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The Very Reverend Godfrey Muller, OSB
Administrator of the Diocese of Belleville



May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year C

By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C.M.

A 6-year-old boy was overheard reciting the Lord's prayer. The boy said, "And forgive us our trash passes as we forgive those who passed trash against us."

The First Reading this weekend is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27. The Apostles have found courage to testify publicly about their encounters with Jesus Christ. They were on fire to spread the news that Jesus was alive. Their testimonies led to the formation of Pentecostal communities. They followed the teaching of Jesus Christ. There were serious obstacles to this new way of life, but the Apostles persevered and encouraged new members to stay strong in faith. You might want to stay with the words of Paul and Barnabas: "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Good life comes through hard work.

The Second Reading is taken from the vision of St John. He sees a time when all is made new and beautiful. He calls it a new heaven and a new earth. God will make His dwelling among us. He talks about a world that is full of the knowledge of God. We are not there but we continue to work for it in hope. The Jubilee year of Hope encourages us to share the faith. It asks us to persevere in telling the story of our encounters with Jesus. Our mission is to make Him known.

The Gospel teaches us how to evangelize. The Christian community is founded on a new commandment. The new commandment will lead to a new heaven and a new earth. This way God will make all things new. It is the Commandment of Love. The Pentecostal communities founded by the Apostles understood that their primary mission was to love one another. They tried to look out for the others. Their new way of life went viral attracting many people to the faith. We are the disciples of our time. We see signs of hope in the many men and women who joyfully share life with others.



On May 8, 2025, the first American pope was elected to lead the Catholic Church. Robert Francis Prevost, OSA took the name **Pope Leo XIV**.

Let us pray for our Pope: Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. Amen.

See the bulletin insert for more information on our new Pope.

Alleluia He is Risen

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

Sunday, May 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter
(Fr. Andy@ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—Scharf/Gossett Family members, living and deceased

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—Fred and Elaine Fitzpatrick Family, Living & Deceased

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—Carlos Zavala Jr.+

Monday, May 19, Weekday in Easter No Mass

Tuesday, May 20, St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva)—Sacred Heart Women's Club members, living and deceased

Wednesday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)—Helen Knopik+

Thursday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)—Bob Sammelman+

Friday, May 23, Weekday in Easter Season

8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)—Recovery of Tom Carrico

Saturday, May 24, Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)—Rosemary Wade+

Sunday, May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter



(Fr. Eva@ SH & HF)

7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—Leveling/McClanahan

family members, living and deceased

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—Michael and Bernice Whited and Family

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—Robert Weber+



Happy Mother's Day Cake Raffle Winner

Congratulations to, **Karen Pratt**, the winner of the Mother's Day Cake Raffle



Knights of Columbus

Thank you to everyone who supported us by purchasing the pork steak dinner yesterday.



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**



Parish SUPPORT

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

May 11, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (16)	\$ 585.00
On-Line Donations ()	0.00
Loose	8.00
Other Donations ()	0.00
Candles	\$ 0.00

Total General Collections

\$ 593.00

Special Collections

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

Total Special Collections

\$ 0.00

Total Deposit

\$ 593.00

Maintenance Fund () \$ 0.00

Mass Intentions () \$ 0.00

Messenger Subscription Renewal () \$ 0.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul () \$ 0.00

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>.



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025



Sacristan:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Lector

Geri Basinski

Host

Jim Urke

Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Emily Weber



Monday, May 19, 2025 at 8:30 am

If you have any spare time please join us to clean the church. For questions see Barbara and I.D. Cleveland



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.

Special Notice: The Sunday, June 1st bulletin is due to our printer on Friday, May 23, 2025. I will be out of town that weekend and will need any information you want in the bulletin by tomorrow, Monday, May 19, 2025.

Thank you, Joan Scharf

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Paul Adams, 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: 22nd-Fr. Paul Wienhoff 23rd-Oscar McCoy**
31st-Glenn Levin



21st
30th

Happy Anniversary to...May:

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 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

A Novena for Life *honoring the Feast of the Visitation*

Join us in prayer May 22-30.

Sign up:
respectlife.org/visitation



On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. You are invited to pray a novena for life beginning

on May 22nd in honor of this special feast day. Learn more by visiting respectlife.org/visitation.

Vocation Corner

"Growing up in Nigeria, I was raised Catholic and served as an altar boy. Naturally, I felt drawn to the priesthood due to my closeness to the altar and my admiration for our parish priests. After attending minor seminary for high school, I entered college seminary but left after my first year to pursue another career. I came to the United States, intent on marrying and raising a family. But my soul was restless, and God had another plan. Providentially, I was contacted by the vocations director of the Josephites. And when I visited their seminary, I felt a peace and joy I had not known in many years. I returned to seminary, and one day on retreat, something happened that solidified my calling to the priesthood. As I prayed in the chapel, what appeared to be the image of Jesus in the monstrance was shown to me. I was terrified and in awe. It remains an indescribable experience, but it confirmed me in my vocation. I am so grateful for the privilege of being a priest." Fr. Kingsley Ogbuji, Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart; Washington, D.C. Columbia Magazine Sept. 2024 (From the USCCB website)



2025 A Holy Year of Hope JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Our theme for the Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. This week please pray for **Confraternities**

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 Very Reverend Godfrey Muller, OSB Administrator of the Diocese of Belleville

The College of Consultors, a diocesan body composed of seven priests, gathered May 9 to elect a diocesan administrator to lead the diocese after the departure of Archbishop Michael McGovern.

Archbishop McGovern had served as administrator from March 31, 2025, when Pope Francis announced his appointment as archbishop of the Archdiocese of Omaha, until May 7, when he took possession of that Archdiocese.

Father Godfrey was raised in the Diocese of Belleville in the town of Salem. He entered the Benedictine monastery of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in 1988 and has served the Diocese of Belleville since 2022. Currently, he is the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter, the Director of the Office of Worship, pastor of Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady Queen of Peace Parishes, and Moderator of the Curia. He served briefly as the Vicar General of the Diocese in 2025.

Let us pray with and for Father Godfrey. May God grant him wisdom, strength, and the gift of humble service in his prayer and work. Let us pray also for our next Bishop, whoever he may be.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

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

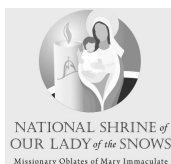


DuKare

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!

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.



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/>**



The Projected Jackpot is \$28,270.00

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**

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>.