



## 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

**March 1, 2026**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**Year A**

When the parish cut his salary, the devout pastor took a job delivering pizzas to make ends meet. On his first day on the job, he was walking past a big construction site when he heard the workers using the foulest language he'd ever heard. He stopped and asked the man closest to him, "Do you know Jesus Christ?" The worker bellowed to his colleagues, "Hey, does anybody know Jesus Christ? His pizza is here."

This Sunday is recognized as the "Transfiguration of Jesus". Peter, James and John witness the confirmation of Jesus' identity as the Son of God, the Messiah. If they had any doubt about Jesus' identity, their witness of His transfiguring, His conversing with Moses and Elijah and God's acknowledgement that Jesus is "His beloved Son" erased that doubt. This is the second of the three times God confirms Jesus' identity as His beloved Son. All three times are found in the New Testament. First at His Baptism, the second at the Transfiguration and the final time will be in the Temple when Jesus asks His Father to glorify His name. So why were Peter, James and John the only disciples to accompany Jesus to the mountain? They were considered His closest followers, cut from the same mold as Elijah and Moses. This pivotal event moves from the Old Testament foretelling of Jesus' coming to the New Testament acknowledging that the Messiah, the Son of God has arrived. Why did Jesus instruct the disciples not to tell anyone of what they just witnessed? As we will hear through the Lenten story, Jesus' hour has not yet come. These things were to be told after the events unfold as a way of confirming all that had been proclaimed about Him in the Old Testament. The events will be verified as truth in the New Testament Gospels for our benefit.

How many times do you doubt Christ's identity? After 2,000 years of testimony do you still have doubts? Many of us do! When we experience grief, loneliness or periods of misfortune, it is very hard to believe that Jesus is walking with us. Even though the Old and New testaments provide confirmation of His constant presence with us, we still sometimes doubt. Take this week to spend time in prayer asking Jesus to strengthen our belief in His undying love and presence with us.~Joan

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

(+ Deceased)

**Sunday, March 1, The Second Sunday of Lent**

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—**Renee and Carlos Gallegos**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Virgil Dively+**

**Monday, March 2, Weekday in Lent No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 3, St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin**  
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Henry, Marie and Blake Rene Urke and Ted and Delores Rogers+**

**Wednesday, March 4—St. Casimir**  
 8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Andrew M. Knopik**

**Thursday, March 5—Weekday in Lent**  
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Patricia Fann+ & I.D. Cleveland (Recovery)**

**Friday, March 6—Weekday in Lent First Friday**  
 8 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Holy Family Quilters**

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

**Saturday, March 7, Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent**

10:00 a.m. Rosary for all Life @ Sacred Heart  
 5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family—**Thomas and James Carrico, Bobby Sumpter and Mike Rodnik+**

**Sunday, March 8, The Third Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving Time begins**  
 7:30 a.m. Confession is available  
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Uhrhan**

**Family members, living and deceased**  
 9:00 a.m. Coffee and donut fellowship in the parish center  
 9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Fred & Elaine Fitzpatrick Family, Living and Deceased**  
 10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Dennie Dengler+**

Join us for the Holy Rosary next Saturday, March 7th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church. Direct questions to Carol McClanahan, Chair.

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

During this time of Lent, prayerfully consider your stewardship for the following Almsgiving opportunities. Visit: [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org)  
**Sunday, March 8, 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal (CSMA) Collection begins.**

Sunday, March 15, 2026 Catholic Relief Services Collections



**Parish SUPPORT**

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

**February 15, 2026**

**General Collections**

Envelopes ( 14)	\$ 400.00
Loose	27.00
Candles	5.00
Other Donations	\$ 0.00

**Total General Collections \$ 432.00**

**Special Collections**

Ash Wednesday (1)	\$ 50.00
Black and Indian Mission (1)	20.00

**Total Special Collections \$ 70.00**

**Total Deposit \$ 502.00**

<b>Maintenance Fund (1)</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions (6)</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>The Messenger (0)</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Society of St. Vincent dePaul (0)</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**February 22, 2026**

