



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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By Appointment

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



Parish Staff

Trustees:	Ms. Rose Jordan
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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

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Year A

After waiting more than an hour and a half for her date, the young lady decided she'd been stood up. Exasperated, she changed from her dinner dress into pajamas and slippers, fixed some popcorn and resigned herself to an evening of TV. No sooner had she flopped down in front of the TV than her doorbell rang. There stood her date. He took one look at her and said "I'm two hours late, and you're still not ready?"

In the first reading today Isaiah depicts a beautiful picture of what life will be like when the Messiah comes. Everything will be lush, people will be whole and healthy and everyone will be happy praising God with song and dance. This reading from Isaiah gives us hope as we wait. Can you feel the excitement? Wait with the same anticipation of a child on Christmas Eve waiting for Santa Claus? James, like our parents in years past, explains that we must have patience. All the beauty, love and peace foretold by Isaiah will come in time. Just as the farmer waits for the fruit of his labor, we too must wait for our reward.

Through Matthew's Gospel, we are provided the gift of seeing the fruit that comes from waiting. John the Baptist proclaimed that one was coming who is greater than he. Even from his prison cell he leads his disciples to Jesus. All that John the Baptist proclaimed about Christ was coming to fruition. John the Baptist's testimony was true. He was a man of God, born of a woman, humble and just like Jesus, a servant martyred for proclaiming the Word of God.

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, represented by the pink candle and linens adorning the altar. It is known as *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice"! Advent is a time of waiting and anticipation of the coming of our Lord (re-living the waiting of his birth and most importantly waiting for His promised second-coming). During the other three weeks of Advent we are called to repentance so we can be prepared for the Lord's coming. But the third week is a time to rejoice because we have Hope. This Hope gives us a reason to be joyful. So this week Rejoice and be Hopeful for God loved us so much that He sends His only Son to save us! Stay awake and prepare by making your path straight.-Joan

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

Sunday, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday



+ 7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Casey family members, living and deceased**
9:00 a.m. Coffee and donut fellowship
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Fred and Elaine Fitzpatrick Family, living and deceased**
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Gene Knopik, Happy Birthday**

Monday, December 15, Weekday in Advent No Mass

Tuesday, December 16, Weekday in Advent
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Sacred Heart Women’s Club members, living and deceased**

Wednesday, December 17, Weekday in Advent
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Mary Jo Troske +**

Thursday, December 18, Weekday in Advent
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**For the Homeless**

Friday, December 19, Weekday in Advent
8 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Carlos Zavala, Jr. +**

Saturday, December 20, Vigil of the Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family—**Roger Greten +**

Sunday, December 21, Third Sunday of Advent
+ 7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Jacob Nelson+**
9:00 a.m. Decorating the church after Mass
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Rennard & Henrietta Harris family, living & deceased**
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**John & Barb Walker +**



Parish SUPPORT

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

December 7, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (19)	\$ 1,175.00
On-Line Donations ()	0.00
Loose	48.00
Other Donations ()	500.00
Candles	<u>\$ 12.00</u>
Total General Collections	<u>\$1,735.00</u>

Special Collections

Immaculate Conception (2)	\$ 35.00
Christmas Flowers (9)	<u>185.00</u>

Total Special Collections

\$ 220.00

Total Deposit

\$1,955.00

Maintenance Fund (11) **\$ 235.00**

Mass Intentions (1) **\$ 10.00**

Messenger Subscription Renewal () **\$ 0.00**

Society of St. Vincent dePaul (5) **\$ 340.00**

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>.



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025



Sacristan: **Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf**
Lector **Geri Basinski**
Host **Patti Urke**
Choir Host **Jim Urke**

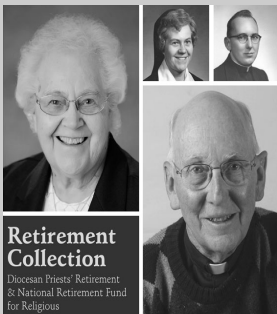


Join us in the Parish Center today after Mass for Coffee and Donut Fellowship.



Decorating the Church
Sunday, December 21, 2025
after 8:00 a.m. Mass

If you have time, please join us to prepare the church for the Christmas season.



Today, December 14, 2025
Retirement Fund for Religious

If you are looking for the perfect Christmas gift for the Christ Child, please prayerfully consider your stewardship to help those who have given their lives for the growth of the church. Your gift will help them in their retirement.

Retirement Collection
Diocesan Priests' Retirement & National Retirement Fund for Religious

The 48th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection



The 48th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2026 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able; thank you so much.

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 and Michael Gould, Joseph Gourley, Mary Gramm, Bryant Hahn, Christ Hallerman, Susan Heape, Charles Heard, Jerry Hight, Margaret Hoffmann, Alan Hooch, 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, Linda 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, Sonny Pratt, 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 Parish, Dupo, IL](https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartParishDupoIL)

To get a digital copy of the bulletin just send us your email address to sacredheartdupo@gmail.com



♪Happy Birthday to ♪ ♪ ♪You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪
birthday ♪ ♪dear...**December: 17th-Jose Jarillo and David Uhrhan**
27th-Travis Kelling 28th-Linda Hooch

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 Parish, Dupo, IL](https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartParishDupoIL)

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.

