

**READINGS**

**First Reading:** (Is 50:7)

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

**Psalm:** (Ps 22)

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Second Reading:** (Phil 2:9)

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

**Gospel:** (Lk 22:19)

Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."

"Do this in memory of me". The Bread of Life they heard in the gospel Of John Chapter 6, was now made present for their spiritual nourishment.

At the Garden of Gethsemane, the faith of the Apostles was put to the test after the arrest of Jesus, and they were found wanting. The trials that followed made it much worse. At his Crucifixion, it was still not over. Christ continued to preach from the cross, granting pardon to those crucified with him and making excuses for those that Crucified him. The "highs" of the Triumphant Entry with Palms, had been silenced by the gruesome Crucifixion. Jesus our Passover Victim has given his life to redeem and sanctify us. We adore you oh Christ and we praise thee, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the World. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**Saturday, April 12**

4:00PM (C) Jewel Cheslick by Mike & Anita Bievenue

6:00PM (J) Jackie Laurant

**Sunday, April 13**

8:00AM (EG) Ann Hasemeyer

10:00AM (C) John & Jewell Cheslick by Ruby Stratmann & Randall Scheltgen

5:00PM (C) For the Parish

**Monday, April 14**

8:15AM (C) Brian Petrowske by the Family

**Tuesday, April 15**

8:30AM (J) NO MASS- Mass of Chrism in Belleville

**Wednesday, April 16**

8:15AM (C) For the School

**Thursday, April 17 ~Holy Thursday**

8:00AM (J) No Mass

7:00PM (EG)

**Friday, April 18~ Good Friday**

7:00PM (J) Par

**Saturday, April 19~Holy Saturday**

7:00PM (C) Paul Herzog by Mike & Anita Bievenue

**Sunday, April 20**

8:00AM (EG) For the Parish Family

8:00AM (J) For St. Joseph Parish Family

10:00AM (C) Sister Rita

5:00PM (C) Ruth Petrowske by the Family

**MASS SCHEDULE~ April**

**Saturday:** 4pm: Chester **Sunday:** 8am Ellis Grove

6pm: Prairie du Rocher 10am: Chester

**REFLECTIONS**

The Gospel reading of today (Luke 22:14 - 23:25) reflects on the Last Supper, Trials and Crucifixion of Christ. During the Last Supper, Jesus told his disciples that "He had eagerly desired to eat this Passover with them before his suffering". It was their last meal together and was sealed with a request

**PARTNERSHIP EVENTS**

**NEW PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE**

[www.stjmm.org](http://www.stjmm.org)

**CONFESSIONS**

**St. Joseph:** Tuesday & Thursday mornings & Sat. evenings after Mass or by appt.

**St. Mary's (C):** Sat. evenings before Mass 3:15pm-3:45pm

*Any other confessions can be made by appointment.*

**ADORATION**

**St. Joseph:** First Monday of every month **May 5 @ 7PM**

**St. Mary's (C):** First Tuesday of every month **May 6 @ 7PM**

**St. Mary's School:** First Friday of every month at 8:30 AM

*\*\*\*All Are Welcome\*\*\**

**MASS OF HEALING**

First weekend of the month following each Mass.

**YOUTH GROUP** Thanks to the parents and kids who helped stuff eggs, and who attended the meeting last Sunday. If you need detailed information about the last meeting, please let me know.

*There will be living stations practice this week on Monday and Wednesday from 7-8pm at St. Joseph's. Good Friday we will meet for a cheese pizza party at 5:30pm. Dress rehearsal will be at 6pm. Service starts at 7pm.*

*This is open to any student within the partnership!*

**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 and would like to receive communion contact: Diane Mudd 284-7150 (Ruma), Leonard DeRousse 284-6655 before 7pm (Prairie du Rocher), Rosemary Bert 615-6135, Paula Platt 615-5545, Martha McDonald 615-6624 or Barb Otten 615-2442 (Chester).

**HOLY THURSDAY**

St. Mary's Ellis Grove will have a soup supper from 5:30p – 6:30p with Mass following at 7:00p. 12 Volunteers are needed to get their feet washed during Mass. Please contact Ann Petrowske at 618-615-2413 or Maxine Mathis at 618-615-5529 to sign up. Volunteers are appreciated!

**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).

**WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**

Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 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).

