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Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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Parish Staff

Trustees:	Ms. Rose Jordan Mr. Dennis Martin
Parish Council President	Mr. Idus Cleveland
Secretary/Bulletin:	Mrs. Joan Scharf
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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 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year A

Who is the Real Virgin? A ten-year-old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which virgin was the mother of Jesus? The Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

Here we are at the threshold of the Christmas Season. I know, you thought it started the day after Thanksgiving, but that was Advent. Now the Old Testament prophecies will come to life. The Messiah arrives. Isaiah knew there was nothing left to ask for. He did not want to test God by asking for another sign, because God had already spoken through the Prophets of old. The time was here, but without fanfare or a magnificent parade. Just through the quiet groaning for a mother's pain as she gives birth. He came humbly in a stable.

In Paul's letter to the Romans he echoes Isaiah by confirming that Jesus Christ has come as promised through the prophets in the Holy Scripture (Romans 1:3). But Paul makes a point that he was chosen by God, to be the living witness that Christ came to deliver all people, even the Gentiles.

God presented himself to the world as an infant. Born of a young woman. In a time when she knew that saying, "Yes", might mean humiliation or even death; yet she still said, "Yes". And Joseph, knowing he was not the father, chose to forgive her apparent indiscretion and divorce her quietly. Just like Mary, when approached by the Angel, he faithfully said, "Yes". Two faith filled people blindly walking the straight and narrow path. In the weeks to come our readings will follow the beautiful story of this family who walks by faith. They will be the examples for us. As we go into a new year, will we be asked by God to blindly follow Him faithfully? If so, we know we have these two faith filled people to look up to and be our encouragement. We may not be visited by the Holy Angels, but God always sends Angels to us. We just have to keep our eyes and hearts open to recognize them and be willing to say, "YES" when He calls.-Joan

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)



Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–**Jacob Nelson+**
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church–
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-

Monday, December 22, Weekday in Advent No Mass

Tuesday, December 23, St. John of Kanty, Priest
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**For neglected and abused children**

Wednesday, December 24, Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (In the Night)

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-**Recovery and healing for Richard “Rick” Watson**
9:30 p.m. Choir Begins @ Sacred Heart
10:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart-**Blake Rene Urke and Elizabeth Marie Pries+**



Thursday, December 25, the Nativity of the Lord (Day)

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-**Casey Family Members, living and deceased**
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Helen J. and Andrew M. Knopik+**

Friday, December 26, St. Stephen, the First Martyr
8 a.m. @ Holy Family-**Recovery and healing for James “Bo” Franey**

Saturday, December 27, Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-**Jesse Wash+**

Sunday, December 28, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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-**Don Eversman+**



Parish SUPPORT

December 14, 2025

Due to early submission of the bulletins the tithing report will be reflected in the next available 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>.



Vigil of Nativity of the Lord (Night)
December 24, 2025



Sacristan: *Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf*
Lector *Dennis Martin*
Host *Joan Scharf*
Choir Host *Carol McClanahan*

Nativity of the Lord (Day)
December 25, 2025

Sacristan: *Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf*
Lector *Geri Basinski*
Host *Geri Basinski*
Choir Host *Kathy Koebbe*

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 28, 2025

Sacristan: *Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf*
Lector *Emily Weber*
Host *Kathy Koebbe*
Choir Host *Emily Weber*



Christmas/New Year's 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 follows the Sunday Mass schedule.

New Year's Day,

Thursday, January 1, 20-26
Sacred Heart Mass begins at 8:00 a.m.

Give To The Poor!!



Diocesan Collection for the Needy
December 25, 2025

Prayerfully consider helping the diocese provide for those who do not enjoy the bountiful gifts we have been blessed with.

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: 27th-Travis Kelling 28th-Linda Hooch

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

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.

**Did you know we are live online?**

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 tell your family and friends!**



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

“O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity) USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita

Vocation Corner

Today we hear of Joseph’s call to be the Head of the Holy Family. What a wonderful act of selflessness - turning his whole life over to the will of God, even under some really stressful circumstances. This is the call for each one of us – to be “righteous”. This should be our daily goal. Encourage everyone to follow their unique vocation to follow the Lord.



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.

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year?

Rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. Copyright © 2024, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. Reprinted with permission. All rights reserved.

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



Gibault News...

- 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.



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.

Merry Christmas

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Reverend Andrew J. Knopik, Rose Jordan and Dennis Martin (our trustees) and the Parish Council (I.D. Cleveland, Kathy Koebbe, Sherry LaCroix, Barbara Mallory, Dave Vernon and David Uhrhan), along with the Women's Club and the Liturgy Committee (Karen Pratt and Peggy Hoffmann) wish each of you and your families and very Merry Christmas and may God shower everyone with love, peace and blessing in the 2026 New Year!



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 above the DuKare Food basket in the back of church.



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

NATIONAL SHRINE of OUR LADY of the SNOWS
Ministry Oblate of Mary Immaculate

WAY of LIGHTS & Wreaths
a family tradition

November 21– 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**

Questions: mking@diobelle.org

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>



Merry Christmas from The Messenger!

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