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Administrator of the Diocese of Belleville



June 1, 2025



The Ascension of the Lord
By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

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Bill arrived in heaven to a dead shock. There stood the kid from seventh-grade who stole his lunch money twice. Next to him was his old neighbor who never said anything nice. Bob, whom he always thought would be rotting in hell was sitting pretty on Cloud Nine looking incredibly well. He nudged Jesus, "What's the deal? I would love to hear your take. How'd all these sinners get up there? God must have made a mistake, and why is everyone so quiet and somber?" "Hush", Jesus said. "They're all in shock. No one thought they'd be seeing you."

The solemnity of Ascension centers on the glorification of our Lord Jesus Christ and reminds us of the glories of our Christian vocation. We are pilgrims here on earth joyfully awaiting our Ascension. This solemnity tells us that there are rewards for every good work. At the end of his ministry Jesus was lifted up before his disciples. This event became for his disciples the deepest source of inspiration as they took on the mission of Christ. The Gospel tells us that the disciples went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them. The Ascension means for the disciples an extraordinary presence of Jesus within them. They feel his presence in their lives; they see signs of him in everything they do. Indeed, the community of believers make Jesus present. We see that he is alive and active. Like the Apostles, we feel the power to do wonderful works in his name. Ascension nourishes our hopes and sustains our determination to live a joyful life.

The First Reading testifies that "As they were looking on, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight". The significance of this experience for the Apostles is enormous. Seeing Jesus their master glorified gives meaning to all the teaching they have received. Ascension gives new meaning to the scandal of the Cross. It tells them in concrete terms that there is great reward in following Jesus Christ. If they persevered to the end they will also ascend to heaven. Christ's Ascension reveals to us that suffering and death is not the end of our story. It tells us that we are eternally rewarded for our good works. We shall also ascend. **Peace to you!**

You are cordially invited to attend the Ordination of



the Reverend Mr. Levi K. James
the son of David & Ann James

Most of St. Mary Parish in Mt. Carmel to the Order of the Sacred Priesthood by
The Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis and Titular Bishop
of Turuzi through the imposition of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit on Saturday,
June 7, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning in the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 West Harrison
Street, Belleville, Illinois.

Reception following in the McCormick Center



Alleluia He is Risen

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)



Sunday, June 1, the Ascension of the Lord
(Fr. @ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—Trude Anderson+

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—Valentine and Evelyn Klunk+

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—In thanksgiving of Josh Wade

Monday, June 2, Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
No Mass

Tuesday, June 3, St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, and Martyrs

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr.)—Harold & Jewel Bradley+

Wednesday, June 4, weekday in the Sixth week of Easter

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr.)—In Thanks of Father Andy Knopik

Thursday, June 5, St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr.)—Reverend Andrew Knopik's 42nd Ordination Anniversary

Friday, June 6, St. Norbert, Bishop First Friday

8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr.)—Carlos Zavala, Jr.+

Saturday, June 7, Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

10:00 a.m. Rosary @ Sacred Heart

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family (Fr.)—Rieken family members, living and deceased



Sunday, June 8, Pentecost Sunday

(Fr. @ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—Fr. Angelo

Lombardo+

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donut Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—Fred and Elaine Fitzpatrick and family members, living and deceased

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—Mary Weber+



Join us in the Parish Center next Sunday, May 8 after Mass for Coffee and Donut Fellowship.



Join us for the Holy Rosary, Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. Direct questions to Carol McClanahan, Chair.



Congratulations and prayers on the 42nd Anniversary Of your Ordination Father Andy! May God continue to bless you.



Parish SUPPORT

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

Due to the early submission of the bulletin the tithing report will be provided in next week's bulletin.

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>.



Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 2025



Sacristan:

Lector

Host

Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Phyllis Gould

Emily Weber

Kathy Koebbe



Catholic Communication Campaign
CONNECT WITH CHRIST



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. **Carol McClanahan, Quilt Chair**

Prayers and a welcome to the Catholic Christian Family
Donna Frederick

Donna joined the Catholic faith last Sunday, May 25, 2025 at Sacred Heart of Jesus by Father Evaristus Akabueze, C.M. She was Baptized and Confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Louis. She is the wife of Tim Frederick and the mother of Sean Frederick. We are very blessed she has joined us and we ask God to continue to bless her and her family. Please continue to pray for Donna.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Paul Adams, Tony Albers, Cassidy Aldridge, David and Sandy Anderson, Laretta 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 Karen Pratt at (618) 541-8698 . 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...**June: 3rd-Connie Ladyman**

10th-Rose Jordan and Kathy Koebbe

15th-Jacob Weber 22nd-Joe Basinski 25th-Angela Weber

Happy Anniversary to June:



	1st	Randy and Connie Ladyman	38 Years
(Ordination)	4th	Reverend Andrew J. Knopik	42 Years
	6th	John and Lindsay Kenner	16 Years
	16th	Oscar and Geraldine McCoy	
	29th	John and Kathy Koebbe	46 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

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 April 30, we have received pledges of \$741,881 from 2,650 households for an average gift of \$280. As of 4/30/2025 9 households gave \$1,450. Our goal for this year is \$4,298. We are only 34% of our goal, and need \$2,848 to meet our goal. ***Please prayerfully consider your stewardship for the organizations that assist those in need throughout the Diocese of Belleville.***

Respect for Life Corner



"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting" © 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

Vocation Corner

"I was blessed to attend strong Catholic parishes and entered the Academy of Fine Arts to study painting, which was a dream come true. Still nothing in my life satisfied me completely. I wanted to grow closer to God and I felt the call to give my all to Christ. However, I was terrified with the idea of leaving my family and my dreams, painting, dancing and children. Then a moment came in prayer when deep in my heart I simply said to God, "OK, I will do it". Suddenly, a peace entered my life like I never experience before. I never knew such peace existed. I completed my school studies and soon went to the convent with my suitcase." Sister Gaudia Skass, Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Krakow Poland, Columbia, May 2016, pg. 42.



DuKare

As we leave the Easter 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.



2025 A Holy Year of Hope JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Our theme for the Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. This week please pray for **Families, Grandparents and Elderly**

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>

Lunch & Card Party
Tuesday, June 3, 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 & support St. Luke's Parish!

Menu: Caesar Chicken Salad, Croissant, Apple Salad,
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

Sharing God's Love with Our Neighbors in Need
Compassionately Interfaith FOOD PANTRY
Our parish sharing is where God's love meets the community!

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe January 15-20, 2026

Hosted by: Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of Belleville

Registration deadline is June 30, 2025

Join us for a six day pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and to witness the work that Catholic Relief Services does on our behalf. To be put on a list to receive the brochure and registration when available, send an email to: crsdiobelle@gmail.com

Pilgrimage leaders: Fr. Bob Flannery, a retired priest in the Diocese of Belleville and Cheryl Sommer,

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



We are quickly wrapping up the year – thanks to all 7th and 8th graders who visited us this year! We are looking forward to getting preparations underway for our incoming Class of 2029! Private tours can still be scheduled throughout the summer – reach out to me by email, calling the school or through our inquiry form on our website to schedule. The summer will focus on getting our incoming students acquainted with each other. Details will be out soon about a Bowling Night coming in June! If you know someone who might be interested in coming to Gibault, we would love to know who they are! For any questions please feel free to reach out at pkueker@gibaulthawks.com.



NATIONAL SHRINE of
OUR LADY of the SNOWS
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows presents....

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>.

God First Loved Us

September 12, 2025 through May 1, 2026

**Weekend Retreats beginning on Friday at 4 p.m. through
Sunday at 1 p.m.**

The new quiet retreat delves into Pope Francis' la test encyclical, *Dilexit Nos* (meaning "He loved us"), a beautiful meditation on the human and divine love of Christ. Using the heart as a symbol of the core of the person, this retreat will explore the Holy Father's description of Sacred Heart devotion, focusing on how we can find healing, comfort, inspiration and community in our contemplation of the love emanating from the heart of Jesus.

Minimum donation is: \$250 per person (includes lodging and meals.)

The Cemetery Association Employment Opportunity 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: cdbcemetaryassoc@gmail.com.



The Projected Jackpot is \$32,070.00

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, Dupon, 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

