

St. Mary Divine Maternity
Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday July 18, 2026, 6:00pm
Ralph & Ruth Roche

Saturday July 25, 2026, 6:00pm
+ Joephine & Henry Averbeck

Liturgical Ministers for next week

July 25, 2028, 6:00pm

Altar Server W, Biermann

Lector M. Mathis

Gifts: Volunteers

E. Minister T. Penford & M. Colvis

Usher: M. Valleroy & J. Wesbecher

St. Mary's Offering

Thank you for your support.

This Week

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

Psalms 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Romans 8: 26-27

Matthew 13: 24-43 [or 13: 24-30]

Next Week

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

Psalms 119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Romans 8: 28-30

Matthew 13: 44-52 [or 13: 44-46]

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

July 18, 2026, Food Pantry Collection

July 28, 2026, Parish Council Mtg. 6:00pm

August 2, 2026, Anointing after Mass

August 11, Holy Name Mtg. 7:00pm

August 16, 2026, Food Pantry Collection

August 30, 2026, Coffee & Donuts after Mass

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,
Ryan Junger, Ronda Heck, Kevin Petrowske,
Jeff Faverty Shirley Dreczka Matt Vallett,
Bud Stumpe, Paul Meyer, Amber Cushman,
Carolyn Loesing, Allison Petrowske, Lisa Hall
Sharon Wittenborn, Christy Modglin

Our Parish Members in Care centers
Wilma Junger, Bud Stumpe

Religious Education:

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.

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth 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



*Let them grow together until
harvest.*



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



7-19-25 Respect Life Corner: 2026 Natural Family Planning Campaign Week 3“Natural Family Planning (NFP): Science-Backed. Life-Changing.” So, how do you actually learn NFP? Start by choosing an NFP method that you prefer. Most take about 3 months to learn, guided by a certified instructor. Contact our diocesan NFP Coordinator, Emily Joost, at mejoost@gmail.com for guidance. The payoff? A lifetime of body literacy — a gift from God to be used in harmony with His design — to avoid or achieve pregnancy, navigate PMS, PCOS, postpartum, infertility, and even perimenopause. And yes — it works. Modern NFP methods are 97–99% effective at avoiding pregnancy, backed by continually advancing research and rooted in the Church's teaching on the beauty of the human person. Scan the QR code to see how the numbers compare and get more information about methods.

Vocations

July 19: “The countless gravestones at Normandy American Cemetery in France stirred my heart. These brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives challenged me: Would I be willing to lay down my life, as these men did, for the Lord and his people? Long before this pivotal moment, the seeds of my vocation had been planted by family role models. My grandfather served his family and parish sacrificially for many years after his WWII duty. Likewise, my father coached me in self-discipline, and my dear mother raised me to serve others. It was at college that the Lord Jesus truly captured my heart. After graduation, I served as a missionary and met the Brotherhood of Hope. I admired the brothers and their work evangelizing students at secular universities, but I resisted the idea of celibacy and did not have the courage to explore a vocation with them until after my experience at Normandy Beach. My years with the Brothers of Hope have strengthened my conviction that Jesus Christ alone can satisfy our deepest desires.”

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

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

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

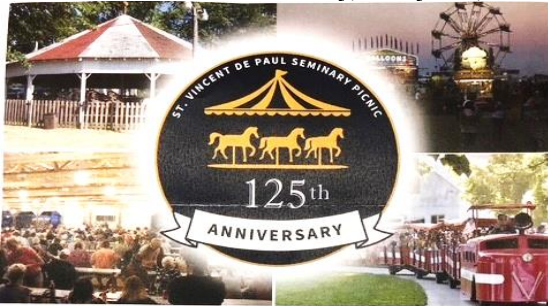
Did you know YOUR GIFT to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese’s website at www.diobelle.org and click on “Giving”. It’s that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting 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

Please Take Notice

Our Parishioner Shirley Dreczka fell and broke her hip; she is in the hospital in St. Louis, and I know she would appreciate receiving cards from you of get well and prayers. Please send them to her in care of her son, Mr. Barry Greer, 2303 Broad Street Evansville, IL 62242, and they will take them to her.

St. Vincent de Paul Seminary, Perryville, Mo.



JULY FRIDAY 31	GROUNDS OPEN: 6PM-11PM LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Johnny Holzum and Well Hungarians: 7PM-11PM Umbra: 7PM-11PM Handmade Quilt Bingo: 7PM-9PM	Chicken and Beef BUFFET All You Can Eat \$15 Adult \$6 Child (9-12) ----Carry Out is Available---- Dining Hours: Saturday: 3PM-7PM Sunday: 11AM-5PM Ticket Sales: Saturday: 2PM-7PM Sunday: 10AM-5PM
AUGUST SATURDAY 1	GROUNDS OPEN: 1PM-11PM LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Waterloo German Band: 3:30PM-6:30PM Ian Ferguson: 7PM-11PM Handmade Quilt Bingo: 4PM-10PM	
AUGUST SUNDAY 2	GROUNDS OPEN: 11AM-8PM CRAFT FAIR: 11AM-5PM Questions to craftfair@svdepaul.org LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Sammy Hadle Band: 3PM-7PM Him & Her: 3PM-7PM Handmade Quilt Bingo: 1PM-7PM	

Also Enjoy: HOMEMADE ICE CREAM, PORK BURGERS, HAMBURGERS, FISH & BBQ

No Pets or Coolers Allowed

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

802 MIDDLE ST. PRAIRIE DU ROCHER, IL

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL PICNIC

CHICKEN DINNER 3-7:30 PM

INDOOR DINING OR CARRY-OUT
ADULTS: \$15 KIDS (6-12): \$7

BINGO 5-11 PM

HANDMADE QUILT & CASH PRIZES

PICNIC GROUNDS 4-11 PM

BEER STANDS ★ LUNCH STAND ★ HEARTS STAND ★ BASKET STAND
COUNTRY STORE & CRAFTS ★ PRIZES ★ RAFFLES ★ BOUNCE HOUSES
SNOW CONES ★ TED DREWES ICE CREAM ★ LOTS OF KIDS GAMES

RAFFLE PRIZES DRAWING: 11 PM

1ST: \$500 ★ 2ND: HANDMADE QUEEN QUILT ★ 3RD: HANDMADE BABY QUILT
4TH: FIRE PIT ★ 5TH: ROOTS WOODWORKING HANDMADE SWING
6TH: CARDINALS TICKETS ★ 7TH: CARDINALS TICKETS ★ 8TH: WINE BASKET
9TH: OVERSIZED LAP QUILT ★ 10TH: IGA GIFT CARD

