



## Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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**Administrator: Reverend Andrew J. Knopik**



**The Very Reverend Godfrey Muller, OSB**  
**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 25, 2026**

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

There was this little boy who was scared of the dark. One evening his mother asked him to go out onto the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy said, "Mama, please don't make me go out there. It's dark and you know I'm scared of the dark." His mother smiled at him and said reassuringly, "There's no need to be afraid of the dark. Jesus is out there and he'll look after you and protect you." The little boy seemed unsure and said, "Are you sure Jesus is out there?" The mother said, "Yes, I'm sure. Jesus is everywhere and is always there and ready to help when you're in need." The boy thought for a moment, then went to the back door and opened it slightly. He looked out into the darkness and called out, "Jesus, if you're out there, please pass me the broom."

There is a morning prayer that sat on my desk at work and now sits on my desk at home that says, "Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't handle." This simple prayer echoes the Prophet Isaiah in our first reading that no matter what darkness shadows us today Jesus Christ is the light that brightens our path. His light not only dispels the darkness; it is the promise that we will not face anything alone as long as we believe in Him. St. Paul urges the Corinthians to stay united in Christ (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17). We must remember that there is nothing on earth more powerful than Christ who died for us. As a child, we idolized superheroes such a Superman, Spider-Man or Wonder Woman (to name a few) because they always conquered the bad guys and saved the people from harm. Our readings today reveal the one true superhero. The one who shines through the deepest darkness, who gave His very life to save us from eternal darkness; the One who never abandons us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Matthew's reading today, we hear how Jesus began to build His team as He called the Apostles to follow Him. They heard His voice and left their families to blindly follow Him. When do you hear the voice of Jesus Christ? Do you abandon your present way of life to follow His call? Like a moth to the flame, do you see the light and are drawn to it? Be encouraged as we move toward the Lenten season, that Jesus Christ your superhero will always be with you and as the morning prayer says, there is nothing today that you and Christ can't handle together.~Joan

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

**Sunday, January 25, The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ 7:30 a.m. Confession is available  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Charles and Joan Frederick+**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Helen and Ron Whited and Family**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Parishioners of Holy Family Church**

**Monday, January 26, Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, January 27, St. Angela Merici, Virgin**  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Henry, Marie and Blake Rene Urke and Ted and Delores Rogers+**

**Wednesday, January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Holy Family Men’s Club**

**Thursday, January 29—Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Nancy Merkle+**

**Friday, January 30—Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Parishioners of Holy Family**

**Saturday, January 31, Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family—**Judith Pariseau+**

**Sunday, February 1, The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ 7:30 a.m. Confession is available  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Alan Hoock+**  
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Fred and Elaine Fitzpatrick Family members, living and deceased**  
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Andrew M Knopik+**



**The Women’s Club Quilt Raffle**

The Quilter’s have another beautiful quilt ready and the raffle is **Sunday, March 8, 2026**. Tickets are available in the back of church. Be sure to take enough for your friends and relatives. **Patrons will have the opportunity to take the quilt or \$100 cash!**

For questions or extra tickets, please see Carol McClanahan or Mickey Casey.



**Knights of Columbus Council 4596**  
**Pork Steak Dinner Fundraiser**  
**Thank you**

We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us again. Your support is appreciated in making these fundraisers the success they are. Duane McClanahan, Sacred Heart Chair



**Parish SUPPORT**

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

**January 11, 2026**

**General Collections**

Envelopes (16)	\$ 827.00
Loose	8.00
Candles	0.00
Other Donations	<u>\$ 20.00</u>

**Total General Collections \$ 855.00**

**Special Collections**

**Total Special Collections \$ 0.00**

**Total Deposit \$ 855.00**

**Maintenance Fund (1) \$ 20.00**

**Mass Intentions (0) \$ 0.00**

**Society of St. Vincent dePaul (0) \$ 0.00**

**January 18, 2026**

**General Collections**

Envelopes (8)	\$ 400.00
Loose	3.00
Candles	<u>\$ 15.00</u>

**Total General Collections and Deposit \$ 418.00**

**Mass Intentions (4) \$ 40.00**

*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>.



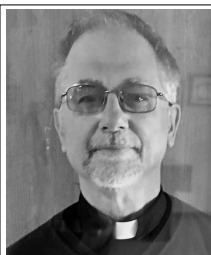
**The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 1, 2026**



**Sacristan:**  
**Lector**  
**Host**  
**Choir Host**

**Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf**  
**Emily Weber**  
**Kathy Koebbe**  
**Emily Weber**



**FATHER ANDY'S CORNER**

Thank you...Thank you...Thank you  
Thank you very much for your many cards and gifts that I received over Christmas-time. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. As we worked together in 2025, may we continue to do so in 2026. Happy New Year! **Fr. Andy**

**Dear All:** Today, January 25 is, “**Sunday of the Word of God**”, may we be extra-attentive to Scripture proclaimed at our Eucharistic celebration! “Thanks be to God” and “Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.” **Father Andy**

**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, Jerry Hight, 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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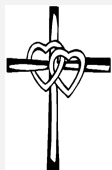


♪Happy Birthday to ♪ ♪ ♪You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪  
birthday ♪ ♪dear...**January: 24th-Father Evaristus Akabueze**

**February: 11th-Joanna Mentel**

**15th-Pete Nichols and Father Andy Knopik**

**17th-Jonathan Koebbe and David Walster 23rd-James Urke 23rd-Jill Chartrand**



**Happy Anniversary to...February**

**3rd Timothy and Donna Frederick**

**35 Years**

**28th Ronald and Joanna Mental**

**55 Year**

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



**A special prayer request for I. D. Cleveland and his family**

As some of you may have heard, our parish Council President, I.D. Cleveland, has been battling cancer. Recently they found a mass in his chest and he will be facing surgery. He would appreciate you keeping him and his family in your prayers as they face this cross. Thank you for your prayers.



