

**St. Mary Divine Maternity**  
**Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions**

Sunday, August 24, 2025, 8:00am  
+ Ralph & Marion Hasemeyer

Sunday August 31, 2025 – 8:00am  
+ Gus Stallman

**Liturgical Ministers for next week**

**For August 31, 2025, 8:00am**

Altar Server: P. Seymour

Lector: C. Gross

Gifts: Volunteers

E. Minister: J. Hrabusicky & B. Montroy

Usher: M. Valleroy & J. Wesbecher

**St. Mary's Offering**  
**Thank you for your support.**



**This Week**

Isaiah 66: 18-21

Psalms 117: 1, 2

Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Luke 13: 22-30

**Next Week**

Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

Psalms 68: 4-5, 6-7, 10-11

Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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**

August 31, 2025, Coffee & Donuts after Mass  
Sept. 7, 2025 – St. Mary D. M. Parish Picnic  
Sept. 9, 2025, Holy Name Mtg. 7:00pm  
Sept. 10, 2025 -PSR Registration 6:00pm & Class  
Sept. 24, 2025 – PSR classes 6:00 to 7:30pm  
Sept. 20, 2025 – Food Pantry Collection

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

Diane Averbeck, Debbie Brown, David Dohack  
Geraldyn Lanham, June Maxwell, Randy Valleroy  
Glenda York, Carl Gross, Donna Schwizer  
Jeffery Davis, Mark Drake, Robin Waltemate  
Ryan Junger, Ronda Heck, Kevin Petrowske  
Jeff Faverty Shirley Dreczka Matt Vallett  
Bud Stumpe, Paul Meyer, Rich Soderlund

*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.

**August 24, 2025**  
**Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary C**



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



*They will come from east and  
west and recline at table in  
the kingdom of God.*



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



Sunday, August 24th, 2025 Respect Life Corner

“Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people’s lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”

Vocations

August 24th: “I was born in a small town in Michoacan, Mexico. My mother, a woman of great faith, instilled in me and my five siblings trust in God and kindness toward others. When I turned 15, my family moved to California. It was difficult to leave home, but I soon got used to the new school, friends, and culture. One afternoon, I accompanied a friend to church, more out of duty than desire, and Jesus reminded me that had been waiting for me. I realized how much I had been moving away from him, how much I needed him, and I went to confession. I later encountered the Servants of Mary, Ministers of the Sick, who were visiting the parish. I began to discern, and after high school, I entered my postulancy. I am now a professed junior sister.” Sister Maritza Madrigal; Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick; New York City; Columbia Magazine, June 2020



Our parish is participating in the Boxes of Joy project again this year. Donations will also be appreciated since each box requires \$9.00 for shipping. The boxes and the list is in the back of the church. Last year our parish donated 20 boxes. Deadline for filled boxes is Sunday, August 24th.  
Joan Derringer 618- 534-6697



The West Vicariate Fall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27 at Ellis Grove in Sense Hall. Registration starts at 9 a.m. The morning speaker will be Sheriff Jarod Peters, He will talk about how not to get scammed, how to recognize scammers, types of scammers, In the afternoon, there will be a friendly question game. The cost of the day is \$10 which includes lunch. Everyone is welcome. Joan Derringer 618- 534-6697



The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today. Our goal is \$3,668.00.  
We have received \$3,945.00

Yes, we actually not only met our goal we went over! For Father Sebastian & Deacon Al and all the ministries that are served through your donations we are truly grateful for your selfless giving. We must also recognize Linda Butler for her dedication and keeping track of all the book work that was very necessary communicating with department of Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal. May God Bless all of you for your generosity.

Clerical Assistant Wanted

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council is seeking a person to join their dedicated staff: Position: Outreach Clerk Work Schedule: Part-time -- Monday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (four (4) hours daily) Work Requirements: self-directed person who likes working with files and telephone calls

For additional information please contact Patricia Hogrebe, Executive Director, 618-394-0126 or 618-799-8505.



Marian Day of Reflection: Sep. 6th at 9:00 am at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO. Includes a breakfast of Hoeckele’s Doughnuts, a talk on Mary’s apparitions, an opportunity for Reconciliation, 12:10 pm Mass, Lunch, a talk on Mary’s gifts (Rosary, Brown Scapular, and Miraculous Medal), adoration, Rite of Investiture into the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal, and a tour of the Shrine Church. Tickets are \$45 each. Register by 9.1.25. For more info, call 800.264.6279.



St. Mary Divine Maternity Annual Family Picnic  
September 7, 2025 – 12 noon Kaskaskia Park

At the one time of the year that we can all get together in great fellowship. Meat & Drinks supplied by the Holy Name, Utensils and Plates cups etc. supplied by the Ladies Alter Society And all we ask is that you bring your favorite covered dish with your best food under that cover and really enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

