

St. Mary Divine Maternity
Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, November 30, 2025, 6:00pm
+ Josephine Gerulis

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 8:00am
+ Harlen & Rose Wesbecher

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Liturgical Ministers for next week

For December 7, 2025, 8:00am
Altar Server :P. Seymour
Lector: C. Gross
Gifts: Volunteers
E. Minister: J. Hrabusicky & B Montroy
Usher: M. Valleroy & S. Quandt

St. Mary’s Offering
Thank you for your support.



This Week
Isaiah 2: 1-5
Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 13: 11-14
Matthew 24: 37-44

Next Week
Isaiah 30: 1-10
Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15: 4-9
Matthew 3: 1-12

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

Dec. 3, 2025, PSR class 6:00 to 7:30pm
Dec. 9, 2025, Holy Name 7:00 pm
Dec. 17, 2025, PSR class 6:00 to 7:30pm
Dec. 21, 2025, Food Pantry Collection
Dec. 25, 2025, Christmas Mass 8:00 am
Jan.1st New Years Day Mass 8:15 Chester
Jan.3rd Mass 6:00pm Ellis Grove

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

Diane Averbeck, Debbie Brown, David Dohack
Geralyn 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,
Amer Cushman, Carolyn Loesing, Linda Butler

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.

First Sunday of Advent - A



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



Hope

November 30, 2025

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



**Job Openings – St. Vincent de Paul
Assistant Director of Outreach**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville, Illinois, Diocesan Council is seeking a full-time Assistant Director for the SVDP Outreach Ministry facility in East St. Louis. This position needs a compassionate and caring individual committed to serving God and the poor. Requires a background in social service and at least 10 years’ experience in the field; managerial and organizational skills required. This person will be working directly with those who are traumatized, homeless and suffering from physical and mental illnesses and supervising paid staff, volunteers and ancillary staff at our soup kitchen, thrift store, help center and Crisis Overnight Center. Interested individuals should contact Patricia Hogrebe, Executive Director, 618-394-0126 or 618-799-8505, or Troy Herring, Chief Operating Officer, 618-301-6232. Please email resume to therring@svdpsouthil.net. More information about our ministries can be found on our website at www.svdpsouthil.org.

Clerical Assistant-SVDP Main Street OfficeThe Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council is seeking a person to join their dedicated staff:
Position: Outreach Clerk- SVDP Main Street Office
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, scanning documents for the bookkeeper, matching credit card receipts with billing, some QuickBooks work and other miscellaneous tasks as directed by the Chief Operating Officer.

For additional information please contact Patricia Hogrebe, Executive Director, 618-394-0126 or 618-799-8505, or Troy Herring Chief Operating Officer, 618-301-6232.

**The 2025
Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal**

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 9,140 students at 23 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 2025 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.

VOCATIONS

November 30th “I had the great blessing of growing up in a family in which faith was lived in a simple, practical way. However, it was my paternal grandmother in particular who influenced my journey of faith. She was a woman who explained to us, who talked to us about Jesus, who taught us the catechism. The first proclamation is at home, in the family! And this makes me think of the love of so many mothers and grandmothers in the transmission of faith. One day in particular, though, was very important to me: Sept. 21, 1953. I was almost 17. It was “Students’ Day.” Before going to the celebration, I passed through the parish I normally attended, I found a priest that I did not know, and I felt the need to go to confession. For me this was an experience of encounter: I found that someone was waiting for me After making my confession, I felt something had changed. I was not the same. I had heard something like voice, or a call. I was convinced that I should become a priest.”



**2025
HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Dec. 4th Advent evening of reflections 7pm Ellis Grove

Mon, Dec.8th Imm Conception Mass 8:15am Chester
Imm Conception Mass 7:00pm Rocher

Tues. Dec. 9th Penance Service St. John’s Red Bud

Thurs. Dec. 11th Christmas Church Tour 2 - 8:00pm Chester
Fri. Dec. 12th Christmas Church Tour2 – 8:00pm Chester

Sun. Dec. 14 Penance Service 7:00pm Chester

Tues. Dec. 16 Penance Service 7:00pm O. L. Lourdes Sparta

Wed. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Vigil 4:00pm Chester

Thurs. Christmas Day Mass 8:00am Ellis Grove
Christmas Day Mass 10:00am Chester

Tues. Dec. 30th Fr. Sebastian Leaves for Nigeria

Thurs. Jan. 1st New Day Mass 8:15am Chester

Sat. Jan 3rd 6:00pm Mass Ellis Grove

Sun. Jan.4th Mass 8am Chester – 10am Mass Rocher

Epiphany Party 12:00 Noon Rocher

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Sponsor a Coat for \$25

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222 South Third St., Belleville IL 62220
or click the QR code to pay on-line

St. Anne Cradle of Hope
Carbondale, Illinois

Sponsor a new coat for \$25 or drop off a used coat (sizes NB-5T) at your local Pregnancy Resource Center!

More Information:
<https://stannecradleofhope.org/stanne-coh>

Questions: mking@diobelle.org



