

**READINGS**

**First Reading:** (Acts 3:15)

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.

**Psalm:** (Ps 4)

Lord, let your face shine on us.

**Second Reading:** (1 Jn 2:2)

He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

**Gospel:** (Lk 24:46)

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.”

**MASS INTENTIONS**

C = CHESTER \* EG = ELLIS GROVE \* J = PR DU ROCHER

**Saturday, Apr. 13 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Communion (J)**

4:00PM (C) Jack & Sandy Link

6:00PM (J) Our 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class

**Sunday, Apr. 14**

8:00AM (EG) Louise Derringer; Leroy Averbeck

10:00AM (C) Donna Schulz

**Monday, Apr. 15 ~ Grades 5-8**

8:15AM (C) Intentions of the Catholic Extension Donors

**Tuesday, Apr. 16**

8:30AM (J) Heidcamp Family

**Wednesday, Apr.17 ~ All School Mass**

8:15AM (C) Parish Partnership Confirmation Students

**Thursday, Apr. 18**

8:00AM (J) The Confirmation Class

7:00PM Confirmation at Mary Help of Christians

**Friday, Apr. 19**

No MASS

**Saturday, Apr. 20**

4:00PM (C) Ruth Petrowske

6:00PM (J) Steve Deterding

**Sunday, Apr. 21**

8:00AM (EG) Ken & Shirley Colvis

10:00AM (C) Evelyn Wittenborn

**MASSES:** If anyone would like to have a Mass for their family, living or deceased, please contact Jill or Tammy - \$10 per Mass.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL**

**Saturday:** 4pm: Chester **Sunday:** 8am: Ellis Grove  
6pm: Prairie du Rocher 10am: Chester

**Online Giving:** St. Joseph - [www.stjoespdr.org](http://www.stjoespdr.org) and  
St. Mary's - [osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds](http://osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds)

**Join our Facebook Pages:** Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Chester, IL; St. Mary's Catholic School, Chester, Illinois; St. Joseph's Catholic Church Prairie du Rocher

*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Please continue to pray for our students as they prepare for this Blessed Sacrament.*

**FR. SEBASTIAN'S REFLECTIONS**

The first reading (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19) takes us to the post-resurrection speech that Peter gave to the faithful. He traced the salvation history from Abraham to Isaac and the Patriarchs. The death and Resurrection of Christ brought hope to humanity. This was foretold by the Prophets and came to pass in our day.

In the second reading (1 John 2:1-5) the Evangelist John tells us that we have an advocate with the father. By keeping God's commandments, the love of God is made perfect in us. God sends the advocate to wipe away our sins and lead us closer to the Lord who created and desires us.

The Gospel (Luke 24:35-48) recounts the witness of the Apostles on the road to Emmaus. The visit of the risen Christ to the Apostles, strengthened their faith, opened their minds to the scriptures and inspired them greatly. Jesus called them witnesses and confirmed that they are to remain firm and resolute till the very end. We are also called to be witnesses and profess what we have seen and heard with our faith. Amen.

**PRAYER REQUEST**

*If you have a someone you would like add, please call the church office.*

The homebound, nursing home residents, cancer patients, our military, the lonely, the homeless, those incarcerated, Bill Wingerter, Ryan Junger, Nicole (Dethrow) Doty, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor, Evelyn Marquardt, Leila Keiser, Isabella DeSpain, Bill & Earlene Hanger, Tracey F., Susie Harms, Ina Doiron, Terry Laurent Earlene Riechman, Lily & Lydia Smith

*Please notify us when we are able to remove your loved one(s) from our prayer list. We would greatly appreciate it.*

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

Joan Jany 4/17, Cruz Chambers 4/17, Adam Gibbs 4/18, Rylan Reiss 4/18, Trevar Vasquez 4/18, Arlene Godier 4/19

**Mark & Ann Laurent 4/15**  
**Rob & Pam Schuchert 4/16**  
**Phil & Jennifer Wingerter 4/16**  
**Brad & Natalie Colvis 4/18**  
**Grant & Cindy Deterding 4/18**

