



## Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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By Appointment

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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 @ 3:30 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

February 15, 2026

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

**A drunk man who smelled like beer sat down on a subway seat next to a priest.** The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say, Father, what causes arthritis?" "My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol and a contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes and lack of bath." "Well, I'll be darn!" the drunk muttered, returning to his paper. The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?" "I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does."

In Matthew's Gospel today Jesus explains that He did not come to change the Laws Moses brought down the mountain from the Father, but rather to expand on their definition (Matthew 5:17). Jesus wants us to understand that it is not just following the law, but avoiding anything that will challenge us in keeping the laws. Temptation, even when not acted upon, is the catalyst for sinning. Jesus wants us to understand that! Our thoughts, though hidden from the world, are not hidden from God. I remember when I started dating, my Mom said, "Watch what you do. You can lie to me, you can lie even to yourself, but you can never lie to God." That is in essence what St. Paul is explaining to the Corinthians in the Second Reading. "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart..." (1 Corinthians 2:9) is still seen, heard and revealed to God.

The Prophet Sirach tells us that God has set the law before us. We are given the choice to sin or not. But God does not leave us high and dry, He gives us the most Holy Spirit to help us when we feel the pull of temptation. This world has many diversions and it is not always easy to see the temptation in the heat of the moment, so we have to stay alert. As we engage in the world this week, ask the Holy Spirit to be your guide. Ask Him to help you see what your eyes cannot not detect, what your ears are not hearing, and open your heart to the love of our God.~Joan

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

**Sunday, February 15, The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Happy birthday Father Andy*

+ 7:30 a.m. Confession is available  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–**Dorine and Bernard Uhrhan+**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church–**Valentine and Evelyn Klunk+**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Andrea, Elizabeth, Luke, Drew and Emily and Father Andy’s Birthday**

**Monday, February 16, President’s Day** No Mass

**Tuesday, February 17, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Women’s Club Members, living and deceased**

**Wednesday, February 18–Ash Wednesday**

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Steven Bachmann+**  
7:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart– **For lost souls in Purgatory**

**Thursday after Ash Wednesday, February 19**

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–**For an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, order of Deacons and Religious Life**

**Friday after Ash Wednesday, February 20**

8 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Virgil Diveley+**

**Stations of the Cross:**  
Holy Family after morning Mass  
6:00 p.m. @ Sacred Heart

**Saturday, February 21, Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent**

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family–**Helen Knopik+**

**Sunday, February 22, The First Sunday of Lent**

+ 7:30 a.m. Confession is available  
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–**Herman and Ruth Berg+**  
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church–**Helen**

**Whited and family**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Mary Jo Troske+**



**Parish SUPPORT**

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

February 1, 2026

**General Collections**

Envelopes (23)	\$2,335.00
Loose	68.00
Candles	17.00
Other Donations	\$ 0.00
<b>Total General Collections</b>	<b>\$2,420.00</b>

**Special Collections**

First Offering (1)	\$ 5.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	20.00
<b>Total Special Collections</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$2,445.00</b>

**Maintenance Fund (10)** \$ 345.00

**Mass Intentions (13)** \$ 130.00

**The Messenger (2)** \$ 45.00

**Society of St. Vincent dePaul (4)** \$ 110.00

February 8, 2026

**General Collections**

Envelopes (20)	\$ 1,025.00
Loose	77.00
Candles	0.00
Other Donations	\$ 0.00
<b>Total General Collections</b>	<b>\$1,102.00</b>

**Special Collections**

First Offering (1)	\$ 5.00
<b>Total Special Collections</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$1,107.00</b>

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

**Mass Intentions (30)** \$ 300.00

**The Messenger ( )** \$ 0.00

**Society of St. Vincent dePaul (2)** \$ 130.00

*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 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 look in the box in the back of church or see Carol McClanahan or Mickey Casey.



