



## Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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Administrator: *Reverend Andrew J. Knopik*



*The Very Reverend Godfrey Muller, OSB*  
*Bishop 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 22, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Year A**

A man took a vacation to Israel with his wife and mother-in-law. During their time in the Holy Land, his mother-in-law unexpectedly passed away. The following day, the husband met with the local undertaker to discuss funeral plans. "In cases like these, there are a couple of options to choose from," the undertaker explained. "You can ship the body home for \$5,000, or you can bury her in the Holy Land for just \$150." The man took a minute to think about it, and then announced his decision to ship her home. The undertaker, intrigued by his decision, said, "That's an interesting choice. Can I ask why would you pay \$5,000 to ship your mother-in-law home, when you can easily bury her here for \$150?" The man promptly replied, "About 2,000 years ago, a man died and was buried here. Three days later he rose from the dead, and I can't take that chance!"

"I will be there for you. You can count on me." These words comfort us, especially when they come from a trusted friend or relative. Our parents did not have to say these words (even though they may have a time or two) because we knew they always had our backs. We truly believed in their unconditional love. As we grew, however, there were times when our parents, friends or relatives did not react as quickly as we wanted or thought they should have to our problem. Maybe we had to face our problem by ourselves, perhaps they helped on the backside with advice or a solution. Just as Martha's faith in Jesus was intact, we did not doubt our parents' love and concern for us.

We know that God's time is not our time. The people in our lives may not react with the same urgency as we think they should because their life experiences and views may see the problem differently. Jesus knew Lazarus' death was not final. We sometimes feel God is testing our faith. Perhaps He is. He may be giving us the opportunity to trust Him with our whole heart. Jesus did not abandon Martha, Mary and Lazarus; He simply knew the outcome already. Sometime in our lives we most likely heard our parents say, "I have already been through this and I pretty well know the outcome. You will be okay." That is what our readings today are saying to us. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit already know the outcome of our trials, we just have to trust them. May your Lenten journey provide you the confidence to face your crosses with the knowledge that we are not alone on this journey called life and death.~Joan

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

(+ Deceased)

**Sunday, March 22, The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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– **Helen & Ron Whited and Family**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Pluff Family members, Living and Deceased**

**Monday, March 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**  
 No Mass

**Tuesday, March 24, Weekday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart –**Jim and Nancy Merkley and Father Gene Neff+**

**Wednesday, March 25-Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**John Lampe+**

**Thursday, March 26-Weekday of Lent**

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–**Father Gene Neff and Alan Hoock+**

**Friday, March 27-Weekday in Lent**

8 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Lawrence Frost+**

**Stations of the Cross:**  
 Holy Family after morning Mass  
 6:30 p.m. @ Sacred Heart

**Saturday, March 28, Vigil of Palm Sunday**

5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family–**Carlos Zavala Jr.+**

**Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Confession is available  
 8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart–**James and Ursola Cronin+**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church–**The Log Church Parishioners**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family–**Holy Family Parishioners**



**Parish SUPPORT**

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

March 15, 2026

**General Collections**

Envelopes (11)	\$380.00
Loose	0.00
Candles	0.00
On-line Donations	\$ 0.00

**Total General Collections**

**\$380.00**

**Special Collections**

CSMA (2)	\$350.00
Catholic Relief Services (3)	60.00
Easter Flowers (1)	25.00

**Total Special Collections**

**\$435.00**

**Total Deposit**

**\$815.00**

**Maintenance Fund ()**

**\$ 0.00**

**Mass Intentions ()**

**\$ 0.00**

**The Messenger ()**

**\$ 0.00**

**Society of St. Vincent dePaul ()**

**\$ 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>.

**Palm Sunday**  
 March 29, 2026



**Sacristan:**  
**Lector**  
**Narrator**  
**Voice**  
**Host**  
**Choir Host**

**Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf**  
**Phyllis Gould**  
**Geri Basinski**  
**Dennis Martin**  
**Joan Scharf**  
**Kathy Koebbe**



**Parish Council Nominations are now open**

We have two three-year and one two-year council position open for nominations in the April election. If you would like to nominate someone or be put on the ballot, please use the nomination form on page 6 and put it in the collection box in the back of church. Direct questions to Peggy Hoffmann. There is also one **Trustee position expiring** (please speak with Fr. Andy, **this is not a nominated position**).



