



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

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June 8, 2025



Solemnity of Pentecost
By: Reverend Evaristus Akabueze, C. M.

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The Sunday school children had all been photographed with the pastor sitting in their center. The pastor was trying to persuade the children to buy a copy of the group photo. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer; she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael; he's a doctor'". A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's our Pastor; he's dead".

This weekend we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. At Pentecost power from above entered the Apostles and drove them out to speak boldly about Jesus Christ. This is the birth of Christianity. They were on fire to make Jesus known. They broke out of their cells and let their message go viral. Thus, we belong to a Pentecostal community, a family of God inspired by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost was the beginning of the reunification of the human family. As God sent men and women to gather into the New Covenant Church of Jesus Christ, he redeemed people from across the face of the earth. Recall the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, fortitude, counsel, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. These gifts are oriented toward building up the community of believers. We serve our community according to the gifts we have received. These gifts, used appropriately, bears many fruits, namely: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. They are called fruits of the Holy Spirit.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us that though many parts, we are one in the Spirit. Pope Leo XIV chose the motto, "In the One we are one". Unity is an important mark of the Church. It does not imply uniformity. It does mean that all the gifts we can identify in our community come from the same Spirit and are oriented toward the same goal. Each of us is uniquely gifted and blessed to build up the one Body of Christ. The strength of our mission lies in each person letting out their colors. The varied colors of our community make a beautiful mosaic of Christ. This goal of Christian unity has always been distorted by human weakness. We have not defeated the Tower of Babel. But we have been given the grace to move beyond our individual differences, conquer prejudices that obstruct empathic listening, and enjoy a deeper understanding of the other. **He is our peace!**



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**(+ Deceased)****Sunday, June 8, Pentecost Sunday****(Fr. Andy @ 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+

Monday, June 9, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
No Mass**Tuesday, June 10, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Eva)—Henry, Marie and Blake Rene Urke and Ted and Dolores Rogers+

Wednesday, June 11, St. Barnabas, Apostle

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)—Rudy Teason Recovery

Thursday, June 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart (Fr. Andy)—Virgil Casey+

Friday, June 13, St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8 a.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Andy)—Helen Schreckenberg Recovery

Saturday, June 14, Vigil of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family (Fr. Eva)—John and Barbara Walker+

**Sunday, June 15, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Fr. Eva@ SH & HF)****Happy Father's Day**

7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—Octave and Marie Levin+

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—Rennard And Henrietta Harris Family, Living & Deceased

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—Mary Weber+



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

**Father's Day Cake Raffle**
next Sunday, June 11, 2025

Please get your raffle ticket when you enter church next week.

**Parish SUPPORT***Please prayerfully consider your own stewardship and pray for the financial well being of Sacred Heart Parish***May 25, 2025****General Collections**

Envelopes (16)	\$4,840.00
On-Line Donations ()	0.00
Loose	0.00
Other Donations ()	0.00
Candles	\$ 22.00
Total General Collections	\$4,862.00

Special Collections

Seminary Education (1)	\$ 100.00
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Total Special Collections**\$ 0.00****Total Deposit****\$1,240.00****Maintenance Fund (1)** \$ 30.00**Mass Intentions ()** \$ 0.00**Messenger Subscription Renewal ()** \$ 0.00**Society of St. Vincent dePaul ()** \$ 0.00**June 1, 2025****General Collections**

Envelopes (16)	\$ 955.00
On-Line Donations ()	0.00
Loose	8.00
Other Donations ()	0.00
Candles	\$ 0.00

Total General Collections**\$ 963.00****Special Collections**

Catholic Communication Campaign (3)	\$ 50.00
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Seminary Education ()	\$ 0.00
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Total Special Collections**\$ 50.00****Total Deposit****\$1,013.00****Maintenance Fund (10)** \$ 305.00**Mass Intentions ()** \$ 0.00**Messenger Subscription Renewal ()** \$ 0.00**Society of St. Vincent dePaul (6)** \$ 205.00*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>.**The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**
June 15, 2025**Sacristan:****Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf****Lector****Dennis Martin****Host****Geri Basinski****Eucharistic Minister-Choir:****Carol McClanahan****Special Note:** Please see the information on page 5 concerning a farewell luncheon for Father Eva.

