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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 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Year C

By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

While vacationing in Jerusalem George's mother-in-Law died. The consul at American consulate told George that sending the body back to the States for burial is very, very expensive. "It would only cost \$150 to bury her here", she suggested. George thought for some time and answered, "I don't care how much it will cost to send the body back; that's what I want to do." The Consul, after hearing this, said, "You must have loved your mother-in-law very much, considering the difference in price." "No, it's not that!" said George. "You see, I know of a case many years ago of a man who died and was buried here in Jerusalem. On the third day he arose from the dead. I just can't take that chance!"

Alleluia! He is alive! I welcome you to the liberating joy of Easter. Jesus destroyed the forces of sin and death to demonstrate that for God all are alive. The women went to the tomb to anoint his body as the custom was, only to be told that he has risen. The rituals of holy week help us to reflect on the ugly effects of sin. Sin shatters hope, destroys future; it kills. On Good Friday we venerated the Cross of Christ which reminds us of our own crosses. Many people who are held in the bondage of addiction, fear or despair, see a way to new life. They see in the Resurrection, a perfect way to the victory of self-conquest. We are, once again, reminded that we are people of the Resurrection. Easter fills us with the joy that we are capable of liberating ourselves from our captivities. We rejoice in our freedom; freedom from sin and spiritual death. Easter Sunday proclaims that Jesus is alive. The distraught and confused Apostles received a spark of life on hearing from Mary Magdalene that Jesus is raised. They opened their hearts to encounter the Risen Lord who breathed on them. Re-living this grace-filled apostolic encounter empowers us to break away from our "tombs" and start anew. Like Mary Magdalene, we become evangelizers by spreading the joy of the Gospels. We share with our faith community that together we can overcome our "Calvaries", persevere through "Good Friday" and enter the glories of a peaceful life. We recreate this longing and assure ourselves that it is within reach. So we tell the good news that God is alive. And He is in our midst.
Happy Easter!



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)



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



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+

Monday, April 21, Octave of Easter No Mass

Tuesday, April 22, Octave of Easter
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva)-Mary Weber+

Wednesday, April 23, Octave of Easter
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)-Mark Kozuszek+

Thursday, April 24, Octave of Easter
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva)-Henry, Marie and Blake Rene Urke and Ted and Dolores Rogers+

Friday, April 25, Octave of Easter
8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)-Matthew Mefford+

Saturday, April 26, Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)-JoAnn Malone

Easter Sunday, April 27, Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) (Fr. Eva @ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-David Rodenberg+
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-Ron and Helen Whited Family

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Ralph Gogolek+



**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.



Parish SUPPORT

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

April 6, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (15)	\$ 880.00
On-Line Donations (1)	200.00
Loose	0.00
Other Donations ()	0.00
Candles	\$ 21.00

Total General Collections \$1,101.00

Special Collections

Catholic Relief Services (1)	\$ 10.00
CSMA (1)	50.00
Easter Flowers (7)	\$ 190.00

Total Special Collections \$ 250.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,351.00

Maintenance Fund (8) \$ 265.00

Mass Intentions () \$ 0.00

Messenger Subscription Renewal () \$ 0.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul (4) \$ 145.00

Due to early submission of the bulletin, the tithing report will be updated 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>.



**Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
April 27, 2025**



Sacristan:	Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf
Lector	Phyllis Gould
Host	Geri Basinski
Eucharistic Minister-Choir:	Kathy Koebbe



Parish Council News....

Father Evaristus Akabueze, along with Father Andrew Knopik, Dennis Martin and Rose Jordan wish thank everyone who voted in the elections this month.

The Council would like to thank Tim Frederick (who served as our Council President for two years) and David Uhrhan for their service to our church family.

We welcome our newest council members, Barbara Mallory and Dave Walster for their willingness to begin a two-year service.

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).

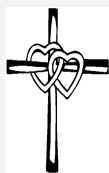
Home Visitation and Communion-If anyone would appreciate a visit or Communion brought to their home please call Fr. Akabueze at (618) 340-6915 or leave a message at the parish office (618-286-4373).

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: 29th-Peggy Hoffmann and Karen Hood**

Happy Anniversary to...April



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

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

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

Hallelujah!! He is Risen! All our souls have been redeemed. What a wonderful legacy! We need to share this Redemption story with others – our Calling as Catholics. This is what we commemorate through each celebration of the Eucharist which allows us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. We need to witness to this fact through our daily lives – talking with our classmates, taking care of our spouses and children, engaging with our friends and family, with our co-workers – in all we do! This is our vocation - a Call to Holiness.



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

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



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>

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.

Respect for Life

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

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!

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**.



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

Memorial and Traditional Planting Starting May 29, 2024

As Pope Francis noted in his book *Laudato si'*, "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it".

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is a very beautiful oasis in Belleville, IL., hosting not only many devotional sites, but an abundance of trees, flowers, bushes, and plants to honor God's creations. We love to share our beautiful gardens and nature with thousands of visitors each year and are beginning this program to honor your loved ones or to start a family tradition for your future generations. **For information on pricing, plants and location, please go to <https://snows.org/memorial-and-traditional-planting/> or call 618-397-6700.**



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.



Thank you, thank you, thank you

We appreciate the generosity of our Parish family at Sacred Heart. Because of your generosity another \$180 was donated this week for a total of \$468.00 to help feed children in our community.