

# Belleville Diocese Flocknote 5/8/25

---

From: Diocese of Belleville (mail@flocknote.com)

To: stmaryc@sbcglobal.net

Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 03:46 PM CDT

---



 **BELLEVILLE DIOCESE** flocknote 



**WE HAVE A POPE!!**



**DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE  
OFFICE OF THE MODERATOR OF THE CURIA**

*And so I say to you, you are Peter,  
and upon this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*

Matthew 16:18

+ Praised be Jesus Christ! We have a Pope!

Along with the clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful of the Diocese of Belleville, let us give thanks to God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, that by the working of the Holy Spirit, today the successor to Saint Peter has been solemnly elected the Chief Shepherd of the Holy Catholic Church.

In his brief address to the world, Pope Leo XIV renewed the call to each of us, disciples of the Lord, to live His gospel of life: to receive the gift of humble and persevering peace, to open our arms to one another, to work fearlessly for justice, to rejoice in the resurrection, to gather in God's people, to listen attentively to and dialogue charitably with one another together on the journey, in all things to build the Kingdom of Christ. Saint Augustine, the founder of Pope Leo's religious order, said, "With you, I am a Christian; for you, I am a bishop." Let us strive to walk in communion with our beloved Holy Father; let us support him with our prayers.

Indeed, we pray exultantly during this Easter Season and always for Pope Leo XIV. May God the Father strengthen him in leadership. May Jesus Christ direct him always in offering mercy. And may the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, be in his mind, on his lips, and in his heart always and everywhere as he announces courageously the living Word of God.

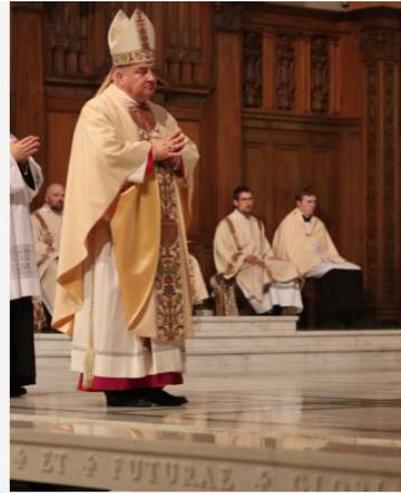
May we walk together on the path that leads to the Risen Christ!

Peace —

Very Rev. Godfrey Mullen, OSB  
Moderator of the Curia

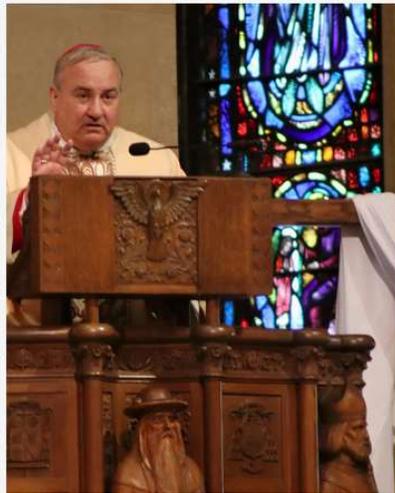
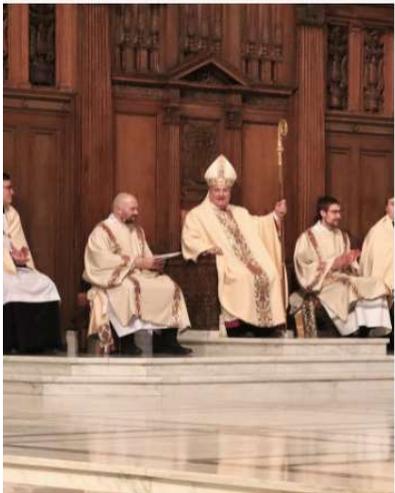


**Congratulations, Archbishop Michael McGovern!**



The Episcopal Installation  
of  
The Most Reverend  
Michael G. McGovern  
*Sixth Metropolitan Archbishop of Omaha*

Wednesday, the Seventh of May,  
The Year of our Lord  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five





Click [HERE](#) to see parishes selling roses for Mother's Day.



.....

# BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

.....

Click [HERE](#) to see parishes hosting baby bottle collections for Mother's Day.



**Metro-East Vicariate:** St. Clair and Monroe counties, click [HERE](#)

**North Central Vicariate:** Clinton, Marion, Washington and Jefferson counties, click [HERE](#)

**West Vicariate:** Randolph, Perry, Jackson and Union counties, click [HERE](#)

**East Vicariate:** Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, Hamilton and White counties, click [HERE](#)

**South Vicariate:** Franklin, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac counties, click [HERE](#)



Click [HERE](#) for ideas.



