

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

Sunday August 16, 2026, 8:00am
+ Barb Brown

Sunday August 23, 2026, 8:00am
+ Robert Walter

Liturgical Ministers for next week

August 23, 2026, 8:00am

Altar Server: 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 56: 1, 6-7

Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8

Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15 21-28

Next Week

Isaiah 22: 19-23

Psalms 138: 1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Romans 11: 33-36

Matthew 16: 13-20

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

Events for St. Mary

August 16, 2026, Food Pantry Collection

August 30, 2026, Coffee & Donuts after Mass

Sept. 8, 206 Holy Name Mtg. 7:00pm

Sept. 9, 2026, PSR Class 6:00 to 7:30pm

September 13, 2026, Parish Picnic Noon

Fort Kaskaskia

Sept. 20, 2026, Food Pantry Collection

Sept. 23, 2026, PSR Class 6:00 to 7:30pm

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

Diane Averbeck, Debbie Brown, Tracy Colvis
Geraldyn Lanham, Randy Valleroy, Glenda York,
Jeffery Davis, Mark Drake, Robin Waltemate,
Ronda Heck, Kevin Petrowske, Jeff Faverty
Shirley Dreczka Matt Vallett, Bud Stumpe
Paul Meyer, Amber Cushman, Carolyn Loesing,
Allison Petrowske, Lisa Hall, Sharon Wittenborn

Our Parish Members in Care centers
Wilma Junger, Bud Stumpe

Religious Education, PSR

Tammy Bert, A. Antonacci, 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

August 16, 2026
Twentieth 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



Oh woman, great is your faith!



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




8-16-26 Respect Life Corner Real Answers, Not
Just an Alternative What if infertility isn't just
something to work around, but a signal your
body is asking you to listen to? Restorative
Reproductive Medicine, including
NaProTechnology, does exactly that: it identifies
and treats the root causes behind infertility,
from hormonal imbalances to endometriosis to
cycle irregularities, often restoring a couple's
natural fertility altogether. This isn't the
Church's consolation prize for those who won't
pursue IVF. It's genuine, evidence-based
medicine that treats both body and marriage
with dignity, working with a woman's cycle
instead of overriding it. For many couples, it
succeeds where other approaches couldn't,
because it heals rather than bypasses. This week,
we invite you to see RRM not as a "no," but as a
hopeful and faithful "yes." If you or someone
you love is walking this road, follow the QR code
to learn more about RRM and find doctors in
our area who can help.

Vocation

August 16th: “When I was 7, my older sister
joined the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy
Trinity and took the name Sister Celine. This
sparked in me a deep curiosity about her
religious vocation, which eventually led me to
spend several weeks with her community in a
remote island mission in the Bicol region of the
Philippines. The conditions were stark; the area
lacked electricity and clean water. Yet, I
discovered extraordinary richness in the lives of
the people. And, undiminished by material
poverty, the SOLT sisters radiated joy that
stemmed from their faith and dedication to
serving others. During my stay, I felt an
unprecedented sense of peace, as if enveloped by
God’s love. I saw Jesus in the faces of those we
served, each interaction revealing the
transformative beauty and power of faith. Now,
as a SOLT sister, I find fulfillment in living the
Gospel’s message, witnessing to hope and the
miracle of faith in action.” Sr. Mary Louis
Granadillos;


Deadline
For all who have taken a Box of Joy this is to
inform you that the deadline for retuning your
box is Sunday August 30. If anyone still wishes to
take a box to fill, they are in the back of the
church. The Sodality pays for the postage.

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him
Did you know YOUR GIFT to the 2026 Catholic
Service and Ministry Appeal can be made
online? Visit your Belleville Diocese’s website at
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 today!
The goal for St. Mary Divine Maternity is
\$3,583.00, so far, we have received \$2, 375.00

ST. MARY'S HAWKS

DQ FUNDRAISER!

Treat yourself while
SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

**MONDAY
AUGUST 17TH
4:00PM - 10:00PM**

A portion of sales during this time
will be donated back to
SUPPORT ST. MARY'S PTO!

Thank you for your support!



Quilt Picnic Bingo
Sunday, August 30, 2026

ST. MICHAEL'S
Paderborn, IL.

Lunch- Starting @ 11:00AM
Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Fries,
Brats, Desserts
Carry-Outs Available

Quilt Bingo-Starting @ 1:00PM
in Air Conditioned Hall

Paderborn is Located
3 miles off Rt 159 / 4 miles South of Smithton
3 miles North of Hecker / 8 miles South of Millstadt
ON FLORAVILLE RD---WATCH FOR SIGNS

**RURAL
CHESTER
FAMILY
FARM
DAY**

SEPTEMBER 12

PARTICIPATING FARMS:
MILL CREEK ALPACAS, WILLOW RIDGE FARM
D&L HOOFPRIESTS RANCH, LITTLE MILL CREE
FARM, TURKEY RIDGE CHESTNUT FARM,
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ALL-A-BUZZ

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM | FREE ENTRY
FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

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QUESTIONS? FAMILYFARMDAY@HOTMAIL.COM**