



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Diocese of Belleville

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Bishop of the 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 20, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

"I have been praying and fasting, meditating and studying religion for 20 years. I have finally reached the level of humility. I am truly nothing." said one monk. The other monk nodded gravely. "I too have spent my life devoted to serving God. I am also nothing." At that moment a janitor passed, holding his mop. Overhearing the conversation, and feeling quite spiritual, he interrupted. "You know what, I am also nothing." The monks looked away in disgust. "Who does he think he is to be a nothing???"

St. Paul tells the Philippians, "To me life is Christ, and death is gain." (Philippians 1:21) Paul is reminding the Philippians that whether in life or death we are the Lord's prize possessions. Isaiah also encourages us to remember how much God loves us, even when we do not think ourselves worthy of that love. God knows so much more than we do and He knows our hearts. He will not throw away any who come to Him, as He desires all of us to be with Him.

Jesus' parable in the Gospel of Matthew expands on how far God will go to gather us into Himself. Have you ever looked at the news and heard about a horrific crime someone has done and thought they will never get into the kingdom? Take a moment and think about standing in line at the pearly gates and seeing that person ahead of you in line. Take it a step farther and see them sitting in the banquet hall. There you sit wondering how that is possible. They do not deserve to be here. I believe that our humility button just crashed. In Jesus' parable today the landowner keeps seeking the lost and then he goes a little farther and pays them the exact same as those who worked all day. The landowner reminds them he has the ability to be generous to whomever he wishes. This lesson may seem to be a lesson in humility but perhaps it is also about judgment. I for one have no desire to sit in the judgment seat. I would be more afraid that all my own skeletons would come falling out of the closet. God knows me as well as the other persons in the room and I will let Him handle the judgment and forgiveness. The next time you see, read or hear about someone else's failure, ask yourself if you really are in a position to weigh-in on that judgment. For me, I think I will just sit quietly in the back of the banquet hall and thank God for His forgiveness and perhaps even pray that God forgives the other person too. But please do not forget that forgiveness starts in our contemporary life. Forgive now!~joan

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**(+ 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+****Monday, September 21, St. Matthew, Apostle and****Evangelist****No Mass****Tuesday, September 22, Weekday in Ordinary Time**8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**Janet Anderson+****Wednesday, September 23—St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest****No Mass****Thursday, September 24, Weekday in Ordinary Time****No Mass****Friday, September 25, Weekday in Ordinary Time**8:00 a.m. @ Holy Family—**Lawrence Frost+ and Carlos****Zavala, Jr.+****Saturday, September 26, Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth****Sunday in Ordinary Time**5:00 p.m. @ Holy Family—**Roxana Teason Recovery****Sunday, September 27, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in****Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. Confession is available

8:00 a.m. @ Sacred Heart—**The Michael Gould****family members, living and deceased**9:00 a.m. Latin Mass in the Log Church—**Rennard and****Henrietta Harris Family, Living and Deceased**10:00 a.m. @ Holy Family--**Pluff Family, Living and****Deceased****Sacred Heart Alumni (any year) Gathering
September 24, 2026 at the
Graphite in Columbia**

Graduated from Sacred Heart School do not forget we will be meeting at Graphite is the 'OLD' Immaculate Conception School on Main St in Columbia IL. There is a restaurant and bar there. For more information contact

**Women's Club Quilt Raffle**The Quilters have been hard at work and they have another quilt ready! The next raffle will be Sunday, **November 8, 2026.**

Your Quilt raffle tickets are on the table in the back of church. Please pick them up to defray the cost of mailing them. Extra tickets are also available if you need more please check the ticket box or see me.

Thanks, **Carol McClanahan, Quilt Chair****Parish SUPPORT***Please prayerfully consider your own
stewardship and pray for the financial well
being of Sacred Heart Parish***Sunday, September 6, 2026****General Collections**

Envelopes (15) \$ 1,155.00

Loose 10.00

Candles 20.00

On-Line Donation () \$ 0.00

Total General Collections \$ 1,185.00**Special Collections \$ 0.00****Total Special Collections \$ 0.00****Total Deposit \$ 1,185.00****Maintenance Fund (7) \$ 157.00****St. Vincent dePaul (4) \$ 145.00****Sunday, September 13, 2026****General Collections**

