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## Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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Administrator: *Reverend Andrew J. Knopik*



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*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

**January 4, 2026**

**Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Year A**

Jesus was relaxing in Heaven when he noticed a familiar-looking old man. Wondering if the old man was His father Joseph, Jesus asked him, "Did you, by any chance, ever have a son?" "Yes," said the old man, "but he wasn't my biological son. He was born by a miracle, by the intervention of a magical being from the heavens." "Very interesting," said Jesus. "Did this boy ever have to fight temptation?" "Oh, yes, many times," answered the old man. "But he eventually won. Unfortunately, he heroically died at one point, but he came back to life shortly afterwards." Jesus couldn't believe it. Could this actually be His father? "One last question," He said. "Were you a carpenter?" "Why yes," replied the old man. "Yes I was." Jesus rubbed His eyes and said, "Dad?" The old man rubbed his eyes and said, "**Pinocchio?**"

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The realization, not by the "Chosen People", but the gentiles, the non-Jewish people. Three men, represented as kings or wise men, come from different ethnic backgrounds and lands following the same star. Like these men, we have never seen the star and been lead to Christ by it, but we believe He is worth seeking out. There is something so important in coming and worshipping this Person that the stars illuminate His presence. Isaiah resounds with great joy the beauty of Him who came to fulfill everything the prophets foretold about Him, the Savior of the world. Just as a child delights on Christmas morning, we too should be filled with the excitement that the Savior has come. He will bring not only salvation, but eternal life.

Everyday should be an Epiphany! Each one of us is drawn by a radiant star of realization that He came, loved us, and gave His life for us. Everyday He knocks at the door of our hearts asking to come in. His light shines our path through a dark world so that we can find the way to Him. In just a few short weeks we will begin Lent. Use the coming Ordinary Time to renew yourself through the Gospel messages each day. Hear what Jesus is telling you, open your eyes and see Him in your daily life. In each Gospel message ask yourself, "What star is this that shines so bright?" Then go and seek Him.~Joan

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

**Monday, January 5, St. John Neumann, Bishop No Mass**

**Tuesday, January 6, St. André Bessette, Religious**  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –For an increase of vocation to the Priesthood and Religious life.

**Wednesday, January 7, St. Raymond of Peyafort, Priest**  
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–Mary Matejka+

**Thursday, January 8, Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–Respect for all Life

**Friday, January 9, Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
8 a.m. @ Holy Family–Tim McElligott Recovery

**Saturday, January 10, Vigil of the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord**  
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family–Holy Family Quilters

**Sunday, January 11, The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord**



7:30 a.m. Confession is available  
9:00 a.m. Coffee and donut fellowship  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–Mary Weber+  
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church–Helen Whited and family  
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–Darlene Frisch Recovery



**Parish SUPPORT**

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

December 21, 2025

**General Collections**

Envelopes (18)	\$5,160.00
Loose	28.00
Candles	9.00
Other Donations	<u>\$ 45.00</u>

**Total General Collections**

**\$5,242.00**

**Special Collections**

Christmas Flowers (1)	\$ 20.00
Religious Retirement fund (1)	<u>150.00</u>

**Total Special Collections**

**\$ 170.00**

**Total Deposit**

**\$5,412.00**

**Maintenance Fund (2)**

**\$ 115.00**

**Mass Intentions (16)**

**\$ 160.00**

**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>.


**Exciting News!**

Have you received your new envelopes yet?


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.



**The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord**  
January 11, 2026




<b>Sacristan:</b>	<b>Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Phyllis Gould</b>
<b>Host</b>	<b>Kathy Koebbe</b>
<b>Choir Host</b>	<b>Emily Weber</b>



## 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.



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**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)

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♪Happy Birthday to ♪ ♪ ♪You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪  
birthday ♪ ♪dear...**January: 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](mailto:sacredheartdupo@gmail.com).

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



**Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2026 begins soon. . .**  
***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***

What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star – their “call” – to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did. Perhaps we need to embrace the “night,” the stillness, to “see and hear” our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness – in living our vocation as man, woman, or child; married or single; priesthood or religious – of being called to something beyond ourselves?

**WORLD DAY OF  
CONSECRATED LIFE**



**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

**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.

# 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 tomorrow, 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.



Diocese of Belleville

YOUNG ADULTS PRESENTS

## BIBLES AND BREWS

WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY

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With Dcn. Eugene Logusch,  
Administrator of St. Mary's Assumption  
Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Louis, MO  
Topic: Byzantine Catholicism

FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
AGES 21 - 35

Location: Gräv Bistro & Wine Bar  
223 E Main St, Belleville, IL 62220

6:30-7:00PM SOCIAL  
7:00-8:30PM EVENT



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Diocese of Belleville Young Adults

## 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.