



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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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

September 13, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

The preacher's Sunday sermon was *Forgive Your Enemies*. Toward the end of the service, he asked his congregation, "how many of you have forgiven their enemies"? About half held up their hands. He then repeated his question. All responded, except one small elderly lady. "Mrs. Jones?" inquired the preacher, Are you not willing to forgive your enemies? "I don't have any." she replied. smiling sweetly. "Would you please tell us all how a person can live ninety-three years and not have an enemy in the world." The little sweetheart of a lady said, "I outlived the old hags."

We continue this week examining ourselves as Christians. In his book, Sirach warns us of the danger of keeping anger in our hearts. Every year I challenged my PSR class to pick a wall in the classroom and at my command to begin to push that wall. When they had exhausted their strength I invited them to think of that wall as revenge. No matter how hard they push the sin and hurt against them will not be moved, but when they let go of the pushing their muscles relax and they can move on and find peace. "An eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth" brings no peace to one's soul. Through the years there have been many stories of people or their loved ones who suffered greatly at the hands of someone only to say that they forgive them for what they did. "If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive." said Mother Teresa. In his letter to the Romans St. Paul reminds us who we live for. We do not live or die for ourselves, but for the Lord. Everything we do represents the Lord. How do you want non-believer to see our God?

As Peter poses the question to Jesus concerning how many times we should forgive someone, Jesus says seventy-seven times. In essence, always. In Matthew's Gospel today Jesus' parable explains that God's forgiveness to us should be extended to others. When the servant's debt was forgiven, he was obligated to extend that forgiveness, but he did not. What the King did to him was not revenge, but accountability for what he did not extend to his debtors. When we get to heaven will God address our sins with the same platitude as the forgiveness we did not extend to those who sinned against us in our life? We cannot know how God will deal with us, but we can be more at peace knowing that when we stand before our God and He says, "I forgive you as you forgave others." That is a solid rock foundation to set our feet upon. Take a deep breath and ask yourself, "Who can I forgive today? Who has my peace in their hands?" Then forgive and be at peace. Stop pushing the wall.~joan

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
(+ Deceased)

Sunday, September 13, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ 7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Henry, Marie and Blake Rene Urke and Ted Delores Rogers+**
9:00 a.m. Coffee and donut fellowship in the hall
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Ron and Helen Whited and Family**
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family---**Andrew Eftink+**



Monday, September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross
No Mass

Tuesday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Sacred Heart Women's Club Members, living and deceased**

Wednesday, September 16—St. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs No Mass

Thursday, September 17, St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church and St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church No Mass

Friday, September 18, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Holy Family Men's Club**

Saturday, September 19, Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family—**Holy Family Parishioners, Living and Deceased**

Sunday, September 20, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ 7:30 a.m. Confession is available
8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Michael Gould family members, living and deceased**
9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Ron and Helen Whited and Family**
10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family---**Imelda Wash+**



**STEWARDS OF GOD'S GIFTS:
BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD
IN THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE**

"The outpouring of the Holy Spirit changes all things."
- Bishop Godfrey

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If anyone is interested in attending the Bishop's initiative beginning November 1, 2026 please contact Peggy Hoffmann. For more information about the initiative visit:
www.diobelle.org



Parish SUPPORT

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

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Due to early submission of the bulletin for Labor Day, the tithing report will be reflected in next weeks bulletin.

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 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2026



Sacristan: Rose Jordan/ Joan Scharf
Lector Christopher Cronin
Host Jim Urke
Choir Host Emily Weber

We would like to Welcome and thank our visiting Priest

Sunday and Tuesdays, September 1-27 is

Father Mike Hussey, OMI

Please include in your daily prayers that God will grant us a Priest to be our shepherd.

Be aware that as of the printing of this bulletin we are not having Thursday daily Masses. Please watch the website at: sacredheartdupo.org for further updates.



Retired Belleville Diocesan Priest Collection
Today, Sunday, September 13

Please prayerfully consider supporting the men who have given their all to shepherd God's flock.

See page 4 for more information.



Sacred Heart Alumni (any year) Gathering
September 24, 2026 at the Graphite in Columbia

Graduated from Sacred Heart School? Come join the fun and represent your class beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please pass this on to anyone else you can think of! Graphite is the 'OLD' Immaculate Conception School on Main St in Columbia IL. There is a restaurant and bar there. For more information contact Sherri LaCroix.



