



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
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 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

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By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

At the conclusion of the Church service, the worshipers filed out of the sanctuary to greet the minister. As one of them left, he shook the minister's hand, thanked him for the sermon and said, "Thanks for the message, Reverend. You know, you must be smarter than Einstein." Beaming with pride, the minister said, "Thank you, brother, but why do you think so?" The man replied, "Well, Reverend, they say that Einstein was so smart that only ten people in the entire world could understand him. But Reverend, no one can understand you!"

The Holy Season of Lent invites us to re-evaluate our relationship with God. We listen more through acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are moments of encounter with God. They move us to behold God's presence just as Abraham did in the First Reading. Abraham believed that God was with him. At the same time, he needed assurance that God will provide for his needs. Prayer brought him to that spiritual conviction. God established a covenant with him and promised to provide for him and his descendants.

In the Second Reading, St Paul tells us to aspire for spiritual things noting that heaven is our homeland. We have the promise of heaven through a new and everlasting covenant – Jesus Christ. St Paul talks about transformation of this present life. Through faith we are transformed to radiate Christ's glory. This is glory through the Cross. Through Lent we learn to embrace our sufferings and unwanted situation because we see victory ahead.

The Gospel narrates a unique encounter for the Apostles called transfiguration. This happened on Mount Horeb. Most spiritual experiences took place on a mountain. The Apostles were transformed to behold God's glory. This encounter serves to inspire them to make the journey with Jesus Christ. Like the Apostles, we are also asked to listen to Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

(+ Deceased)

Sunday, March 16, Second Sunday of Lent (Fr. Eva @ SH and HF)-



7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**The Uhrhan Family, members living and deceased and James & Shirley Cronin+**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Rennard and Henrietta Harris Family members, living and deceased**
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Cindy Horn+**

Monday, March 17, St. Patrick, Bishop
No Mass *St. Patrick's Day*



Tuesday, March 18 –St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy) -**Sacred Heart Women's Club members, living and deceased**

Wednesday, March 19, Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Fr. Andy)
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Carlos Zavalas, Jr.+**

Thursday, March 20, Weekday in Lent
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva)-**Cort/Reed Family members, living and deceased**



Friday, March 21, Weekday in Lent
8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)-**Cindy Horn+**

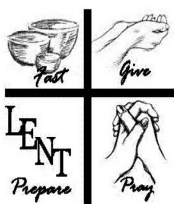
Saturday, March 22, Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-**Cindy Horn+**

Sunday, March 23, Third 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. Latin Mass in the Log Church-**Ron and Helen Whited and Family**
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Parishioners of Holy Family Church**



This Lent...
don't give it up for love,
pay it forward with love!
Support the Catholic Service
Ministry Appeal (CSMA) 2025.



Congratulations to the quarter's quilt winner, **Catherine Weber**, from **Columbia**. Our sincere thank you to everyone who sold and bought Quilt Raffle Tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated. And thanks to the talented ladies that give of their time and talent to make the beautiful quilts.
Carol McClanahan, Quilt Chair



Parish SUPPORT

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

March 9, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (16)	\$1,045.00
On-Line Donations ()	0.00
Loose	14.00
Other Donations ()	0.00
Candles	\$ 0.00
Total General Collections	\$1,059.00

Special Collections

Ash Wednesday (6)	\$ 165.00
Black and Indian Mission (3)	60.00
Catholic Service Ministry Appeal (1)	100.00
First Offering (1)	\$ 5.00

Total Special Collections \$ 330.00

Total Deposit \$1,389.00

Maintenance Fund (3) \$ 50.00

Mass Intentions () \$ 0.00

Messenger Subscription Renewal (1) \$ 40.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul (4) \$ 50.00

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>.



Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2025



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

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, Mildred Casey, 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 Merkle, 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...**March: 17th-Lindsay Kenner 24th-Ron Mentel**
26th-Barbara Cleveland 27th-Tim Frederick



Happy Anniversary to...

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



Stations of the Cross

During the six weeks of Lent join us and walk the Passion of Christ every Friday.
 Two opportunities available: **Holy Family after 8 a.m. Mass and Sacred Heart at 6:00 p.m.**
Good Friday is at 3:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart



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

As we continue our 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who so generously contributed to the 2024 Appeal and to our priests, deacons, religious and parish staff members who so faithfully promoted the Appeal and assisted the Development Office. Your support enabled those ministries and agencies funded by the Appeal to continue their work of bringing the healing presence of Jesus Christ to thousands of people throughout the 28 southernmost counties of Illinois during the past year. We are truly grateful and keep each of you in our prayers always. Bishop Michael McGovern

As of February 28, we have received pledges of \$1,354,667 from 4,955 households for an average gift of \$273.39. Cash receipts total \$1,322,671, 98% of the pledged total and 102% of our total goal. Vicariate reports with your parish results are included with this mailing; this is our final report for the 2024 CSMA campaign. As of 1/31/2025 17 households gave **\$2,500**. We fell short of our **\$4,316** goal by **\$1,816**. *Please prayerfully consider your stewardship for the organizations that assist those in need throughout the Diocese of Belleville.*

Vocation Corner

This week is the feast of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. “When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.” (Matt 1:24) “It was grace that moved Joseph to embrace his vocation as the guardian of Israel’s Messiah. It’s the same grace that empowers us to accept God’s call and wisdom for our lives. Joseph’s yes in faith changed the world. God also has a plan for your life. You don’t know where your yes might lead and how God might use it. Ask Joseph to help. Then, like Joseph, go out in faith to be a “doer of the word” (James 1:2d2d).” (The Word Among Us)



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 **World of Volunteers**.

