

**Events for St. Mary**

May 12, 2026, Holy Name Mtg, 7:00pm  
May 17, 2026, Food Pantry Collection  
May 18, 2026, Parish Council Mtg. 6:00pm

*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, Amber  
Cushman, Carolyn Loesing, Linda Butler  
Allison Petrowske, Tracy Colvis,

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

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

**May 10, 2026**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



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

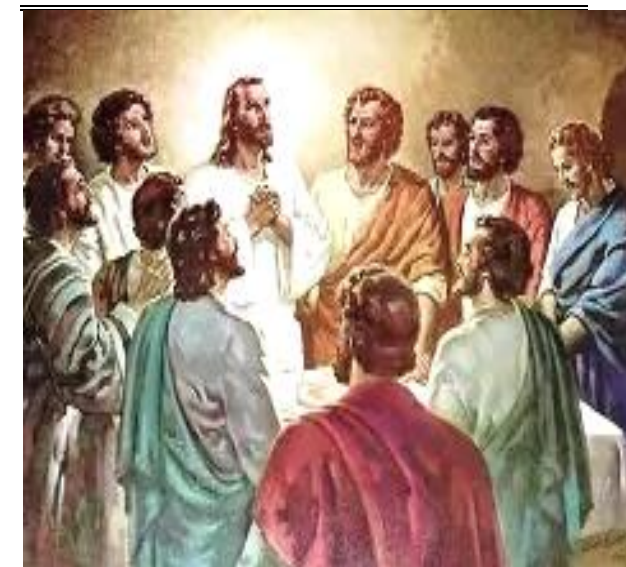
Parish Council: Pres. Tammy Bert,  
Sec. Joyce Hrabusicky, Chris Gross  
Maxine Mathis, Scott Gross, Shane Quandt  
Larry Mitchell, Jeremy Blechle

**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



*I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.*



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

Sunday May 9, 2026, 6:00pm  
+ Alvin Wunderlich

Sunday May 16, 2026, 6:00pm  
+ Mary Ann Stumpe

**Liturgical Ministers for next week**

**May 16, 2026, 6:00pm**

Altar Server W. Biermann

Lector A. Antonacci

Gifts: Volunteers

E. Minister: J. Derringer & G. Valleroy

Usher: M. Valleroy & J. Wesbecher

**St. Mary's Offering**

**Thank you for your support.**

**This Week**

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Psalms 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

1 Peter 3: 15-18

John 14: 15-21

**Next Week**

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalms 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Ephesians 1: 17-23

Matthew 28: 16-20

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

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



May 10, 2026, Respect Life Corner "Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Radical Solidarity"

Vocations

May 10: Mother's Day – what a wonderful commemoration of one of the greatest vocations there is. We are inspired by the example of Mary, the Mother of God, to live by the words from the Cana feast, "Do whatever He tells you." We pray for all Mothers today and for the families they form, nurture and love. We also ponder our own "FIAT" – our surrendering to God's plan for us.

Rosary will be recited during the month of May, with the congregation prior to the 6:00 pm Mass giving special honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the greatest of all mothers.



We wish all the Mothers of our parish family a very Happy Mother's Day and we also never forget our Mother's who are no longer with us resting in the peace of Christ giving thanks for all their love and care.

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal  
Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2026 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

The goal for St. Mary Divine Maternity is \$3,583.00, so far, we have received \$1,725.00

**FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT Friday**  
May 22nd at Gateway Grizzlies baseball game. Tickets are \$16 a piece for anyone wanting to attend. Please contact Rose or Jill for registration. Tickets can be picked up at the ballpark

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** Meeting every third Thursday 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).

**Catholic Youth Read Sacred Texts** – Catholic youth across the world are invited in reading their own faith's sacred texts. Together we can recognize our Duty to God, participating as a group or on your own. To register: [YouthReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org](http://YouthReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org)

**Totus Tuus:** Belleville Diocese is sponsoring a fun and faith filled Catholic Summer Program for students in grades 1-12. More information is available on the Diocese's website. [ReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org](http://ReadSacredTextsWorldwide.org)

**St. Patrick's Church, Ruma**  
**Annual Strawberry Festival**  
Rt. 3 South, Turn Right at the "Y" in Ruma, IL  
**Sunday, May 17, 2026**  
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Dinner Includes Fried Chicken, Dressing & all the Fixins' Plus Strawberries & Ice Cream!  
Carry Outs Available No Drive Thru  
Sunday Mass—8:00 a.m.  
• Country Store  
• Silent Auction  
• 50/50 Raffle  
• Strawberries & Ice Cream Stand  
Featuring the Balloonic & Live Music!

**WEAR & GIVE** Spreading Mary's Love to All!  
JOIN US!  
Event: Miraculous Medal Bracelet-Making  
Join us to hear about the Wear & Give Bracelet Ministry and make your own bracelet - one to wear and one to give!  
Please stay after for light refreshments following the event.  
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026  
Time: 630-830pm  
Location: St. Mary School Cafeteria 835 Swanwick street, Chester IL. 62233  
Requested donation: \$20 - You will leave with 2 completed bracelets. We accept Cash, Check, Card or Venmo.  
Registration: Please RSVP via text or call 618-615-1312 to Missy Biethman.