



Diocese of Belleville  
Office of the Bishop

October 14, 2020

Dear Priests, Deacons, Religious and Diocesan Staff,

The annual Blessing of the Harvest will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at 2:00 P.M. at the Melvin and Louise Kabat Family Farm, located at 2510 N. Scheller Lane in Scheller, IL 62883.

I invite you all to join me and the host family in thanking God for the bountiful harvest this year.

I encourage all the Priests and Deacons to be present in support of our farmers and all those engaged in agriculture. As we give thanks for our plenty, those attending are urged to bring harvested grain, fruits and vegetables, and garden produce in marked containers, along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry. Please encourage your parishioners via bulletin and pulpit announcements to attend this blessing on November 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be food and fellowship following the Blessing.

An invitation to you and the good people of the Diocese will also be printed in *The Messenger*.

Please note that Pandemic health and safety protocols will be place.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Michael McGovern  
Bishop of Belleville

Enclosures:

- (1) Blessing Announcement
- (2) Bulletin Insert

## **Bulletin Insert for Fall Harvest Blessing**

All are invited to the **Diocesan Fall Harvest Blessing**, which will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at 2:00 P.M. at the Melvin and Louise Kabat Family Farm. The Farm is located at 2510 N. Scheller Lane, Scheller, IL 62883. One heads North of Sesser on IL-148 approximately 4 miles and turn left (West) onto County Road 250N (E. Flagg Rd.); go approximately 3 miles (road will curve twice); farm will be on your right at the intersection with N Scheller Lane. The “Farm Blessing” signs will guide you, too. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit and vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. Pandemic health and safety protocols will be place. *You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food pantry.*  
*We look forward to having you join us!*



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Scheller, IL

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