READINGS

First Reading: (Rv 9:12)
"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."
Psalm: (Ps 24)
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
Second Reading: (1 Jn 3:1)
See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.
Gospel: (Mt 5:10)
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS
C = CHESTER * EG = ELLIS GROVE * J = PR DU ROCHER

Saturday, Oct. 31
4PM (C Jay Wittenborn by Bethany Berner
6PM (J) Larry Deterding
Sunday, Nov.1
8:00AM (EG)
10:00AM (C) Gordon & Rose Holley Deceased Family Members by family
5:00PM (C) Steven Shemonic by Parish
Monday, Nov. 2
8:15AM (C) Carol Jeremiah by Delbert Doeding
Tuesday, Nov. 3
8:30AM (J) NO Mass
Wednesday, Nov. 4
8:15AM (C) Jay Wittenborn b Brad & Michele Wittenborn
Thursday, Nov. 5
8:00AM (J) No Mass
Friday, Nov. 6
NO Mass
Saturday, Nov.7
4:00PM (C) Roy Turner and Willie Kickham by Kathy Albrecht
6:00PM (EG)
Sunday, Nov. 8
8:00AM (J) Terry Laurent
10:00AM (C) Marsha Link by Mike Vasquez family
5:00PM (C) Jay Wittenborn by Melvin & Lou Ann Eggemeyer

MASS SCHEDULE ~ November

Saturday: 4pm: Chester **6pm:** Ellis Grove
Sunday: 8am Prairie du Rocher **10am:** Chester

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

The first reading (Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14) recounts the vision of John, about Angels who put God's seals on the forehead of the elect. They also paid homage to God and prayed heartily. These elect, are the ones who have been through purification and have emerged victorious.

The second reading (1 John 3: 1-3) reminds us that God chose us to be his children. And this privilege of being God's children, opens up for us the possibility of being with God in eternity. Then, we shall see God as he truly is.

In the Gospel (Matthew 5: 1-12a) the beauty of the Beatitudes, embraces us. Christ assures us that as long as we believe, trust, hope, pray and show mercy, God's bounteous rewards will come to us. May all the saints continue to intercede for us always. Amen.

A huge thank you to all who came to my bible study on the act of the apostles. It is so wonderful to see our partnership coming together to share our faith.

PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

OCIA ~ Becoming Catholic
Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? St. Mary's in Chester offers O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). Please call the parish office or contact Brad for more info: bradcolvis@gmail.com.

CONFESSIONS
St. Joseph: Tuesday & Thursday mornings & Sat. evenings after Mass or by appt.
St. Mary's (C): Saturday evenings before Mass 3:15pm-3:45pm
Any other confessions can be made by appointment.

ADORATION
****All Are Welcome****
St. Joseph: First Monday of every month @ 7PM
St. Mary's (C): First Tuesday of every month @ 7PM
St. Mary's School: The First Friday of every month at 8:30am

MASS OF HEALING
Will be the 1st full weekend of the month at all parishes

2026-2027 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal: "*Those who are kind to the needy honor Him" (Proverbs 14:31)* "Positive interactions with our brothers and sisters in need honor God, reflect love and foster a cycle of goodness which is so desperately needed in our world today. Join us in our mission to serve those in need here in our Belleville Diocese. Please consider making a gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Thank you for your consideration and support." - Most Rev. Godfrey Mullen, OSB

Anyone in grades 7-12 is welcome to sign up. We will begin meeting every second Sunday ***(Nov. 8) from 5-7pm at St. Joseph for a bonfire & hot dog roast.*** Try again.
We have a Facebook Page: If you or your family like to join, please let Jill Whelan (618-719-9344) or Dawn Walker (618-317-5104) know so we can send you an invite.

YOUTH GROUP

Registration: We ask that all parishioners complete registration forms. ***Please fill it out and return it either in the collection basket or to the Rectory or Parish Office.*** Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

COMMUNION
If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion, contact: Diane Mudd 284-7150 (Ruma), Marie Henry 282-2897 (Prairie du Rocher), Rosemary Bert 615-6135, Paula Platt 615-5545, Martha McDonald 615-6624 or Barb Otten 615-2442 (Chester).

PRAYER CHAIN
If you need the emergency power of prayer or want to belong to the prayer chain, please call Marie Henry 618-282-2876 or 618-559-6511 (Prairie du Rocher).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Meeting every third Monday of the month at 10am at Linda Stern's home, 106 Hillcrest Dr., Chester. Everyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is welcome. If you have any questions, call Linda (618-201-2957).