**PARTNERSHIP EVENTS**

**CONFESSIONS**

**St. Joseph:** Thurs. mornings & Sat. evenings after Mass  
**St. Mary's (C):** Sat. evenings before Mass 3:15pm-3:45pm  
*Any other confessions can be made by appointment.*

**ADORATION**

**St. Joseph:** (Beginning in May) ~ First Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM

**St. Mary's (C):** First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM

**MASS OF HEALING**

**St. Joseph:** First weekend of the month immediately following either the 6PM or 8AM Mass.

**St. Mary's (C):** First weekend of the month immediately following the 4PM and 10AM Mass.

**St. Mary (EG):** First weekend of the month immediately following either the 8AM or the 6PM Mass.

**St. Mary's Ellis Grove Rummage Sale & Bake Sale:**

Friday, April 26, 7 am-2 pm and Saturday, April 27, 7-11 am inside St. Mary's Church Hall. 7362 Shawneetown Trail. 30 tables of miscellaneous items. (No clothing)

**Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal:** Each year the faithful of our Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support. By making a gift you are helping build up the Body of Christ in our various ministries and providing help for the poor and vulnerable. Please consider giving! ~ Bishop Michael McGovern.

**St. Joseph:** Current = \$11,253.00 Donors = 30

**St. Mary's:** Current = \$32,440.50 Donors = 49

**\*Attention Parish Partnership Youth\***  
If there is any interest in attending Steubenville summer youth conference let Jill know by April 15<sup>th</sup>. It is open to graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders through graduating seniors.

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION**

**COMMUNION**

If you are unable to attend Mass, whether homebound/hospital/assisted living, etc. and would like to receive communion, please call Diane Mudd #618-284-7150 (Ruma), Leonard DeRousse #618-284-6655 (day) or 618-284-2200 after 7pm (Prairie du Rocher), Rosemary Bert #618-615-6135, Rosemary Crain #618-615-5858, Paula Platt #618-615-5545, Martha McDonald #618-615-6624 or Barb Otten #618-615-2442 (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); or Rosemary Bert 618-615-6135 or Martha McDonald 618-615-6624 (Chester)

**ST. JOSEPH, PRAIRIE DU ROCHER EVENTS**

**Weekly Tithes & Offerings**

**St. Joseph's: Weekly Goal: \$1700**

Envelopes: \$813, Easter: \$595, Loose: \$79, Candles: \$103

Yearly total: \$23,800; Amount collected YTD: \$22,869

**Liturgical Ministers:**

**Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>** –(S) Katie & Lily, (L) James, (B) Marie, (C) Carla & Nancy

**Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>** (S) Langston, Cort, Emmett (L) Kim, (B) Leonard, (C) Jill & Mary

**Quilting: Needed:**

The quilters need already made quilts tops, backing or batting. These items can be dropped off at the rectory during normal business hours.



**Confirmation parents:** A professional Photographer will be at St. Mary's to take individual pictures beginning at 5pm. Group picture is at 5:45pm SHARP!

**CONGRATULATIONS....** Kira, Henry & Gavin on receiving your 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

**Emmaus Days Tile Sculpture:** all diocesan school age children will receive a 5X5 wood tile that they will decorate and return to PSR class on May 14<sup>th</sup>. These tiles will be part of the upcoming National Eucharistic Pilgrimage event at the Shrine of Our Lady of Snows on July 7<sup>th</sup>. There are instructions with in the packet. Please take one and have your child participate.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

St. Joseph's Spring BBQ, Sunday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>** at Red Bud IGA Serving at 10:30am until sold out Brats, Pork Steaks, & Homemade Sides

**We need a few helpers!** If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Roger @ 618-967-6348 or Lisa @ 618-521-0266

**Volunteers:**

Anyone interested in mowing the church yard and sometimes Fr. Sebastian's yard please let either Jill or Marvin Roy know. Mowing season is from April –October. Mowing is for one month and we provide mower and gas.

