednesday
March 5, 2025



Sacristan:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Lector

Joan Scharf

Host

Joan Scharf

Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Kathy Koebbe

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

Sacristan:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Lector

Chris Cronin

Host

Emily Weber

Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Geri Basinski

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
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...**March: 10th-Jagger Kenner and Geraldine McCoy**

17th-Lindsay Kenner 24th-Ron Mentel 26th-Barbara Cleveland 27th-Tim Frederick



Happy Anniversary to...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

I grew up in Kerala, India, where my Syro-Malabar Catholic family planted faith in my heart at a young age. Ever since I can remember, we prioritized family prayer and the rosary, as well as going to daily Mass and weekly charismatic prayer meetings. My faith continued to grow after my family moved to Houston, and later when I went to college. It was during a silent retreat in college that I received my call from Jesus to become his bride. That night changed everything. I no longer wanted to belong to the world; I longed to be with him who gave peace and joy to my heart. After a few years of discernment, I came to know the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ and was attracted to the community’s charisms of prayer, praise and evangelization, and its love for the cross. To anyone discerning...my advice is to give your whole life to Jesus. He is worth it all. Sr. Paula Marie Babu; Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ; Columbia Magazine June 2024



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.

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**

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.



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>

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Respect for Life

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent

Lent
Prepare the way



Please see Bishop Michael McGovern’s letter on the bulletin board about the 50 year collection. Prayerfully consider your donation this Lent.

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 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.



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!

We are still scheduling shadows and accepting 2025-26 applications. Due to a scheduling conflict with one of our feeder schools, 2025-26 Freshman Registration has been moved to **April 2 and 3**. A sign-up genius will be sent out in the coming weeks, and course recommendations will be sent out by mail very soon. Any questions or concerns can be sent directly to Pam Kueker, Admissions Coordinator, by calling the school at 618-939-3883, or email: pkueker@gibaulthawks.com.

Quilt and Cash Social

St. James Parish, Millstadt

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and Bingo begins at 1 p.m.

We will have Beautiful Handmade Quilts, Raffles, and a Basket Boutique available.

Various refreshments, but we will feature our Fried Chicken Dinners.

Donate 1 canned good item and receive 1 Free Card per tally. We cannot accept expired goods please.

Bring your own covers!

Save the Date!

2025

Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 22, 2025

St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland



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

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

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

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

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Fairview Heights, IL

Join our 40 Days for Life kickoff at the Coalition Life Community Center in Fairview Heights!

03.05.25

AT 4:00 PM

Indoor program starts at 4:30



COME SUPPORT OUR AMAZING SIDEWALK COUNSELORS!

Bring snacks, trail mix, granola bars, gloves, hand warmers, sunscreen, hot cocoa, bottled water, etc. to nourish our sidewalk counselors!

Sign up to pray with us at fvh40days@yahoo.com

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

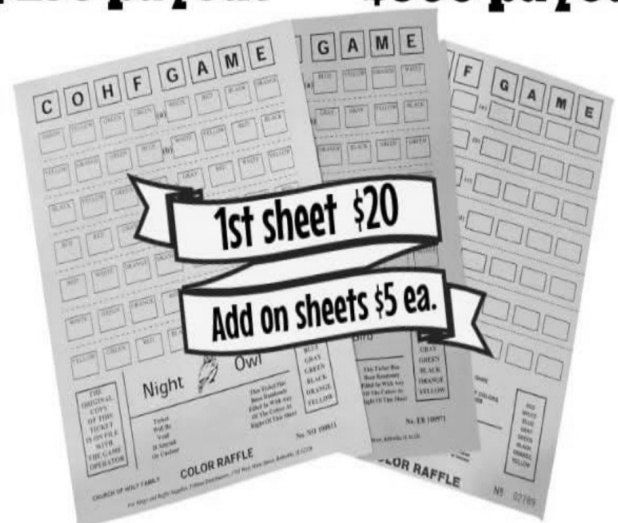
Holy Family Gymnasium
109 Church St., Cahokia, IL

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. Two opportunities available:

Holy Family after 8 a.m. Mass

Sacred Heart at 6:00 p.m.