

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

Sunday Oct. 18, 2026, 8:00am  
+ Stephen & Bernadien Miller

Sunday Oct. 25, 2026, 8:00am  
+ Tony Colvis

**Liturgical Ministers for next week**

**Oct. 25, 2026, 8:00am**

Altar Serve: L. Drake

Lector: M. Mathis

Gifts: Volunteers

E. Minister: C. Gross & B. Montroy

Usher: M. Valleroy & J. Wesbecher

**St. Mary's Offering**

**Thank you for your support.**

**This Week**

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Psalms 96: 1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

Thessalonians 1: 1-5b

Matthew 22: 15-21

**Next Week**

Exodus 2: 20-26

Psalms 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10

Matthew 22: 34-40

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**

Oct. 18, 2026, Food Pantry Collection

Oct. 21, 2026, PSR Class 6:00 to 7:30pm

Oct. 22, 2026, Scripture Study 7:00 to 8:00pm

Oct. 25, 2026 Coffee & Donuts after Mass

Nov. 1, 2026, Mass will be for this Sun. only at 8:00am Rest of the Month will be on Sat. 6:00pm

Nov. 4, 2026, PSR Class 6:00 to 7:30pm

Nov. 10, 2026, Holy Name Mtg. 7:00pm

Nov. 18, 2026, PSR Class 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Nov. 25, 2026, Thanksgiving Eve. Mass 6:00pm  
Blessing and distribution of Bread

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

Diane Averbeck, Debbie Brown, Glenda York, Randy Valleroy, Jeffery Davis, Mark Drake, Robin Waltemate, Ronda Heck, Paul Meyer Shirley Dreczka, Lisa Hall, Jeff Faverty Matt Vallett, Bud Stumpe, Geralyn Lanham, Amber Cushman, Carolyn Loesing, Allison Petrowske, Roy Schlueter, Kevin Petrowske, Lane Bert. Justin Fausz Eleanor Miller,

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

**Religious Education, PSR**

Tammy Bert, A. Antonacci, Maxine Mathis Diane Antonacci

**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.

**October 18, 2026**

**Twenty- Ninth 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



*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.*



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

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal  
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**  
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 The goal for St. Mary Divine Maternity is \$3,583.00, so far, we have received \$2, 525.00

Please Take Notice-Time Change  
Bible Study

On Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in Sense Hall, Father Sebastian will be having a Bible study on the Acts of the Apostles, which will be a very interesting in learning about them their lives and hardships in spreading the Gospel Message. (Refreshments will be served after)

**FOOD PANTRY [Chester]** The Food Pantry is in dire need of Egg Cartons. There is a drop box at the Pantry located in Koeneman Acres. Items Needed: Size 3 & 4 Diapers and Baby Wipes. Monetary donations are always welcome.

**PRAYER REQUEST** It is time to update our prayer list please review and let me know if it is ok to take a name off the prayer list.

The Diocese of Belleville and the Cathedral of Saint Peter cordially invite you to attend: **Eternal Light Concert...Music of Remembrance and Hope** Featuring the Requiem of Gabriel Fauré Sunday, November 1, 2026, 2:00 p.m. Cathedral of Saint Peter 200 West Harrison Street, Belleville

Free Admission

**CHICKEN & PORK SAUSAGE DINNER**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
**11:00am–2:00pm**  
**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT**  
Pork Sausage, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Green Beans, Sauerkraut & Dessert  
**DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT**  
Adults: \$16 • Children (Age 5-12): \$6 • Ages 4 & Under: FREE

-- COUNTRY STORE --  
Pumpkins, Gourds,  
Homemade Pies & Cakes, Crafts  
*and much more!*

**QUILT RAFFLE**  
TICKETS AVAILABLE THAT DAY

**St. Pius V Catholic Church**  
WALSH, IL

**ONE IN CHRIST, United in Mission**  
**100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**  
**World Mission Sunday**  
**October 18th, 2026**

Let us be charitable about the mission, remembering that the Lord who said "Go teach all nations" is the same Lord who bewailed "I have mercy on the multitudes!"  
- Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen  
National Director  
The Pontifical Mission Societies USA (1950 – 1966)

Last year your gift helped:  
• 14,000 of our missionaries  
• Build 2,000 churches  
• 10,000 priests  
• 10,000 missionaries  
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**GIVE BY TEXT "MISSIONS26" TO 53555**

Diocese of Belleville  
**Anniversary Mass**

**October 25, 2026 / 2:00 pm**  
**St. Peter’s Cathedral, Belleville, IL**  
**Garden Reception to Follow**

*All are invited to come celebrate their marriage...*

and if you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, call or e-mail Martina Skorch for a special certificate by Oct 16.  
[m.skorch@diobelle.org](mailto:m.skorch@diobelle.org)  
618-722-5043





**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
**September 23 -November 1**



**Fairview Heights**

**Location:** Outside Planned Parenthood  
(317 Salem Place, Fairview Heights, IL 62208)  
**Hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily  
**Contact:** [fvh40days@yahoo.com](mailto:fvh40days@yahoo.com)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**Mid-Point Rally**

**Date: Oct. 15, 2026**  
**Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM**



Join us outside the Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood for our 40 Days for Life midpoint prayer rally! Opening prayer will be led by Bishop Godfrey Mullen, OSB.

**Respect Life Mass**

**October 28**  
**6:15 pm**





**St. Augustine of Canterbury Church**  
**Belleville**  
Reception follows

Please Take Notice  
Sunday, November 1, 2026, would unusually begin our Saturday evening Mass but for this day only, it will be a Sunday morning Mass. For the reminding of the month Mass will be our usual Saturday evening at 6:00pm.