Sunday, March 15, 2026 **Catholic Relief Services Collections began.**

**Sacred Triduum (at Holy Family) and Easter Mass and Service Schedule**

**Holy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday, April 3-Service begins at 7:00 p.m.**

**Holy Saturday, April 4-8:00 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday, April 5-8:00 a.m., at Sacred Heart and 10 a.m. at Holy Family**

**Note:** There will be no Stations of the Cross On Good Friday.



We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this year's event successful. There is a lot of work behind the scenes and it takes our wonderful faith family to make it happen. We are still calculating all the final numbers, so we will post the total next week.

Thank you all, **Sherri LaCroix and Karen Pratt, Co-chairs**

**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, Brenda Nichols, 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 Ashlyn Wagner, 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**



**\*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...**March: 24th-Ron Mentel 26th-Barbara Cleveland**  
**27th-Tim Frederick**

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



### **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)



If you have a free hour or two to help spruce up the church and parish center for Easter, join us on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. For questions please see I.D. or Barbara Cleveland.



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

On behalf of Father Godfrey Mullen, Bishop of the Belleville Diocese, and diocesan ministries and programs, a most heartfelt thanks to all those who have already responded with a gift to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. If you have not done so as yet, there's still plenty of time. One-time donations or pledges – in any amount – are needed and can be made through your parish or at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) (click on “Giving to the Diocese”). Your generosity supports 17 agencies and programs that daily serve thousands of people. Please consider making your gift today or at any time you are able in the coming months. We also ask for your prayers for the success of this year's appeal and all those we serve. Thank you and may God bless you always.

**Please make your check out to the parish and write CSMA in the memo line.**

### Vocation Corner

Today's Gospel recounts the death and rising of Lazarus. Wow! Who gets a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance to live their life? But how did this come to be? It was because of the power of God Almighty that Lazarus got another chance to follow the Lord and proclaim His goodness. We won't get a second chance to follow the “call” of God in our lives like Lazarus. So, we need to be attentive now to the call from within our hearts to become who we've been called to be. Roll away the stone and hear what the Lord wants us to be – maybe even a priest, sister, or brother.

### Respect for Life Corner

March 25th marks the anniversary of the papal Encyclical Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life). Written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995, this document on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people. It reaffirms the “greatness and the inestimable value of human life” (EV 2) and addresses present-day legal, ethical, and moral threats to life. <https://www.respectlife.org/gospel-of-life>



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 Metro-East Vicariate Council of Catholic Women (MEV CCW) Spring Day of Prayer Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at Queen of Peace Parish, Belleville Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.

Events include: Eucharistic Celebration; Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB speaking on Stewardship of Faith: Sharing the Gift We've Been Given; Spiritual Exercise; Pot of Gold (50/50) Drawing; Basket Raffle; Attendance prizes; Empty Boxes of Joy pickup; Collection of personal care items for Our Brothers Keepers (cash donations also accepted); Short business meeting with installation of new officers and parish council reports.

**Note:** We will need to be finished by 2:00 in order to allow safe pickup for the QoP students, so my goal is to keep things running on time.

It really will be a great day! The Agenda and Registration forms are in the back of church. Registration online at: <https://forms.gle/nWT9J8gob6Xcz1t39>



### Gibault Catholic High School News and events....

Join the Gibault Women's Club for Taste of the Region – Come out and enjoy delicious food and beverages from local restaurants and vendors. For more information go to [igfn.us/form/G6dn3A](https://www.igfn.us/form/G6dn3A).

Calling ALL 6th-8th graders! Join us for a Junior High Party on the Patio on April 17th from 6-8pm. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AAAC28A5FEC16-62702280-junior> to sign up. Come hang out with our student ambassadors and have some fun!

We are still taking applications - Go to <https://gibalthawks.com> and click “APPLY” to apply. Freshman Scholarship Applications are due by March 31, 2026. 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. Questions can also be emailed to our Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker at [pkueker@gibalthawks.com](mailto:pkueker@gibalthawks.com). We want to welcome your student Home at Gibault!

### St. Teresa Church, Marydale DRIVE-THRU Chicken Dinner

Sunday, March 22, 2026 Serving 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$15.00 per Meal

**Meal includes:** ½ Fried Chicken (4 pieces), Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Slaw

**Available:** Handmade Quilt Raffle

**Located** six miles north of Carlyle on Route 127

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(Follow us on Facebook @MarydaleStTeresa)

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

## 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)
Palm Sunday	March 29, 2026
Church and Hall cleaning	March 30, 2026
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral	March 31, 2026
Sacred Triduum	April 2-4, 2026
Easter Sunday	April 5, 2026
Parish Council nominations due	April 5, 2027
Parish Council Elections	April 12 and 19, 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!**



## 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; **Manwich© and jelly** 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.

