



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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By Appointment

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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 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Year A

We thank God for His intercession by providing a new Shepherd, the *Very Reverend Godfrey Mullen, OSB*, as the Tenth Bishop of the Belleville Diocese. May God's grace provide him with strength and wisdom as he Shepherd's God's flock.

A man drives to the local mall and drives around and around for quite some time, struggling to find a parking space. "Lord," he prays. "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up the drink and go to Mass every Sunday." Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the man says: "Never mind, found one!" <https://www.ba-bamail.com/jokes/car-jokes/?jokeid=948>

In the Gospel reading from Luke (4:24) on Monday, March 9th, we hear Jesus exclaim "...Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place." And now here we are on Palm Sunday watching the celebration as Jesus humbly comes into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. People cheering, laying their cloaks and palm branches down, praising Him with anthems of "Hosanna in the highest!" Hailing Him as the Messiah, King of Israel. Expecting He will destroy the Roman rule. What changed? Change indeed we will see this week as He is betrayed by one of His disciples, falsely accused, and condemned. How fast a crowd's opinion will change. Did they forget all the good He did and said? He did not change, so why is it so easy for them to forget? Palm Sunday is the bitter, sweet beginning of God's plan for our salvation.

If you have not Walked the Stations of the Cross during Lent, I invite you to watch this video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEIvGC1WsbM>. There is nothing more humbling than watching how much our Lord loved us to the very end. Also, take the time at each station to see the parallel in your own life. In each station we will notice the crosses of our lives come to life in His walk to Calvary. Each of us has been falsely accused, condemned, felt lonely, betrayed. Each of us have fallen under the weight of the crosses we have borne. We have looked and appreciated those who stood up or at least encouraged us during these times of pain and affliction. But do not miss the final point; the act of forgiveness He taught us. As Lent comes to an end and the Easter season begins, take up your cross and release yourself from the pain of holding grudges. Today, see God's light shine on your parking spot and do not miss the peace that comes from salvation.~Joan

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

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**

Monday, March 30, Weekday of Lent No Mass

Tuesday, March 31, Weekday of Lent

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Irwin and Ferna Hoffmann+**

Wednesday, April 1-Weekday of Lent

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Andrew M. Knopik+**

Sacred Triduum (at Holy Family) and Easter Mass

Thursday, April 2-Holy Thursday Mass

7:00 p.m. @ Holy Family—**Lawrence Frost+**



Friday, April 3-Good Friday Service

7:00 p.m. @ Holy Family—**James Lampe+**

Saturday, April 4, Holy Saturday Mass

10:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart to recite the Rosary for all life.

8:00 p.m. @ Holy Family—**The Souls in Purgatory**

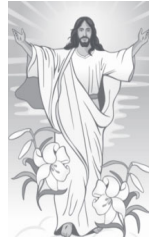
Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Blake Rene Urke and Elizabeth Marie Preis+**

9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Diane Young and Family**

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Walter and Frances Knopik+**



Allelujah He is Risen



Parish SUPPORT

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

Due to early submission of the bulletin the tithing report will be reported next week.

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>.



Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026



Sacristan:
Lector
Host
Choir Host

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf
Joan Scharf
Joan Scharf
Kathy Koebbe

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

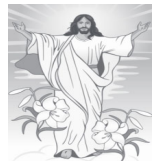
Holy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

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.



Please join us to recite the Rosary for all life on Holy Saturday, April 4th at Sacred Heart.
Carol McClanahan, Chair



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**).

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." **John 15:13** Then He laid down and stretched His arms across the wooden cross.*



Lenten Abstinence and Fasting Regulations

Good Friday is an **obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.** 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



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.

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, Bob, Moretto, 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, Kimela Srock, 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
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>

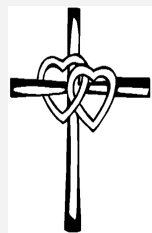
Where to Watch Mass-<https://www.youtube.com/@SacredHeartCatholicChurch-Dupo> or on our *Facebook* page at: [Sacred Heart Parish, Dupo, IL](https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartParishDupoIL)

To get a digital copy of the bulletin just send your email address to sacredheartdupo@gmail.com



♪Happy Birthday to ♪ ♪ ♪You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪
 birthday ♪ ♪dear...**April: 2nd-Dave Vernon 12th-Deborah Duke**

13th-Carol Cronin 15th-Alice LaMastus and Barbara Weber 17th-Phyllis Gould
29th-Peggy Hoffmann and Karen Hood



Happy Anniversary to...April

16th	Richard and Jill Chartrand	3	years
18th	Travis and Holly Kelling	28	years
22nd	Raymond and Melanie Curtis	21	years
23rd	Russell and Vanessa Buechler	43	years
24th	John and Candace LaCroix	56	years
30th	David and Becky Uhrhan	49	years

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



The final count is in...When all the receipts and bills are tallied we will be publishing the final total. Thank you to all, Sherri LaCroix and Karen Pratt, Co-Chairs.



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 Diocese of Belleville, 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 (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.

Last year Sacred Heart fell short of our goal by \$1,600. Prayerfully consider your stewardship this year!
Please make your check out to the parish and write CSMA in the memo line.

Vocation Corner

As we begin Holy Week, we see Jesus following the will (call) of the Father. He will complete His call even to the Cross. Are we willing to follow our call – even if it means giving of ourselves totally in service to the Lord? Everyone has their unique call. Everyone needs to respond to the will of the Father – priesthood, sisterhood, married life, single. Take some quiet time during this sacred week and listen, in our innermost being, to what the Lord really wants us to be.

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, on our website: www.RenewRetreats.org, or by telephone at: (314) 703-1002 .

Respect for Life Corner

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ”
 (The Gospel of Life 84).



Gibault Catholic High School News and events....

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

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>

Holy Land Collection April 3, 2026

Pope Leo XIV has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In times of crisis, the Pontifical Holy Land Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For additional information go to mail@myfranciscan.com. Please be generous!

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

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

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!



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 Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish, Wilmette

Scan for details & registration
helpaidforwomen.org/luncheon2026



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**

1st sheet \$20
Add on sheets \$5 ea.

For more info contact Bo: Franey727@gmail.com
Proceeds benefit: *Knights of Columbus Charities*

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...

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/2026ccwlluncheon](https://onecau.se/2026ccwlluncheon)

Tickets will not be sold at the door!

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

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/>


 Diocese of Belleville
YOUNG ADULTS PRESENTS
BIBLES AND BREWS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8



Father Joseph Oganda
 Pastor of St. Teresa & St. Luke Parishes
 Topic: "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made"

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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 Diocese of Belleville Young Adults





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.



Good Friday

Way of the Cross

 NATIONAL SHRINE of OUR LADY of the SNOWS
 April 3, 2026, 1:00 pm, snows.org or 618-397-6700



Lunch & Card Party

Tuesday, April 7, 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 and support St. Luke's Parish!

Menu: Salisbury Steak with Gravy, Buttered Noodles, Glazed Carrots, Cake, Coffee, hot tea, iced tea & water

Tally: \$12 (includes lunch or lunch carryout) Cards & BINGO with prizes

Bring canned goods for the Food Pantry

In case of bad weather, an post will be made on the parish website.