Be sure to let your family and friends!

Exciting News! We have a new Tithing Envelope Company. The *Church Budget Envelope Company* has been in business since 1917 and is based out of Ohio. Our new envelopes will have a picture of our church on the front. It will still have your name, address and envelope number on the front and will be mailed to you quarterly. If you have any questions call Joan in the office at 618-286-4373.



Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2025. . .
The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 9,140 students at 23 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2025 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

As of **November, 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

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church. O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. Amen.

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 for e-mail links, or call the Governor's office directly at 312.814.2121.



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. If you've attended a TEC weekend in the past and would like to attend one of the reunions, please visit bellevilletec.org for additional details.



Merry Christmas from The Messenger! Don't forget to Subscribe by calling The Messenger at 618-233-8670. To subscribe online go to:

www.bellevillemessenger.org.

Tax-deductible donations are also appreciatively received.

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



Discernment Day of Recollection

All single young men ages 15–35 are invited on Saturday, December 20, at St. Nicholas Parish in O’Fallon from 9:00 am–2:30 pm. 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 mksorch@diobelle.org if you have any questions.

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

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



Christmas Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24

Holy Family:

Choir begins at 4:30 p.m.

Mass begins at 5:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart:

Choir begins at 9:30 p.m.

Mass begins at 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25

Sacred Heart Mass begins at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Family Mass begins at 10:00 a.m.

No Masses are scheduled at either church for New Year’s Eve

New Year’s Day,

Thursday, January 1, 20-26

Sacred Heart Mass begins at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Family Mass begins at 10:00 a.m.



Food
Pantry
Needs

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.

Winter Coat Drive

Sponsor a Coat for \$25

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>

Questions: mking@diobelle.org



Gibault News...

- Freshman Placement Test is Saturday, December 6 at 8:30 a.m. Sign up by December 5, 2025 by emailing Pam Kueker at pkueker@gibalthawks.com and click on "Apply".
- The 2026-27 New Student Application is NOW OPEN! The deadline is Monday, January 5, 2026. Go to <https://gibalthawks.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://gibalthawks.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.

SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE HIRING.



OPEN POSITIONS:

PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER

Ss. Peter and Paul, Waterloo, IL is seeking a Parish Business Manager. The Parish Business Manager oversees the financial, administrative, and human resource operations of the parish and its school. Responsibilities include maintaining general ledger and financial records, preparing reports and budgets, managing payroll and employee benefits, coordinating insurance and diocesan reporting, and supporting fundraising and property maintenance activities. This role works closely with the pastor, school principal, finance committee, and parish staff to ensure the smooth operation of all business functions aligned with diocesan policies and parish mission. 40 hours/week

For additional information or to apply please contact Jennifer at the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Office, 618-939-6426 ext. 401 or parishoffice@ssppcc.org.



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

NATIONAL SHRINE of OUR LADY of the SNOWS
Missions of Mary Immaculate

WAY of LIGHTS & Wreaths
a family tradition

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.**

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**

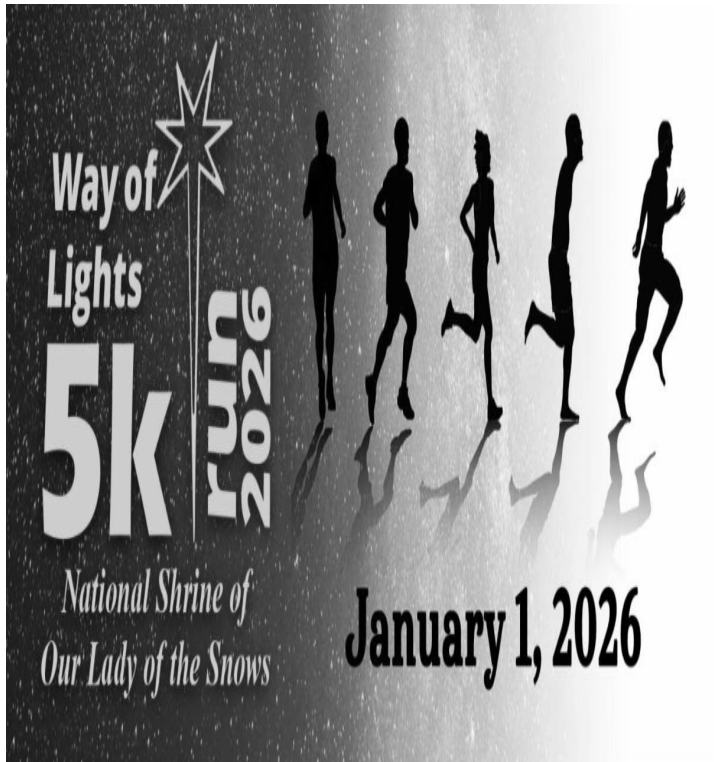
2-part Scripture Series: The Gospel of Mary Magdalen and The Gospel of Judas

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD

Saturdays, January 10 and January 17, 2026, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Cost: \$15 per session or \$30 for the series

To Register: Register online snows.org/gospelseries or call 618-394-6281.



Two Jobs 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 in the Cry Room.