



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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Parish Staff

Trustees: Ms. Rose Jordan
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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 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

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By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

*In a large city, a priest parked his car in a no-parking zone because he couldn't find a metered space. He put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 100 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. **Forgive us our trespasses.**" When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. **Lead us not into temptation.**"*

The Jewish Passover celebrates their liberation from Egypt and formation into a new creation. They give thanks to God for their freedom. Their failings notwithstanding, God remained committed to walking with them. He was always reconciling them to Himself. The Second Reading reminds us of our new life in Christ. Jesus is the perfect gift given to us for our reconciliation with God. We receive him through the Sacraments which make us ambassadors of Christ. Reconciliation is an important part of our Lenten practice. We learn to always seek reconciliation with our brothers and sisters.

The story of the prodigal son in today's Gospel teaches us the need for reconciliation. In this famous story Jesus tells us about the Father who readily welcomes us. God celebrates our willingness to be with Him. He does not remember our guilt. He desires that we reconcile with one another. In the story the father begs the older son to welcome his younger brother. The older son is justified to be angry at his father for welcoming his son who squandered his own share of the inheritance. The older son has been a "good boy" and should be celebrated. The father knows all that but invites him to consider the situation of his younger brother. Deciding to come home is huge! Jesus reminds us that we have a Father who reconciles us with our brothers and sisters. I invite you to consider receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lent. God is constantly calling us to it.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

(+ Deceased)

Sunday, March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) (Fr. Andy @ SH and HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Henry, Marie and Blake Rene Urke and Ted and Dolores Rogers+**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Pluff Family Living and Deceased**

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

Monday, March 31, Weekday of Lent No Mass

Tuesday, April 1 –Weekday of Lent

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Casey Family members, living and deceased**

Wednesday, April 2, St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Cindy Horn+**

Thursday, April 3, Weekday of Lent

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

Friday, April 4, St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

First Friday

8 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Holy Family's Men's Club**



Saturday, April 5, Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Rosary Recited @ Sacred Heart

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family—**Pluff Family Members living & deceased**



Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

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

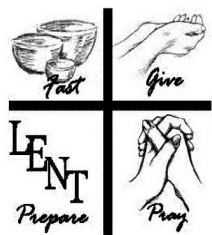
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Fred and Elaine Fitzpatrick Family, Living & Deceased**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Walter and Frances Knopik+**



Join us for the Holy Rosary next Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.

Direct questions to Carol McClanahan, Chair.



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



Parish SUPPORT

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

March 23, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (17)	\$1,045.00
On-Line Donations ()	0.00
Loose	7.00
Other Donations (Trivia Night)	100.00
Candles	\$ 13.00

Total General Collections

\$1,165.00

Special Collections

Catholic Service Ministry Appeal (1)	\$ 425.00
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Total Special Collections

\$ 425.00

Total Deposit

\$1,590.00

Maintenance Fund () \$ 0.00

Mass Intentions (5) \$ 50.00

Messenger Subscription Renewal () \$ 0.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul () \$ 0.00

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>.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025



Sacristan:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Lector

Joan Scharf

Host

Joan Scharf

Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Geri Basinski



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



Don't forget to bring in your blessed palm branches from last year and put them in the basket in the back of church. They will be burned on Holy Saturday.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Tony Albers, Cassidy Aldridge, David and Sandy Anderson, Lauretta 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 Birthday to ♪ ♪ You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪

birthday ♪ ♪ dear...**April: 2nd-David Vernon 12th-Debbie Duke**

13th-Carol Cronin and Alan Hock 15th-Alice LaMastus 17th-Phyllis Gould

29th-Peggy Hoffmann and Karen Hood

Happy Anniversary to...April



16th	Richard and Jill Chartrand	2 Years
18th	Travis and Holly Kelling	27 Years
22nd	Raymond and Melanie Curtis	20 Years
23rd	Russell and Vanessa Buechler	42 Years
24th	John and Candace LaCroix	55 Years
30th	Alan and Linda Hock	
30th	David and Becky Uhrhan	48 Years



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



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

Today's Gospel features one of the most memorable and quoted parables: The Prodigal Son. This display of Fatherly love is so reassuring to us as we travel through life. The premier forgiveness of the Father for both His sons provides us with comfort even in our transgressions. As we strive to live our vocation (priesthood, married, consecrated life, single), we can always treasure the knowledge that the Father will always celebrate our return to Him no matter what we have done or failed to do. Magazine; July/Aug. 2020



Bishop Michael McGovern's Writings

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



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.



