

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

Sunday August 30, 2026, 8:00am  
+ Gus Stallman

Saturday Sept. 5, 2026, 6:00pm  
+ Louise Derringer & Leroy Averbeck

**Liturgical Ministers for next week**

**Sept. 5, 2026, 6:00pm**

Altar Server: Adalyn

Lector: M. Mathis

Gifts: Volunteers

E. Minister: T. Penford & M. Colvis

Usher: M. Valleroy & J. Wesbecher

**St. Mary's Offering**

**Thank you for your support.**

**This Week**

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16: 21-27

**Next Week**

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13: 8-10

Matthew 18: 15-20

Please submit items for the bulletin by Tuesday at 5:00pm my phone number is 618-920-7324. If there is no answer, please leave a message.  
Thank you, Deacon Al

**Events for St. Mary**

August 30, 2026, Coffee & Donuts after Mass

Sept. 8, 2026 Holy Name Mtg. 7:00pm

Sept. 9, 2026, PSR Class 6:00 to 7:30pm

September 13, 2026, Parish Picnic Noon

Fort Kaskaskia

Sept. 20, 2026, Food Pantry Collection

Sept. 23, 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, Tracy Colvis  
Geraldyn Lanham, Randy Valleroy, Glenda York,  
Jeffery Davis, Mark Drake, Robin Waltemate,  
Ronda Heck, Kevin Petrowske, Jeff Faverty  
Shirley Dreczka Matt Vallett, Bud Stumpe  
Paul Meyer, Amber Cushman, Carolyn Loesing,  
Allison Petrowske, Lisa Hall, Sharon Wittenborn  
Junita (Needie) Bleem, Roy Schlueter

*Our Parish Members in Care centers*  
Wilma Junger, Bud Stumpe

**Religious Education, PSR**

Tammy Bert, A. Antonacci, Maxine Mathis

**Ladies 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 30, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday – Ordinary Time



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

Pastor

Very Rev. Father 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, Scott Gross  
Maxine Mathis, Chris Gross,  
Brenda Montroy, 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



*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.*

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

# PAUL J. KIM

Catholic Speaker

SEP 9 - ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH, O'FALLON, IL  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM, TALK AT 6:30 PM  
A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC ADULTING

SEP 10 - GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL WATERLOO, IL  
SOCIAL AT 5 PM, TALK AT 7 PM  
LIFE IS SHORT, ETERNITY IS FOREVER

No RSVP Needed. Free & Open to the Public!



2 EVENTS

**Vocation**

August 30th: “I have a vivid childhood memory of my mom and dad kneeling to pray after receiving Communion. They first taught me how to pray, and their marital witness continues to teach me about fidelity to one’s vocation. Years later, at my first Mass, I told my father that I hoped my spiritual fatherhood would reflect his fatherhood – and I still hope for that. I wouldn’t be a priest without my parents. Likewise, I wouldn’t be a priest without the good men who witnessed to the joy of the priesthood, or the parishioners whose ceaseless prayers and encouragement sustained me. There was also the religious sister who taught me not just calculus, but what it means to leave home and everything behind to follow Jesus. And it was a close friend’s offhand remark – “You’d make a good priest” – that sparked a period of serious self-reflection and prayer that led me to the seminary. The Church teaches that a vocation is discovered, nourished, and accepted within one’s community. “Fr. Christopher Murphy;

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
Parish

## LABOR DAY PICNIC

Monday | September 7



**Chicken Dinner**  
11am-4pm  
(or until sold out)  
Dine-in or Carry-out.



**Quilt Bingo**  
11am-6pm  
Play a bit or stay all day!  
\$500  
FINAL GAME PAYOUT



**Booths & Games**  
11am-7pm  
Books - Country Store -  
Desserts - Raffles - Plant  
Stand - Food & Drink -  
Adult & Kid Games

Live music throughout the day

MORE INFO --

ON FACEBOOK  
@ImmaculateConception  
ParishPicnic



Ways to Support the Picnic

- Donate books, desserts & homegrowns
- Sell Raffle Tickets
- Sign up to help (August 1)

411 PALMER ROAD | COLUMBIA, IL 62236 | ALL PARKING WILL BE FREE

COLUMBIA, ILL



For all who have taken a Box of Joy this is to inform you that the deadline for retuning your box is Sunday August 30. If anyone still wishes to take a box to fill, they are in the back of the church. The Sodality pays for the postage.

**Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him Did you know YOUR GIFT to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese’s website at [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) and click on “Giving”. It’s that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) today! The goal for St. Mary Divine Maternity is \$3,583.00, so far, we have received \$2, 375.00

  
**CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY, INC.**  
  
**NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2026**

**ITEMS NEEDED**

We are in dire need of Egg Cartons.

There is a drop off box for egg cartons outside of the food panty located in Koeneman Acres.

Tuna, Canned or Bagged Pasta Items, and Canned Fruit.

Monetary donations are always welcome.

**HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS SERVED at the Pantry in JUNE & JULY**

209/232 households, 560/604 individuals

which includes 187/188 children

**HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS SERVED at the Mobile Market in JUNE & JULY**

111/114 households, 280/284 individuals

which includes 87/95 children

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE PANTRY!**

Your giving has touched someone’s life....