



## Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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By Appointment

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**Administrator: Reverend Andrew J. Knopik**



*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 @ 7:00 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

**November 30, 2025**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Year A**

A small town had a problem with squirrels getting into the four local churches: the Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, and Baptist churches. Each church community met to discuss the problem. The Presbyterians decided that it was God's will for the squirrels to be there, and they would just have to live with them. The Methodists humanely trapped the squirrels and released them in a park on the edge of town. Within three days, all the squirrels were back. The Catholics humanely trapped them as well and tried to teach them the "rhythm" method. That didn't work. The Baptists, however, had the perfect solution. They voted the squirrels in as members of the church. Now they only see the squirrels at **Christmas and Easter**.

We begin our four week journey through Advent today. We go from green banners, altar cloth and vestments to purple. Purple is a penitential color representing preparation, repentance, and sacrifice (and is also used during the six weeks of Lent). Our readings change from Year C (focusing on the Gospel of Luke) to Year A (focusing on the Gospel of Matthew).

Where is our journey taking us? Like expectant parents, we wait in anticipation for the child to arrive. The first coming ushered in our eternal salvation through the Son of Man. The season of Advent is represented by the four virtues of hope, peace, love and joy. The readings today resonate these virtues. In the first reading Isaiah the prophet foretells of the coming of the Prince of Peace. He will rule justly and compassionately. He will bring peace to all nations. Love and joy will reign under His rule. For the contemporary man, we wait for the second coming of Christ. In the second reading St. Paul tells the Romans (and us!) that we must stay alert and be ready when Christ comes. We must live temperately so that we will be ready when He comes to claim us. Jesus tells us in the Gospel reading that not everyone will be ready. Some will be left behind, so stay awake! He will come like a thief in the night. Will you be ready? May your Lenten journey this year be a time of preparation. Take this time to review, readjust, and be ready. But in the process do not lose the beauty of this glorious season of anticipation. May the Hope of His coming bring Peace to your days so that His Love and Joy will fill your heart. Then, may His light shine brightly through you for the world to see.~Joan

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**  
(+ Deceased)

**Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent**  
Cycle A Readings begin



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–Alan and Dianna Van Booven  
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–Floyd Wade+

**Monday, December 1, Weekday in Advent** No Mass

**Tuesday, December 2, Weekday in Advent**  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –Casey Family members, living and deceased

**Wednesday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier, Priest**  
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–Andrew M Knopik+

**Thursday, December 4, St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–The Knopik Family members, living and deceased

**Friday, December 5, Weekday in Advent** *First Friday*  
8 a.m. @ Holy Family–Carlos Zavala, Jr.+

**Saturday, December 6, Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent**  
10:00 a.m. Reciting the Rosary @ Sacred Heart  
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family–Mike McFadden+



**Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent**  
7:30 a.m. Confession is available  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–Octave and Marie Levin family members, living and deceased  
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church–Ron and Helen Whited and family  
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-  
5:00 p.m. Doors open for the Parish Christmas Party



**Parish SUPPORT**

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

**Due to early submission of the bulletin for the Thanksgiving Holiday, the report will be reflected in the next 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>.



**Second Sunday of Advent**  
December 7, 2025



**Sacristan:** Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf  
**Lector:** Dennis Martin  
**Host:** Joan Scharf  
**Choir Host:** Kathy Koebbe

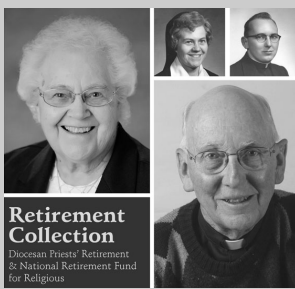


**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
December 8, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Sacristan:** Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf  
**Lector:** Joan Scharf  
**Host:** Carol McClanahan  
**Choir Host:** Geri Basinski



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



**December 14, 2025**  
**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Please prayerfully consider your stewardship to help those who have given their lives for the growth of the church. May your gift help them in their retirement.

**Church and Hall Cleaning**

If you have time on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. please come on by and help get our church cleaned for the holidays. Thanks Barb and I.D. Cleveland or Kathy Koebbe



**Save the Date:**  
*The Parish Christmas Party will be next Sunday, December 7, 2025. The cost will be \$10 for adults. Please sign up on the sheet on the back of church.*

*Just a reminder that decorating will be on Tuesday, December 2, 2025*



**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, 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 and Michael Gould, Joseph Gourley, Mary Gramm, Bryant Hahn, Christ Hallerman, Susan Heape, Charles Heard, Jerry Hight, Margaret Hoffmann, Alan Hoock, 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, 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 and Emily Weber, Susan and Curt Weichert, 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 Reverend Andrew Knopik to visit, please leave a message for him at (618) 207-1308 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 Reverend Andrew Knopik at (618) 207-1308 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. The Parish Policy and Rental Agreement can be found on the website: <https://sacredheartdupo.org>

**Where to Watch Mass**—<https://www.youtube.com/@SacredHeartCatholicChurch-Dupo> or on our *Facebook* page at: [Sacred Heart DupoIL](https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartDupoIL).

