

**READINGS**

**First Reading:** (Ex 34:5)

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD."

**Psalm:** (Dn 3)

Glory and praise forever!

**Second Reading:** (2 Cor 13:13)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**Gospel:** (Jn 3:16)

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

C = CHESTER \* EG = ELLIS GROVE \*

J = PR DU ROCHER

**Saturday, May 30**

4:00PM (C) Jaci Bert by the Family

6:00PM (EG)

**Sunday, May 31**

8:00AM-(J) Bill & Alouise Wiegard

10:00AM (C) Roger Holley by the Holley Family

5:00PM (C) Ruth Petrowske by the Family

**Monday, June 1**

8:15AM (C) Orville & Ethel Bievenue by Mike & Anita Bievenue

**Tuesday, June 2**

8:00AM (J) Wm. Nevois

**Wednesday, June 3**

8:15AM (C) Rachel Juenger by Bob Juenger

**Thursday, June 4**

8AM (J) Carol Hess

**Friday, June 5**

NO Mass

**Saturday, June 6**

4PM (C) Peggy Cull by Kathy Albrecht

6PM (EG)

**Sunday, June 7**

8:00AM- (J) Ed & Carol DuFrenne

10:00AM (C) Ruel & Ruby Allison

5:00PM (C) Paul Stumpe by the Parish

**MASS SCHEDULE ~ June**

**Saturday: 4pm:** Chester      **6pm:** Prairie du Rocher

**Sunday: 8am:** Ellis Grove      **10am:** Chester

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS**

In the first reading (Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9) Moses went up to Mount Sinai, taking along the two stone tablets. He had gone up to intercede on behalf of the people. The Lord passed before him and Moses laid bare his plea. He was not turned away from God's presence. And no one is. We are all welcome to approach God in prayer.

The second reading (2 Corinthians 13: 11-13) reminds us to live a life of gratitude, unity, love and peace. All those virtues can only come about with the help of the Most Holy Trinity.

We see in the Gospel (John 3:16-18) that Christ was sent into the world by the Father, in order to lead us to salvation. The unity between the Most Holy Trinity reminds us that we can mirror same in our daily life. The Solemnity we celebrate today makes it clear. Amen.

**PARTNERSHIP EVENTS**

**OCIA**

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? St. Mary's in Chester offers O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). Please call the parish office or contact Brad for more info: [bradcolvis@gmail.com](mailto:bradcolvis@gmail.com).

**CONFESSIONS**

**St. Joseph:** Tuesday & Thursday mornings & Sat. evenings after Mass or by appt.

**St. Mary's (C):** Saturday evenings before Mass 3:15pm-3:45pm

*Any other confessions can be made by appointment.*

**ADORATION**

\*\*\*All Are Welcome\*\*\*

**St. Joseph:** First Monday of every month @ 7PM

**St. Mary's (C):** First Tuesday of every month @ 7PM

**St. Mary's School:** The First Friday of every month at 8:30am

**MASS OF HEALING**

Will be the 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of the month at all parishes

**2026-2027 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal:** "Those who are kind to the needy honor Him" (Proverbs 14:31)

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2026 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

**SUMMER RELIGIOUS FIELD TRIPS**

For the shrine of Miraculous Medal in Perryville. It will be June 26. We will arrive at 10am. Do the rosary, visit the gift shop, 11 am tour and 12:10 mass. After we will have lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of all Churches who wish to attend this event. We can car-pool if necessary. Final date to register is June 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event is open to all.



**June 7<sup>th</sup>** is the end of the year party from 5-7pm. Bring a friend, we need to grow our numbers of faithful friends' group. Hot dogs, smores and drinks

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** Trip to Belleville Shrine. We will leave PDR at 9am our tour begins at 10am. Lunch included. I will need at least one other driver to help.

**We have a Facebook Page:** If you or your family would like to join, please let Jill Whelan (618-719-9344) or Dawn Walker (618-317-5104) know so we can send you an invite.

**STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION**

**COMMUNION**

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion, contact: Diane Mudd 284-7150 (Ruma), Marie Henry 282-2897 (Prairie du Rocher), Rosemary Bert 615-6135, Paula Platt 615-5545, Martha McDonald 615-6624 or Barb Otten 615-2442 (Chester).

