

St. Mary Divine Maternity

Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, December 14, 2025, 8:00am

+ Logan & Elizabeth Roche

Sunday, December 21, 2025, 8:00am

+ Barb Brown

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Liturgical Ministers for next week

For December 21, 2025, 8:00am
Altar Server W. Biermann
Lector: M. Mathis
Gifts: Volunteers
E. Minister: J. Derringer & G. Valleroy
Usher: J. Wesbecher & S. Quandt

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St. Mary’s Offering
Thank you for your support.

This Week

Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

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

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

Next Week

Isaiah 7: 10-14

-Psalms 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Romans 1: 7

Matthew 1: 18-24

Please submit items for the bulletin by Tuesday 5:00pm 618-920-7324, if there is no answer, please leave a message. Thank You, Deacon Al

Events for St. Mary

Dec. 17, 2025, PSR class 6:00 to 7:30pm
Dec. 21, 2025, Food Pantry Collection
Dec. 25, 2025, Christmas Mass 8:00 am
Jan.1st New Years Day Mass 8:15 Chester
Jan.3rd Mass 6:00pm Ellis Grove

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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

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Our Parish Members in Care centers
Wilma Junger, Bud Stumpe

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Religious Education:
Tammy Bert, A. Antonacci – Brenda Gross
Maxine Mathis

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Altar Sodality: Joan Derringer
Holy Name Society: Tony Meyer

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

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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.

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent - 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



Hope - Peace - Joy

Neighboring Churches Mass Times

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

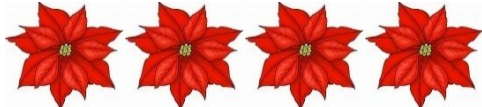


A Prayer for Peace

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



Ladies Sodality Christmas Party-The Ladies Altar Sodality Monday held there annual Christmas Party, and a good time was had by all with a great meal and having their annual bingo prize game and raffling the beautiful quilt and one of our own won it Joyce Hrabusicky congratulations Joyce with the cold weather upon us I hope I keeps you nice and warm.



Weeks of December 7 and December 14
Christmas Poinsettias -The Ladies Sodality will be collecting donations for poinsettias for our Christmas altar decorations. The envelopes are in the vestibule of the church. The contribution is \$15.00 per plant. Please make sure you mark on the envelope your name and also the name of the person that the poinsettia is for and either in memory of or in honor of. Your envelope must be returned via the collection basket by December 14.



**2025
HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Sun. Dec. 14 Penance Service 7:00pm Chester
Tues. Dec. 16 Penance Service 7:00pm O. L. Lourdes Sparta

Wed. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Vigil 4:00pm Chester

Thurs. Christmas Day Mass 8:00am Ellis Grove
Christmas Day Mass 10:00am Chester

Tues. Dec. 30th Fr. Sebastian Leaves for Nigeria

Thurs. Jan. 1st New Day Mass 8:15am Chester
Sat. Jan 3rd 6:00pm Mass Ellis Grove

Epiphany Party 12:00 Noon Rocher Sun. Jan.4th Mass 8:00am Chester – 10:00am Mass Rocher Epiphany Party 12:00 Noon Roch



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December 14, 2025, Respect Life Corner

Loving God, I thank you for the gift of life you gave and continue to give to me and to all of us. Merciful God, I ask your pardon and forgiveness for my own failure and the failure of all people to respect and foster all forms of life in our universe.
Gracious God, I pray that with your grace, I and all people will reverence, protect, and promote all life and that we will be especially sensitive to the life of the unborn, the abused, neglected, disabled, and the elderly. I pray, too, that all who make decisions about life in any form will do so with wisdom, love, and courage.
Living God, I praise and glorify you as Father, Source of all life, as Son, Savior of our lives, and as Spirit, Sanctifier of our lives.

Amen

Prayer for the Third week of Advent

Heavenly Father,
In this third week of Advent, we light the candle of joy, remembering that true joy comes from You alone. Even in seasons of waiting, Your promises give us hope, and Your presence fills our hearts with gladness.
Lord, help us to rejoice not only in blessings received but also in the assurance of Your unfailing love. Teach us to share this joy with those who are weary, lonely, or burdened, so they too may know the light of Christ.
May our hearts be open to Your Spirit, our words be filled with encouragement, and our lives reflect the good news of Jesus’ coming. We await His birth with gratitude and anticipation, trusting that Your joy will be our strength.
In Jesus’ name we pray,
Amen

