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Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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Parish Staff

Trustees:	Ms. Rose Jordan
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	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 11, 2026

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Year A

A man stumbles along a baptismal service on Sunday afternoon down by the river. He proceeds to walk down into the water and stand next to the Preacher. The minister turns and notices the old man and says, "Mister, are you ready to find Jesus?" The man looks back and says, "Yes, Preacher... I sure am." The minister then dunks the fellow under the water and pulls him right back up. "Have you found Jesus?", the preacher asked. "No, I didn't!" said the man. The preacher then dunks him under for quite a bit longer, brings him up and says, "Now, brother, have you found Jesus?" "No, I did not, Reverend," responded the man. The preacher in disgust holds the man under for at least 30 seconds this time, brings him out of the water and says in a harsh tone, "My good man have you found Jesus yet?" The old man wipes his eyes and asks the preacher... "Are you sure this is where he fell in?"

Baptism is considered by most people to be a spiritual cleansing that wipes clean the stain of original sin. This is true, but Baptism is so much more. Baptism is our first initiation into the Body of Christ, the church. From here we begin our faith life journey. With the guidance of our family and friends, we grow in faith and love of the Lord. In the early church, and in Eastern Christianity, Confirmation or the sealing of the Holy Spirit follows the Baptismal rite. This sealed the cleansed soul with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In the contemporary church, these two initiation rites are separated. Baptism cleanses us and brings us into the family of the faithful. After studying for several years, we are then sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to continue our faith journey at a higher level. We become the voice, hands and heart of Christ in our world.

So why was Jesus baptized? He who bore no sin and the Holy Spirit proceeds from Him, so why did He make it a point to be baptized? To show us the importance of being cleansed of sin and joining the family of the faithful, of course! Jesus did not just come to tell us; He came to show us. His baptism launched His three-year ministerial journey. A journey intended to show us firsthand how to be representatives of God in this hurting world. We are called to join with other believers, receive the gifts of God's wisdom and grace through the Holy Spirit and minister to our hurting brothers and sisters. He then gave us spiritual food in the Eucharist for strength. May your journey be a gift to our God!~Joan

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

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**



Monday, January 12, Weekday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, January 13, St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Sacred Heart Women’s Club Members, Living and deceased**

Wednesday, January 14, Weekday in Ordinary Time
 10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Barbara Weber**


Thursday, January 15 Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**For Father Andy**



Friday, January 16, Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Michael and Leona Banach+**

Saturday, January 17, Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family—**Kim Schwent Recovery**


Sunday, January 18, The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Confession is available
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Carol Kelling+**
 9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Richard Soderlund**
 10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Daniel Schreckenbergt+**

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

 **The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
January 18, 2026 

Sacristan: *Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf*
Lector: *Dennis Martin*
Host: *Emily Weber*
Choir Host: *Geri Basinski*

 Make The Messenger a part of your New Year’s Resolution! The Messenger brings you the stories of real people quietly living their faith through compassion and good works. Inspirational stories that show our Catholic faith is alive and well in southern Illinois. Subscribe to The Messenger online at: www.bellevillemessenger.org or call the office at: 618-233-8670.



Parish SUPPORT

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

December 28, 2025

General Collections

Envelopes (19)	\$1,357.00
Loose	54.00
Candles	11.00
Other Donations	<u>\$2,050.00</u>

Total General Collections \$3,472.00

Special Collections

Christmas Collection (14)	\$1,125.00
Christmas Collection to the Needy (10)	470.00
Religious Retirement fund (1)	<u>20.00</u>

Total Special Collections \$1,615.00

Total Deposit \$5,087.00

Maintenance Fund (1) \$ 100.00

Mass Intentions (5) \$ 50.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul (1) \$ 25.00

January 4, 2026

General Collections

Envelopes (21)	\$1,410.00
Loose	31.00
Candles	3.00
Other Donations (3)	<u>\$ 415.00</u>

Total General Collections \$1,859.00

Special Collections

First Offering (10)	\$ 90.00
Solemnity of Mary (9)	<u>315.00</u>

Total Special Collections \$ 405.00

Total Deposit \$2,264.00

Maintenance Fund (10) \$ 320.00

Mass Intentions () \$ 0.00

Society of St. Vincent dePaul (6) \$ 290.00

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>.



A very sincere **Thank you** to everyone who helped make the Advent/Christmas Season a beautiful time of prayer and reverence to celebrate Jesus’ birthday. No words can express how beautiful the church and hall looked. So to everyone who helped decorate and undecorate, **thank you!** To Kris Morice and her band of Merry Seraphim, **thank you** for the beautiful songs. To our Liturgy Committee who painstakingly kept everything in line with the Ordo (most of us have no clue of all the work they do), **thank you.** To the cleaning crew who made sure everything was in tip top shape, **thank you.** And to **Reverend Andy J. Knopik** for his wonderful guidance and words of wisdom, **thank you!**

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, 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, 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: 14th-Hunter Kelling 17th-Sean Frederick**
24th-Father Evaristus Akabueze

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



Pray for the soul, family and friends of *Nancy J. (Funke) Merkley*, who was born to eternal life on Friday, December 26, 2025 and received a Christian burial from Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, January 3, 2026 with Reverend Andrew J. Knopik officiating.

Eternal rest grant her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Pray for the soul, family and friends of *Alan R. Hoock*, who was born to eternal life on January 2, 2026. A memorial visitation will be on Friday, January 16, 2026 at Leesman Funeral Home, Dupo, Illinois from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Internment will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

Eternal rest grant him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



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

Our Gospel for today tells of Jesus beginning his public life by being baptized in the Jordan. He accepts His “call” from the Father to evangelize and ultimately save us from our sins. “This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Our mission is to follow our own call to evangelize. This may be through the priesthood, sisterhood, marriage, or the single life. We need to step up to accept our mission so the Father can say of us “with whom I am well pleased.”



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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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



Scripture Series with Mark Etling
The Gospel of Mary Magdalen & The Gospel of Judas

Join us at the...

Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center
 442 S De Mazenod Dr., Belleville, Illinois, 62223 for more exciting Scripture dialogue.

The Gospel of Judas

As we know, Judas was the apostle who betrayed Jesus and had him arrested. The Gospel of Judas takes the betrayal one step further, by saying that Judas’ actions were predestined – he was a demon who could not stop the fate that what was written for him in the stars.

Cost: \$15

Register at: snows.org/events or call (618) 394-6281.

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.

Mark your calendars...the fun is about to begin

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When: Saturday, March 14, 2026 Where: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Center

Watch for more details

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

Ash Wednesday	February 18, 2026
Stations of the Cross	Fridays @ 7:00 p.m. (February 20-March 27, 2026)
Trivia Night	March 14, 2026
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!

King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center – "From the Tower of Babel to Pentecost: Embracing our Differences, Praising in Unity"

Presenter: Danielle Harrison

Monday, February 16, 2026, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center

Cost: \$60.00 (lunch included)

This day of reflection will look at the stories of the Tower of Babel and Pentecost to see what the Spirit is saying to the Church at this moment. How can we embrace what Francis de Sales calls, "Uni-Diversity"? And what is the work that our souls must have in order to help bring God's Kingdom on earth?

For information, please call 618-397-0584 or go to <https://kh.snows.org/events/harrison-dor-2026/>