



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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



Parish Staff

Trustees:	Ms. Rose Jordan
	Mr. Dennis Martin
Parish Council President	Mr. Idus Cleveland
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 @ 4 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

June 29, 2025

Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Year C

By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C. M.

An overweight executive went on a strict diet after announcing it to his staff in the office. Then one morning he showed up at the office with a huge coffee-cake. He was roundly scolded by his staff for breaking his diet. But he said, "Wait a minute. I can explain. On my way to work this morning, I saw this coffee cake in the window of a bakery. And I prayed, 'Lord, if you want me to have it, provide a parking space right in front of the bakery.' And sure enough, the eighth time around the block, there it was."

Our parish feast day gives us opportunity to rejoice and appreciate our blessings. We are grateful for the many wonderful women and men who joyfully offer their time, talent and money to keep our lights on. Despite the dwindling numerical strength, our parish continues to share the joy of the Gospel. The love of God revealed in the Sacred Heart of Jesus has transformed many of us into God's instrument of peace and love. I feel extremely blessed to have shared in the banquet of love and joy that flow from our fellowship, Holy Eucharist and meetings. The coming of Fr. Andy last year added more beautiful colors to the ever-evolving mission of our parish. I enjoy his ministry and friendship.

The Readings express the unfathomable love of God. Prophet Ezekiel says that God will look after his sheep. He will seek out the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured and heal the sick. St Paul reminds us that the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. God's love draws us into the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our proper response is love. Indeed, the heart of Jesus is alive through us. We make him present by staying true to our Christian vocation. The Gospel gives us the parable of the lost sheep. God is always calling us, ever working in us, and never giving up in his love for us. He is our strength and our future. Because he lives, we should not give up on our mission. Our parish is God's project! Let us rejoice in every little thing we do to make others happy. Let us celebrate each other. Let us encourage one another even in minor things. Let us keep the lights on. **Happy feast!**

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

(+ Deceased)



Sunday, June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles (Fr. Eva@ SH & HF)



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-Lawrence Martin+

9:00 a.m. Sacred Heart Feast Day Fellowship

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

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Don Eversman+



Monday, June 30, The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church No Mass

Tuesday, July 1, St. Junipero Serra, Priest

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart -Casey Family members, living and deceased

Wednesday, July 2, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Walter & Frances Knopik+

Thursday, July 3, St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-The Most Reverend Stanley G. Schlarman+

Friday, July 4, Independence Day First Friday

8 a.m. @ Holy Family-The Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, July 5, Vigil of the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Rosary for Life @ Sacred Heart

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-Floyd and Rosemary Wade+



Sunday, July 6, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-Mary Weber+

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church-Carlos and Renee Gallegos

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Father Stan Konieczny+



Join us for the Holy Rosary next Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church.

Direct questions to Carol McClanahan, Chair.



Sacred Heart Parish Feast Day Fellowship Today, June 29, 2025

Join us after Mass today in the Parish Center for refreshment fellowship. Come and share your memories of our Parish.



Farewell Friend...Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish wishes to extend our gratitude to **Father Evaristus Akabueze, CM** for the two years of leadership and friendship. We pray that God continues to give you strength and blessings as you move into your new role.

The Parish Family

**Parish SUPPORT**

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

June 22, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (12)	\$490.00
On-Line Donations ()	0.00
Loose	18.00
Other Donations ()	0.00
Candles	\$ 12.00
Total General Collections	\$520.00

Special Collections

Total Special Collections	\$ 0.00
Total Deposit	\$520.00
Maintenance Fund (1)	\$ 30.00
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>.



**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 6, 2025**



Sacristan:

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf

Lector

Geri Basinski

Host

Joan Scharf

Eucharistic Minister-Choir:

Emily Weber



**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

Peter's Pence Collection is Today, June 29, 2025

The Peter's Pence collection is a way for Catholics worldwide to contribute to the Holy Father's charitable efforts and support those in need, particularly victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and disease. The funds are used for a variety of humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to support the Holy See. Please Prayerfully consider your stewardship.

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, Todd Clasquin, I.D. Cleveland, Hannah, Julie Duke, 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, Allen Lalk, 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, Dawn Snider, 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...**July: 1st-Vanessa Buechler and Karen Pratt 5th-John LaCroix**
7th-Dennis Martin 9th-Isiaha Jarillo 10th-Raymond Curtis
12th-Gracie Hood and Kathy Wiechert 15th-Joan Scharf
16th-Mary Cronin and Becky Uhrhan 20th-Amanda Evers and Ralph Scharf
30th-Richard Kelling



Happy Anniversary to June:

29th

John and Kathy Koebbe

46 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

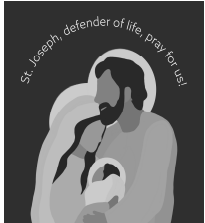
Cathedral, Belleville: Thursday evenings 6 to 7 pm (weekly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)



Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2024 From Bishop McGovern. . .
The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

A donation to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal assists people throughout Southern Illinois through the work of 17 diocesan ministries and programs. Your donation can be a one-time gift or a pledge and be made in cash, by check, credit card (MasterCard or VISA) or stocks and securities. If you haven't yet done so, please consider making your gift today! Thank you for your generosity.