**General Collections**

Envelopes (15)	\$1,070.00
Loose	27.00
Candles	20.00
On-line Donations	\$ 40.00

**Total General Collections \$1,157.00**

**Special Collections**

First Offering (1)	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday (8)	222.00
Black and Indian Mission (3)	85.00

**Total Special Collections \$ 312.00**

**Total Deposit \$1,469.00**

<b>Maintenance Fund (0)</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions (2)</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>The Messenger (1)</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Society of St. Vincent dePaul (1)</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>

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 Third Sunday in Lent  
 March 8, 2026**



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



Thank You all for your wonderful birthday gifts, cards and prayers. I am truly blessed to be a member of your parish family.

**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, 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**  
**Hunter Kelling, U. S. Navy**  
**Joseph F. Gloeckner, U. S. Navy**

Sister of Jake Weber  
Son of Holly and Travis Kelling  
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>

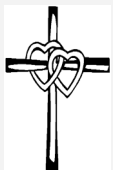
**Where to Watch Mass**-<https://www.youtube.com/@SacredHeartCatholicChurch-Dupo> or on our Facebook page at: [Sacred Heart Parish, Dupo, IL](https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartParishDupoIL)

**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...**March: 3rd-Shirley Mallett**

**10th-Jagger Kenner and Geraldine McCoy 17th-Lindsey Kenner**  
**24th-Ron Mentel 26th-Barbara Cleveland 27th-Tim Frederick**



**Happy Anniversary to...March**

**3rd Brad and Carol Cronin**

**45 Years**

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



**The Women's Club Quilt Raffle**

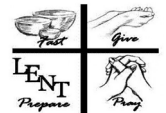
The Quilter's have another beautiful quilt ready and the raffle is **Sunday, March 8, 2026.** Tickets are available in the back of church.

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.



**Looking for a Lenten Project? St. Vincent dePaul Casserole Project is available.**



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.** Some of the casseroles will be used to feed those neighbors within our communities who are in need and the rest will be delivered to soup kitchens to feed the hungry.

Direct questions to Rose Jordan or Butch and Joan Scharf.



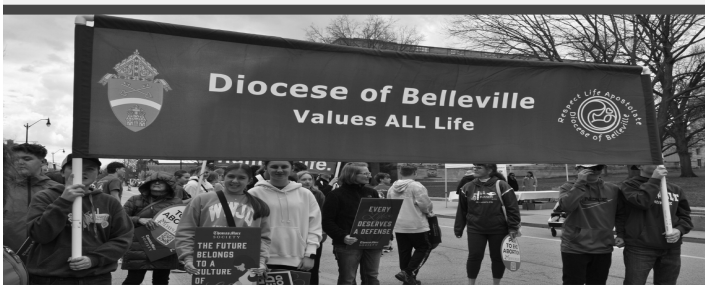
**Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2026 begins soon. . .**  
***The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15***

*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*

“From a young age, I desired to be noticed by Jesus in a particular way. By age 13, Good Friday left me with an ache to suffer with the crucified Lord. At age 16, I read the Song of Songs and declared “I want a love like that.” Jesus became my first love. Though I was open to religious life, I also love the idea of marriage. In college, I replaced Jesus as the center of my life with the man I thought I’d marry. Deep down, I felt Jesus’ claim on my life and fought against Him for it, in restless pursuit of a tangible spouse. But Jesus brought me to surrender. In the Eucharistic presence of the divine bridegroom the attraction of all earthly bridegrooms faded away. Jesus gave himself entirely for me on the cross. I now yearned to give my whole self to him. Today, as a Passionist nun, I stand at the foot of the Cross, wedded to Redeeming Love. Jesus crucified does not disappoint. He is the fairest bridegroom of all.” Sr. Maria Faustina Carmichael; Passionist Nuns of St. Joseph Monastery; Columbia Magazine Oct. 2025

**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**

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
 Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent

**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)

*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 [mleming@diobelle.org](mailto:mleming@diobelle.org) or 618-722-5031



The Diocese of Belleville is seeking a **Buildings and Grounds Technician**. Candidates should have a minimum of a high school diploma or GED, and five or more years’ experience with building maintenance and repairs.  
**Visit:** <https://www.diobelle.org/temporal-affairs/human-resources/employment-opportunities> for the full advertisement.  
**Deadline: March 13, 2026**

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

## Singles Late 50s and Above

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on **April 10-12, 2026**. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it!