**PRAYER CHAIN**

If you need the emergency power of prayer or want to belong to the prayer chain, please call Marie Henry 618-282-2876 or 618-559-6511 (Prairie du Rocher).

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: Meeting every third **Monday** of the month at 10am at Linda Stern's home, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Chester. Everyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is welcome. If you have any questions, call Linda (618-201-2957).

**PRAYER REQUEST**

The homebound, nursing home residents, cancer patients, our military, the lonely, the homeless, those incarcerated. Donna Schweizer, Terry Moore, Mike Vasquez, Tom Sauer, Mary Beck, Bruce Kettmann, Sonny & Roseann Glenn, Earlene Riechman, Judy Kempfer, Peggy Helmers, Evelyn Marquardt, Roger Knott, Albert Deterding, Raymond Ellner, Eric Mathews, Bill & Erlene Hanger, Huckson McGee, Betty Bissel, Gary Sauerhage, Alli Petrowske, Melissa Doss, Gale Frazer, Sharon Misuraca

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY'S**

Thomas O'Connor 5/30, Rosemary Bert 5/3, Joyce Wetzler 5/31, Madelyn Tretter 6/1, Robert Lockhart 6/2, Austin Presley 6/2, Brock Vasquez 6/3, Audrey Wiegard 6/4, Trenton Hancock 6/5, James Cushman 6/6, Tasha Gibbs 6/7, Robert Schneider 6/7, David Ellner 6/7

**Aaron & Jamie Petrowske 5/31**

**Louis & Theresa Quivey 6/1**

**Dan & Mary Moeller 6/2**

**Dean & Brandi Gross 6/2**

**Bill & Earleen Hanger 6/5**

**Robert & Stephanie Lockhart 6/5**  
**Tim & Michelle Jany 6/6**

**ST. JOSEPH, PRAIRIE DU ROCHER EVENTS**

**Weekly Tithes & Offerings**

**Online Giving ~ [www.stjoespdr.org](http://www.stjoespdr.org)**

**St. Joseph's: Weekly Goal: \$1700 Beginning 7/1/2025**

**Envelopes (31): \$1072 Loose: \$200 CSMA Goal: \$6,288**

**Collected to date: \$3,437**

**YTD: goal: \$75,800 collected: \$84, 061**

**Liturgical Calendar ~ St. Joseph**

**May 31 (S)** Evan & Luke (L) Leonard, (B) Nancy, (C) Mary & Carol

**June 7 (Rendezvous Mass 8am)** (L) James, (B) Audrey

**Rendezvous Mass**

On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be at Ft. Chartres at 8am. Please join us as we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi.

*There will not be Mass at church.*



Remember parents we need your child's 2026-2027 PSR registrations

**Servers needed:** Any student who has received their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion is welcome begin serving. Please talk to Jill if you want to begin serving

**Service Hours:** Katie Popejoy needs service hours for NHS. NHS Members will be mowing grass for those who cannot. Please contact Katie at 618-284-1747.

**Third Quarter Schedule:** Servers & special ministers Please let Jill know if can not work a particular weekend over the next three months.

**ST. MARY'S CHESTER EVENTS**

**Weekly Tithes & Offerings**

**Online Giving ~ [osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds](http://osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds)**

**Mass Streaming:** Search *Mary Help of Christians Chester* on YouTube to find streamed Masses.

**Servers Schedule**

**Sat May 30 ~ TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Sun May 31 ~ Jon, Penelope & Piper**

**Sat Jun 6 ~ Cody, Gavin**

**Sun Jun 7 ~ Parker, Blake & Will**

### **Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule**

**Sat May 30** ~ (L) Nicole (H) Larry (C) Marlene, Kathleen

**Sun May 31** ~ (L) Danny (H) Todd (C) Aaron, Diana, Matt, Kevin

**Sat Jun 6** ~ (L) Rob (H) Kathleen (C) Sarah, Rob

**Sun Jun 7** ~ (L) Madi (H) Sam (C) Dave, Greg, Jeannie, Norman

**Votive Candles** – Due to rising costs, the price of votive candles is now \$5.00 each. There is a place to deposit the money near the candles.