2025 A Holy Year of Hope JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Our theme for the Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. This week please pray for the **Missionaries of Mercy**.

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

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE FULL-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Benefits and the salary range is \$36,000 - \$40,000 (Final salary will be determined by relevant skills, education, and experience.)

To apply: Send cover letter and résumé to Catholic Diocese of Belleville at humanresources@diobelle.org or by mail at 222 South Third Street, Belleville, Illinois 62220.

Application deadline: April 11, 2025.

Respect for Life

"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life...Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (The Gospel of Life 86).

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.

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)



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.....

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!

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



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE!

DRAWINGS ON FRIDAYS AT 8:00PM

\$5 EACH OR BUY 5, GET 1 FREE!



For your planning purposes here is the Triduum and Easter schedules. The Triduum is at Sacred Heart.

Reconciliation Service @ Sacred Heart, Sunday, April 13 @ 3 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 17 Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18-Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Service begins at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19 Mass begins @ 8p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20-8:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart and 10 a.m. at Holy Family

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#/>



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Laetare is Latin for "rejoice".

Why does the Church use different words to express joy during the seasons of Advent and Lent? **Gaudete** (used during Advent) means "expressed or exuberant joy", as we wait for the birth of the Savior. **Laetare** (used during the season of Lent) means internal joy, a joy of anticipation we feel because Jesus tells us he is going to make a place for us. May today your heart feel the great love in Jesus' passion! No greater love does one have, but to die for a friend.

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

The Cemetery Association Employment Opportunity in Belleville

The Association is currently accepting applications for Lawn Care Support for Mount Carmel Cemetery in Belleville. There are multiple positions available for Seasonal Full-Time workers in the areas of mowing, edging/weeding (\$17-18 per hour). For anyone interested, please contact the Cemetery Association at 618-397-0181 or by email at: cdbcemeteryassoc@gmail.com.



NATIONAL SHRINE of
OUR LADY of the SNOWS
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows presents....

“Spiritual Cinemas”
Tuesday, April 29, 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.

The movie is: *Arthur the King* A 2024 American adventure based on a true event: Arthur-The Dog Who Crossed the Jungle to Find a Home, by Mikael Lindnord. In the film, the captain of an adventure racing team befriends a wounded stray dog named Arthur, who accompanies the team on a grueling 435 mile endurance race through the Dominican Republic.

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

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

Creating SABBATH SPACE in Our Lives –
Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2025
10:00 am – 12 Noon

A 5-week Spring Video Study featuring Fr. Ron Rolheiser,
OMI Facilitated by: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI



Women's ACTS Retreat April 24-27, 2025

All women are invited to share in this weekend retreat. The retreat is hosted by the Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbia, IL. It will be held

at the Our Lady of the Snows-Kings House Retreat Center in Belleville. Transportation will be provided. For more information please pick up a brochure in the back of church or contact **Geri Basinski at (314) 402-6454.**

Lunch & Card Party

Tuesday, April 1, 2025
St. Luke's Parish Center
226 North Church St., Belleville, IL

Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO
Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm
Delicious Lunch! Have fun and support St. Luke's Parish!

**Menu: Pulled Pork on Bun with Pickle,
Slaw, Corn Chips,
Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water**

Tally: \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carryout)
Cards & BINGO with prizes

Bring canned goods for the Food Pantry

FOOD PANTRY
Sharing God's Love with Our Neighbors in Need
All goods welcome to be shared
God's love into the community!

In case of bad weather, an post will be made on the parish website.

Discernment Day of Recollection Nicholas Catholic Church in O'Fallon, Illinois Saturday, April 5, 2025

Are you discerning the possibility of serving the Lord as a priest, consecrated sister or brother, missionary or permanent deacon?

If you are looking for guidance about how to discern answering the Lord's call, please join Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, and Bishop Michael McGovern for a Day of Recollection. We will gather at St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The day includes morning Mass, two talks, reflection questions, group discussion and a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

This gathering is open to young men and women in High School to age 30. For more information or to **RSVP by April 3**, contact Ms. Martina Skorch (mskorch@diobelle.org) or by phone at (618) 722-5043.