**To get a digital copy of the bulletin** just send us your email address to [sacredheartdupo@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartdupo@gmail.com)



♪Happy Birthday to ♪ ♪ ♪You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪  
 birthday ♪ ♪dear...**November: 23rd-Brenda Nichols 28th Donna Frederick**  
**December: 2nd-Richard Chartrand 6th-Holly Kelling**  
**7th-Lexi Curtis 8th-Emily Weber 10th-Candice LaCroix 12th-Karri Murphy**  
**13th-Alois Hoffmann 17th-Jose Jarillo and David Uhrhan 27th-Travis Kelling**  
**28th-Linda Hoock**

**May each of you be richly blessed by the Lord! From Your faith family.**

**Did you know we are live on line?**

We love to see you at Mass on Sunday, Tuesday or Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m., but for those times you cannot be with us, please know you can join us on our Youtube site at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@SacredHeartCatholicChurch-Dupo>

Or on our Facebook site at:

[Sacred Heart DupoIL](https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartDupoIL)

You can also get a copy of the bulletin from the website at: <https://sacredheartdupo.org> and scroll down to the Bulletin on the right side of the page. If you would like to get a copy of the bulletin electronically, send your email address to [sacredheartdupo@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartdupo@gmail.com).

**Be sure to let your family and friends!**



## Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2025. . .

*The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15*

As of October 31, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,157,301 from 4,258 households for an average gift of \$271.79; we are at 87% of our goal. Last year, at this time, we had pledges amounting to \$1,178,021 from 4,634 households and were at 91% of our goal. A total of 32 parishes have now met or exceeded their 2025 CSMA goals. As of **September 30, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church 16** households gave **\$2,570**. Our goal for this year is **\$4,298**. We are only **60%** of our goal, and need **\$1,728** 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

In November, we join Pope Leo XIV in praying for his monthly intention for the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. Please also continue to pray for the defeat of SB 1950, which would legalize assisted suicide in the state of Illinois, and consider contacting Governor Pritzker's office at 312-814-2121, asking him to veto the bill.



### 2025 A Holy Year of Hope JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Our theme for the Jubilee Year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. For more information, visit one of these websites:

Diocese of Belleville: [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org),  
United State Conference of Catholic Bishops  
<https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>

## Vocation Corner

"I had the great blessing of growing up in a family in which faith was lived in a simple, practical way. However, it was my paternal grandmother in particular who influenced my journey of faith. She was a woman who explained to us, who talked to us about Jesus, who taught us the catechism. The first proclamation is at home, in the family! And this makes me think of the love of so many mothers and grandmothers in the transmission of faith. One day in particular, though, was very important to me: Sept. 21, 1953. I was almost 17. It was "Students' Day." Before going to the celebration, I passed through the parish I normally attended, I found a priest that I did not know, and I felt the need to go to confession. For me this was an experience of encounter: I found that someone was waiting for me .... After making my confession, I felt something had changed. I was not the same. I had heard something like voice, or a call. I was convinced that I should become a priest." Pope Francis; Vigil of Pentecost Address, May 18, 2013



## ACTION ALERT

### Please contact Governor Pritzker to VETO SB 1950 - Legalizing Assisted Suicide

At 2:54 a.m. on October 31 the Illinois State Senate narrowly passed SB 1950. The State House narrowly passed the bill in the Spring. The bill is now on the Governor's desk. This is the last chance to stop assisted suicide from becoming law in Illinois.

In Canada where assisted suicide has been legal since 2016, 1 in 20 deaths are now due to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Too many are giving up on life under this law.

### PLEASE CALL GOV. PRITZKER AND INFORM HIM:

- People with disabilities, the poor and marginalized fear coercion and abuse under assisted suicide laws.
- Suicide rates increase in states where assisted suicide is legal, especially among veterans.
- There is a possible cost savings to insurance companies as they can provide cheaper lethal drugs instead of lifesaving treatments.

Go to [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) for e-mail links, or call the Governor's office directly at 312.814.2121.

