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The Most Reverend Michael G. McGovern, Bishop of the Diocese of Belleville



April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

A husband and wife had an interesting quarrel. It had been a pitched battle of wills, each digging heels in to preserve the position each had vehemently taken. Emotions had run high. As they were driving to attend a family wedding in a distant city, both were nursing hurt feelings in defensive silence. The angry tension between them was so thick you could cut it with a knife. But then the silence was broken. Pointing to a donkey standing in a pasture beside the road, the husband sarcastically asked, "Relative of yours?" The wife quickly replied, "By marriage!"

On the Second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine mercy. Jesus is the full revelation of God's mercy. He inaugurated for us the ministry of mercy. Through the visions of St. Faustina Kowalski, Divine Mercy became a powerful movement in the Church. It helps us to encounter God's mercy in a deeper way that makes us instruments of mercy. The First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes a new community that started after the Resurrection. The Apostles had a life changing encounter with the Risen Lord. Their new life of mercy and kindness began to attract a great number of people to join them. Their ministry healed a lot of sick people. They helped people who were hurting to experience the healing power of mercy.

In the Gospel the Risen Lord met for the first time with the shocked and confused Apostles. His greeting was, "**peace be with you.**" He helped them to recognize him. He forgave their failings and graciously offered them the Holy Spirit. He made them cast away their fears and courageously inaugurated their new mission. This is a mission rooted in the forgiveness of sins. Jesus gave the Apostles authority to forgive sins and to preach it to the ends of the earth. The Church continues to proclaim the power of God's mercy in the modern world. The celebration of Divine mercy Sunday inspires us to bring forgiveness to those we encounter in our daily lives. We are called to become instruments of mercy.



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.



As we exit the intense drama of the Lenten season and enter into the quiet peace of the Easter Season please say a prayer for all those who worked so tirelessly to make our Lenten and Easter Seasons so reverent and beautiful. Remember our wonderful Liturgy Committee and all those who helped them to make the arrangements for the Masses/Service to go smoothly and decorate the church with all its changes throughout the seasons; Kris Morice and her angelic choir for their musical talent; the Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers who serve Father and us through the Word and help Father distribute the Eucharist; to our cleaning crew who spent hours cleaning and making the Church shine; to our Maintenance crew for keeping the grounds trimmed and beautiful; but especially to **Reverend Andrew Knopik** for his blessed messages and direction as the presence of Christ. These things do not just happen. There are a wonderful group of people who give up their time and share their talent to provide us with a reverent place to worship our Lord. Thank you all!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
 (+ Deceased)

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+

Monday, April 28, St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr and St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest No Mass

Tuesday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)–Casey Family members, living and deceased

Wednesday, April 30, St. Pius V. Pope

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)–Carlos Zavala, Jr +

Thursday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –Sacred Heart Parishioners, living and deceased

Friday, May 2, St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church *First Friday*

8 a.m. @ Holy Family–Joe & Dorothy Rieken+

Saturday, May 3, Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Rosary @ Sacred Heart
 5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family–John and Barbara Walker+



Sunday, May 4, Third Sunday of Easter



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–Mary Weber+


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
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

Society of St. Vincent dePaul (4)

\$ 145.00

April 13, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (14)	\$ 825.00
Loose	70.00
Total General Collections	\$ 895.00

Special Collections

Holy Land/Good Friday (1)	\$ 30.00
CSMA (1)	400.00
Easter Flowers (1)	\$ 20.00

Total Special Collections

\$ 450.00

Total Deposit

\$ 1,345.00

Maintenance Fund (1)

\$ 35.00

April 20, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (23)	\$1,430.00
My Offering (1)	50.00
Loose	50.00
Candles	\$ 6.00

Total General Collections

\$1,486.00

Special Collections

Holy Land/Good Friday (5)	\$ 75.00
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Total Special Collections

\$ 75.00

Total Deposit

\$1,561.00

Maintenance Fund (1)

\$ 25.00

Mass Intentions (0)

\$ 0.00

Messenger Subscription Renewal (0)

\$ 0.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul (1)

\$ 10.00

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 Easter
 May 4, 2025



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



Join us for the Holy Rosary next Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. Direct questions to:
 Carol McClanahan, Chair.

Alleluia He is Risen

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**

May: 9th-Diane Lovell 10th-John Koebbe 11th-Nancy Merkle
13th-Vernon Wienhoff 22nd-Fr. Paul Wienhoff 23rd-Oscar McCoy 31st-Glenn Levin



Happy Anniversary to...

April:	30th	Alan and Linda Hoock	
	30th	David and Becky Uhrhan	48 Years
May:	12th	Idus and Barbara Cleveland	41 Years
	21st	Ralph and Joan Scharf	49 Years
	30th	Duane and Carol McClanahan	62 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

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2025 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you-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 is the familiar story of Thomas' declaration of unbelief in the Resurrection until "I put my finger in the nail marks." These kinds of thoughts often attack the minds of those discerning a religious vocation. They are seeking that "definite" sign that the path they are pursuing is the right one. The Lord does not always afford that. Let us pray, often and loudly, for these discerners that they "hear the call" of the Lord and continue to respond to it.

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



Please keep Bishop Michael G. McGovern in your prayers as he begins his new assignment as the Archbishop of Omaha, Nebraska.

Respect for Life

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.



2025 A Holy Year of Hope JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Our theme for the Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. This week please pray for **Teenagers (Youth)**. 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>

Spring Luncheon and Pantry Giveaway May 17, 2025 at noon

Sponsored by the Flat Creek MB Church and SWIL Resource Foundation

Where: Flat Creek MB Church, 902 State Street, East Carondelet, IL 62240

All items are offered free of charge on a first come/first serve basis.

Reservations are required by calling the church at (618) 286-5553 or by email: flatcreekmbchurch@gmail.com.

The Cemetery Association Employment Opportunity in Belleville

The Association is currently accepting applications for Administrative Assistant, Funeral Advisor and Lawn Care Support for Mount Carmel Cemetery in Belleville. There are multiple positions available for more information or to apply please contact Joseph Hubbard at the Cemetery Association (618)-397-0181 or by email at:

cdbcemeteryassoc@gmail.com.

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



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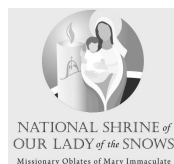
As we leave the Christmas season, please remember there are many in our community that still need your help. All your donations are greatly appreciated; **peanut butter and jelly** is desperately needed at this time. Direct questions to Geri Basinski, Rose Jordan, I.D. Cleveland, Christopher Cronin or Linda Martin. The DuKare team wishes to thank everyone for their generous donations that help feed those in need in our Community!



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.



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 \$26,900.00

For more information or to order tickets

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

Guest Day Spring Luncheon Thursday, June 5, 2025 at Noon

Where: Christ United Church of Christ, 200 South Third Street, Duplo, IL 62239

We would like to remind everyone that our Church is completely handicap accessible. There is an elevator at the rear of the church with handicap parking.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, June 2nd by calling the church office at (618) 830-6201. Please let us know which church you are from and how many of the ladies will be attending.

**Linda Frisch, President
Christ UCC Women's Guild**

2-part Scripture Series – The Romanization of Christianity – Continued Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD

Saturdays, May 31 and June 7, 2025, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

The earliest Christians were known more for what they did – the work of justice and charity – than what they believed. But as Christianity allied itself more and more to the Roman Empire, its focus shifted away from the work of justice and more toward only the work of charity. By the fifth century CE Christians were known more for what they believed than what they did. In this two-part series we will discuss what Christianity gained – and what it lost – as it became increasingly Romanized.

Cost: \$15 per session / \$30.00 for the series Register by calling: (618) 394-6281 or online <https://snows.org/events/mark-etling-summer/or>.