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

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, Chris Cronin, Christ Curtis, Hannah, Julie Duke, Jerry and Marilyn Dycus, Mary Engleman, Eli Fielder, Loretta Gardner, Marion Gautreaux, Erica and Michael Golightly, Phyllis 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, Jerry Martin, Linda Martin, Michele Martin, Carol and Duane McClanahan, Geraldine McCoy, Scott McIntosh, Joanna and Ron Mentel, Robin Miller, Bob Moretto, Sr. Emile Morgan, Tammy Murdoch, Kady Myers, Brian Nobbe, Dillan Oberson, Parker, Bill Pennock, Karen Pratt, Alyssa Rhyne, Kim Ross, David Ryder, Mary Schmid, Dawn Snider, Kimela Srock, Abby Steffen, Kingston Todd, Andrea Trske, Patty Urke, Joshua Wade, Evermore Ashlyn Wagner, Grace Wagner, Maryann Wagner, Angela 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 a visit, please leave a message at (618) 286-4373 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 and 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... **September: 13th Russell Buechler 15th Kim Ross**
17th John Kenner 27th Kris Morice 29th Patti Urke

Happy Anniversary to...September



19th

Christopher and Mary Cronin

45 years

22nd

Jose and Kayla Jarillo

14 years

22nd

Dennis and Linda Martin

53 years

24th

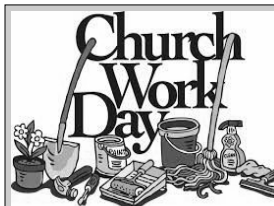
Leslie and Brenda Nichols

38 years

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

**DuKare**

Hunger has no season, please remember our neighbors in our community that 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 kind and generous donations that help feed our neighbors in need.



Next Cleaning date is Monday, September 21, 2026 @ 8 a.m.

All help is greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work. For more information speak with Barbara or I.D. Cleveland.

Catholic Service Ministry Appeal 2026 begins . . .

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him.



YOU have the opportunity to support the five men who have answered “YES” to God’s call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is over \$50,000. Funding from the Catholic Service Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office; **your pledge or one-time gift** is truly and investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making a gift today. **Our financial target is \$4,134; to date \$2,110 has been pledged and \$1,600 has been received. We have reached 51% of our goal. If you have not made a donation please prayerfully consider your stewardship.**

Vocation Corner

PRAYING FOR SEMINARIANS

Please include in your daily prayers our Diocesan Seminarians. Each week, we will feature one of our **11** seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. Your thoughts and concern help them feel valued. At the very least, a simply prayer would be helpful. This week we pray for: Terry Marmion, Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Avenue, Mundelein, Illinois 60060

Peace, Bishop Godfrey, OSB

Sr. Maris Stella Karalekas; Sisters of Life Columbia Magazine Jan-Feb. 2023

“I graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and served for five years as a surface warfare officer on a Navy destroyer. We had the extraordinary grace of having the Blessed Sacrament onboard during hundreds of days at sea, and I experienced, in the Eucharist, God’s extravagant love and unfailing presence... Jesus was stirring in my heart a desire to do something great and meaningful. He was waiting for me...and he was the answer to my infinite desires that the world could never satisfy. He showed me that he wanted to write a beautiful story with my life. In the silence of prayer, I heard the invitation to become a bride of Christ. I met the Sisters of Life and knew I was being called to lay down my life so that others might have eternal life. I received the name Sister Maris Stella in honor of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, who guides us to safe harbor in the heart of her son, Jesus.”



Retired Diocesan Priests Collection Today

Today you will have an opportunity to contribute to the annual Retired Diocesan Priests Collection. Our Belleville Diocese currently has 53 diocesan priests: 28 are currently retired and 25 are in active ministry. Of those 25 in active ministry, 13 are of retirement age but continue to serve us. With this large number of retirement-age priests and escalating health care costs, All monies collected will be used only for long-term nursing care, Medicare supplemental insurance and prescriptions for our retired diocesan priests. Your gift is a wonderful way to show your gratitude to the priests who have and continue to serve us so faithfully. Please be as generous as you are able and keep all our priests in your prayers.

Thank you very much.

Respect for Life Corner

“I finally feel like I have the support I’ve been needing, and I am so grateful!” ~ current Project Rachel Ministry client

Chances are that if you are visiting this page, you have had an abortion or know someone who has. Abortion is a life-changing event that affects individuals emotionally, spiritually and physically. You may have experienced the need to seek healing right after your abortion, or it may have taken many years for you to come to this place. The truth is that you are suffering from a traumatic loss—and that loss is real. With abortion, society doesn’t provide a public way to grieve this loss. With no way to process this loss, the wound caused by abortion often remains unhealed and becomes a secret sorrow carried alone...and without support. You may be suffering from guilt, sadness, isolation, nightmares, addictions, eating disorders, anxiety and other negative emotions and behaviors. Many women and men are surprised at the emotions they experience after abortion which can include, but certainly are not limited to those mentioned above. It is most important for you to know that you are not alone! We want to reach out to you with the mercy and love of Christ and help you be at peace with yourself and God. While abortion is part of your history, it doesn’t need to define your future. **There is hope. There is help. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, please contact Project Rachel through the Diocese of Belleville in Illinois at 618-722-5031. The help line is answered live Monday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If you reach the voicemail, please leave a message and we will call you back when it is a good time for you.**

Seeking Volunteers for Mass and The Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026

The Dome at America’s Center, St. Louis, MO

An historic moment for the Catholic Church in the United States that will bring together thousands of pilgrims from across the country to celebrate the life and legacy of one of America’s most beloved Catholic evangelists.