FOOD PANTRY
[**Chester]** Items Needed: Size 3, 4 & 5 Diapers; Pull Ups – all sizes, Baby Wipes, Kids snack & drink items and egg cartons. Monetary donations are always welcome. The **[PDR]** school pantry is accepting nonperishable food or monetary donations. Please leave in the back of church. Thank you for your continued support of the Pantry!

PRAYER REQUEST
It is time to update our prayer list please review and let us know if it is ok to take your name off the prayer list. Keeping your name on is fine, we just need to clarify.
The homebound, nursing home residents, cancer patients, our military, the lonely, the homeless, those incarcerated. Donna Schweizer, Terry Moore, Mike Vasquez, Tom Sauer, Mary Beck, Bruce Kettmann, Sonny & Roseann Glenn, Earlene Riechman, Judy Kempfer, Roger Knott, Albert Deterding, Raymond Ellner, Eric Mathews, Bill & Erlene Hanger, Huckson McGee, Betty Bissel, Gary Sauerhage, Alli Petrowske, Melissa Doss, Gale Frazer, Earlene Clements, Doc Ludwig, Margaret Vaughn, Nicole Doty, Mary Melliere

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES
Demi Chambers 11/1, Natalie Colvis 11/1, Cindy Guebert 11/1, Marvin Kennedy 11/2, Koby Jany 11/3, Matthew Cowell 11/5, Gail O'Connor 11/5, Dawn Walker 11/7, Chad Deterding 11/8
Ray & Ilene Allison 11/1
Ryan & Andrea Reiss 11/3
Joe & Crystal Tindall 11/5
JD & Brandy Maes 11/5

ST. JOSEPH, PRAIRIE DU ROCHER EVENTS

Weekly Tithes & Offerings
St. Joseph's: Weekly Goal: $1700 Beginning 7/1/2026

Liturgical Calendar ~ St. Joseph
Oct. 31 (S) Cort & Emmett (L) Langston (B) Carla (C) Nancy & Jill
Nov. 8 (S)Madison & Mackenzie (L) James (B) Carol (C) Marie & Jill

PSR Schedule- If your child would like to attend church during the week, please contact Jill if they need a ride. Mass is at 8am and will be over before breakfast at school.

Servers needed: Any student who has received their 1st Communion is welcome begin serving. Please talk to Jill if you want to begin serving

Special Ministers & Lectors – We are still looking for volunteers to help during Mass.

Calling All Quilters: Quilting will continue Wednesdays, 9:00am. Come for an hour or stay for the day. All levels welcome.

Mass of Remembrance: St. Joseph Parish will celebrate a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday, November 8, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. This Mass will be offered in memory of those loved ones who have passed away since our last All Souls Day.

Letter writing campaign: The parish and finance councils have begun a letter writing campaign to businesses and current and former parishioners. All monies collected will be used to repair the damage to the steeple. If you have not received a letter and want to donate, please make checks payable to St. Joseph steeple repair fund. If you donate with cash, place it in an envelope and mark it appropriately.

Book of Life: For the month of November this book will contain the names of those who died over the last year. Please feel free to add any names of deceased family or friends that you

wish prayers for. Please remember that it is our obligation and responsibility to pray for all the dead.

Registration Forms: Please complete and return them to the office as soon as possible. We want to update all our birthdays, anniversaries and contact information. Thank you!

Adoration: Will be Monday, November 2 at 7pm

ST. MARY'S CHESTER EVENTS

Weekly Tithes & Offerings
Online Giving ~ osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds
Weekly Goal: $8,901

Mass Streaming: Search *Mary Help of Christians Chester* on YouTube to find streamed Masses.

Servers Schedule
Sat Oct 31 ~ Addie & Gavin
Sun Nov 1 ~ Parker, Maren & Ezra
Sat Nov 7 ~
Sun Nov 8 ~

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule
Sat Oct 31 ~ (L) Rob (H) Larry (C) Rob, Marlene
Sun Nov 1 ~ (L) Madi (H) Greg J (C) Sue, Aaron, Diana, Kevin
Sat Nov 7 ~ (L) Linda (H) Martha (C) Candy, Ron
Sun Nov 8 ~ (L) Dainelle (H) Todd (C) Norman, Jeannie, Bill, Barb