**ST. MARY'S CHESTER  
EVENTS**

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

**St. Mary's Weekly Goal: \$8,901**

Weekly Total: \$8,530 (101); \$472 Loose; Holy Days \$745;  
Cemetery \$693 (50); Improve \$372 (18)  
YTD Actual Giving \$102,870, YTD Budget Diff (\$21,744);

*For days with no ushers or if you sit upstairs, you may drop your envelope(s) in the basket by the baptismal font. Thanks!*

**Servers Schedule**

**Sat. April 13** ~ Ty Tindall, Eli Congiaro

**Sun. April 14** ~ Cole McDonald, Victor Fuentes, Pedro Hernandez

**Sat. April 20** ~ Natalie Shipley; Lucas Maes

**Sun. April 21** ~ Reed Petrowske, Nancy & Vanessa Jardines

*The new servers schedule for April ~ June is located at the church entrance.*

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule**

**Sat. April 13 ~ L:** Rob Wingerter **Host:** Paula Platt

**Chalice:** Megan Berkbuegler, Larry Gross, Kathy Albrecht, Rob Wingerter

**Sun. April 14 ~ L:** Danny Miller **Host:** Greg J. Crain

**Chalice:** Sue Crain, Barb Otten, Sam Jany, Matt Grau

**Sat. April 20 ~ L:** Jack Heffernan **Host:** Mike Heffernan

**Chalice:** Marlene Verdun, Martha McDonald, Ron/Candy Caron

**Sun. April 21 ~ L:** Madi Kribs **Host:** Cindy Deterding

**Chalice:** Greg Crain, Bill Gross, Dave Hustedde, Madi Kribs

**The new Lector/Eucharistic Minister schedule is located at the church entrance for April through May.**

**Registration Forms:** If you are new to our parish (or a parishioner who hasn't previously filled out a form) there are forms located at the church entrance. If you would like to receive collection envelopes, we can begin sending them once we have your address. We also offer Online Giving. The link is listed above. Your gifts are tax deductible. We thank you!

**Nothing Bundt Cakes:** St. Mary's School is once again hosting this delicious fundraiser. They come in four flavors in either bundtlet or 8" cakes. Orders due by May 1<sup>st</sup> and picked up on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are located at church entrance.

**KC Hall Monday Lunches:** \$11 per plate; serving from 11am to 1pm.

**Knights of Columbus Meetings:** Third Thursday of every month @ 6pm. **This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Please Note: The meeting will begin @ 5:30pm due to Confirmation.**

**Women's Support Group:** The next meeting will be Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10am at Linda Stern's home, 106

Hillcrest Dr., Chester. Come and connect with others who are making their way since losing their spouses. If you have any questions call Linda (618-201-2957) or Martha McDonald (618-615-6624).

**Old Blessed Palms:** The weekend of April 13/14 there will be a basket in the back of church in which parishioners can place their old blessed palms. They will be burned for use on Ash Wed next year.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Prairie Du Rocher American Legion Fish Fry's**

April 19 and May 17 Serving from 4:30-8pm  
Fish and all the fixins

**St. Boniface Fish Fry/Meat Wheel Fundraiser:** Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Serving from 4–8pm; Wheel starts at 5pm; Winter Raffle \$1 per chance ~ Top Prize UltraSite Picnic Table and Multiple Lottery Trees. Come Join Us!

**St. Pius V. Walsh Rummage Sale:** Friday and Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> from 8am-3pm. Bake Sale & Lunch Stand.

**Gibault Catholic High School Summer Camps:** Gibault has asked us to make this information available to our students. If interested, please grab a flyer from the church entrance. Several camps to choose from! All are welcome!

