

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

Saturday May 30, 2026, 6:00pm  
Tony Colvis

Saturday June 6, 2026, 6:00pm  
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**Liturgical Ministers for next week**

**June 6, 2026, 6:00pm**

Altar Server W. Biermann

Lector A. Antonacci

Gifts: Volunteers

E. Minister: G. Valleroy & T. Penford

Usher: M. Valleroy & J. Wesbecher

**St. Mary's Offering**

**Thank you for your support.**

**This Week**

Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9

Psalm Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

John 3: 16-18

**Next Week**

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a

Psalm 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20

1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

Sequence (optional)

John 6: 51-58

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**

June 6, 2026, Mass will be at 6:00pm

June 9, 2026, Holy Name Mtg. 7:00pm

June 21, 2026, Food Pantry Collection

June 28, 2026, Coffee & Donuts after Mass

*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, Donnie Ruch  
Lisa Hall

*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 31, 2026  
Most Holy Trinity**



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, 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**



*Glory to the Father, thr Son, and the Holy Spirit, to God who is, who was, and who is to come.*



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

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**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 31, 2026, Respect Life Corner**

“Dignity is a gift from God, who created the human being in his own image and semblance (cf. Gen 1:26). It is not something that is obtained by merit or effort; nor does it depend on what we possess or achieve. It is a gift that goes before us: it is born of the look of love with which God wanted us, one by one, and continues to want us.” Pope Leo XIV, Message to Participants in “Building Communities that Safeguard Dignity” © 2025 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved

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Vocations

May 31: At many sporting events, you often witness signs promoting today's Gospel reading – John 3:16. Yes, God so loved us that He sent His Son for us to have eternal life. “Whoever believes in him will not be condemned.” We, Christians, are charged with sharing this belief with the rest of the world. We do this by our example of receiving the Sacraments. Our greatest witness is our frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist. This is emphasized in the Holy Mass for which we need priests to say. Encourage young men to explore the vocation of Priesthood which is vital to the life of the Church.

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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.

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 \$2,075.00

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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).

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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

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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

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Day in Kimmswick, MO: Buena Vista National Bank is hosting a trip to Kimmswick on June 12th. Contact Amber Cushman at (618) 826-2331 ext. 108 if interested.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Shane Quandt resigned from the Parish Council. We thank him for all his years of service, On June 14 and 21 we will have nominations for that position. There will be paper and pens in the pews. Please consider nominating a parish member and drop the paper in the collection basket.

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Brenda Gross has retired from her position as a PSR teacher. We gratefully thank Brenda for her years of service; We desperately are in need of another teacher. If you can help with this service, please contact Tammy Bert 1-618-774-2415 or Amanda Antonacci 1-618-210-1830

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Mass on June 6, 2026, will be on a Saturday at 6:00pm instead of June 7, Sunday following Mass there be a Eucharistic Procession followed with Benediction.

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**RIVERS OF LIFE**  
**CLERGY BAND**  
performing on the  
**CHESTER METHODIST CHURCH**  
PARKING LOT

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14,**  
AT 6:00 P.M.

Juicy J's will be on site for food and drinks starting at 5:00 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy an evening of music, food, and fellowship!  
(The concert will be moved indoors to the Fellowship Hall in case of rain)