**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*

Today’s Gospel is the story of Jesus beginning His Church on earth. He calls Peter and Andrew to be “fishers of men.” He likewise enlists James and John, Zebedee’s sons, to follow Him. We are ALL called to be fishers of men, women, and children through the example of our daily lives. We are charged with “abandoning our nets” and help each other to live the vocation we’ve each been uniquely called to. We need to minimally pray each day for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life. World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on Feb. 2 nd (observed in parishes Feb. 7-8). Please offer a prayer for all of them who have touched our lives.

**Respect for Life Corner**

Each year on January 22, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over 60 million lives have been lost. That’s more than the size of Italy’s population. On June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade. While God, in His mercy, ended the nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed. This coming Thursday, we set aside a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or giving alms. <https://www.usccb.org/resources/rfp-20-action-guide-roe-anniversary.pdf>



You are invited to join a **Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land for 12-days from November 30-December 11, 2026**. The pilgrimage includes visits to Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, CRS Projects in the area, and much more!

To get your name on a priority list for registration when it is available contact Cheryl Sommer, CRS Coordinator for the Belleville Diocese, at 618-624-2838 or send an email to [crsdiobelle@gmail.com](mailto:crsdiobelle@gmail.com).

*Gaudeamus*  
 — Let Us Rejoice!  
**SEMINARIAN GALA**  
 Answering the Call. Supporting the Journey.

**Saturday, April 11**  
**Holy Trinity Church**  
**Fairview Hts., IL**  
 4:00 pm - Mass  
 5:00 pm - Cocktail Hour  
 6:00 pm - Dinner & Auction



To Register please visit - <https://www.diobelle.org/>  
 Or Scan the QR Code  
 For more information please contact Mary Fleming [mfleming@diobelle.org](mailto:mfleming@diobelle.org) or 618-722-5031



**The Messenger Renewal Weekend**  
**February 7-8, 2026**

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal Weekend is Feb. 7-8. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to The Messenger Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at [www.bellevillemessenger.org](http://www.bellevillemessenger.org) and click SUBSCRIBE or call 618-722-5045 during business hours for phone payment. The cost for a 1-year subscription is \$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. **Please make checks payable to The Messenger** and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.

# 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

## Sacred Heart

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**When: Saturday, March 14, 2026 Where: Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.**

**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 @ 6:00 p.m. (February 20-March 27, 2026)
<b>Trivia Night</b>	<b>March 14, 2026</b>
Sacred Triduum	April 2-4, 2026
Easter Sunday	April 5, 2026
Solemnity 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!**

## Kings House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center – Lenten Day of Reflection: *On the Lenten Journey*

**Presenter: Virginia Herbers**

**Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Shrine Visitors Center**

**Cost: \$60.00 (lunch included) For more information call 618-397-0584 or go to [www.kh.snows.org](http://www.kh.snows.org)**

Lent is a time for greater reflection and greater attention to our faith journey. Our Lenten journey occurs as we cross a boundary from winter to spring, as we traverse a path that leads through darkness to light, through death to life, through pain to redemption. As we pray together on this day of reflection, we will explore the invitations to journey with God through those spaces and places, trusting that our final destination is the joy of new life.

# Continue with Events around the Parish, within the Diocese and in the community

**St. Bruno Catholic School PTO**  
**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT  
 BREAKFAST**



**Sunday, January 25th, 2026  
 8am - Noon**  
**Columbian Club of Pinckneyville**

**JOIN US FOR DELICIOUS  
 FOOD & RAFFLES!**

**\$12  
 ADULT**  


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**\$7  
 KIDS 4-12**

**Pancakes, Sausage,  
 Biscuits & Gravy, Eggs,  
 Coffee, Juice, Milk**

**Dine-In or Carry-Out  
 Available**

**Lunch & Card Party**  
**Tuesday, February 3, 2026**  
**St. Luke's Parish Center**  
 226 North Church St., Belleville, IL



Play Cards or a Board Game of your choice & BINGO  
 Doors Open-10:30am, Lunch Served-Noon, Event Ends-3pm  
 Delicious Lunch! Have fun & support St. Luke's Parish!

**MENU: Chicken à la King over Biscuit,  
 Tossed Salad, Chunky Applesauce,  
 Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water**

**Tally: \$10 (includes lunch or lunch carryout)  
 Cards & BINGO with prizes**

Bring canned goods  
 for the Food Pantry  
 In case of bad weather, an announcement  
 will be made on the parish website.



## Sacred Heart Parish Tithing Tax Report

If you would like your tithing contribution report for 2025, please send your request to our email at:  
[sacredheartdupo@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartdupo@gmail.com)

Or cut out this form and put it in the collection basket.

Please be sure to include this information so that the correct tithing report is provided.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know if you wish to receive your report:

By Mail:  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/zip \_\_\_\_\_

by email at: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please leave my tithing report in the back of church.



We are excited to celebrate our Class of 2030 on Friday, January 16, 2026 it is shaping up to be a great class already! We are still taking applications by going to: <https://gibaulthawks.com> and click "APPLY". Tuition Assistance Applications are also being accepted until **February 28, 2026**. All 7th and

8th graders can schedule a shadow visit and spend the day with one of our Student Ambassadors by going to:

<https://gibaulthawks.com> and click "INQUIRE"

Questions can also be emailed to our Admission Coordinator Pam Kueker at: [pkueker@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pkueker@gibaulthawks.com).

**We want to welcome your student Home at Gibault!**