



ST. JOSEPH, MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS & ST. MARY OF DIVINE MATERNITY

All Are Welcome!

JUNE 14, 2026 | 11TH LITURGICAL SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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READINGS

First Reading: (Ex 19:5)

Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.

Psalm: (Ps 100)

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: (Rom 5:8)

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel: (Mt 9:36)

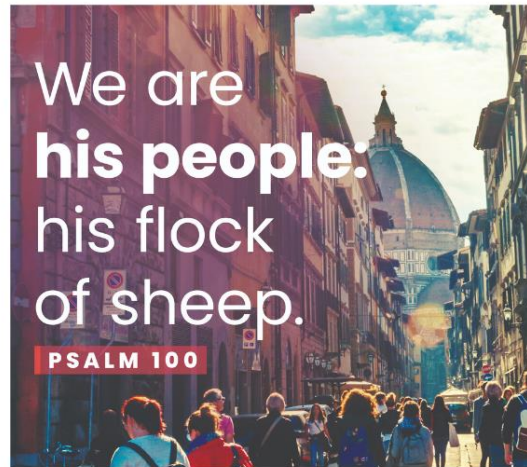
At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

The first reading (Exodus 19: 2-6a) recalls the promise made to God's beloved people, through Moses. God had seen them through their darkest moments and had finally brought them to safety. They were to be God's special possession and a holy nation.

The second reading (Romans 5: 6-11) offers us a glimpse into how dear we are to God. This was evident when Christ died for us despite our unworthiness. And through this great sacrifice, we have now received our reconciliation.

In the Gospel (Matthew 9: 36-10:8) Jesus saw the crowds and was moved to pity because they were in need of guidance, direction and support. He chose the twelve Apostles and commissioned them to help in this task. That mission still continues through you and I, in our various spheres. Amen.



BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit any information that you would like added to the weekly bulletin by:
Wednesday @ 12:00pm

Submissions can be made to Rose Dethrow
618-826-2444 or Jill Whelen 618-284-3314
Thank you!

OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith? St. Mary's in Chester offers O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). Please call the parish office or contact Brad for more info: bradcolvis@gmail.com





CONFESSION

Tuesday

Morning | St. Joseph

Thursday

Morning | St. Joseph

Saturday

3:15pm - 3:45pm | Chester

After Mass | St. Joseph

Other

By Appointment

ADORATION

St. Joseph

7:00pm | first Monday of every month

St. Mary's Chester

7:00pm | first Tuesday of every month

St. Mary's School

8:30am | first Friday of every month

MASS OF HEALING

first full weekend of the month at all parishes

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

C = CHESTER | EG = ELLIS GROVE | J = PRAIRIE DU ROCHER

Saturday, June 13

4:00pm | C | Roy Turner by Elsie Turner

6:00pm | J | Jackie Laurent & Fr. Dan Jurek

Sunday, June 14

8:00am | EG |

10:00am | C | Marsha Link by Mike Vasquez Family

5:00pm | C | Carol Jeremiah by Brad Maes

Monday, June 15

8:15am | C | Rachel Juenger by Bob Juenger

Tuesday, June 16

8:00am | J | for those in the military that are deployed

Wednesday, June 17

8:15am | C | Ray Wittenborn by Pat Rushing

Thursday, June 18

8:00am | J | Shirley Bievenue Marquardt

Saturday, June 19

4:00pm | C | Norman & Mary Quillman by Gin Cushman

6:00pm | J | Terry Laurent

Sunday, June 1420

8:00am | EG |

10:00am | C | Sandra Winters

5:00pm | C | Jay Wittenborn by Beth Runge

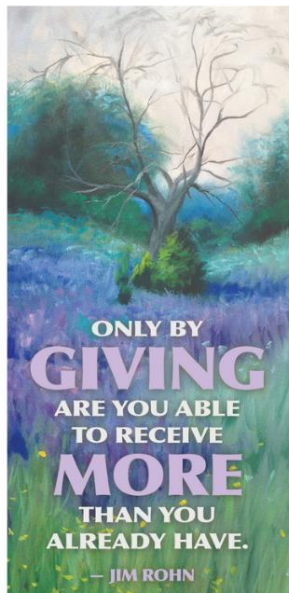
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

