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Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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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

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday (the Passion of the Lord)

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By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

Little Johnny was sick on Palm Sunday and stayed home from Church with his mother. His father returned from Church holding a palm branch. The little boy was curious and asked, "Why do you have that palm branch, Dad?" His father explained, "You see, when Jesus came into town, everyone waved palm branches to honor Him; so, we got palm branches today." "Aw, shucks," grumbled Little Johnny. "The one Sunday I can't go to Church, and Jesus shows up!"

Beloved friends I welcome you to the Palm Sunday celebration which opens for us a special week leading to Easter. Today we commemorate the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem and the crucifixion, death and burial. We carry palms to proclaim Jesus' victory over the forces of sin and death. We also joyfully anticipate our victory over our fears and weaknesses. We are invited to follow Jesus through whom we are able to liberate ourselves. I remind you that the blessed palms are very powerful Christian symbols. They speak to our hopes and guide us to self-conquest. We are able to overcome dangerous desires, harmful addictions and despair. We see the purpose to continue working on ourselves, never to give up.

The Readings give us wonderful lessons on how Jesus became victorious. As a king he rode on a colt, not a horse. This tells us that his authority derives from the power of his examples, not on brutal force. He rules from the Cross pointing us to leadership by self sacrifice. He refused to be distracted from his mission and willingly accepted all the suffering that comes with it. We learn to persevere and deepen our prayerful connection with God in the face of challenges. Walking away from our purpose is not an option. It only leads to meaninglessness which is death. We are encouraged to take up our cross and follow Jesus. We are strengthened by his wounds.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord (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—**Ron and Helen Whited**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Donald Eversman+**

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation @ Sacred Heart

Monday, April 14, Day of Holy Week No Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)—**SH Women's Club members, living and deceased**

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16,

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)—**Dorothy Matejka+**



Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)



Good Friday, April 18

3 p.m. Stations of the Cross @ Sacred Heart

7 p.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)



Holy Saturday, April 19

8:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)

Easter Sunday, April 20, Palm (Fr. Andy @ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Blake Rene Urke & Elizabeth Marie Preis+**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Rennard and Henrietta Harris Family, Living & Deceased**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Andrew & Helen Knopik+**



The Triduum and Easter schedules.
The Triduum is at Sacred Heart this year.

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



Parish SUPPORT

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

April 2, 2025

Due to early submission of the bulletin, the tithing report will be provided next week.

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>.



Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025



Sacristan:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Lector

Christopher Cronin

Host

Emily Weber

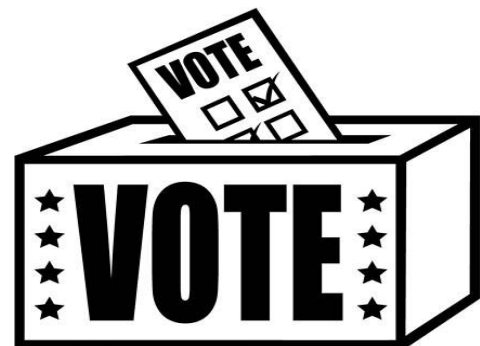
Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Geri Basinski



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

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO VOTE
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.
PLEASE GET YOUR BALLOT IN
THE BACK OF CHURCH.
REMEMBER YOU CAN ONLY VOTE
ONCE!**



Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 18th is at 3:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart



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: 13th-Carol Cronin and Alan Hooch**

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 Hooch	
30th	David and Becky Uhrhan	48 Years

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

"Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable." -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

"My desire to become a priest began when I received my first holy Communion. In that moment, I had a profound understanding that Jesus was truly present in the Eucharist and that it was the priest who makes Him present in the Mass. Serving at Mass as a child drew me even further into the mystery of the sacred liturgy. It is an otherworldly experience, as it should be; it is the most extraordinary thing that ever happens on earth! St. John Vianney said of the Mass "Martyrdom is nothing in comparison, for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man." Those words, which I came across in seminary, changed how I saw the liturgy. I have taken them to heart since my ordinations more than 15 years ago. As a priest, I stand in a special way with Mary and John at the foot of the cross every time I celebrate Mass. I feel so unworthy, but blessed, that God called me to the priesthood." Fr. Sean Danda; Archdiocese of Indianapolis; Columbia Magazine Jul/Aug 2024

Respect for Life

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

2025 A Holy Year of Hope JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Our theme for the Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. This week please pray for **Sick and Health Care Workers**.

For more information visit one of these websites:

Diocese of Belleville:

www.diobelle.org,

United State Conference of Catholic Bishops

<https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>



Bishop Michael McGovern is being reassigned to Omaha, Nebraska. See the letter on the bulletin board in the back of church.

April Collections



Holy Land, Good Friday, April 18, 2025

This collection provides for the Franciscan ministry and the Christian presence in the Holy Land. This includes support for the maintenance of holy sites and charitable works.



Catholic Home Missions Appeal April 27, 2025

The core of this appeal is **evangelization, sharing the message of Christ's love and salvation**. Missionaries spread the teachings of the Catholic Church and strive to bring people closer to God, inviting them to experience a personal relationship with Jesus.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Catholic Church is committed to protecting children and adults from harm through its safe environment program. The mission of this program is to prevent child abuse within our community and help heal the wounds of victim-survivors.

The Diocese of Belleville encourages those who have been abused to use our Hotline (800-640-3044) to make a report of any abuse that may have occurred in our local church.

Community Resource websites:

www.ojp.gov;

www.childwelfare.gov

www.childhelp.org

www.missingkids.org

www.nationalcac.org

www.preventchildabuse.org

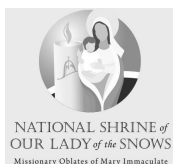


Events around the Parish, within the Diocese and in the community



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!



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

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: cdbcemetaryassoc@gmail.com.



**The Metro East Vicariate
Council of Catholic Women
2025 Spring Day of Prayer/Meeting
Wednesday, April 30**

Where: St. Liborius Church in St. Libory

The presentation:

Jesus in the Resurrection According to St. Ignatius of Loyola

Presenter: Father David Kiblinger, SJ.

Reservations are required by April 22. Please call Madonna Stapf 618-791-3675 for more information.

Registration forms available in the back of church.

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.



**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.**



The Projected Jackpot is \$24,360.00

For more information or to order tickets

Call: (618) 476-3510 or email: principal@stjmillstadt.org



**Knights of Columbus
Pork Steak Dinner
Saturday, May 17, 2025
After 5 p.m. Mass @ Holy Family**

Eat-in or carry-out, for \$14 you get a pork steak, two sides, drink and dessert. See Duane McClanahan for tickets.

