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Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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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 28, 2025

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Year A

A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Franciscan were walking along an old road, debating on the greatness of their orders. Suddenly, an apparition of the Holy Family appeared in front of them, with Jesus in a manger and Mary and Joseph praying over him. The Franciscan fell on his face, overcome with awe at the sight of God born in such poverty. The Dominican fell to his knees, adoring the beautiful reflection of the Trinity and the Holy Family. The Jesuit walked up to Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, "So, have you thought about where to send him to school?"

God came in human form, a helpless infant? He could have come thunderously with a legion of Angels, instead, He came quietly and discreetly. Not with an army, but through a young mother and carpenter step-father. While we all know, God's ways are not our ways, this scene presents a lot of questions. Why did He not come as a Prince in a palace? Why the first born in a common family? We have so many questions about Jesus and His arrival among us.

Through my years of teaching and ministry work, the one answer that perplexes me the most when I ask what church, parish or religion someone comes from, is, "I don't have to go to church to believe in God." I guess in a way that is true, but how then do you live out your faith? Just maybe that is what God is impressing upon us through Jesus' birth, the importance of family. The Church is a family of believers who support one another even through our differences. St. Paul says in Romans 12:5 (NIV), "...so in Christ we who are many are one body, and each one of us is a part of it". We are many members that make up one family. The readings today provide us with a guide on how we should conduct ourselves within our family (personal or church). If you will, the three commandments of family: 1. Keeping God in the center of our family; 2. honoring each other as members of the family (especially our priests, mom and dad); and 3. kindness even though we each have different personalities, we are all special to God. Echoed by St. Paul to the Corinthians, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them." (1 Corinthians 12:4 NAB) Let us follow the example of Mary and Joseph and become the beacon of Jesus' light to the world. Take the time to recognize and illuminate our family members' God-given gifts. We are all important parts of one body within our family and our church family. Happy New Year!~Joan

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

(+ Deceased)

Sunday, December 28, The 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+

Monday, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord and St. Thomas Becket, Bishop
No Mass

Tuesday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart —For a less violent world

Wednesday, December 31, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord and St. Sylvester I, Pope

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—Kathy Rasp+

Thursday, January 1, 2026, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—For the protection of life from conception to natural death

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—Pluff family members, living and deceased

Friday, January 2, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
First Friday

8 a.m. @ Holy Family—Bernard Weiss+

Saturday, January 3, Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family—Holy Family Parishioners, living and deceased



Sunday, January 4, Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—Leveling and

McClanahan Family members, living and deceased

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—Fred and

Elaine Fitzpatrick families, living and deceased

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

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.

**Parish SUPPORT**

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

December 14, 2025**General Collections**

Envelopes (14)	\$ 705.00
Loose	27.00
Candles	\$ 9.00
Total General Collections	\$ 741.00

Special Collections

Immaculate Conception (6)	\$ 205.00
Religious Retirement fund (4)	190.00
Total Special Collections	\$ 395.00

Total Deposit**\$ 1,136.00****Maintenance Fund (2)****\$ 120.00****Mass Intentions ()****\$ 0.00****Society of St. Vincent dePaul ()****\$ 0.00****Parish Christmas Party collection****\$ 795.00**

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>.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
January 1, 2026

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

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2026

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

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

News Year's Day Mass Schedule

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

New Year's Day,**Thursday, January 1, 2026****Sacred Heart Mass 8:00 a.m.****Holy Family Mass begins 10:00 a.m.**

Holy Day of Obligation

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, 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 your email address to sacredheartdupo@gmail.com



♪Happy Birthday to ♪ ♪ ♪You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪
birthday ♪ ♪dear...**January: 2nd-Barbara Mallory 4th-Kaleb Buechler**
5th Andrew Evers 7th-E. Marie Schmitt 14th-Hunter Kelling
17th-Sean Frederick 24th-Father Evaristus Akabueze

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!



Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2025. . .

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

May God's blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. Heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in our prayers. 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.***

Food for thought...As you begin to think about your 2026 budget, please consider your stewardship in helping the poor, the agencies and schools funded by the Diocese of Belleville. Last year we fell short of our goal. We pray that your new year be a prosperous one and that you will share your financial blessings with those within our Diocese who need assistance. ***Watch your mail for the 2026 appeal.***

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.

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.

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"



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.



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www.bellevillemessenger.org or Call 618-233-8670.

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



DuKare

As we enter into the Christmas 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.



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.



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

NATIONAL SHRINE of OUR LADY of the SNOWS
Missionary Oblates 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

Here's what's happening in the 2026 Liturgical and parish Calendars

Ash Wednesday	February 18, 2026
<i>Trivia Night</i>	<i>March 14, 2026</i>
Sacred Triduum	April 2-4, 2026
Easter Sunday	April 5, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)	Thursday, May 14, 2026
Pentecost Sunday	May 24, 2026
The Most Holy Body and And Blood of Christ	June 7, 2026
Solemnity of the Assumption Of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday-obligation dispensed)	August 15, 2026
Solemnity of All Saints Day	November 1, 2026
The First Sunday of Advent (we begin Cycle B readings)	November 29, 2026
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Tuesday)	December 8, 2026
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Friday, December 25, 2026

Stay tuned for other upcoming events!



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 by the Women's Restroom.