Envelopes (14) \$ 1,125.00

Loose 30.00

Candles 0.00

On-Line Donation () \$ 0.00

Total General Collections \$ 1,155.00**Special Collections**

Retired Diocesan Priest Collection (6) \$ 250.00

Total Special Collections \$ 250.00**Total Deposit \$ 1,405.00****Maintenance Fund (5) \$ 325.00****Mass Intentions (1) \$ 10.00****St. Vincent dePaul (1) \$ 30.00***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>.**The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 27, 2026****Sacristan:****Rose Jordan/ Joan Scharf****Lector****Alois Hoffmann****Host****Kathy Koebbe****Choir Host****Peggy Hoffmann****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.

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, 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).

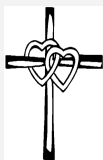
Hall Rental-For hall rental information please contact Karen Pratt at (618) 541-8698. The Parish Policy and Rental Agreement can be found on the website: <https://sacredheartdupo.org>

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: 27th Kris Morice 29th Patti Urke**

Happy Anniversary to...September



22nd

Jose and Kayla Jarillo

14 years

22nd

Dennis and Linda Martin

53 years

24th

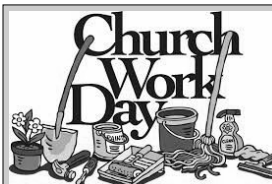
Leslie and Brenda Nichols

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 or received. We have reached 51% of our goal. If you have not made a donation please prayerfully consider your stewardship. Thank you!**

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: **Greg Kassen**, Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Avenue, Mundelein, Illinois 60060
Peace, Bishop Godfrey, OSB

Fr. Simon Lobo; Companions of the Cross; Halifax, Nova Scotia, Columbia Magazine, June 2022

“I once believed that becoming a priest was a fate worse than death! I always wanted to get married, have a family, and own a golden retriever. My plan was to become a doctor, and I was studying for a degree in science when I had an honest conversation with my childhood pastor. Without coercing me, he affirmed that I would be a great doctor, husband, father – or priest. “The most important thing,” he said, “is to seek God’s will, because that is where you will find true peace and happiness”. Days later, I prayed as I had many times before: “God, I’ll do anything you want me to do.” But this time I added, “And if you want me to be a priest, I’d love to!” Immediately, I felt afraid, hoping no one had overheard me. Simultaneously, I felt a profound peace from the Holy Spirit. That fall, I decided to join the Companions of the Cross and found that God’s plan fit like a glove.”

Respect for Life Corner

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. 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.



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.



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.



Retired Diocesan Priests Collection

It is not too late to 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.**

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

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.

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



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

The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself/ Beyond Belief: A Marcus Borg Retrospective

Facilitator: Fr. Mark Dean, OMI

Tuesdays, September 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/



House of Neighborly Service
MONROE COUNTY, IL

BLESSING BOXES in Monroe County



Blessing Boxes are 24-hour access mini pantries stocked with nonperishable food and hygiene items for anyone who needs a little help.

No questions. No paperwork. Just help when you need it.

LOCATIONS



COLUMBIA

- St. Paul UCC (coming soon)
- Columbia Middle School



MILLSTADT

- Millstadt Senior Center



DUPO

- Christ UCC, Moms on a Mission



RED BUD

- St. Peter UCC



HECKER

- Friedens UCC



WATERLOO

- St. Paul UCC (Monroe County Annex)
- Morrison-Talbot Library

A LITTLE HELP CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!



Knights of Columbus #4596 Council Events...Save the Dates

October 4, 2026 Color Raffle only, game starts at 1 p.m. First sheet \$20, additional sheets \$5 each. Contact Bo at: bo;franey727@gmail.com Proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus Charities

October 7, 2026 BBQ Dinners, \$14 for a large pork steak, two sides (choose between baked beans, potato salad or slaw), drink and dessert. Carry outs available. Beginning after 5 p.m. Mass in the Holy Family Parish Center (gym).

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

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.



- **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. Teresa and St. Luke, Belleville, Saturday, October 3** at St. Teresa Gym: 5:00 p.m. Polka Mass, 6:30 German dinner (RSVP @ 618-233-3500 by Sept. 24), 7:30 concert and dancing; cost dinner and concert \$25 or concert only \$10
- **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



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