### POSITION AVAILABLE

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO BISHOP EDWARD K. BRAXTON, BISHOP EMERITUS

This part-time (25 hours per week) duties include, but not limited to, greet guests, calendar management and schedule appointments, proofread documents including manuscripts, organize files, assist with local errands, and occasional transportation. The salary is \$17.50 per hour. Benefits include 403(b) Retirement plan and paid time off. Essential qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma, associate degree preferred, or equivalent experience; and 3+ years' experience in a related role providing administrative/clerical support. Candidate must be highly organized and have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office and maintain a high level of confidentiality. To Apply: Send cover letter, résumé, and references to Human Resources, Diocese of Belleville, 222 South Third Street, Belleville, Illinois 62220 or email to: [humanresources@diobelle.org](mailto:humanresources@diobelle.org).

**Application Deadline: December 5, 2025.**

**Discernment Day of Recollection** All single young men ages 15–35 are invited to a Discernment Day of Recollection on Saturday, December 20, at St. Nicholas Parish in O'Fallon. The day will focus on the theme of "Spiritual Sonship and Fatherhood" and includes conferences, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, time for discussion, and lunch. Please email your questions to: [mksorch@diobelle.org](mailto:mksorch@diobelle.org).

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



## Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreats for 2025/2026

The Belleville Diocese has a TEC retreat weekend for the 2025/2026 academic school year. TEC is a 3-day Catholic retreat weekend designed for young adults, juniors and seniors (or older) in high school, who are looking for an opportunity to develop a stronger relationship with God and/or their fellow Christians. If you, or someone you know, are looking for an opportunity to enhance your relationship with Jesus Christ or experience your Catholic faith in a dynamic and fun-filled setting, then a TEC retreat may be just what you are looking for. The TEC weekend are scheduled for January 17-19 at Immaculate Conception School in Columbia. To learn more, or attend a TEC weekend, please visit our website at: [bellevilletec.org](http://bellevilletec.org). If you've attended a TEC weekend in the past and would like to attend one of the reunions, please visit [bellevilletec.org](http://bellevilletec.org) for additional details.

## FALL 2025

### DISCERNMENT EVENTS

**OCT. 18**  
**NOV. 08**  
**DEC. 08**

**Discernment 101**  
*Daughters of St. Paul*  
Join the Sisters for a series of morning talks, prayer, & fellowship for single women ages 16-33 to help you grow in your relationship with God & learn tips for discerning your vocation.  
Location: 9804 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO or on zoom  
Contact [stlouisvocations@paulinemediacom](mailto:stlouisvocations@paulinemediacom)

**NOV. 7-9**

**Veni Si Amas Retreat**  
*Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George*  
All single Catholic women between the ages of 18-30 are invited to join for talks on discernment and religious life, time in prayer, opportunities to meet Sisters, & encounter the Lord through the Charism of Merciful Love.  
Location: 1 Franciscan Way, Alton, IL 62002  
Contact [vocations@altonfranciscans.org](mailto:vocations@altonfranciscans.org)

**NOV. 7-9**

**Fall Holiness Retreat**  
*Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus*  
Single Catholic women 17-29 years of age are invited to join this retreat for talks given on the theme by a Sister or priest, time for silence with the Lord, & an opportunity to meet other young women discerning God's call.  
Location: 10341 Manchester Rd, Kirkwood, MO 63122  
Contact [vocations@carmelitedcj.org](mailto:vocations@carmelitedcj.org)

**OCT. 28**  
**NOV. 25**  
**DEC. 16**

**Online Evening Prayer**  
*School Sisters of Notre Dame*  
Young adults are invited to pray online with the Sisters and young adults from across the country 7 p.m. CT on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Participants will experience evening prayer in the rhythm of the Liturgy of the Hours with additional time for faith sharing in small groups.  
Learn more and register at [ssnd.org/events/](http://ssnd.org/events/)

FOR MORE EVENTS VISIT:  
[diobelle.org/vocations](http://diobelle.org/vocations)

# Christmas DINNER

**Thursday, December 25, 2025**  
**SERVING 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**St. Henry Parish**  
**Msgr. Voss Parish Center**  
**5303 W. Main Street, Belleville**

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**CALL 618-722-5024**  
**BY DECEMBER 16**  
**TO MAKE RESEVATIONS**

No Carry-Outs Available  
A meal delivery (up to three) is available to the homebound

Sponsored by the Diocese of Belleville and Catholic Charities of Southern Illinois

## Lunch & Card Party

**Tuesday, December 2, 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: Pork Loin/Dressing & Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Creamy Grape Salad with Pecans, 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

Helping God's Love with Our Neighbors in Need  
**COMMUNITY HELPER'S FOOD PANTRY**  
All items donated by members. God's love into the community!

If bad weather, an announcement will be made on the parish website.



# 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; **Tuna Helper, Ramen noodles and cereal (hot or cold)** 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.