For details visit us by-email: [renewretreat.stl@gmail.com](mailto:renewretreat.stl@gmail.com), on our website: [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), or by telephone at: (314) 703-1002 .



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

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

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

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

Stations of the Cross	Fridays @ 6:30 p.m. (February 20-March 27, 2026)
<i>Trivia Night</i>	<b>March 14, 2026</b>
Palm Sunday	March 29, 2026
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral	March 31, 2026
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	August 15, 2026
Of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday-obligation dispensed)	
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!**

## The Messenger Catholic Newspaper is Offering Personalized Tributes for Easter

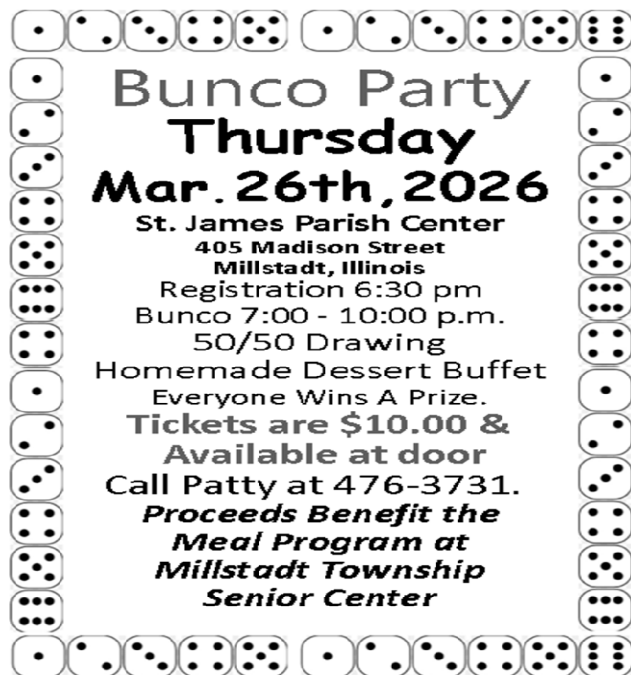
Your tribute will appear in the April 10th edition of the Messenger. The cost is \$20 per name.

Please return your Easter Tributes to the Messenger at 222 South Third Street, Belleville, IL 62230 by Friday, March 20, 2026. If you have any questions, please call (618) 722-5047 or email [advertising@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:advertising@bellevillemessenger.org).

Request sheets are on the table in the back of church.

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

St. James Council of Catholic Women Presents...



**Bunco Party  
Thursday  
Mar. 26th, 2026**  
St. James Parish Center  
405 Madison Street  
Millstadt, Illinois  
Registration 6:30 pm  
Bunco 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
50/50 Drawing  
Homemade Dessert Buffet  
Everyone Wins A Prize.  
**Tickets are \$10.00 &  
Available at door**  
Call Patty at 476-3731.  
**Proceeds Benefit the  
Meal Program at  
Millstadt Township  
Senior Center**

**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:

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

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

**The Metro-East Vicariate Council of Catholic Women (MEV CCW) is seeking a President Elect.** Do you have room in your life for something more... yearn to use your God-given talents to serve a greater purpose? Like to lead? Let's talk. There are a variety of opportunities to join your sisters in Christ in local and vicariate CCW. Roles range from member in the local ladies' group to leader at the national level. "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." (Eccles 3:1). Is this the time to deepen your relationship with God while working side by side with other Catholic ladies? Text Maggie at 618-792-4644 to get started on a new and inspiring life-changing journey.

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)**

## Lunch & Card Party

**Tuesday, March 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.