**Parish Council** – We are looking for those interested in volunteering to become a member of Parish Council. The Parish Council meets to discuss and recommend decisions in matters which affect the good of the total Church. If this is something you are interested in being a part of, contact the Parish Office or place your name in the collection basket indicating your interest.

**St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Quilt of the Month:** If you would like to donate a new, hand-quilted quilt for this project, we would very much appreciate it. The 2026 Quilt of the Month tickets are currently being sold.

**Father's Day BBQ Ribs:** The KC's is selling BBQ ribs for Father's Day for \$25 per rack. Call the KC's at (618) 826-3316 to pre-order. Pick up Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> no later than 1pm.

**KC Hall Monday Lunches:** Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Smash burgers, homemade chips, mac-n-cheese, creamy slaw. Served from 11am ~ 1pm. \$12/person

**KC Monthly Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6pm.

### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Young Adults Presents:** Bibles & Brews, Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Ages 21-35. Kite Hill Winery 100 Tasting Room Rd., Carbondale, IL.

### **Mary & Martha Rummage Sale- Sppcs Waterloo**

June 5-6 8am – 1pm both days. Bargains on Saturday

**Spaghetti Supper:** Proceeds for Seminarian Kyle Kellerman, St. Mary Magdalen Church, Todd's Mill, IL June 6, 2026 at the Church Hall. Served from 4pm to 8pm. Adults \$12; Kids 5 to 12 \$6; Under 5 Free. Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlin Bread, Salad, dessert and drink.

**Discernment Float Trip:** Step away from the noise of daily life and into something deeper. Single young adult men ages 18 and older are invited to join Fr. Thomas Lugge, Fr. Levi James, & Fr. Steven Beatty for a summer retreat June 8th-10th to encounter Christ and His call in the beauty of the outdoors. Spend a few days on the Current River in Missouri while building brotherhood with other men seeking purpose

and direction. **Deadline to register is Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please email [vocations@diobelle.org](mailto:vocations@diobelle.org) for more information and register at <https://form.jotform.com/261246551160046>

**Day in Kimmswick, MO:** Buena Vista National Bank is hosting a trip to Kimmswick on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Amber Cushman at (618) 826-2331 ext. 108 if interested.

**Rivers of Life Clergy Band:** Will be performing Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Chester Methodist Church parking lot. Food & drinks will be on site beginning at 5:00 pm. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy an evening of music, food, and fellowship! Will be moved indoors in case of rain.

**Bishop Godfrey's West vicariate Mass Information:** Bishop Godfrey Mullen, OSB, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in a parish in each Vicariate since so many parishioners could not attend the May 1<sup>st</sup> ordination and installation. The West Vicariate's Mass will be held on June 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM, Sacred Heart Parish in DuQuoin. All are invited to attend and welcome Bishop Godfrey.

