

St. Mary Divine Maternity
Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday January 24, 2026, 6:00pm
+ Ann Hasemeyer

Saturday January 31, 2026, 6:00pm
+ Glen Sauerwein

Liturgical Ministers for next week

For January 31, 2026 – 6:00pm

Altar Server L. Drake

Lector. J. Hrabusicky

Gifts: Volunteers

E. Minister: J. Derringer & G. Valleroy

Usher: M. Valleroy & S. Quandt

St. Mary's Offering

Thank you for your support.

This Week

Isaiah 8: 23-9:3

Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14

1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

Matthew 4: 12-23 (or 4: 12-17)

Next Week

Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13

Psalms 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10

1 Corinthians 1: 26-31

Matthew 5: 1-12a

Please submit items for the bulletin by Tuesday
5:00pm 618-920-7321, if there is no answer,
please leave a message. Thank You, Deacon Al

Events for St. Mary

Feb. 4, 2026, PSR class 6:00 to 7:30pm

Feb. 7, 2026, Holy Name-Fat Saturday

Feb. 10, 2026, Holy Name Mtg. 7:00pm

Feb. 12, 2026, Parish Council Mtg. 6.00pm

Feb. 15, 2026, Food Pantry Collection

Feb. 18, 2026. Ash Wednesday 6:00pm

Feb. 18, 2026, PSR class 6:00 to 7:30pm

*Please remember those of our families and friends
who have asked for our prayers.*

Diane Averbeck, Debbie Brown, David Dohack
Geraldyn Lanham, Randy Valleroy, Glenda York,
Donna Schwizer, Jeffery Davis, Mark Drake,
Robin Waltemate, Ryan Junger, Ronda Heck,
Kevin Petrowske, Jeff Faverty Shirley Dreczka
Matt Vallett, Bud Stumpe, Paul Meyer,
Amer Cushman, Carolyn Loesing, Linda Butler

Our Parish Members in Care centers
Wilma Junger, Bud Stumpe

Religious Education:

Tammy Bert, A. Antonacci – Brenda Gross
Maxine Mathis

Altar Sodality: Joan Derringer
Holy Name Society: Tony Meyer

To Rent Sense Hall: please contact Tammy Bert
618-774-2415

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

If any members of our parish family are feeling
the (**so-called financial pinch**) and are having
difficulty paying for their prescriptions please let
Fr. Sabastian or Deacon Al, know that we will be
able to help. This will be (**TOTALLY**
CONFIDENTIAL) if you know of any members
who are unable to attend Mass, we would also
like to be informed so we can send them our
weekly bulletin. And please remember to mail in
your weekly contributions, it is much
appreciated.

January 25, 2026
Second Third Sunday Ordinary A



St. Mary Divine Maternity
7362 Shawneetown Trail
Ellis Grove, IL 62241

Pastor
Rev. Sebastian Ukoh C.M

Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Mary Chester
Saturday, Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday, 10:00am

St. Mary's Ellis Grove
Saturday 6:00pm Odd Month's
Sunday 8:00 am Even Month's

St. Joseph Rocher
Saturday, 6:00pm Even Months
Sunday 8:00am Odd Month's

Reconciliation: 15 min. prior
For all Masses

Trustees: Bernard Colvis & Ann Petrowske

Parish Council: Pres. Tammy Bert,
Sec. Joyce Hrabusicky, Chris Gross
Maxine Mathis, Scott Gross, Shane Quandt
Larry Mitchell, Jeremy Blechle

Sacrament Preparation Contact:

St. Mary's Ellis Grove – 618-859-3541
St. Mary's Chester, 618-826-2444
St. Joseph Rocher 618-284-3314

For the Following

For Baptism: For the Sacrament of
Marriage: Please contact the parish office at
least 6 Months prior to the intended date so
that the required preparations can be
completed. And for the Sacrament of the
sick, whenever necessary. We welcome all
guests and those wishing to become a
member of our Parish Family, Please
contact St. Mary Ellis Grove – St. Joseph
Rocher – St. Mary's Chester, Also, you may
contact the Parish Office's for information
on The Rite of Christian Initiation