*May your new year be full of God’s blessings!*

*Happy Birthday Father Andy*

*Sunday, February 15th*

*From the Sacred Heart faith family.*



**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 18, 2026**



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

**The First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 22, 2026**

<b>Sacristan:</b>	<b>Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Dennis Martin</b>
<b>Host</b>	<b>Joan Scharf</b>
<b>Choir Host</b>	<b>Geri Basinski</b>

**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, 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, Dawn Snider, Abby Steffen, Kingston Todd, Patty Urke, Joshua Wade, Evermore Grace Wagner, Maryann Wagner, Angela and Emily Weber, 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](mailto:sacredheartdupo@gmail.com)



♪Happy Birthday to ♪ ♪ You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy ♪ birthday ♪ ♪dear...February:

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

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

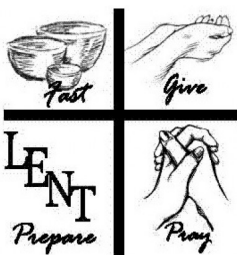
**25th-Jill Chartrand**



**Happy Anniversary to...February**

**28th Ronald and Joanna Mental 55 Years**

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



**Black and Indian Missions  
Collection Sunday, February 22, 2026**

Hearts Aflame

AN EVENING TO CELEBRATE AND DEEPEN LOVE FOR COUPLES MARRIED 10 YEARS OR LESS

7 MARCH	Corpus Christi Church 205 Rasp Street, Shiloh, IL 62226	Please RSVP Before February 27
	COCKTAILS 5:30 DINNER 6:15	

Tickets are \$50 per couple and include dinner, drinks, talk and blessing by Fr. Robert Flannery, dance lesson, and babysitting

For info, e-mail Molly King ([mking@diobelle.org](mailto:mking@diobelle.org))  
Register with QR code at or [www.diobelle.org/life-marriage-family/events](http://www.diobelle.org/life-marriage-family/events)



**Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2026 begins soon. . .**  
***The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15***

*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. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship for the organizations that assist those in need throughout the Diocese of Belleville.*

**Vocation Corner**

“When I was little, I remember a teacher asking me, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Right away, I envisioned myself drawing buildings and houses. I wanted to become an architect. That dream became real but in a different way, for God had another blueprint for my life – to help build his kingdom. When I was 25 years old, I attended a “Come and See” retreat with the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, not knowing what to expect. During that retreat, I realized I liked living in community, and I also love centering everything around the Eucharist. Letting go of my dreams of becoming an architect and of getting married was difficult, but I sensed a deep fire within me that could not be contained. I thought, “This is something I could happily see myself doing.” Now, 20 years after joining the congregation, I’m blessed to serve as vocations director and a spiritual director. In this way, I firmly believe I am building God’s kingdom as an architect for the Lord.” Bro. Lucio Galicia; Missionaries of the Holy Spirit; Columbia Magazine, Sept 2025.

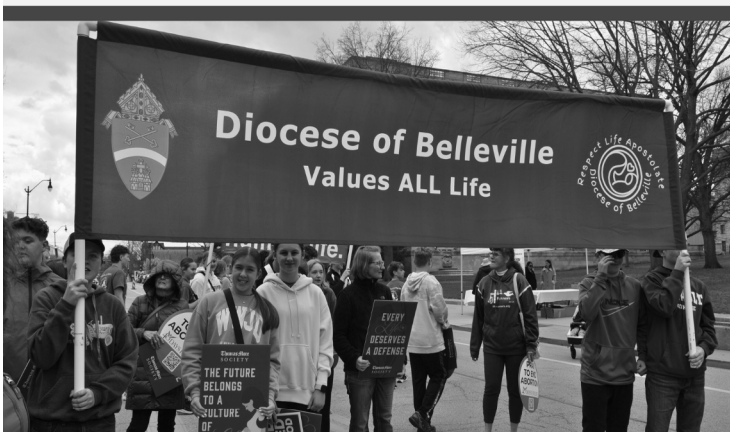


**Quest** - a 2 day faith experience for Freshmen and Sophomores. Learn about your relationships with yourself, others and God in fun ways -February 28-March 1 at St. Augustine parish Belleville IL. Sign up at [www.bellevilletec.org](http://www.bellevilletec.org). Any questions, please contact [bellevillequest@gmail.com](mailto:bellevillequest@gmail.com).

