

Events for St. Mary

April 14, 2026, Holy Name Mtg. 7:00pm
April 15, 2026, PSR class 6:00 to 7:30pm
April 16, 2026, Confirmation 7:00pm Rocher
April 19, 2026, Food Pantry Collection
April 19, 2026, First Communion 8:00am
April 26, 2026, Coffee & Donuts after Mass
April 29, 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, Amber
Cushman, Carolyn Loesing, Linda Butler
Allison Petrowske, Tracy Colvis,

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.

April 12, 2026
Divine Mercy Sunday



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



Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed



St. Mary Divine Maternity
Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday April 12, 2026, 8:00am
+ Barb Brown

Sunday April 19, 2026, 8:00am
+ Harlen & Rose Wesbecher

Liturgical Ministers for next week

April 19, 2026, 8:00am

Altar Server L. Drake

Lector C. Gross

Gifts: Volunteers

E. Minister: M. Colvis & A. Antonacci

Usher: Scott & Clinton Gross

St. Mary's Offering

Thank you for your support.

This Week

Acts 2: 42-47

Psalms 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Peter 1: 3-9

John 20: 19-31

Next Week

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalms 16: 1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

1 Peter 1: 17-21

Luke 24: 13-35

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

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



Sunday, April 12, 2026, Respect Life Corner

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. It provides an important opportunity to share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer because of their participation in one or more abortions. By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 3 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Many feel that abortion is "the unforgivable sin." They need to hear that, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives every sin of a repentant heart, even the sin of abortion. In fact, Jesus' message to St. Faustina is that the greater the sinner, the greater the right to His mercy.

April 12: Vocations

Today's Gospel is the familiar story of Thomas' declaration of unbelief in the Resurrection until "I put my finger in the nail marks." These kinds of thoughts often attack the minds of those discerning a religious vocation. They are seeking that "definite" sign that the path they are pursuing is the right one. The Lord does not always afford that. Let us pray often for these discerners that they "hear the call" of the Lord and continue to respond to it

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The goal for St. Mary Divine Maternity is \$3,583.00, so far, we have received \$1,350.00

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

We are quickly approaching this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In 1964, Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Easter) to be the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a day each year that all Catholics are asked to pray to God that he send more workers into the harvest. This year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocation falls on Sunday, April 26th. For resources and ideas on how to celebrate this important day please visit <https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/> & <https://www.vocationministry.com/vocation-day/vocation-days/world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations/>

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting every third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. at Linda Stern's home, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Chester. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is welcome. If you have any questions, you may call Linda (618-201-2957).

FOOD PANTRY Items needed: [Chester]

Canned meat, canned fish, canned fruit, canned vegetables, children's snack items & Lunchables. Monetary donations are always welcome. The Food Pantry needs 12 packs of Egg Cartons. They can be delivered to the Pantry at any time. There is a plastic container in front of the pavilion at the Food Pantry. The [PDR] school pantry needs personal hygiene items as well as box meals and canned goods. Please no mac n cheese, they have plenty. Thank you for your continued support of the Pantry!



A humble Polish nun, St. Faustina received extraordinary revelations in the 1930s, which she recorded in her diary. Our Lord told her, "In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart" (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 1588). Jesus specially chose her for the mission of bringing His message of Mercy to the world, and He called Divine Mercy Sunday mankind's "last hope of salvation" (995). Your help in petitioning the Holy See to declare St. Faustina a Doctor of the Church would magnify Christ's redemptive mission to proclaim anew His infinite love and mercy for all humanity. Please help spread God's Divine Mercy through St. Faustina!

Establishing Divine Mercy Sunday for the Entire Church

When St. Pope John Paul canonized Sr. Faustina (making her St. Faustina), he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (the feast day associated with the message) as a feast day for the entire Church. The feast day falls on the Second Sunday of the Easter season. On that day, John Paul II declared, "This is the happiest day of my life."