**Church Picnic Time:** Sts. Peter & Paul, Waterloo Parish Picnic June 12 & 13.

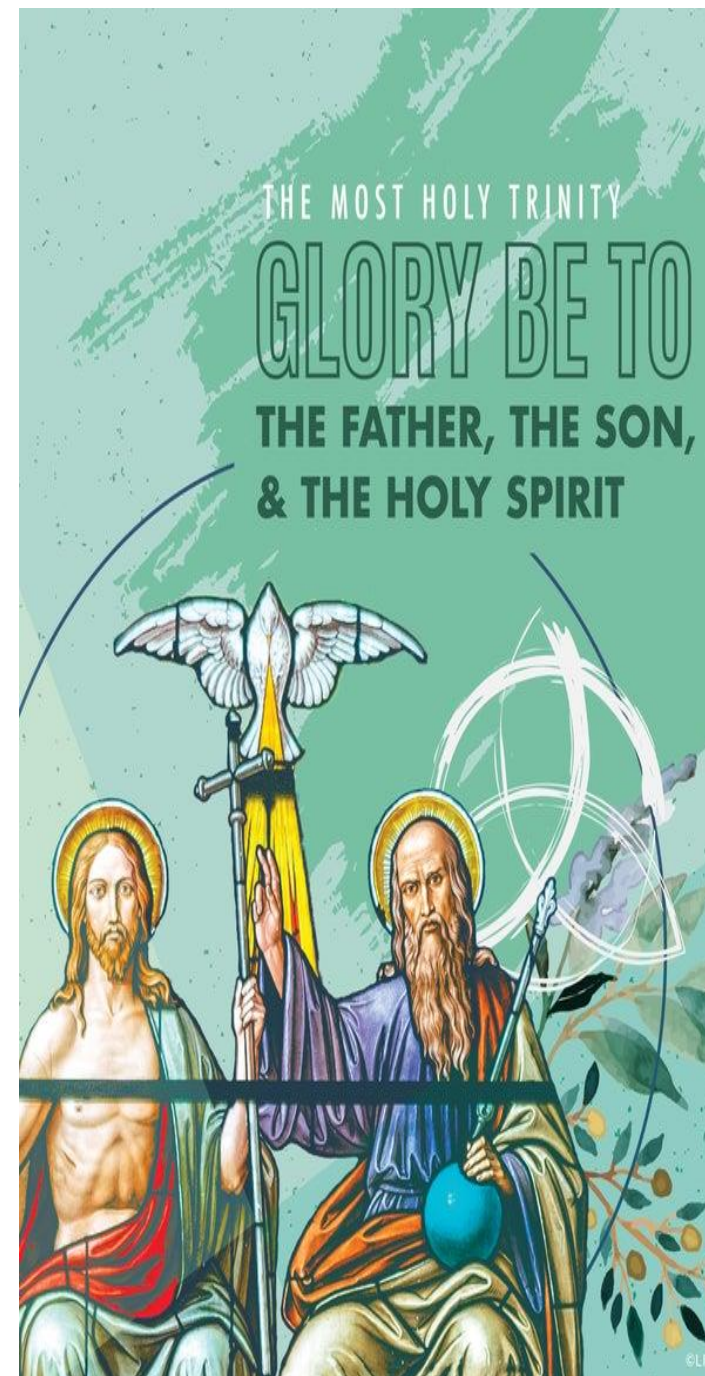
**St. John the Baptist, Red Bud Quilt & Cash Bingo:** July 12th, 2026! Doors Open/Lunch Available: 11am (Serving chicken salad, hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts. Cash bar available.) Bingo begins at 1pm.

**St. Mary's Belleville Parish/Alumni Homecoming:** Food, Music (by The Bandits) and Fun at St. Mary's in Belleville. June 13, 2026 from 6 – 10 pm. 170 West Main Street, Belleville.

**St. Michael, Paderborn Parish Picnic:** July 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 3 pm. Fried Chicken Dinner from 3 to 7 pm. Quilt & Cash Bingo begins at 5 pm. Mass at 3:30 pm.

**Totus Tuus:** Belleville Diocese is sponsoring a fun and faith filled Catholic Summer Program for students in grades 1-12. One closest to us Week 4: 7/5 – 7/10 – Ss. Peter and Paul (Waterloo)  
Registration: <https://www.sppcc.org/totus-tuus.html>  
Coordinator: Catherine Burkart [cburkart@sppcc.org](mailto:cburkart@sppcc.org)

**St. Bruno Church Chicken Dinner:** Pinckneyville Columbian Hall Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm. Adults \$15, Ages 6 – 12 \$9; Under 5 – Free. Includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, coleslaw, bread, drink and dessert.



**PASTOR: FR. SEBASTIAN UKOH, C.M.**

Website: [www.stjmm.org](http://www.stjmm.org)

### **Mary Help of Christians**

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Parish Phone: 618-826-2444

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### **St. Mary of Divine Maternity**

7362 Shawneetown Trail, Ellis Grove, IL 62241

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Deacon Al Dubois

Parish Phone: 618-859-3541

### **St. Joseph**

802 Middle St, Prairie du Rocher, IL 62277

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Website : [www.stjoespdr.org](http://www.stjoespdr.org)

*We extend a very warm welcome  
to all those who are new to our parishes.  
We would love for you to become  
permanent members of our  
Parish Partnership Family!  
Please contact the Parish Secretary  
at the office number listed above.*