

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

Saturday 7, 2026, 4:00pm  
+ Barb Brown

Sunday February 15, 2026, 8:00am  
+ Pat Haberberger

**Liturgical Ministers for next week**

**For February 15, 2026, 8:00am**

Altar Server P. Seymour

Lector. A. Antonacci

Gifts: Volunteers

E. Minister: B. Montroy & G. Bleem

Usher: M. Valleroy & S. Quandt

**St. Mary's Offering**

**Thank you for your support.**

**This Week**

Isaiah 58: 7-10

Psalms 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Matthew 5: 13-16

**Next Week**

Sirach 15: 15-20

Psalms 119: 1-2, 4-5, - 17-18, - 33-34

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Matthew 5: 17-37 (or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37)

Please submit items for the bulletin by Tuesday  
5:00pm 618-920-7321, if there is no answer,  
please leave a message. Thank You, Deacon Al

**Events for St. Mary**

Feb. 10, 2026, Holy Name Mtg. 7:00pm

Feb. 12, 2026, Parish Council Mtg. 6.00pm

Feb. 15, 2026, Food Pantry Collection

Feb. 18, 2026. Ash Wednesday 6:00pm

Feb. 18, 2026, PSR class 6:00 to 7:30pm

March 3, 2026, Holy Name Mtg. 700pm

March 4, 2026, PSR class 6:00pm to 7:30pm

March 15, 2026, Food Pantry collection

March 18, 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, 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,  
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

**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. Sebastian 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.

**February 8, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday Ordinary 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

**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**



*"You are the salt of the earth"*

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:



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

Respect Life Corner

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.” USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

ILLINOIS PRO LIFE MARCH  
Diocese of Belleville  
Values ALL Life  
JOIN US AT THE ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH  
MARCH 19, 2026 | SPRINGFIELD, IL  
10:00 AM – Holy Mass – Exposition Hall, State Fairgrounds  
1:00 PM – Rally – State Capitol Building  
2:00 PM – March Around the Capitol  
A FREE TICKET IS REQUIRED FOR MASS  
Contact Molly King to reserve your tickets: mking@diobelle.org  
For information on bus transportation, T-Shirts, and parking visit [www.diobelle.org/respectlife](http://www.diobelle.org/respectlife)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Fairview Heights, IL  
Sign up to come pray peacefully for an hour at the Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood clinic!  
THE 2026 SPRING CAMPAIGN RUNS FROM FEB 18-MAR 29.  
331 SALEM PLACE, FAIRVIEW HGTS, IL  
FREE PARKING NEXT TO MOSAIC ULTRASOUND VAN  
Sign up to pray with us at [fvh40days@yahoo.com](mailto:fvh40days@yahoo.com)

KC Hall PTO Friday Dinners: KC's will host Friday dinners with help from SMS students beginning January 23rd. Menu for the 23rd is fried chicken, baked potato, vegetable, and salad. Cost is \$15/per person. Served from 5pm – 7pm. The School will receive a portion of the proceeds. Student volunteers are needed!

Chester Christian Food Pantry: Items needed: Pasta dinners, canned fish, cheese. Monetary donations are always welcome.

We are also in need of egg cartons, if you have any please bring them to church and put them on the table in the entranceway.

Vocations

A sage once wrote that a good marriage is like a fire around which others come to warm themselves. So, as we celebrate World Marriage Day on this Sunday, we realize that no matter what our station in life - married, single or religious - we have benefited from this sacred covenant relationship whether through the example of our parents, grandparents, and other role models or through our own stewardship of the marriage covenant.

St. Augustine ~ Hecker: The Quilt/Cash Bingo is Sunday, February 8th, 2026, at the Hecker Community Center. We will be serving Fried Chicken and Pork Sausage Plates, serving from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Bingo begins at 1:30. Please plan to come for an enjoyable time.

Diocese of Belleville Young Adults: Anyone between the ages of 18-39 is invited to join this group which provides an opportunity to meet and hang out with other young Catholic adults in the area. Programming includes monthly speaker series, men's and women's groups, retreats, vocation discernment opportunities, service events and other recreational events. Reach out at [youngadults@diobelle.org](mailto:youngadults@diobelle.org).

LADIES SODALITY

To all members, it is the time for your annual dues, Please see Maxine Mathis for payment.

Knights of Columbus  
Free Throw Championship  
Open all to boys and girls ages 9 - 14  
Location: School Gym at St. Mary's in Chester  
Date: 1/25/2026  
Time: Signup at 12 starts at 1pm  
Sponsors: Local KC Councils  
No entry fee! Chance to compete to be district champ!

Due to the snowstorm the date for the free throw has been changed to February 15, 2026. The time posted is the same.

Hearts Aflame  
AN EVENING TO CELEBRATE AND DEEPEN LOVE FOR COUPLES MARRIED 10 YEARS OR LESS  
7 MARCH  
Corpus Christi Church  
205 Rasp Street, Shiloh, IL 62226  
COCKTAILS 5:30 DINNER 6:15  
Please RSVP Before February 27  
Tickets are \$50 per couple and include dinner, drinks, talk and blessing by Fr. Robert Flannery, dance lesson, and babysitting  
For info, e-mail Molly King ([mking@diobelle.org](mailto:mking@diobelle.org)) Register with QR code at or [www.diobelle.org/life-marriage-family/events](http://www.diobelle.org/life-marriage-family/events)