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|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Donna Schweizer | Earlene Riechman | Raymond Ellner | Melissa Doss | Shirley Dreczka |
| Terry Moore | Judy Kempfer | Eric Matthews | Gale Frazer | Matt Vallett |
| Mike Vasquez | Peggy Helmers | Bill & Earlene Hanger | Sharon Misuraca | Bud Stumpe |
| Tom Sauer | Evelyn Marquardt | Huckson McGee | Mark Drake | Paul Meyer |
| Mary Beck | Roger Knott | Betty Bissel | Robin Waltemate | Amber Cushman |
| Bruce Kettmann | Albert Deterding | Gary Sauerhage | Ryan Junger | Carolyn Loesing |
| Sonny & Roseann Glenn | David Dohack | Alli Petrowske | Ronda Heck | Linda Butler |
| Diane Averbeck | Geralyn Lanham | Glenda York | Kevin Petrowske | Tracy Colvis |
| Debbie Brown | Randy Valleroy | Jeffrey Davis | Jeff Faverty | Donnie Ruch |

PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REST OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED ON

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>8:00am - Ellis Grove</p> <p>10:00am - Chester (L) Dainelle (H) Bill (C) Greg J, Sue, Barb, Doris (S) Reed, Blake & Will</p> <p>5:00pm - Chester En Espanol</p> <p>6:00pm - Rivers of Life Clergy Band</p>	<p>8:15am - Chester</p> <p>11:00am-1:00pm KC Hall Lunch</p>	<p>8:00am - St. Joes</p> <p>10:30am - R&R Diane</p>	<p>8:15am - Chester</p>	<p>8:00am - St. Joes</p>	<p>NO MASS</p>	<p>4:00pm - Chester (L) Paula (H) Martha (C) Kathleen & Paula (S) Gavin, VOLUNTEER NEEDED</p> <p>6:00pm - St. Joes (L) Steve (B) Carol (C) Carla & Mary (S) Jack & Lexie</p>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>8:00am - Ellis Grove</p> <p>10:00am - Chester (L) Dainelle (H) Bill (C) Matt, Madi, Todd & Dave (S) Jackson, Jon, Maren</p> <p>5:00pm - Chester En Espanol</p>	<p>8:15am - Chester</p> <p>11:00am-1:00pm KC Hall Lunch</p>	<p>8:00am - St. Joes</p> <p>10:30am - R&R Leonard</p> <p>6:00pm - Bishop Godfrey's West Vicariate Mass</p>	<p>8:15am - Chester</p>	<p>8:00am - St. Joes</p>	<p>NO MASS</p>	<p>4:00pm - Chester (L) Nicole (H) Larry (C) Marleen & Rob (S) Brynn & Bryce</p> <p>6:00pm - St. Joes (L) Leonard (B) Marie (C) Audrey & Nancy (S) Evan & Luke</p>



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

LOUIS OULVEY 6/13, CLAIRE DETERDING 6/14, EDMUND ECKART 6/16, KELLY MOELLER 6/16, NOAH COLONEL 6/16, MELODY COLONEL 6/16, RICHARD PAUTLER 6/17, PAT FRIESS 6/17, MICHAEL ATCHISON 6/17, KRISTINA JANY 6/17, JOSEPH MCDONOUGH 6/19

RON & PAULETTE DETERDING 6/13
MATT & CARRIE HOFFMAN 6/14
GREG & ROSEMARY CRAIN 6/15
DANIEL & LINDA HAYDEN 6/15
JOSH & CHRISTA HOWIE 6/15
DAVID & KATHY HUSTEDDE 6/15
MICHAEL & JANELLE ROBINSON 6/15
ROBERT & TAMARA JUENGER 6/19
TIM & DIANA MILLER 6/19
JASON & SARAH SURMAN 6/19
TIMOTHY & JENNIFER THORNTON 6/19