**A new youth discernment site and program endorsed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

Website & registration: <https://YouthReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org>

**ILLINOIS PRO LIFE MARCH**



**JOIN US AT THE ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH**

**MARCH 19, 2026 | SPRINGFIELD, IL**

10:00 AM – Holy Mass – Exposition Hall, State Fairgrounds

1:00 PM – Rally – State Capitol Building

2:00 PM – March Around the Capitol



A FREE TICKET IS REQUIRED FOR MASS  
 Contact Molly King to reserve your tickets: [mking@diobelle.org](mailto:mking@diobelle.org)

For information on bus transportation, T-Shirts, and parking visit [www.diobelle.org/respectlife](http://www.diobelle.org/respectlife)



**Respect for Life Corner**

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

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*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



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



## Looking for a Lenten Project? St. Vincent dePaul Casserole Project is open.

Take a pan (or as many as you like) from the back of church, follow the recipe, freeze the uncooked casserole and return it to church by Sunday, March 14th. Casseroles will be used to feed our neighbors in need. Direct questions to Rose Jordan or Butch and Joan Scharf.



## DuKare

In this season of winter 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.

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

# Trivia

## March 14, 2026

Doors open at 5:30pm Trivia starts at 7:00pm

\$100 per table of 8 max  
paid in advance

All checks payable to Sacred Heart Church PO Box 35, Dupu, IL 62239

1st Prize \$200

2nd Prize \$100

3rd Prize \$50

What:  
silent auction  
50/50  
lottery board  
cooler of booze  
attendance prizes  
Mulligans \$10

Bring your own  
beverage and snacks

Where:  
Sacred Heart Hall  
124 South 3rd St  
Dupu, IL 62239

Auction Items may be  
paid by cash/credit  
or bank card

Contact Sherri LaCroix 618-696-9451/Karen Pratt 618-541-8698

## 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 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!**



### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28 AT 7:00 PM

(Doors open at 6:00)

**Sponsored by St. Michael's Men's Club**

6 Rounds of Euchre; 12 hands per round, Partners randomly rotated each round, Team Points follow player for all rounds, All you can drink beer and soda, All you can eat fried chicken (at end of last round), Prizes awarded for top 3 places.

Tickets = \$25 per person

Location: St. Michael's Church (Paderborn) Parish Hall, 4576 Buss Branch Road, Waterloo, IL 62298

Contact for reservations: email Rich Kreher at slark4@yahoo.com or call/text 314-341-4904

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



## Lenten Abstinence and Fasting Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are **obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics**. In addition, *Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.* When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. *The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.* These guidelines can be found at: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)

### St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Waterloo, IL Annual Wurstmarkt and Quilt/Cash Bingo Sunday, February 22, 2026

**Dinners: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bingo: 1 p.m.**

Pork sausage dinners include mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, bread, dessert and drinks. Dine in or carry out.  
Adults-\$15 Carry outs-\$15 children under 12-\$8

Quilt/Cash Bingo uses paper cards for \$1 a card.

For more information contact the Parish Office at (618) 939-6426 ext. 401

### St. James Council of Catholic Women Presents...

*Take Me Out to the Ballgame Noon Luncheon*

**Thursday, April 9, 2026**

**Doors open at 10 a.m. Luncheon 12 (noon)-2:30 p.m.**

**Where:** St. James Parish Center, 405 West Madison Street, Millstadt

**Menu:** Fried chicken, Au Gratin potatoes, seasoned green beans, slaw, Jello salad, dinner rolls, and dessert **Cost:** \$15

Fun activities: Quilt/Cash and Basket Raffles, Bingo, Sweet Shop and attendance prizes

Paid Advanced reservations required. Contact: Chris Toenjes at (618) 581-5429 or reserve on-line at:

[Onecau.se/2026ccwluncheon](http://Onecau.se/2026ccwluncheon)

**Tickets will not be sold at the door!**

**Kings House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center presents...**

### A Lenten Day of Reflection on the Lenten Journey

**Presenter:** Virginia Herbers  
**When:** Thursday, March 5, 2026  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$60 (includes lunch)

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 invitation to journey with God through those spaces and places, trusting that our final destination is the joy of new life.

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

### 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.