For more information visit: www.diobelle.org, USCCB
 Website: <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>

The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.

Will deliver a Lenten Reflection, “**Suffered Under Pontius Pilot**” at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 30, 2025 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. For more information see the information on the bulletin board in the back of church.



Catholic Relief Services Collections
Sunday, March 30

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



Bishop Michael McGovern’s Writings

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

ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH



MARCH 25, 2025

Join the Diocese of Belleville at the Illinois Pro-Life March in Springfield on Tuesday, March 25, 2025!

Bus transportation available from Holy Trinity Church in Fairview Heights, \$25 per seat, scan the QR code to register
 Departing at 7:45 AM
 Returning around 5:00 PM

Parishes, schools, & individuals are encouraged to attend, support Bishop McGovern as homilist
 Free Mass tickets are required
 Please contact: mking@diobelle.org



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT [MKING@DIOBELLE.ORG](mailto:mking@diobelle.org)

Respect for Life

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally prolife” (The Gospel of Life 28).

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



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!

St. James Parish, Millstadt News.....

Quilt and Cash Social 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!

Council of Catholic Women presents their... Easter Parade Spring Luncheon Thursday, April 10, 2025

- Parish Center doors open at 10:30 a.m
- Lunch at noon for \$15 per person featuring Fried Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed and Jello Salads, dinner rolls and dessert.
- event goes to 2:30 p.m. featuring Quilt/Cash raffle, Basket raffle, Bingo, attendance prizes and Peter Rabbit's Sweet Shoppe.

Pre-paid reservations are required in advance by calling **Kathy Hoeffken at (618) 612-9563**. **NO TICKETS** will be sold at the door on the day of the event.

Wear an Easter Bonnet and your name will be entered for a chance to win a prize!

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!
DRAWINGS ON FRIDAYS AT 8:00PM
\$5 EACH OR BUY 5, GET 1 FREE!

Call (618) 476-3513 to inquire about tickets.

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.



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. **All scholarship applications are due by March 31, 2025**. 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.

Join the Softball Team at Home Games!

We would love for your daughter or son to join the softball team at home games! Please remember to bring a helmet for your child, as they will need to wear it while retrieving bats for the team. They are also welcome to join the team for warm-ups before the game. The team will be on the field for warm-ups no later than 3:30 PM. If your child is unable to make it by 3:30, please ensure they arrive by 4:15 PM at the latest so they can be introduced with the starting lineup. We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you! Signup today at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAAAD23A5FDCF8-55121680-hawk#/>



BELLEVILLE TEC (TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST)

Do you remember the Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Catholic retreat program? Are you a teenager or young adult (age 17 or older) who is looking for an opportunity to strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you ever experienced a TEC retreat and would like one of your loved ones to have the same opportunity? Are you a youth leader who is looking for a retreat program to offer to your Christian youth community? Are you just looking for an opportunity to help share your faith with the young people of the Belleville Diocese? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please contact the Belleville Diocesan TEC board for additional information about upcoming retreat weekends. Belleville.tec@gmail.com or contact :


bellevilletec.org to apply.

Continued 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.



There are two Parish Council positions up for election this year. Please prayerfully consider your choice for, or becoming a council member.

What are the responsibilities of a Parish Council Member?

- Parish Council members must be a member of Sacred Heart Parish.
- They are required to attend 10 monthly meetings yearly (There are no meetings in July and December)
- They will become a Counter (opening the weekly tithing envelopes) and will be assigned a Sunday every two to three weeks.
- They will be a liaison for the Parishioners bringing their concerns and needs to the Council.

Note: Please understand that because a person is nominated, does not mean they will be on the ballot. Each nominee will be contacted and asked if they wish to appear on the ballot.

Sacred Heart Parish Council Nomination Ballot


Parish Council Elections-elections will take place on Sunday, April 6 and 13, 2025. Two 3-year positions will be up for election. If you would like to run for or nominate someone for a position on the parish council please use this form. Place the form in the collection basket or give it to one of our Trustee's (Rose Jordan or Dennis Martin). If you are out of town and wish to nominate someone, call the office at: 618-286-4373 or email your nomination to: sacredheartdupo@gmail.com.

Nominations are due by March 23, 2025.

I, _____, would like to add **my name** to the parish council ballot.

Please accept my nomination of:

to the parish council ballot.



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

“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 drams 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 hid and flee in 1938-39, just before the beginning of World War II. **For more information or reservations call (618) 397-0584.**



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.

Tax-deductible donations are also appreciated.

Faith and Justice Internship with the Diocese of Belleville

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic, anti-poverty social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. This year, CCHD is offering a local paid internship for Catholics in our diocese to help promote the important work of CCHD and to offer experience working with and on behalf of those in poverty.

The internship will provide practical work in carrying out the mandate of CCHD, opportunities to develop relationships with community leaders, reflection on Catholic social teaching, and opportunities for sharing the experience with other CCHD interns. The internship is paid and requires an average of 14 hours a week for 24 weeks. Interns may start in the summer or the school year. Applicants must be a practicing Catholic with a desire to grow in an understanding of Catholic Social Teaching. **Please send your resume by March 24** to Cheryl Sommer, CCHD Diocesan Director at cchddiobelle@gmail.com or contact 618-624-2838 with any questions.