



## Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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Administrator: *Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.*

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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 9, 2025**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Year C**

**By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.**

*There's the story of the conscientious wife who tried very hard to please her ultra-critical husband but failed regularly. He always seemed the most cantankerous at breakfast. If the eggs were scrambled, he wanted them poached; if the eggs were poached, he wanted them scrambled. One morning, with what she thought was a stroke of genius, the wife poached one egg and scrambled the other and placed the plate before him. Anxiously she awaited what surely this time would be his unqualified approval. He peered down at the plate and snorted, "Can't you do anything right, woman? You've scrambled the wrong one!"*

Once again, we begin the forty days of Lent. This holy practice equips us with spiritual armor and shields us against temptations and addictive behaviors. The Church reminds us to practice prayer, fasting and alms-giving in our desire to live happily. The First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy recounts the Jewish practice of "First Fruit". It flows from the religious understanding that God is the ultimate source of all we are and have. Moses instructed the people to always recall that God prospered them in Egypt, formed them to be a great nation and situated them in a land flowing with milk and honey. In appreciation they should worship God with the best of who they are.

Our Gospel is a reflection on the temptations of Jesus Christ. He was like us in all things except sin. He carried out his mission faithfully to the end but not without temptations that are part of being human. So, the First Sunday of Lent meditates on how Jesus was able to conquer Satan. Jesus trained himself in prayer and fasting. He used the Word of God to counter the evil desires of human nature. He put God first in all his responses and decisions. He didn't allow the lure of power, riches and selfish gain to derail his mission. His mission is to reveal to the people the unfathomable love of God. No forces could distract him from this mission. Thus, Lent is about fighting the obstacles to our personal fulfillment. Yes, you can through Jesus Christ. Through his wounds we are saved. **Let's make the journey with Jesus!**

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

(+ Deceased)

**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+**

**Monday, March 10, First Week of Lent No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 11 –Weekday in Lent**

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

**Wednesday, March 12, Weekday in Lent (Fr. Eva)**

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Rieken Family members, Living and Deceased**

**Thursday, March 13, Weekday in Lent**

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)-**Kenneth & Elsie Hofstetter+**

**Friday, March 14, Weekday in Lent**

8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)-**Jerome Steudeman+**

**Saturday, March 15, Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent**

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)--**Mary Weber+**

**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+**



**Parish SUPPORT**

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

March 2, 2025

**General Collections**

Envelopes (17)	\$ 950.00
Candles	\$ <u>0.00</u>
<b>Total General Collections</b>	<b>\$ 950.00</b>
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 950.00</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund (6)</b>	<b>\$ 255.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions (0)</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Messenger Subscription Renewal (0)</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Society of St. Vincent dePaul (3)</b>	<b>\$ 115.00</b>

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>.



**Second Sunday of Lent**

March 16, 2025



**Sacristan:**

**Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf**

**Lector**

**Phyllis Gould**

**Host**

**Geri Basinski**

**Eucharistic Minister-Choir:**

**Emily Weber**



**Coffee and Donut Fellowship and Women’s Club Quilt Raffle Today!**



Join us after Mass for Coffee and Donut Fellowship and the Women’s Club Quilt drawing.

**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](http://usccb.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, Dupo, 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  
Dupo, IL 62239

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

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

**This Lent...don't give it up for love,  
pay it forward with love!**

**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](http://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**

**7th Brad and Carol Cronin**

**44 Years**

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.

Two opportunities available on Fridays: **Holy Family after 8 a.m. Mass and Sacred Heart at 6:00 p.m.**

**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*

As we enter our Lenten season, we witness in the Gospel reading Satan tempting our Lord. Jesus final response to Satan’s challenges is “You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.” Those powerful words remind each of us of our individual call to “serve.” Encourage each other to live our vocation, especially those considering a choice of religious life.



**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.



**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](http://www.diobelle.org), USCCB  
 Website: <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>

**Black and Indian Missions Collection**  
**Today, 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.



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

**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.

**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](mailto:mking@diobelle.org)



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT [Mking@Diobelle.org](mailto:Mking@Diobelle.org)**

**Respect for Life**

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (*The Gospel of Life* 5).

# 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](mailto:ahs.sta.classof75@gmail.com) or visit Facebook Page at: AHS Class of '75.

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](mailto:Franey727@gmail.com)

Proceeds benefit: **Knights of Columbus Charities**

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**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](mailto:pkueker@gibaulthawks.com).




# 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](http://www.RenewRetreats.org); email us at: [renewretreat.stl@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**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 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.**

**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](mailto: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.



**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](http://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.

**Save the Date!**  
**2025**  
**Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast**  
 Saturday, March 22, 2025  
 St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland

