



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

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

Before a pastor began to preach one Sunday morning, he thought he should explain why he had a Band-Aid on his chin. "As I was shaving this morning I was thinking about today's message when I lost my concentration and accidentally cut my chin with the razor." He then went on to preach the longest message of his life. After the service one of the teens greeted the pastor and said, "Pastor, next week why don't you think about your shaving and cut the sermon."

We are liturgically one Sunday away from Easter. Our Lenten practices are helping us to focus more on our spiritual life. We let God's light shine on our desires, motivations, values and hopes. Our lessons this weekend point to the new life promised by Easter festivities. Ezekiel speaks to the weary in the First Reading. God will give us His Spirit that we may live. The discipline of Lent and call to reconciliation renew our friendship with God. We become a new creation living the joy of the Gospel. We are ambassadors of Christ!

St Paul, in the Second Reading, teaches us that our true life is rooted in the Spirit of Christ. We truly live by allowing Christ to live in us. He contrasts the flesh and the spirit. He interprets the flesh as passions and human desires that do not produce the fruits of love, service, joy and peace. The spirit gives life because we are inspired to engage in life-giving activities.

The story of the raising of Lazarus reveals God to whom all are alive. Jesus gives life to the dead Lazarus. The process is fascinating to me. Recall that Jesus told the people to untie Lazarus and let him go. Lazarus was dead because he was bound. He could not live. When I am down, I need someone to help me up, to untie me. The community and family play indispensable roles in this regard. Jesus is teaching us to be life-givers. There is so much that burden us and tie us down. Jesus comes to offer us new hopes. In him we live.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

(+ Deceased)

Sunday, April 6, Fifth 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. Latin Mass in the Log Church–**Fred and Elaine Fitzpatrick Family, Living & Deceased**

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

**Monday, April 7, St. John Baptist and de la Salle, Priest
No Mass**

Tuesday, April 8 –Weekday of Lent

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

Wednesday, April 9, Weekday in Lent

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

Thursday, April 10, Weekday of Lent

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

Friday, April 11, St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)–**Mary Luszowski+**

Saturday, April 12, Vigil of Palm Sunday The Passion of the Lord

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

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



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

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS
BEGIN TODAY. PLEASE GET
YOUR BALLOT IN THE BACK OF
CHURCH.**



Parish SUPPORT

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

March 30, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (16)	\$ 545.00
Loose	5.00
Hall Rental	75.00

Total General Collections \$ 625.00

Special Collections

Black and Indian Mission (1)	\$ 10.00
Ash Wednesday (1)	10.00
Catholic Relief Services (3)	45.00
Catholic Service Ministry Appeal (1)	\$ 100.00

Total Special Collections \$ 165.00

Total Deposit \$ 790.00

Maintenance Fund (2) \$ 45.00

Mass Intentions () \$ 0.00

Backpack Angels Collection \$ 288.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul (1) \$ 25.00

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>.



**Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025**



Sacristan:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Lector

Geri Basinski

Host

Joan Scharf

Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Kathy Koebbe



Abstinence and Fasting Regulations

Fridays during Lent, especially Good Friday, we fast from meat and practice 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: 12th-Debbie Duke 13th-Carol Cronin and Alan Hoock**

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 Hoock	
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



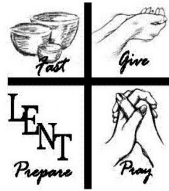
Thank you, thank you, thank you

We appreciate the generosity of our Parish family at Sacred Heart. Your generosity provided us with \$288.00 to help feed children in our community.



Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2025 From Bishop Michael 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 ***Please prayerfully consider your stewardship for the organizations that assist those in need throughout the Diocese of Belleville.***



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

Vocation Corner

“Growing up in a Catholic homeschooling family, I knew my faith well. Though our cattle ranch was 45 minutes from the closest church, Sunday Mass was always a priority. My parents’ example of praying with Scripture each morning inspired me to do the same during high school. As my relationship with God grew, I began to hear his call to the priesthood. The priests I knew influenced me greatly, and reading about the life of Blessed Michael McGivney strengthened my desire to serve as a priest. After my ordination as a transitional deacon, I had to take a couple of years for health reasons. During that time, I reread biographies of and letters from Blessed Solanus Casey – who is my great-great-great-uncle – and was inspired by how he always thanked God despite his own suffering and difficulty during seminary. Today, more than a year since my priestly ordination, I cannot thank God enough for the great blessings he gives me as I serve his people, especially by celebrating the Mass and hearing confessions.” Fr. Caleb Cunningham; Diocese of Baker, OR; Columba Magazine November 2024



Bishop Michael McGovern’s New Assignment

Please see the letter on the bulletin board in the back of church or on the website.



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.

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:

Diocese of Belleville website: 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.

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!

The Projected Jackpot is \$24,360.00



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.



**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 **Gerri Basinski at (314) 402-6454**.



Diocese of Belleville

**YOUNG ADULTS
PRESENTS**

BIBLES AND BREWS

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL**

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Speaker: Casmir Cozzi, Seminarian

Topic - In the beginning it was not so: Understanding Who We Are and Whose We Are with Pope St. John Paul II

**FOR YOUNG ADULTS
AGES 21 - 35**

Location: Bennie's Pizza Pub

113 East Main Street, Belleville, IL 62220

**6:30-7:00PM SOCIAL
7:00-8:30PM EVENT**



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Diocese of Belleville Young Adults

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.



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



Our Freshman Class is starting to come together! 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#/>

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
Helping Our Neighbors Help Themselves
Community Supported
All goods donated by St. Luke's
Call your parish for more information!

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



Gibault Women's Club RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, April 12, 2025

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(1/2 price and bag sale after noon)

Donation drop-off at the front entrance:

Monday, April 7: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 10: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Early drop-offs by appointment only
(call 618-719-9419 to schedule)

We will be accepting clean donations of any kind. (Large furniture, exercise equipment, TVs, and computers will be accepted at our discretion.)

All items should be recently cleaned.

Please try to have like items bagged together when dropping off donations in order to help our volunteers. (Ex: Men's small, Women's dresses XL, sheets (including sizes), knick-knacks, kitchen tools, baby boy (include sizes), etc.)