



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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The Very Reverend Godfrey Muller, OSB
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Parish Staff

Trustees:	Ms. Rose Jordan
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Secretary/Bulletin:	Mrs. Joan Scharf
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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 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Year A


A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and asked his father when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with him, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car" The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut." The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair." **The father responded, "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"**

The second Sunday of Advent's theme is *Peace*. In the first reading Isaiah continues with the First Week of Advent's theme of Hope by providing the beautiful examples of the gifts Christ will bring when he arrives. Then, he foreshadows the excitement of the Third Week of Advent's theme, Joy. How can one not experience peace in knowing how Christ will bring such beauty in the blooming of abundant flowers, the joy of beautiful songs, and the healing of our afflictions. Isaiah suggests that "...sorrow and mourning will flee." (Isaiah 35:10) This Hope will usher in Peace and Joy.

In the second reading James encourages us to have patience as we wait for the glorious day when Christ will come. Have patience, not only with the wait, but with each other. We have all experienced a time when our families were waiting for something special to happen. In everyone's excitement we tend to get over zealous and start nit picking at each other. James encourages us to be kind and not judge others. Let judgment come from the one true judge.

Jesus' message in Matthew's Gospel states that John the Baptist is a messenger, not the Messiah they are looking for. He is a servant to the least in heaven. We too are called to be servants. To serve the poor, lost and the forgotten of our communities. As we move through the Second Week of Advent, may each of you find peace and joy in giving hope to someone who is lost or forgotten. Be the messenger and not the judge.~Joan

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

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

Monday, December 8, (Holy Day of Obligation)
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family –
 7:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart-For all mothers, living and deceased

Tuesday, December 9, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –Casey Family members, living and deceased

Wednesday, December 10, Our Lady of Loreto
 8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family-Robert Weber+


Thursday, December 11, St. Damasus I, Pope
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart-The Protection of children

Friday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe
 8 a.m. @ Holy Family-Helen J Knopik+

Saturday, December 13, Vigil of the Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family-Denita (Dee) Reed+



Sunday, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent
 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



Just a reminder:
If you have signed up for the Parish Christmas Party, it is today, December 7, 2025 with doors opening at 5:00 p.m.



Parish SUPPORT

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

November 23, 2025


General Collections	
Envelopes (16)	\$ 625.00
Loose	16.00
Candles	\$ 26.00
Total General Collections	\$ 667.00
Special Collections	
Total Special Collections	\$ 0.00
Total Deposit	\$ 667.00
Maintenance Fund (0)	\$ 0.00
Mass Intentions (0)	\$ 0.00
Society of St. Vincent dePaul (0)	\$ 0.00

November 30, 2025

General Collections	
Envelopes (16)	\$ 905.00
On-Line Donations (0)	0.00
Loose	39.00
Other Donations (0)	225.00
Candles	\$ 0.00
Total General Collections	\$1,169.00
Special Collections	
Jamaican Hurrican Collection	\$ 229.00
Total Special Collections	\$ 229.00
Total Deposit	\$1,398.00
Maintenance Fund (1)	\$ 100.00
Mass Intentions (0)	\$ 0.00
Messenger Subscription Renewal (0)	\$ 0.00
Society of St. Vincent dePaul (0)	\$ 0.00

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>.




Retirement Collection
Diocesan Plans Retirement & National Retirement Fund for Religious


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.




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

Third Sunday of Advent
 December 14, 2025

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

 Join us next week for Coffee and Donut Fellowship in the Parish Center after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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 Hook, 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: 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 Hook

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

On December 8th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (This feast is a holy day of obligation for dioceses in the United States.) On this feast, we celebrate Mary's conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary's life began the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of fertilization: "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb" (Ps 139:13).

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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.



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,
 United State Conference of Catholic Bishops
<https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>

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.



Give the Gift that keeps on Giving...The Messenger! To subscribe online for Family or Friends go to: www.bellevillemessenger.org or Call 618-233-8670.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
DUPO, ILLINOIS

Cookie Walk & Craft Fair

Sat, December 13- 9am-2pm;
Sun, December 14- 11:30am-2pm
620 Godin Ave Dupo, IL

Get ready for a sweet celebration!
You're invited to our Cookie Walk and Craft Fair at First Baptist Church of Dupo.

Stroll through tables filled with delicious homemade cookies and pick your favorites to take home.

Choose from a variety of handmade crafts to complete your Christmas list.

Money raised during this event help provide Christmas to families in the community.

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.

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

Winter Coat Drive

Sponsor a Coat for \$25

Questions: mking@diobelle.org

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>



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 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.

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@sspcc.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! 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
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**