Click [HERE](#) for resources.



St. Anne Cradle of Hope is a nonprofit Catholic organization that provides material and spiritual assistance to pregnant women and families with young children. We

seek to save lives and strengthen families by helping a mother know that she and her baby are loved and valued. To donate, click [HERE](#).



*The Grace of the IN-BETWEEN*  
**Reverend Patrick J. McDevitt, C.M., Ph.D.**  
**Director of Mission and Planning**  
**May 8, 2025**

Change and transitions can bring uncertainty and anxiety to our lives. In the last several weeks, Bishop McGovern was assigned to the Archdiocese of Omaha, and Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday. The Conclave to elect a new Pope begins on May 7. We, in the Diocese of Belleville, are uncertain when we will receive a new Bishop.

This time of uncertainty leaves us in this moment within the space of the “IN-BETWEEN.”

The realities and circumstances of the past are no more, and what will be in the future has not yet come. Therefore, this time and space (the IN-BETWEEN) provides the Diocese of Belleville the opportunity, as the author Kristin Armstrong says, “to purge, rethink priorities, and be intentional about new habits. We can make our new normal any way we want.”

Transitional times and the IN-BETWEEN space are fertile ground for advancing the work of the pastoral plan, *Servants on Christ's Mission*. This IN-BETWEEN time will give us the leisure for deeper prayer, reflection, and discussion about where God is calling the Church of Southern Illinois. Although there may be feelings of sadness, loss, and anxiety, this moment is a grace for growing in hope for a future that is ripe with endless possibilities.

The work of *Servants on Christ's Mission* will continue to move forward with even greater momentum in charting the future that God is calling us to serve. Whenever the new Holy

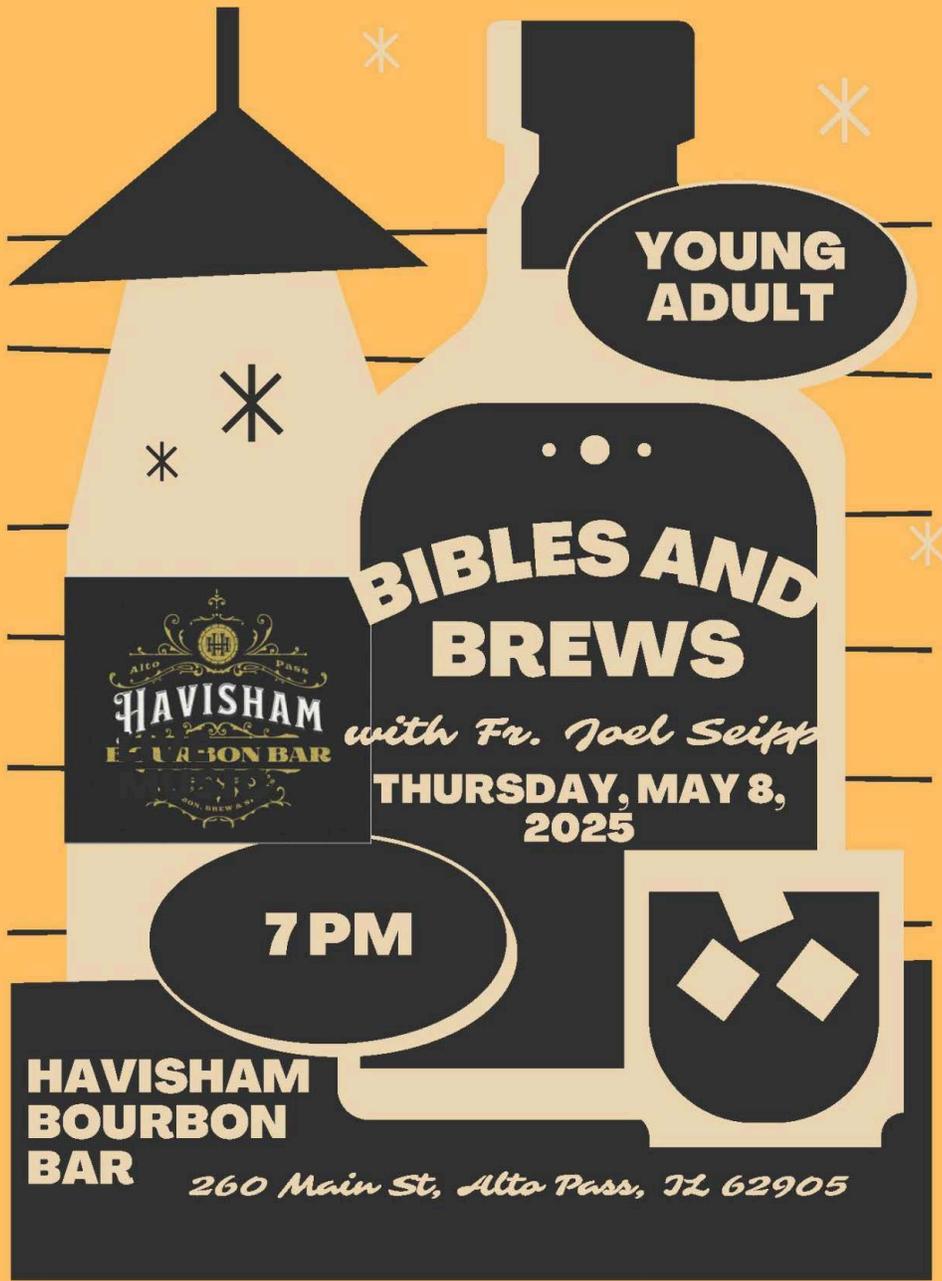
Father assigns a new Bishop to the Diocese of Belleville, we will be prepared to present the new Bishop with a hopeful vision and direction that he may shepherd us as *Servants on Christ's Mission*.