**PRAYER REQUEST**

The homebound, nursing home residents, cancer patients, our military, the lonely, the homeless, those incarcerated. Donna Schweizer, Cathy Shemonic, Terry Moore, Mike Vasquez, Don Wingerter Jr, Tom Sauer, Jan Crow, Bruce Kettmann, Joe & Bev O'Toole, Mary Beck, Lily & Lydia Smith, Earlene Reichman, Albert Deterding, Fr. Carl Schrage, Bill & Earlene Hanger, Tiffany Surman, Tom Bowles, Jim & Georgia Sirtak, Marie Heizer, Connie Holley

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY'S**

Doris Hatridge 4/12, Kathy Hustedde 4/12, Joan Jany 4/17, Cruz Chambers 4/17, Adam Gibbs 4/18, Brody Melliere 4/18, Rylan Reiss 4/18, Trevar Vasquez 4/18, Arlene Godier 4/19

**Mike & Rose Dethrow 4/12**

**Mark & Ann Laurent 4/15**

**Rob & Pam Schuchert 4/16**

**Philip & Jennifer Wingerter 4/16**

**Brad & Natalie Colvis 4/18**

**Grant & Cindy Deterding 4/18**

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

**Weekly Tithes & Offerings**

**Online Giving ~ [www.stjoespdr.org](http://www.stjoespdr.org)**

**St. Joseph's: Weekly Goal: \$1700 Beginning 7/1/2024**

**Envelopes:** (44) \$ 1721 **Loose:** \$565, **CSMA:** \$2,965, **CRS:** \$180, Easter Flowers: \$70, Black & Indian: \$15 **YTD:** goal: \$61,711 collected: \$59,805

**Liturgical Calendar ~ St. Joseph**

**April 12 (Palm Sunday)** (S) Evan & Luke (L) Kim & Langston (B) Mary (C) Carol & Carla

**April 18 (Good Friday)** (L) Youth group member (S) PSR (B) Leonard

**Easter Sunday:** (S) Jack & Lily (L) Steve (B) Audrey (C) Jill & Marie



**Parents, please remember that Class starts at 7:15am.**

Reconciliation for grades 3-8 will be this.

Please encourage your children to come to the Thursday morning Masses @ 8am.

Your child is invited to be part of the living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. A letter will be distributed on April 8<sup>th</sup> in class. Members are also encouraged to attend Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday!

**Stations of the Cross:** For the Month of April will be on Saturday evening at 5:15pm, prior to Mass

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As the mowing season approaches, we are needing volunteers to mow the yards at the church and Fr. Sebastian house. The parish will provide the mower and gas. So, if you have time, we sure could use the help. Your benefits are truly heavenly!

**Spring BBQ**

Parish Council will be hosting a BBQ at IGA in Red Bud again on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Serving from 11-? Please watch here & Facebook for more information.

**Our deepest sympathies** to Mary Fries and her family on the recent death of her brother, Gary Labruyere. May he rest easy in the arms of the Lord.

**ST. MARY'S CHESTER EVENTS**

**Weekly Tithes & Offerings**

**Online Giving ~ [osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds](http://osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds)**

**Weekly Goal: \$8901 ~ Week #13:**

Weekly Total: \$6,138 (20); \$294 Loose; Holy Days \$35; Donations/Memorials \$10,300; Cemetery \$110 (2);

Improve \$273 (7); ~YTD Actual Giving \$100,815, YTD Budget Diff (\$14,885);

**Mass Streaming:** Masses are being streamed on YouTube. Search *Mary Help of Christians Chester* to find the streamed Masses.

#### Servers Schedule

**Sat. Apr 12** ~ Ty, Jase, Brynn

**Sun. Apr 13** ~ Jackson, Rhett, Jonathan

**Sat. Apr 19** ~ Ty, Jase & Toby, Addie, ONE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

**Sun. Apr 20** ~ Reed, Will, & Blake

*A new schedule for April/May is available in the back of Church. We continue to have a need for additional servers, particularly on Saturdays. Any parishioner through High School age who has received First Communion is encouraged and welcomed to be an altar server.*

#### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

**Sat. Apr 12** ~ L: Paula, Kelley Host: Megan Chalice: Ron, Candy, Larry, Kathleen

**Sun. Apr 13** ~ L: Amy, Jocelyn Host: Norman Chalice: Jeannie, Bill, Todd, Sam

**Sat. Apr 19** ~ L: Kelley, Linda, Bea, Candy Host: Paula Chalice: Marlene, Larry, Kathleen, Ron

**Sun. Apr 20** ~ L: Madi Host: Kevin Chalice: Bill, Matt, Aaron, Diana

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross will be held before Saturday evening Mass beginning at 3:15pm during Lent.

**Parish Council Meeting:** The May 8 meeting is being rescheduled to May 15 at 6:00pm.

**Cemetery:** As mowing season has arrived, please be reminded that all floral and other memorial tributes must be located on or attached to the monument/headstone. Seasonal floral tributes should be removed when unsightly. No shepherd hooks, ceramic, glass, or plastic items are permitted in the grass.

#### St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Quilt of the Month – 2025:

We still have tickets available for purchase while still having chances to win in 2025. Ava Laurent from Prairie DuRocher was the winner for the month of April. If you would like to donate a new, hand-quilted quilt for this project, we would very much appreciate it. Thank You! St. Mary's CCW.

**KC Hall Monday Lunches:** Monday, April 14 – Salisbury Steak, mashed taters, gravy, mixed veggies. Served from 11 am - 1 pm. \$12 per plate.

**KC Monthly Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of every month at 6PM. The APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING IS CANCELLED.