Toys for Tots: Help bring the joy of Christmas to a child. This may be the only gift they receive at Christmas. A box will be placed in the main entrance through Nov 9th for new, unwrapped toys. Monetary donations will also be accepted through the collection basket. All donations must be received by Dec 7th.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Quilt of the Month: If you would like to donate a new, hand-quilted quilt for this project, we would very much appreciate it. 2027 Quilt of the Month Tickets are available in the Parish Office. Tickets are $20 each. The October Quilt of the Month winner was Tom O'Connor. Congratulations Tom! **St Mary's CCW is also having a quilt raffle for Seminarian Grant Fender. Tickets are $5 each and are available in the Parish Office. Drawing will be held when all tickets are sold.**

Angel Tree: If you would like to reserve a crocheted angel for the Christmas Angel Tree in remembrance of a loved one, the price is $10 for new submissions, and $5 to renew if you have had one in the past. Proceeds are for St. Mary's Church. Thank you Donna Ritter for your continued dedication to this beautiful act of remembrance! Forms will be available in the back of church.

KC Hall Monday Lunches: Monday, Nov 2: BBQ pork steaks, baked beans, au gratin potatoes, broccoli salad.

KC Hall Fish Fry: Sunday, Nov 8 – Jack Salmon fish fry. Friday, Nov 13, 4p-7p Fish Fry. Come join us!

KC Monthly Meeting: 3rd Thursday of every month.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Wednesday, Nov 11 – No School in observance of Veteran's Day

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Eternal Light Concert – Music of Remembrance & Hope
Featuring the Requiem of Gabriel Faure. Sunday, Nov 1 at 2:00 pm at Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville. Free admission.

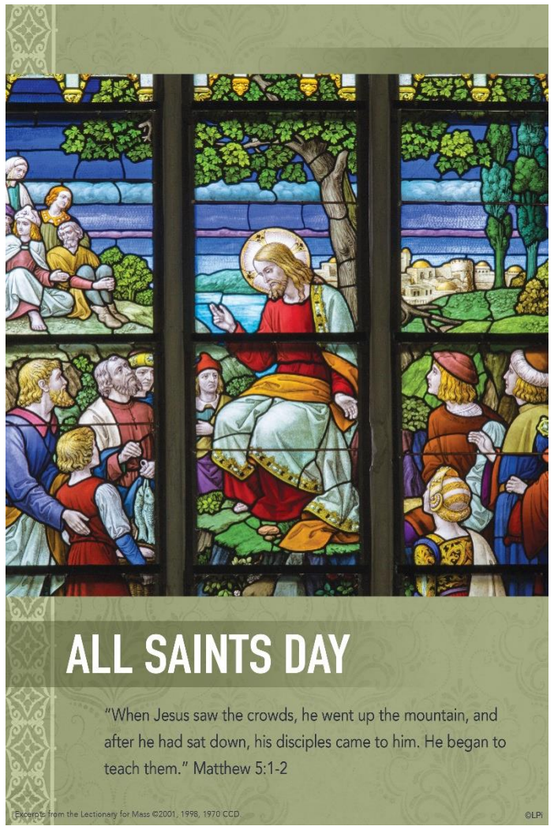
Annual Vectren's Chicken & Dumpling Dinner
Sunday November 8th serving from 11am-2pm
Prairie du Rocher American Legion Hall

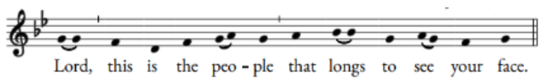
Zion Lutheran Church Holiday Bazaar: Nov 8 from 11 am – 2 pm; Chicken Noodle, Chili, Vegetable Soups, Brats, Hot Dogs & Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Homemade Pies & Cakes; Quilt Raffle, Rada Cutlery, Advent Calendars, Bake Sale, many craft items. 5802 Zion Church Road, Walsh

Methodist Men's Annual Ham 'n Bean Dinner: Friday, Nov 13th from 4-7pm. First United Methodist Church, Chester; All You Can Eat! Ham 'n Beans, Vegetable Soup, Slaw, Corn Bread, Homemade Pies & Cakes. Adults $12, Children $7, Under 5 Free

St Boniface Catholic Church Fall Bingo: Sunday, Nov 22; Food at 11am ~ Bingo at 1pm; 24 games, 50/50 Game, Pot of Gold, Raffles, Attendance Prizes. $3/Bingo Card. Bring your own covers. No paper bingo sheets.

Praying for Seminarians
Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians. Each week, we will feature one of our **11** seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. At the very least, a simple prayer would be helpful. *Saint John Vianney, pray for us*. For this week:
Gus King, Conception Seminary College, 37174 State Hwy VV, P.O. Box 502, Conception, MO 64433





All are welcome!

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We extend a very warm welcome to all those who are new to our parishes. We would love for you to become permanent members of our Parish Partnership Family! Please contact the Parish Secretary at the office number listed above.