I invite all of us to hold the Cardinals in prayer as they do the important work of choosing the new Holy Father. We also pray for the discernment process for selecting our new Bishop.

Let us stay steadfast in hope as *Servants on Christ's Mission*.

<p><b>Save the Date</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Deacon Levi James will be ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 2025 - 10:00 am</b></p> <p>at the Cathedral of St. Peter 200 W. Harrison, Belleville, IL</p>	
--	---





**YOUNG  
ADULT**



**BIBLES AND  
BREWS**  
*with Fr. Joel Scipio*  
**THURSDAY, MAY 8,  
2025**

**7 PM**



**HAVISHAM  
BOURBON  
BAR** *260 Main St, Alta Pass, IL 62905*

**Contact Sarah Kozuszek at [sarahkozuszek@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahkozuszek@yahoo.com) with any questions**



# SPRING



## DISCERNMENT EVENTS

**MAY  
10**

### **Discernment 101**

*Daughters of St. Paul*

Join the Sisters for a series of morning talks, prayer, & fellowship for single women ages 16-33 to help you grow in your relationship with God & learn tips for discerning your vocation.

Location: 9804 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO or on zoom  
Contact [stlouisvocations@paulinemediacom](mailto:stlouisvocations@paulinemediacom)

**MAY  
10**

### **Carmelite Day**

*Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus*

A day of faith & fun for 6th-11th grade girls with the goal of sparking a desire for holiness within their hearts, introducing them to the Sisters, & encouraging them to pray for their vocation.

Location: 10341 Manchester Rd, St. Louis, MO  
Contact [vocations@carmelitedcj.org](mailto:vocations@carmelitedcj.org)

**MAY  
22-25**

### **Discernment Retreat**

*Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus*

A retreat for young women discerning religious life that will touch on the nature of discernment, the beauty of the call to consecrated religious life, the basic elements of Carmelite Spirituality, and the particular charism of the community.

Location: 10341 Manchester Rd, St. Louis, MO  
Contact [vocations@carmelitedcj.org](mailto:vocations@carmelitedcj.org)

FOR MORE EVENTS VISIT:  
[diobelle.org/vocations](http://diobelle.org/vocations)



Diocese of Belleville

**YOUNG ADULTS  
PRESENTS**

**BIBLES AND BREWS**

**WEDNESDAY  
MAY**

**14**



Speaker: Fr. Michael Caruso, SJ - Director of  
Education/Superintendent of Schools

Topic - Pray Like a Pro:  
Jesuit Spirituality for Everyone

**FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
AGES 21 - 35**

**Location:** Bennie's Pizza Pub  
113 East Main Street, Belleville, IL 62220

**6:30-7:00PM SOCIAL  
7:00-8:30PM EVENT**



**Follow Us:**



bellevilledioceseyoungadults



Diocese of Belleville Young Adults

# REBOOT

A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

With **Chris Stefanick**

Including the *Living Joy Small Group Guide* and [Online Course](#)

**REBOOT!** is a life-changing experience for people. It is an opportunity to engage the disengaged – and the already engaged – with the truth, beauty and power of the Gospel!