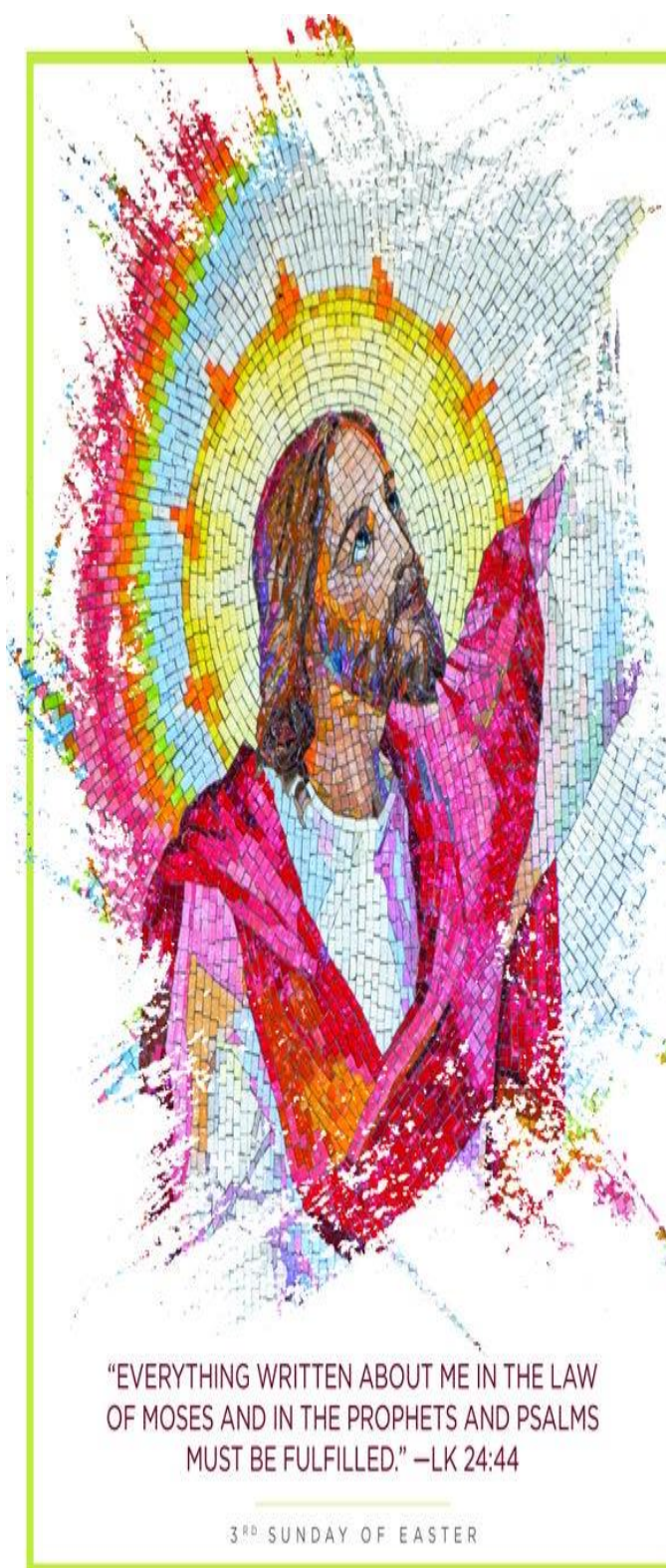
**Association of the Miraculous Medal Annual May**

**Procession:** Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. We invite you to join us as we prayerfully process from the historic Shrine Church along the Rosary Walk to Our Lady's grotto. Special events can be found at [www.amm.org](http://www.amm.org). We hope you join us!

**Newman Catholic Student Center Quilt & Cash Bingo:**

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Saint John the Baptist Parish Center in Red Bud. Lunch begins at 11am and Bingo at 1pm. Gift baskets, raffle prizes and more! Proceeds support the Newman Center at SIU-Carbondale.

**Voices of Spring: A Viennese Kaffeeklatsch:** April 21 @ 3pm at the Heritage Hall at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 115 W. B St., Belleville. Masterworks Children's Chorus. For more info go to [www.singmasterworks.org](http://www.singmasterworks.org).



All are welcome!

**PASTOR: FR. SEBASTIAN UKOH, CM**  
**Parish Partnership Website:** [www.stjoespdr.org](http://www.stjoespdr.org)

**Mary Help of Christians**

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Website: [www.stjoespdr.org](http://www.stjoespdr.org)

*We extend a very warm welcome to all those who are new to our parishes. We would love for you to become permanent members of our Parish Partnership Family! Please contact the Parish Secretary at the office number listed above.*