As of **May 30**, we have received pledges of \$863,958 from 2,990 households for an average gift of \$289. As of **4/30/2025 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church** 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

"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!" Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux "Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life"



2025 A Holy Year of Hope JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Our theme for the Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. This week please pray for **Governments, Seminarians, Bishops, Priests and Eastern Churches**

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>

Totus Tuus offers faith, fun for students this summer

Two parishes in the Diocese of Belleville are excited to offer Totus Tuus, a week-long program for students in grades 1-12 this summer. This totally Catholic program offers the students a wonderful opportunity to deepen their faith and relationship with Christ through sacraments, prayer, special presentations and fun activities. College students and seminarians from the Diocese of Springfield will lead these sessions of Totus Tuus with help from volunteers in the parishes. The program replaces the traditional vacation bible school in these parishes and is open to students from any parish.

St. Clare of Assisi Parish in O'Fallon will have Totus Tuus Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Waterloo will host the program July 13-18. The daytime program for grades 1-6 is from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The evening program for grades 7-12 is Sunday through Thursday, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per student or \$65 for a family of three or more for each program. St. Clare Parish offered Totus Tuus for the first time last year and reported great success. Students couldn't wait to come back this year.

Register online for either location:

St. Clare registration is at stclarechurch.org/totus-tuus
Ss. Peter and Paul registration is at dio.org/totus-tuus-camper-registration/

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,

Vocation Corner

"When I was 15, my father died suddenly; it's a low point in my life, but also a turning point. My mom, who had converted to Catholicism several years earlier, encouraged me to speak to our parish priest. I quickly saw a transformation within myself and began to think, "If God is helping me through this Catholic priest, there must be something to this Catholic Church." After my confirmation, the Lord said to me in prayer, "Anthony, you see what I've done for you through the priesthood; now go and do likewise." I was ordained in June 2018, and I wake up every morning thanking God for allowing me to be his servant. Fr. Anthony Stewart; Diocese of Nashville; Columbia Magazine February 2021

Mass Time Changes

Due to the new priest alignment St. James in Millstadt and St. John the Baptist in Smithton have new Mass times:

St. James: Saturday Mass @ 6 p.m. and Sunday Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.

St. John the Baptist : Saturday Mass @ 4 p.m. and Sunday Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.

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....**

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.)



Save the Date...

Corn Hole Tournament at Sacred Heart on **Saturday, October 25, 2025** starting at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$25 per person Round Robin.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be for sale.

For specific questions speak with Sherri LaCroix.
Watch the bulletin for more details.



**Reflect Weekend
August 15-17, 2025**

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Pallottine Renewal Center Florissant, MO (30 min from downtown St. Louis). Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it!

Cost is \$290 including meals.

Visit: www.ReflectRetreat.com, call (630) 222-830 or e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, for details.



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** are desperately needed at this time. Direct questions to Geri Basinski, Rose Jordan, I.D. Cleveland, Christopher Cronin or Linda Martin. The DuKare team appreciates everyone for their generous donations that help feed those in need.

JOIN US FOR THE
ST. FRANCIS
Church Picnic
161 South Clinton Street, Aviston, IL
Kopff Field

**SATURDAY
August 2, 2025**

FRIED CHICKEN DINNER
Dine-In: 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Dine-In: Seating by ticket numbers
Carry-Outs: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

MASS
4:00 p.m.

**RAFFLES FANTASTIC FINDS BASKETS
BEER MIXED DRINKS SKI
LIVE BAND: ETHAN CARL
8:00 p.m. - Midnight**

GAMES & INFLATABLES
FOR KIDS!
5:00pm

QUILT BINGO
6:30 p.m.
Every game for a quilt
BL-50038

For more information
go to: www.stfrancisav.org
or call (618) 228-7219





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Calling all People with a history of St. Henry Church, School, or the Creative Learning Center (Daycare) in your past! St. Henry Catholic Church is celebrating 100 years as a parish now! WE are looking for stories from past parishioners who might want to share their family stories at St. Henry with us to be posted in our Centennial booklet and published later this year. Stories can be submitted via email: sthenryc@peaknet.net or on our website <https://www.sthenrybelleville.com/st-henry-memories>. **The deadline for submission is June 30, 2025!** Thank you for considering this request!



**SATURDAY
AUGUST 2ND
4:00PM-10:00PM**

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405 W. MADISON ST
MILLSTADT, IL 62260

**INDOOR CASH BINGO • LIVE MUSIC • BAR
KIDS' CORNER • BARREL OF BOOZE RAFFLE**

MASS AT 3:00PM

FRIED CHICKEN | BBQ | ICE CREAM

**CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT**

 **Bags fly at 5pm!
\$50 A TEAM**
or \$25 for single entry

3 Games Round Robin | House Bags provided if needed

More info & presales!



Buy early and save!

ST. JAMES PARISH
405 West Madison
Millstadt, IL 62260

QUILT AND CASH SOCIAL
Sunday, September 7, 2025
1:00 p.m.



Come Early • Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

Beautiful Handmade Quilts

Basket Boutique and Raffles

Fried Chicken Dinners~Refreshments

Donate 1 Canned Good Item and Receive 1 Free Card per Tally
Bring Your Own Covers • Hope to See You!



**St. James School
Millstadt IL**

**WE ARE
HIRING !**

JOIN OUR SCHOOL

➤ **5TH GRADE HOMEROOM TEACHER/MIDDLE
SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES**

GO TO OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE
INFORMATION

[Link to Website](#)



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 \$36,150.00
For more information or to order tickets
Call: (618) 476-3510 or email:
principal@stjmillstadt.org