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May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

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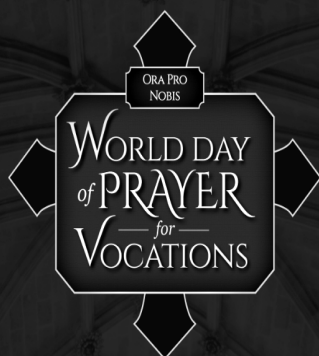
By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

A man dies and goes to heaven. As Peter shows the newly arrived man around the heavenly city, they hear singing coming from a nearby building. When the man asks Peter what's going on, Peter says, Ssssh! That's the one hundred forty-four thousand. They don't know the rest of us are here.

The joy of the Resurrection was the unbelievable strength of Christ's disciples. We see in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles that the disciples are no longer afraid to proclaim their faith in Jesus. Something has happened to them. They boldly said, "we must obey God rather than men". This level of courage didn't just come from the evidence of the empty tomb. There's something more. They had several encounters with Jesus Christ. These spiritual experiences changed their lives forever. They could see him and hear his voice. And they choose to obey him. They don't mind the pains of doing good works in his name. This is discipleship. It starts with an encounter with the Lord.

The Gospel Reading of this Sunday describes one of such encounters. The shattered and confused Apostles decided to pick up what remains of their lives. They went fishing and caught nothing the whole night. It could not be worse! It's either they have lost their skills or something is against them. At this lowest ebb in their hopelessness, they encountered the Lord. You may note that the Apostles were open to something new. They were willing to cast the net one more time. The experience of the catch they made proved to them that the Jesus is alive. They realized that they should keep going because the Lord is with them. **Hope is alive!**

PRAY FOR THOSE CALLED TO
PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE



SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

WORLDDAYOFPRAYERFORVOCATIONS.COM

Seminary Education Collections

May 18, 2025

Seminary education collections encompass a wide range of materials used in theological education, including rare books, manuscripts, theological texts, and audio-visual materials. These collections are often found in seminary libraries and archives, serving as resources for research, instruction, and scholarship.



Vocation Corner

Today's Gospel story is the powerful question of Jesus to Peter: "Do you love me?" Then Jesus charges him to "Feed my Sheep". This charge is given to each and every one of us. We are all called to tend to the flock in our Parish but also to those who are not among us. We must fulfill this through the living out our own vocation – single, married, religious or ordained. We must encourage and support each other to the max to live our calling. Prayerfully we ask for help to discern our call, perhaps even to the priesthood or religious life.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

(+ Deceased)

Sunday, May 4, Third Sunday of Easter
(Fr. Andy@ SH & 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–**Ron and Helen Whited and Family**10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Mary Weber+****Monday, May 5, Weekday in Easter Season No Mass****Tuesday, May 6, Weekday in Easter Season**8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva)–**Virgil Casey+****Wednesday, May 7, Weekday in Easter Season**8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)–**Recovery of Joe Morice****Thursday, May 8, Weekday in Easter Season**8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva)–**Jerome O'Neil+****Friday, May 9, Weekday in Easter Season**8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)–**Stewart Lange+****Saturday, May 10, Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter**5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)–**Jerome Steudeman+****Sunday, May 11, Fourth Sunday of Easter****(Fr. Eva@ SH & HF) Mother's Day**

7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–**Marie and Octave Levin+***Mother's Day Cake Raffle after Mass*

9:00 a.m. Coffee and donut Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church–**Randy Harris+**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 27, 2025****General Collections**

Envelopes (14)	\$ 595.00
On-Line Donations (1)	0.00
Loose	170.00
Other Donations ()	0.00
Candles	\$ 0.00

Total General Collections**\$ 765.00****Special Collections**

Catholic Home Mission Appeal (4)	\$ 80.00
CSMA ()	0.00

Total Special Collections**\$ 80.00****Total Deposit****\$ 845.00****Maintenance Fund (1)****\$ 25.00****Mass Intentions ()****\$ 0.00****Messenger Subscription Renewal ()****\$ 0.00****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>.**Fourth Sunday of Easter**
May 11, 2025**Sacristan:****Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf****Lector****Joan Scharf****Host****Carol McClanahan****Eucharistic Minister-Choir:****Jim Urke**

Join us for Coffee and donut fellowship after Mass in the Parish Center.

My heartfelt thanks to Father Andy, Father Eva, and Father Linus, as well as, my Sacred Heart parish family for all the prayers, cards, visits and well-wishes during my recent medical ordeal. **It Worked! God is good.** May He bless each of you.**Many thanks, Mickey Casey****Holy Year Rome Pilgrimage with Bishop Michael G. McGovern August 31-September 10, 2025****Enrollment deadline is May 15, 2025.**

For more information, to see the itinerary or get reservation information see the brochure on the bulletin board in the back of church.

**Women's Club Quilt Raffle**
Sunday, July 13, 2025

The Quilters have been hard at work and they have another quilt ready!

The next raffle will be Sunday, July 13, 2025 after 8:00 a.m. Mass in the

Parish Center during Coffee and Donut Fellowship. Your Quilt raffle tickets are on the table in the back of church, please pick them up to defray the cost of mailing them. Extra tickets are available, if you need more please check the ticket box or see me.

Thanks, **Carol McClanahan, Quilt 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, Margaret Hoffmann, 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, Dennis Martin, 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

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



12th
21st
30th

Happy Anniversary to...May:

Idus and Barbara Cleveland 41 Years
Ralph and Joan Scharf 49 Years
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

A special thanks to everyone who has so generously supported the 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal – we are most grateful. If you haven't had an opportunity to make a gift as yet, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so now. Gifts can be made through your parish or by visiting www.diobelle.org and clicking on "Giving". Seventeen (17) ministries and programs and all those they so faithfully serve are counting on YOU. Please make your contribution today!

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.***



Let us pray. O God, immortal shepherd of souls, look on your people's prayers and grant that your servant Pope Francis, who presided over your Church in charity, may, with the flock entrusted to his care, receive from your mercy the reward of a faithful steward. Eternal Rest Grant Him O' Lord. Let us pray for His eternal soul.



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>



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

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.

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.

Lunch & Card Party
Tuesday, May 6, 2025
St. Luke's Parish Center
226 North Church St., Belleville, IL

MOTHER'S DAY

Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO
Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm
Delicious Lunch! Have fun & support St. Luke's Parish!

Menu: Sliced Ham, Potatoes au Gratin, JELLO with Fruit
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

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

Diocese of Belleville
YOUNG ADULTS PRESENTS

BIBLES AND BREWS
WEDNESDAY MAY 14

Speaker: Fr. Michael Caruso, SJ - Director of Education/Superintendent of Schools
Topic - Pray Like a Pro: Jesuit Spirituality for Everyone

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

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; **Ramen noodles 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, May 20, 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.

May 20 movie is: **Ben is Back**: Following the charming yet troubled Ben Burns (Lucas Hedges), who returns home to his unsuspecting family one fateful Christmas Eve. Ben’s wary mother Holly Burns (Julia Roberts) welcomes her beloved son’s return, but soon learns he is still very much in harm’s way. During the 24 hours that may change their lives forever, Holly must do everything in her power to avoid the family’s downfall.

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/>**



**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 \$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 at:

<https://snows.org/events/mark-etling-summer/org>.