**Fish Fry:** The KC and St. Mary's school is hosting Fish Fry's on Friday evenings from 5pm until 7:30pm. \$15.00 for buffet or carry out (618) 826-3316 with cod squares, regular or Cajun fish plus choice of sides. Volunteers are always needed to help out.

#### CHS Music Department Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction:

Sunday, April 13, Chester Knights of Columbus Hall from 11am-2pm. Spaghetti, bread, desserts, tea & lemonade. \$12 adults, \$5 for children 10 and under.

**Chester Christian Food Pantry:** Food items, toiletries, and monetary donations are always greatly appreciated and can be placed in the collection marked for the pantry (make checks payable to the Chester Christian Food Pantry). Your gifts directly assist the local community in times of need. Thank you for your continued support!

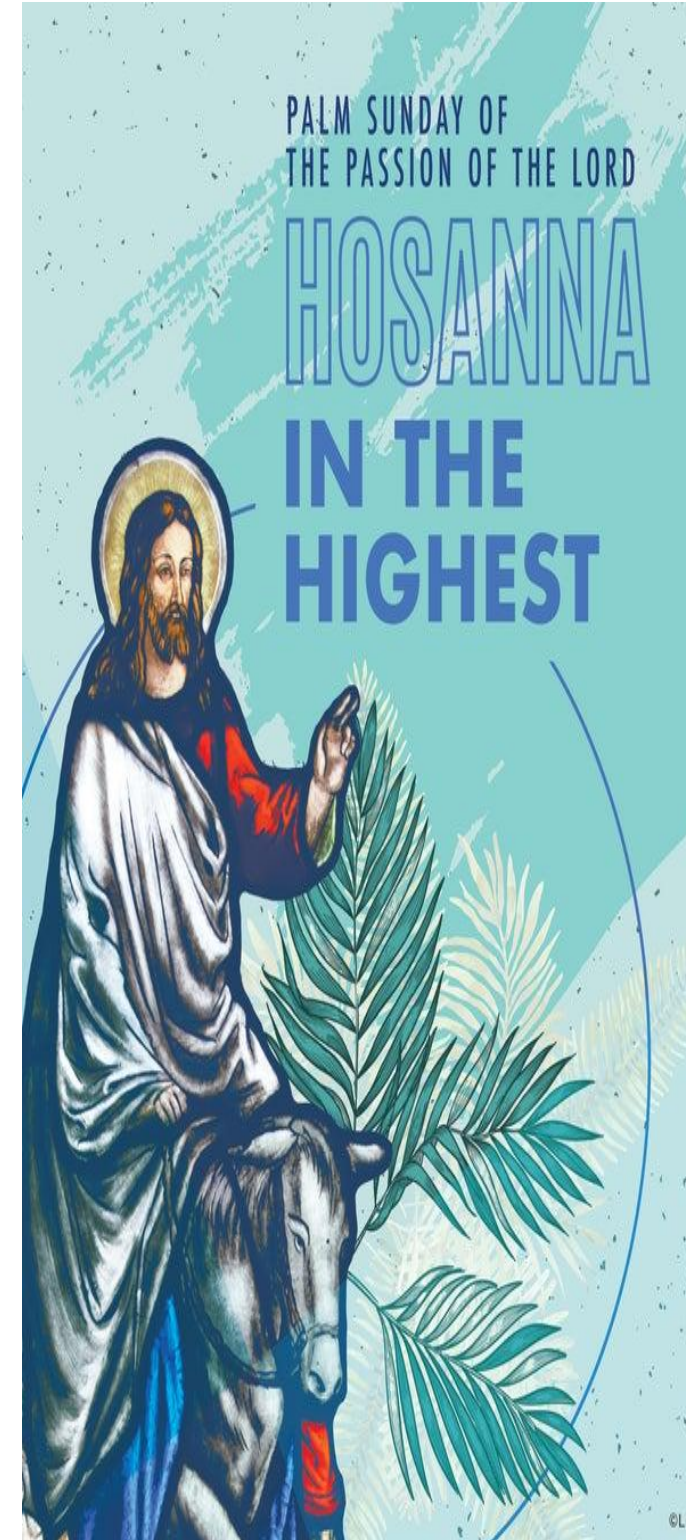
**Rummage & Bake Sale:** Friday, April 25 from 7am-2pm and Saturday, April 26 from 7 am-2pm inside St. Mary's Church Hall, 7362 Shawneetown Trail, Ellis Grove; 30 tables of miscellaneous items. (No clothing)

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter which concludes the Octave of Easter. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. Prayer sheets available in the back of church.

#### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal:** Each year the faithful of our Belleville Diocese are asked to help the works of Christ continue and grow through their support of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. 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.

**Spring Video Study:** King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows is offering a 5-week Spring Video Study on Creating Sabbath Space in Our Lives. It will be held on Tuesdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon on April 15, 22, 29, and May 6. Cost is \$25 for the series or \$5 per sessions. For more information call (618) 397-0584 or register online at <https://kh/snows.org/events/deanvideospring2025/>.



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*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.*