## Two Job Opportunities Available

**Assistant Director of Outreach**-The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville, Illinois, Diocesan Council is seeking a full-time Assistant Director for the SVDP Outreach Ministry facility in East St. Louis.

**Clerical Assistant-SVDP Main Street Office**-Part-time -- Monday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (four (4) hours daily)

For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board by the Women's Restroom.

**Kings House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center - Advent's Deepening Call to Welcome the Tender Grace of God-with-Us!**

**Presenter: Sr. Barb Smith, ASC**

**Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center**

**Cost: \$60.00 (lunch included)**

How do we honor this graced time of Advent when our lives are brimming full of activities: pre-Christmas parties, choosing the right gift for those we love, baking and preparing for the Christmas holidays while trying to "fit in" time for embracing those in-between times of quiet, longing, and attention to how God is already in our midst? This day will welcome the desire of our hearts for stillness, for breathing space, and simply finding the gift of God-with-us.



## Gibault News...

- The Freshman Placement Test is Saturday, Dec 6 at 8:30am. You can sign your student up by emailing Pam Kueker at [pkueker@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pkueker@gibaulthawks.com).
- The 2026-27 New Student Application is NOW OPEN! Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click "APPLY" to apply.
- All 7th and 8th graders can schedule a shadow visit and spend the day with one of our Student Ambassadors. Go to <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click "INQUIRE" to request more information.
- 2025 Winter Baseball Camp for 5-8 graders December 29-31 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. To register text "Gibaultbaseball" to 41444.



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

## WAY of LIGHTS & Wreaths

a family tradition

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

**Friday, November 21– Wednesday, December 31, 2025**

Looking for a special way to share the holiday spirit? Bring your family and friends to drive through the beautiful story of Jesus' birth and do not forget to stop in the Visitors Center to see the Christmas tree, Wreaths and other displays. If you have any questions **please call 618-394-6281 or email us at: [programs.snows.org](mailto:programs.snows.org)**.

Join us for our annual **Way of Lights 5k Competitive Run** and 1.5-mile Fun Walk to start your year off right! The only time of the year to run or walk through our beautiful light display. For more information, **please call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at: [snows.org/wolrun](http://snows.org/wolrun)**

*Winter Coat*  
**Sponsor a Coat for \$25**  
**Drive**



Send a check to: Molly King, Life, Marriage and Family  
222 South Third St., Belleville IL 62220  
or click the QR code to pay on-line

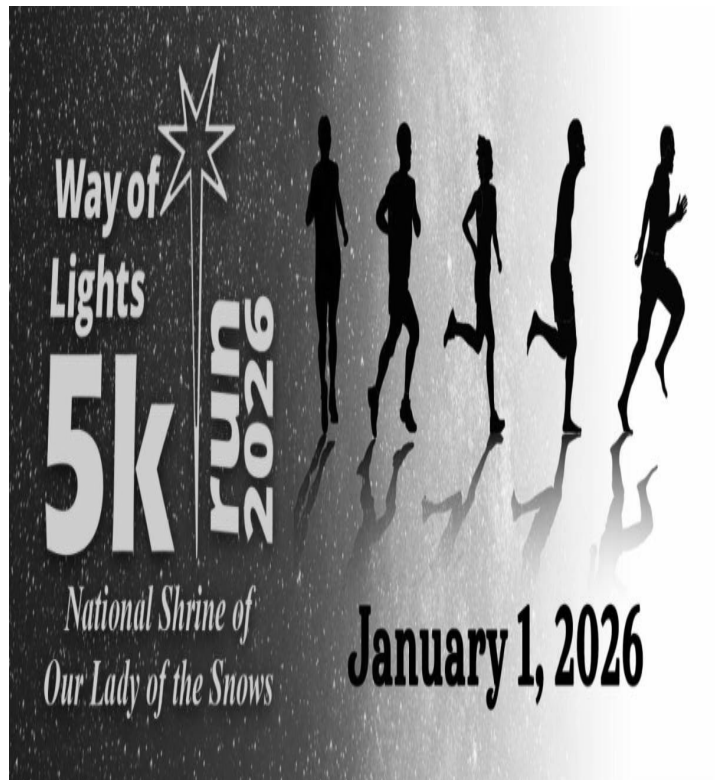
**St. Anne Cradle of Hope**  
Carbondale, Illinois

Sponsor a new coat for \$25 or drop off a used coat (sizes NB-5T) at your local Pregnancy Resource Center!

More Information:  
<https://stannecradleofhope.org/stanne-coh>

St. Anne Cradle of Hope

Questions: [mking@diabelle.org](mailto:mking@diabelle.org)



**Way of Lights**  
**5k**  
National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

**2025**  
**WOL RUN**

**January 1, 2026**