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, 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, Alice LaMastus, Steve Lawlor, Barbara Mallory, Dennis Martin, 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, 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...**June: 10th-Rose Jordan and Kathy Koebbe**

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



Happy Anniversary to June:

16th

Oscar and Geraldine McCoy

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 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

"Dearest St. Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life"

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 June 15-20, and 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/



2025 A Holy Year of Hope JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Our theme for the Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. This week please pray for **The Holy See, Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities**

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>

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

On Saturday, June 7th, another priest for the Diocese of Belleville was ordained - Father Levi James. We heartily congratulate him on completing his discernment and training. On this feast of Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit guide his steps as he joins the ranks of our Priests. "Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful!" is our prayer for Father Levi as he begins his priestly ministry.



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 appreciates everyone for their generous donations that help feed those in need.

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.)



**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

**Farewell Luncheon for Reverend Evaristus Akabueze
Sunday, June 22, 2025 @ 11 a.m.**

According to the letter from the Diocese, Father Eva is being reassigned. Join us at **Holy Family** for a luncheon and fellowship to celebrate and thank him for his time with our parishes. We would also like to take this time to welcome Fr. Andy as our new Administrator for both Parishes.

All parishioners of Sacred Heart and Holy Family are invited to the luncheon. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church to let us know how many people in your family will be attending and whether you can bring a dessert. To avoid too many doubles, we would appreciate it if you would specify what type of dessert you want to bring.

The sign up sheet will be available until Sunday, June 15th. For more information or if you have a question, please see the Women's Club President, Karen Pratt.

Boutique & Thrift SALE

Benefiting

St. Vincent de Paul Ministries

Friday, June 20

5 p.m.-8 p.m.

\$3.00 ADMISSION

Saturday, June 21

8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Half Off Sale 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Corpus Christi Parish Center

205 RASP STREET, SHILOH, ILLINOIS

**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:

cdbcemeteryassoc@gmail.com.



Aid for Women Update, June 2025

Aid for Women – On The Front Lines

- Aid for Women was founded in 1978 to provide women with the practical, emotional, and spiritual support needed to Choose Life for their unborn child. We believe that children, and parenting, are blessings, not burdens.
- The vast majority of women who regret their abortions say they felt they had no other choice. At Aid for Women, we want all expectant mothers to know they DO have options: life-affirming options for themselves and for their babies.
- The number of clients served at Aid for Women over the past year increased by 25%. Our message is being heard by more expectant mothers than ever across the State of Illinois!
- We have eight pregnancy care centers and two maternity homes that welcome women who reach out to us for assistance. Many of these women are recovering from trauma, including domestic violence, homelessness, the challenges of parenting other children, job loss, severe financial insecurity, and more.
- Expectant girls/women come to Aid for Women scared, alone, or feeling pressured to consider abortion. They leave with factual information about programs and resources that are available to them, including adoption. We do not coerce or pressure any woman who comes to us for help. We offer her and her unborn baby the respect they deserve.
- Women are coming to Illinois from many other states to have an abortion. Surgical abortions are up 67% in our state and, currently, one in four pregnancies in Cook County ends in abortion.
- According to the Lozier Institute, Illinois' 2023 total of 72,143 abortions was the highest reported by the state since it started reporting abortion totals in 1973, and this does not include in-home, drug-induced abortions.
- In-home, drug-induced abortions now account for 70% of abortions in the United States. Despite increasing evidence that these drugs can cause life-threatening complications, they are easier to obtain, and more widely distributed than ever before.
- In recent months, Aid for Women has had more women contact us to try to help with their Abortion Pill Reversal, as they take the first pill, regret it, and want to try to stop the process.
- At Aid for Women, we work to help women overcome challenges in their lives so they can be as joyful as any other mom who is awaiting the birth of her child! Some of our most inspiring stories emerge as women realize that the baby they are carrying is alive, unique, and very special.

In one of the first public comments in his papacy, **Pope Leo XIV** said, *"No one is exempt from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person, especially the most frail and vulnerable, from the unborn to the elderly."*

Visit helpaidforwomen.org to support our work and learn about rewarding volunteer opportunities!