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Easter special cover



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
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

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Year A


A murderer, fearing God, went to an Anglican cleric, and said, "I need God's mercy - I've murdered!" The cleric gasped, and said, "Oh my! This is big. Let me go get us some coffee, and we'll talk." The cleric left. After a few minutes, the murderer worried the cleric wouldn't come back, so he left and went to a Baptist church. He found the pastor, and said, "I need God's mercy - I've murdered!" The pastor gasped, and said, "Oh my! This is big. Let me go get us some coffee, and we'll talk." The pastor left. After a few minutes, the murderer worried the pastor wouldn't come back, so he left and went to a Catholic church. He found a priest, and said, "I need God's mercy - I've murdered!" Without missing a beat, the priest asked, "Did you plan it beforehand, and how many times?"

Today we celebrate the fruit that came from of the Christmas and Easter seasons. Christ came for one reason only...you and I. He, who was God, came into the world to experience our humanity with all of its pain, suffering and inadequacies. Many times we have heard the saying, "Do not judge someone without walking a mile in their shoes." That is what Jesus did. He walked human life all the way to Golgotha. Then He died. But the story does not end there. In this season of Easter we celebrate His resurrection. An act of love. He came, suffered and died so that we too could live with Him and the Father in heaven. A truth prophesied in the Old Testament and has continued for over 2000 years. On Divine Mercy Sunday we solemnly celebrate why He would do all of this. We celebrate His act of mercy that is represented in many pictures as a ray of red and white light pouring forth from His heart.

This Feast day offers a special plenary indulgence through Confession, Holy Communion, and trusting prayer (USCCB.org). We are given the gift of God's ultimate love for us in forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Throughout the Old and New Testaments we read about God's loving forgiveness. Then through the seasons of Lent and Easter we relive with Christ the story of ultimate love as He brings salvation into the world through His suffering and death. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" John 15:13 (NIV). Today we are extended the greatest gift of mercy when we humbly ask God to forgive our sins. God is not asking for perfection, He is asking us to make a commitment to love Him by living a life pleasing to Him. By loving others as He loves us; forgiving those who hurt us as Jesus forgave those who persecuted Him and by keeping God's commandments He invites us to live eternally with Him. Today confess, then ask yourself if there is someone who needs your forgiveness. Then be generous with the mercy God gives you.~Joan

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

**Sunday, April 12, Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

 7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Henry, Marie**

and Blake Rene Urke and Ted and Delores Rogers+

9:00 a.m. Coffee and donut fellowship in the hall

9:00 Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Ron and Helen**

Whited and Family

10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Pluff Family Living and Deceased**

April 13, St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr No Mass

April 14, Weekday in Easter

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Recovery of Brenda Nichols and Andrea Trske**

April 15-Weekday in Easter

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Holy Family Parishioners**

April 16-Weekday in Easter

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Charles and Joan Frederick+**

April 17-Weekday in Easter

8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Don Cuvo+**

Saturday, April 18, Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, April 19, Third Sunday of Easter

 7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Uhrhan Family members, living and deceased**

9:00 Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Fred and Elaine**

Fitzpatrick Family members, Living & Deceased

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

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

General Collections

Envelopes (15)	\$ 630.00
Loose	30.00
Candles	0.00
On-line Donations	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Total General Collections

\$ 660.00

Special Collections

Good Friday/Holy Land (1) \$ 15.00

Total Special Collections \$ 15.00

Total Deposit

\$ 665.00

Maintenance Fund (1) \$ 30.00

Mass Intentions (1) \$ 10.00

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>.



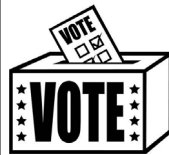
**Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026**



Sacristan:
Lector
Host
Choir Host

Rose Jordan/Joan Scharf
Geri Basinski
Geri Basinski
Jim Urke

Parish Council Voting begins today



We have two three-year and one two-year council position open. The nominees on the ballot are: Kathy Koebbe, Sherri LaCroix, David Uhrhan, and Emily Weber. **Be sure to vote!**

Direct questions to Peggy Hoffmann.


There is also one **Trustee position expiring** (please speak with Father Andy, **this is not a nominated position**).

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?



Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter (the Sunday after Easter), is a Catholic feast day instituted by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000. It focuses on God's mercy, offering the promise of complete forgiveness of sins and punishment for those who go to Confession and receive Holy Communion. www.usccb.org

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 Join us for Coffee and Donut Fellowship in the Parish Center after 8:00 a.m. Mass.



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.

Please remember, especially today on Divine Mercy Sunday, that just as Jesus forgives our sins, He also invites us to forgive others. Forgiveness does not only release those who may have harmed us; it releases us from the pain that comes with holding on to bitterness and resentment.

Who can you forgive today?

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, Kimela Srock, Abby Steffen, Kingston Todd, Andrea Trske, 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
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>

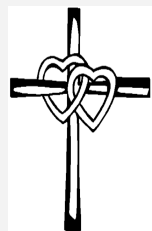
Where to Watch Mass-<https://www.youtube.com/@SacredHeartCatholicChurch-Dupo> or on our Facebook page at: [Sacred Heart Parish, Dupo, IL](https://www.facebook.com/SacredHeartParishDupoIL)



♪Happy Birthday to ♪ ♪ ♪You....Happy ♪ birthday ♪ to you...happy♪
birthday ♪ ♪dear...**April: 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.

Please remember to review the people on special prayer and the Service Men and Women list above and let me know if information needs to change. We do not want to omit anyone who still needs our prayers and support. You can send a message to sacredheartdupo@gmail.com. Thank you, Joan Scharf, Secretary



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.

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 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/>

Day of Reflection: Seeking Our Archetypes: Richard Rohr, Carl June and the energies that Move Us All

Presenter: Chaz Franke
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$60.00 (lunch included)

In this day of reflection we will sit and find the archetypes that have been driving your unique story. We will enlist two special guides, Carl Jung and a learned student of his teachings, Richard Rohr, to help us find our inner mystic. We will explore the concept of the archetypes, classic examples of symbols and figures from religion across time, ways we all carry every story that has been told and find practices that help us deepen our connection.

Directed One Retreat: Monday, May 11-18, 2026
Directed Two Retreat: Monday, June 15-22, 2026

Join us for a directed retreat that offers a sacred, quiet space to pause from daily life and deepen your relationship with God. Through daily, personal meetings with a director, personal scripture study, and optional prayer, this experience helps you recognize God's presence. Minimum donation is \$682.00 (including lodging) or \$495 for commuters.

For all events... To get more information call 618-397-0584 or Register online at: <https://kh.snows.org/events/2026>

Respect for Life Corner

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is “the unforgivable sin.”

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 QofP 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>



Annual Diocesan Spring Farm Blessing
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.
Ryan Peter Family Farm
 7755 Highway 15, Mt. Carmel, IL 62863

All are welcome to join Father Godfrey for the annual Spring blessing. You are invited to bring seeds, farm animals or equipment/machinery to be blessed. See the flyer in the back of church for directions.

Everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry.

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

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

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!

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*

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at 5 locations in the Belleville Diocese

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Totally Catholic and Plenty of Fun!

- June 7-12 | St. Mary, Mt. Vernon ✓
- June 14-19 | St. Augustine/St. Mary, Belleville ✓
- June 21-26 | St. Clare, O'Fallon ✓
- July 5-10 | Ss. Peter & Paul, Waterloo ✓
- July 12-17 | St. Stephen/Holy Rosary, Caseyville ✓

GRADES 1-6 DURING DAY M-F
GRADES 7-12 EVENINGS SUN-THUR

Registration coming soon

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.