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

EVERYONE! Ages 12 and older, and youth are encouraged to attend! One of the things that sets REBOOT! apart from others is Chris' unique ability to capture the attention of – and really engage – young and old alike with the same message at the same time. The impact the REBOOT! experience has for families who attend together is tremendous.

#### WHO IS CHRIS STEFANICK?

Chris is an internationally acclaimed author, speaker, and television host who has devoted his life to sharing the love of Jesus, and helping others do the same.



**Wednesday, May 14th**

**7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**St. Mary Church, Mt. Vernon, IL**

Tickets can be purchased online at:  
<https://reallifecatholics.givevirtuous.org/Event/st-mary-immaculate-conception-catholic-church-reboot-mt-vernon-il>  
or scan the QR Code:



**YOU DO NOT WANT YOU  
TO MISS THIS!**

***It will be life-changing!***

***Invite your family, friends,  
neighbors, coworkers, etc!***

***YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A  
parishioner or Catholic to attend!***





## Metro-East Vicariate Synodal Listening Session for Diocesan Pastoral Plan Servants on Christ's Mission

The aim of Servants on Christ's Mission is to revitalize our relationship in Christ and to deepen our commitment to serve Christ's mission to proclaim the Good News.

Everyone in the **Metro-East Vicariate** is invited to an evening of prayer and discussion with fellow Catholics, friends, and neighbors about our future call as a Diocese. This will be an opportunity to share ideas, hopes, and dreams about our church.

**THURSDAY, MAY 15**  
**6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.**

**Cathedral of St. Peter - Undercroft**  
**Belleville, IL**

The meeting will focus on:

1. What excites/motivates you about the Diocese of Belleville?
2. What are your hopes/dreams for the Diocese of Belleville?
3. What changes are needed in the Diocese for the mission to grow?

If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Pat McDevitt, Director for Mission and Planning at [pmcdevitt@diobelle.org](mailto:pmcdevitt@diobelle.org)



# Catholic Single Mom Group

Bringing single Catholic moms  
together for prayer and support ... for  
moms of all ages ... come with or  
without kids!

Sunday, May 18, 2-4 pm  
St. Clare of Assisi Church, O'Fallon, IL  
Babysitting provided

For more info: [mking@diobelle.org](mailto:mking@diobelle.org)

# Hispanic Youth Day

*Peregrinos de Esperanza*

*Going Forth With Joy!*



**Shrine of Our Lady of The Snows  
Amphitheatre  
442 South DeMazenod Dr., Belleville, IL**

A Day of Fun • Fellowship • Reflection • Food  
If you're a middle or high school student (ages 12–17),  
this **FREE** event is just for you! Join other youth from  
across our diocese for an unforgettable day filled with  
connection, inspiration, and celebration.

 **What to Expect:**

- Outdoor Games & Activities
- Dynamic Speakers
- New Friendships
- Prayer & Reflection
- Great Food

**Free Transportation Available from:**



- Carbondale • Damiansville
- Fairmont City • Caseyville

 **Registration Required**

While the event is free, please register in advance so we  
can prepare meals and activities.

 **Contact your local leader to sign up:**

Carbondale: Ana Migone	(618)559-5257
Chester: Patricia Landeros	(618)615-5762
Cobden: Fr. Uriel Salamanca	(618)713-8257
Caseyville: Luis Ochoa	(618)606-2011
Fairmont City: Lupe Hernandez	(618)274-3486
Belleville: Karina Rodriguez	(618)531-9534 (Shrine)
Damiansville: Maria Gimenez	(618)708-1487 (Clinton Co.)

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 14, 2025  
9:30AM - 4:30PM**



DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE  
HISPANIC MINISTRY

**For more information, please contact Lucy Barragan in the  
Office of Hispanic Ministry:  
618-722-5050 - [Lbarragan@diobelle.org](mailto:Lbarragan@diobelle.org)**



Sent by Mary Fleming

Reply

Direct replies to this email can only be seen by admins. Click the blue Reply button above to leave a public comment.

Email me when people reply to this note

To ensure that these emails land in your inbox and do not go into spam, please add [mail@flocknote.com](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your email address book or safe senders list.



[my info](#) • [unsubscribe](#)

222 South Third Street, Belleville, IL 62221 • [diobelle.org](http://diobelle.org)