

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
Psalm 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
Psalm 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
Geralyn 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. Sebastian 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.