Whether you have a few hours or several days to give, there are a variety of volunteer opportunities available before and during the celebration.

To volunteer visit <https://www.celebratesheen.com/>

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

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

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!

Laity invited to study theology at Saint Meinrad

Seek God through prayer, study, and a tradition of Benedictine hospitality. The Saint Meinrad Graduate Theology Program invites you to learn about its MA and certificates in theology during an online Open House on Wed Sept 23 at 6:30 pm CT, OR an in-person Open House on Sat Oct 10. Learn more at: www.saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse.



St. Vincent dePaul's Walk for the Poor on Saturday, September 19, 2026

Please join us anytime between 8am to noon at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows to walk to help our neighbors in need. You can find registration forms or to register online at: <https://svdpsouthil.org/events>; by phone at: (618) 394-0126 or you can register on the day of the walk. We are deeply grateful for your generosity, your prayers, and your continued support. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us provide food, assistance, and hope to individuals and families facing difficult circumstances. Be a part of this miracle with your contribution!

Casserole Opportunity

We have the opportunity to make casseroles for food pantries (a portion of these casseroles will also be used to help our neighbors in the Columbia, Dupo and East Carondelet communities). Please feel free to take as many pans as you like. The recipe is inside the pan. After making the casserole just freeze them and return the frozen casserole to church by Sunday, October 4, 2026.

Direct all questions to the Vincentian team: Rose Jordan, Ralph or Joan Scharf.



National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center Presents....

Morality, Public Policy and the Common Good: How the Church Stands in the World

Thursday, September 17, 2026, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon **Presenter:** Fr. Charles Bouchard, OP

Cost: \$15 Register by calling 618-394-6281 or online at: snows.org/events/Church-World

The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself/ Beyond Belief:

A Marcus Borg Retrospective

Facilitator: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI

Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29, 2026 10 am – 12 am
Discover what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith. Also, learn about favorite moments, core teachings and extensive never-before seen material of Marcus Borg, New Testament scholar, theologian and author.

Cost: \$25 for series; \$5 per session

For more information, call 618-397-0584

Register online at kh.snows.org/events/2026-fall-vs/

All Soul's Day Tribute in the Messenger

The 2026 tributes will appear in the October 22nd issue of the Messenger. If you would like to put a tribute in, please use the order form in the back of church. For more information email them at: advertising@bellevillemessenger.org or call (618) 722-5047. Due by October 2, 2027. Tributes are a \$20 donation.



2027 ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CHORAL FESTIVAL & MASS

Saturday, January 23, 2027

St. Clare of Assisi Church,
O'Fallon, IL

Pueri Cantores, the national student choral organization of the Roman Catholic Church, invites all parish & school treble and mixed voice choirs (grades 4-12) in the region to participate in this annual Festival & Mass. Singers will unite with hundreds of their peers as one combined choir to sing beautiful music from the Church's rich historical repertoire. More information will be available soon at:

www.pcchoirs.org.

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

New Adult therapeutic dementia day center in Belleville

All In 4 You

For more information contact the Executive Director, Cheri Wessel at (618) 416-4040 or visit the website at:

www.allin4you.com



- **St. Mary Catholic and St. John United Church of Christ, Valmeyer, Saturday, September 20:** 11 a.m. –5p.m. Bake sale, Country Store, Silent Auction, Raffle tickets, children's games and live entertainment,
- **St. Augustine, Belleville, Saturday, September 25:** 4 p.m.-10p.m. (Mass @ 4 p.m.) chicken dinner, bingo, music, games, basket stand for more information see www.stasaints.org
- **St. Clare, O'Fallon, Saturday, September 26:** 4-10PM, Octoberfest, German food, live music, raffles, inflatables Visit <https://stclarechurch.org/Flyer>
- **St. John the Baptist, West Frankfort/St Aloysius ~ Sacred Heart Sunday, September 27:** Mass at 11am
- **St. Andrew, Murphysboro, Wednesday, October 14:** Wurstfest

Watch for updates and additions as they become available!

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows 2026 Way of Lights *Friday, November 20 – Thursday, December 31, 2026*

Performer Request : You are invited to share your wonderful talents at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows' annual Way of Lights season. We are in need of musicians to perform each evening from 6:00 to 9:00 pm for our guests. A great way to promote your ensemble and share the Christmas spirit! If you would like to perform, please call 618-397-6700 or email perform@snows.org.



Wreath Display...Share your creative touch for a good cause by crafting a handmade wreath for our public silent auction, running **November 20 – December 18, 2026**. Your work will directly benefit the Way of Lights and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate at The Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, gaining exposure before an estimated **180,000 visitors**. Every wreath submission qualifies as a tax-deductible entry, and feel free to submit more than one design. Please limit the size to under 36 inches in diameter and no live plants. Thank you!

Order a family plant
and share a living piece
of holiday joy!



Donate a family plant and share a living piece of holiday memories by visiting: snows.org/memorial-and-traditional-planting