*Thank you
for your
generous
support of
our Parish
Community!*

THE HEART OF STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS



COMMUNION

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion, contact: Diane Mudd 284-7150 (Ruma), Marie Henry 282-2897 (Prairie du Rocher), Rosemary Bert 615-6135, Paula Platt 615-5545, Martha McDonald 615-6624 or Barb Otten 615-2442 (Chester).



PRAYER CHAIN

If you need the emergency power of prayer or want to belong to the prayer chain, please call Marie Henry 618-282-2876 or 618-559-6511 (Prairie du Rocher).



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every third Monday of the month at 10:00am 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).



YOUTH GROUP

June 15

Trip to Belleville Shrine. We will leave PDR at 9AM, our tour begins at 10AM. Lunch included. I will need at least one other driver to help.



WE HAVE A FACEBOOK PAGE

If you or your family would like to join, please let Jill Whelan (618-719-9344) or Dawn Walker (618-317-5104) know so we can send you an invite.



CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

"Those who are kind to the needy honor Him" (Proverbs 14:31) The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Hubbard's Haven Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter- and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.



SUMMER RELIGIOUS TRIPS

For the shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville. It will be June 26. We will arrive at 10:00am. Do the rosary, visit the gift shop, 11:00am tour and 12:10pm mass. After we will have lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of all Churches who wish to attend this event. We can car-pool if necessary. Final date to register is June 22. This event is open to all.



CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY, INC.

Items needed: peanut butter, cereal, children's snack items and Lunchables

Monetary donations are always welcome. The next Mobile Market will be on June 24, 2026.

Volunteers are always needed to speed up the distribution. Please call Bob at 618-615-2646 to help with the distribution of food. Thank you for your continued support of the pantry.



Our Father, We come before You with grateful hearts, seeking Your abundant blessings upon our First Communicants.

May they feel Your love and grace as they partake in this sacred journey.

Strengthen their faith, fill them with joy, and guide them in their spiritual growth.

Let this holy moment be a cherished memory, drawing them closer to You always. Amen.



FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to Jaretzy, Dorian and Scarlet on receiving their First Holy Communion at last Sunday's 10:00AM Mass.

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

We celebrated the Solemnity of Corpus Christi with a Eucharistic Procession led by Fr. Sebastian. Thank you to everyone who participated in this special celebration.



O Precious Jesus, The gift of your Body and Blood, shared with us, is unfathomable. Like manna that satiated our hunger, fill us where we lack. Like the bread given to Elijah in the desert, sustain us. Grace us with a glimpse into your love for us, now and forever, present in the Eucharist. Amen.

FORT CHARTRES

the 8AM Mass was celebrated at Fort Chartres on Sunday, June 7.





BISHOP GODFREY'S WEST VICARIATE MASS

JUNE 23, 2026

Bishop Godfrey Mullen, OSB, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in a parish in each Vicariate since so many parishioners could not attend the May 1 ordination and installation. The West Vicariate's Mass will be held on June 23, 2026, at 6:00pm, Sacred Heart Parish in DuQuoin. All are invited to attend and welcome Bishop Godfrey.



ST. MARY'S PARISH/ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Food, Music (by The Bandits) and Fun at St. Mary's in Belleville. June 13, 2026, 6 – 10PM. 170 West Main Street, Belleville.



ST. MICHAEL, PADERBORN PARISH PICNIC

July 4, 2026, beginning at 3PM. Fried Chicken Dinner from 3 – 7PM. Quilt & Cash Bingo begins at 5PM. Mass at 3:30PM.