Knights of Columbus #4596 presents

# Color Raffle Only

## April 12, 2026

Games start @ 1 pm

Holy Family Gymnasium  
109 Church St., Cahokia, IL

**8 games \$250 payout**      **2 games \$500 payout**

For more info contact Bo: [Franey727@gmail.com](mailto:Franey727@gmail.com)

Proceeds benefit: **Knights of Columbus Charities**

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### Sacred Heart Parish Council Nomination Ballot

Parish Council Elections-elections will take place on **Sunday, April 12 and 19, 2026**. Two 3-year and one two-year positions that will be up for election. If you would like to run for or nominate someone for a position on the parish council please use this form. Place the form in the Nomination box or give it to Peggy Hoffmann

**Nominations are due by April 5, 2026.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
would like to add **my name** to the parish council ballot.

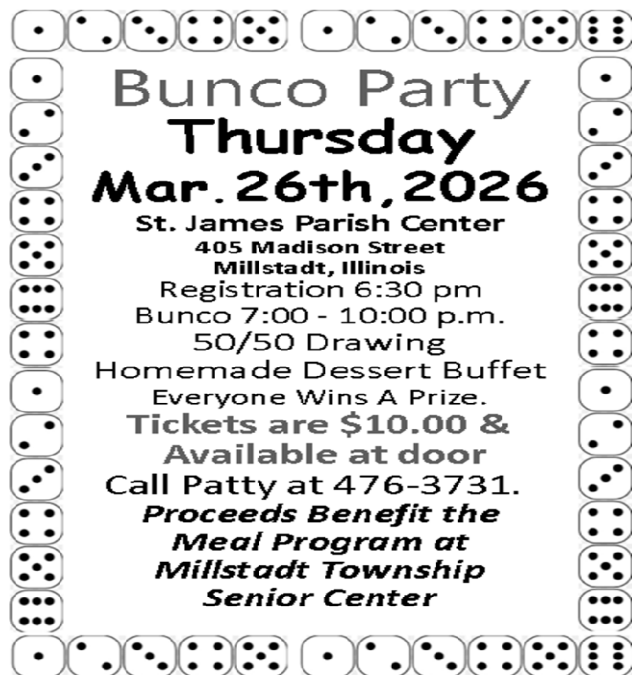
Or

I, would like to **nominate**:

\_\_\_\_\_ to the parish council ballot.

# 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:

[Onecau.se/2026ccwluncheon](https://onecau.se/2026ccwluncheon)

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

## 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 .

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

*Church History Series: A History of  
Heaven and Hell*

**Presenter:** Mark Etling, PhD  
**When:** Saturdays, March 28, 2026  
**Time:** 10:00 am to 12:00 noon  
**Cost:** \$15 per session/\$45 for the series

### A History of Heaven and Hell

For centuries, thinkers both religious and secular have pondered the mystery of the afterlife. What happens when we die? Is there a place of eternal bliss – or eternal punishment? Will everyone experience happiness in the afterlife – or just some? Will we continue to exist at all? In this three-session series, we will explore the mystery of heaven and hell as it evolved in ancient Greek thought, in ancient Judaism, at the time of Jesus and in the theology of early Christianity. **For more information call 618-397-0584 or go to [www.kh.snows.org](http://www.kh.snows.org)**

***Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of Its Non-Violent God*** – a 4-week spring video study featuring John Dominic Crossan

**Facilitator:** Fr. Mark Dean, OMI

**Dates:** Tuesdays, April 7, 21, 28, May 5, 2026

**Time:** 10 am – 12 Noon

In this four-part series, one of the world's foremost historical Jesus scholars helps the church rise above the greatest of Christian treasons: that everlasting peace can only be achieved through the onslaught of divine violence.

**Cost:** \$20 for series; \$5 per session

For more information, call 618-397-0584

Register online at <https://kh.snows.org/events/2026-spring-vs/>



*Aid for Women*  
**SPRING  
LUNCHEON**  
5 | 7 | 26  
Skokie Country Club, Glencoe, IL

**Guest Speaker:**  **Mark Schultz**  
Platinum Selling, Award-Winning Singer and Songwriter

**Invocation:**  **Fr. Wayne Watts**  
Pastor of Saint Joseph and Francis parishes, North, Winnetka

Scan for details & registration  
[helpaidforwomen.org/luncheon2026](https://helpaidforwomen.org/luncheon2026)