*Come follow me, and I will
make you fishers of men.*

Neighboring Churches Mass Times
St. Mary’s, Chester 4:00 pm Saturday am
Sunday 10:00am
St. John’s, Red Bud 4:00 pm. Saturday
10:00 am Sunday
Lady of Lourdes, Sparta 5:30pm Sat.
8:00 am Sunday
St. Patrick’s, Ruma 8:00 a.m. Sunday
St. Pius V, Walsh, 4:00 pm Saturday
St. Boniface, Evansville, 10:00am Sunday

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.
Please free our world from conflict
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every
heart. Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life.
Replace hatred with Your love.
Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.
Glorious Virgin Mary,
Saint Michael the Archangel,
Every angel and saint:
Please pray for peace.
Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.
Pray for the most vulnerable.
Pray for those suffering.
Pray for the fearful.
Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.
Jesus, Son of the Living God.
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear our prayers.
Jesus, I trust in You Amen

Vocations January 25:
Today’s Gospel is the story of Jesus
beginning His Church on earth. He calls
Peter and Andrew to be “fishers of men.”
He likewise enlists James and John,
Zebedee’s sons, to follow Him. We are ALL
called to be fishers of men, women, and
children through the example of our daily
lives. We are charged with “abandoning our
nets” and help each other to live the
vocation we’ve each been uniquely called to.
We need to minimally pray each day for an
increase in vocations to the Priesthood and
Consecrated Religious Life

February 2nd is the World Day of Prayer for
Consecrated Life, observed in parishes
February 7-8. Pope Saint John Paul II
instituted this day of prayer for consecrated
men and women, which is celebrated on the
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. In the
consecrated life, Christ’s faithful, moved by
the Holy Spirit, propose to follow Christ
more nearly, to give themselves to God who
is loved above all, and pursuing the
perfection of charity in the service
of the Kingdom, to signify and proclaim in
the Church the glory of the world to come
(CCC#916). Consecrated life has many
different forms recognized by the Church
such as eremitic life, consecrated virginity,
religious life, secular institutes, and societies.

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KC Hall PTO Friday Dinners: KC’s will host
Friday dinners with help from SMS students
beginning January 23rd. Menu for the 23rd is
fried chicken, baked potato, vegetable, and
salad. Cost is \$15/per person. Served from 5pm –
7pm. The School will receive a portion of the
proceeds. Student volunteers are needed!

Chester Christian Food Pantry: Items needed:
Pasta dinners, canned fish, cheese. Monetary
donations are always welcome. In December, 166
households, 417 individuals, including 141
children, were served. Next mobile market:
January 28, 2026. Volunteers always needed to
help with distribution. Thank you for your
continued support of the Pantry!

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
Hope in the Lord The Society of St. Vincent de
Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through
its Cosgrove ‘s Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift
Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center.
Men, women and children are provided the basic
necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter –
and the hope and the tools they need for a better
tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those
who have no place else to turn. Please make your
gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
today.

St. Augustine ~ Hecker: The Quilt/Cash Bingo is
Sunday, February 8th, 2026, at the Hecker
Community Center. We will be serving Fried
Chicken and Pork Sausage Plates, serving from
10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Bingo begins at 1:30. Please
plan to come for an enjoyable time.

Diocese of Belleville Young Adults: Anyone
between the ages of 18-39 is invited to join
this group which provides an opportunity to
meet and hang out with other young
Catholic adults in the area. Programming
includes monthly speaker series, men’s and
women’s groups, retreats, vocation
discernment opportunities, service events
and other recreational events. Reach out at
youngadults@diobelle.org.

St. Bruno Catholic School PTO
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 25th, 2026
8am - Noon
Columbian Club of Pinckneyville

JOIN US FOR DELICIOUS
FOOD & RAFFLES!

\$12
ADULT
\$7
KIDS 4-12

Pancakes, Sausage,
Biscuits & Gravy, Eggs,
Coffee, Juice, Milk

Dine-In or Carry-Out
Available

Fat Saturday

Saturday, February 7, 2026

3:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

St. Mary’s Catholic Church
7362 Shawneetown Trail, Ellis Grove, IL

All you can eat
Chicken and Fish
dinners
with 4 sides and
dessert and drinks
included

THERE WILL BE A
MASS AT
4:00 P.M. THAT
EVENING

Children under 6 Eat Free
Children 6 to 12- \$10.00
Over 12- \$16.00

Sponsored by St. Mary’s Holy Name Society

We ask all the good people who are making
cakes, pies etc. to please try and bring your
delicious baked goods to the church hall by
12 noon on Feb. 7th. Thank you so much for
your donations.