TOTUS TUUS

Belleville Diocese is sponsoring a fun and faith filled Catholic Summer Program for students in grades 1-12. One closest to us Week 4: 7/5 – 7/10 Ss. Peter and Paul (Waterloo) Registration: <https://www.ssppcc.org/totus-tuus.html> Coordinator: Catherine Burkart cburkart@ssppcc.org



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, RED BUD QUILT AND CASH BINGO

July 12, 2026. Doors Open/Lunch Available: 11AM. Serving chicken salad, hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts. Cash bar available. Bingo begins at 1PM.



ST. BRUNO CHICKEN DINNER

Pinckneyville Columbian Hall Saturday, July 18 from 5 – 8PM. Adults \$15, Ages 6 – 12 \$9; Under 5 – Free. Includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, coleslaw, bread, drink and dessert.



RIVERS OF LIFE CLERGY BAND

Will be performing Sunday, June 14 at 6PM in the Chester Methodist Church parking lot. Food & drinks will be on site beginning at 5PM. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy an evening of music, food, and fellowship! Will be moved indoors in event of rain.



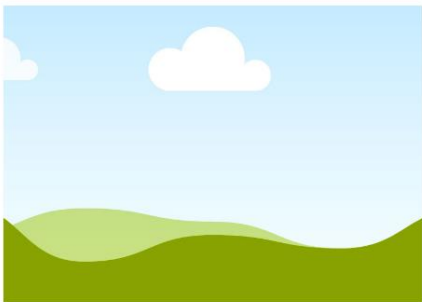
MONDAY LUNCHES

KC HALL

Monday, June 15

Glazed Pork Chops, green beans, au gratin potatoes, apple sauce

Served from 11AM ~ 1PM
\$12/person



Saturday August 1

You know the drill... We are always looking for help in the bingo stand and the hamburger stand. If you would like to help in either of those areas, please let us know. Bingo shifts are from 4:45-PM & 8-PM. Hamburger stand has the same shifts.

ST. MARY'S - CHESTER EVENTS

ASSEMBLING TABLES

Eleanor Clendenin could use some help putting together the new tables for the playground area. It will be an easy assembly with a small group of people. Please contact Eleanor at 618-615-3066 to arrange a mutually agreed upon date and time.

VOTIVE CANDLES

Due to rising costs, the price of votive candles is now \$5.00 each. There is a place to deposit the money near the candles.

PARISH COUNCIL

We are looking for those interested in volunteering to become a member of Parish Council. The Parish Council meets to discuss and recommend decisions in matters which affect the good of the total Church. If this is something you are interested in being a part of, contact the Parish Office or place your name in the collection basket indicating your interest.

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN QUILT OF THE MONTH

If you would like to donate a new, hand-quilted quilt for this project, we would very much appreciate it. The 2026 Quilt of the Month tickets are currently being sold.

FATHERS DAY BBQ RIBS

The KC is selling BBQ ribs for Father's Day for \$25 per rack. Call the KC's at (618) 826-3316 to pre-order. Pick up Sunday, June 21 at 1PM.

KC MONTHLY MEETING

Third Thursday of every month at 6PM

MASS STREAMING

Search Mary Help of Christians Chester on YouTube to find streamed Masses.

ST. JOSEPH EVENTS

SERVERS NEEDED

Any student who has received their First Communion is welcome to begin serving. Please talk to Jill if you want to begin serving.

THIRD QUARTER SCHEDULE

Servers & special ministers

Please let Jill know if you cannot work a particular weekend over the next three months.

PICNIC INFORMATION

Raffle Tickets are in the back of church for each family. Please take yours and sell, sell, sell.

Quilt Donations: Anyone wanting to donated a quilt can drop them off at the rectory during normal business hours.

Cash Donations: Can be placed in the weekly collection basket, dropped off at the rectory or mailed. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Kids games: The children's game stand is taking donations of small toys and /or cash. Please drop your donation by the parish office or contact Gail Roy. Any cash donations can be placed in the collection basket, please mark on the envelope kids' games.