

READINGS

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalm — The Lord guides and saves me (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, Jan 21

4:00 PM (C) Verdelle Meyer

6:00PM (EG) Debria Davitz

Sunday, Jan. 22

8:00AM (J) Ron Fadler

10:00AM (C) Barb Hall Family

Monday, Jan. 23

8:15AM (C) Ruth Petrowske

Tuesday, Jan. 24

8:30AM (J) Shelba Kempfer

Wednesday, Jan. 25

8:15AM(C) Lloyd Stern

Thursday, Jan. 26

8:00AM (J) For the unborn

Friday, Jan. 27

No Mass

Saturday, Jan. 28

4:00PM (C) Richard Pautler Family

6:00PM (EG) Lloyd, John and Joseph Siegfried

Sunday, Jan. 29

8:00AM (J) Rosie Mudd

10:00AM (C) David Otten

ST. MARY'S CHESTER SERVERS SCHEDULE:

Sat. Jan. 21 ~ Ty Tindall; Karim Landeros

Sun. Jan. 22 ~ Parker Knott; Will & Jonathan Grau

Sat. Jan. 28 ~ Cole & Logan McDonald

Sun. Jan. 29 ~ Kanon Jany, Jackson Powell, Keegan Quandt

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. Jan. 21 ~ L: Grant Deterding EM: Marlene Verdun

Sun. Jan. 22 ~ L: Amy Miller EM: Sam Jany

Sat. Jan. 28 ~ L: Jack Heffernan EM: Martha McDonald

Sun. Jan. 29 ~ L: Danny Miller EM: Dave Hustedde

TITHE FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 15th

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

Envelopes (40) \$1,966 Loose: \$573

First Offering \$25

Solem. Of Mary: \$230

St. Mary's: Weekly Goal \$7000

Weekly \$6394; Cemetery \$337; Improve \$101; 1st

Offering \$60; Angel Tree \$245; Kids \$7.19 ~ *My Good*

Deed Was: Picked up my toys.



By Fr. Sebastian

In the first reading (Isaiah 8:23-9:3) the darkness and gloom upon the people had given way to a great light. Joy and rejoicing has now taken over. The lands of Zebulum and Naphtali which were degraded and cast down, were now receiving the glory which they deserved. This prophecy from Isaiah was to be fulfilled by the coming of Christ.

The second reading (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17) preaches unity and harmony. The salvation brought by Christ is too precious to be torn apart by rivalry and selfishness. The key message here is peace while we look up to the bigger image in the cross.

Following up closely in the Gospel (Matthew 4:12-23), we see the aftermath of the arrest of John the Baptist, an incarceration from which he never made it out alive. Jesus had to go back to his hometown of Capernaum to begin the ministry. He began with an invitation and some would call it a "home-to-home" call. The disciples left their past and followed Christ in faith, for a better future. They remind us that with Jesus, a more glorious future awaits us. Amen

Some students from Gibault Catholic High School will be here next Sunday, January 29th to raise funds for their mission trip to Dominican Republic. Do support them generously. Thanks! (If you would like to donate beforehand, you can place cash or a check made payable to Gibault H.S. in the collection basket in an envelope marked as such).

PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a family member that you would like added to our prayer request, please call the church office.

All homebound, nursing home residents, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, Our Military & their families, the lonely, the homeless, those who are incarcerated, Tom Candelario, Randy Braun, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor, Paulette & Steve Deterding, Evelyn Marquardt, Carol & Roger Hess, Nellie Mollet, Father Gene, Brian Niermann, Janice Crow, Mike Vasquez, Donald Wingerter, Jr., Kaylee Muertz, Carol Mathews

MASS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Saturday: 4pm Chester

6pm Ellis Grove

Sunday: 8am Prairie du Rocher

10am Chester

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Evan Mudd 1/25, Delores Steibel 1/26,

Cort Deterding 1/26, Patrick Mueller 1/26

David Grau 1/29

Albert & Carla Deterding 1/27

St. Mary's ~ If you have any upcoming dates that you would like put in the bulletin, you can place them in an envelope for Tammy and drop it in the collection basket.

PARTNERSHIP UPCOMING EVENTS

DONATION REPORTS: (Prairie du Rocher)

Yearly donation reports will be available Feb 1st.

Please call the rectory or let Marvin know if you would like yours.

Chester: Reports have been mailed. Please call the parish office if you do not receive yours or if there are any discrepancies. Thank you!

St. Mary's Parish Council: Next meeting will be Monday, January 23 @ 6pm in the Parish House.

NEW WAY TO DONATE

Prairie du Rocher: Many have been asking for an electronic way to donate. Well, there is a link on Facebook and our website that will allow you to use PayPal or credit or debit cards to donate.

Thank you to all who donate by snail mail and through our weekly collections.

Online Giving Link (Chester): If anyone is interested in signing up for online giving the link is: osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds

Chester Website Information: Our previous parish website, maryhoc.org is no longer active. The company would no longer service the version we were using. We are currently working on a combined parish partnership website. In the meantime information can be found on our parish Facebook page, or school information can be found on www.stmaryscatholicchesteril.org.

2023 Calendars: The Catholic Calendars have arrived and are available at the church entrance. Please help yourself! Sorry for the delay!

PARTNERSHIP MARRIAGE PREP DATE:
Jan. 30th 6pm St. Joseph Parish Hall

For those within the parish partnership who will be marrying this year this is a must attend meeting. If you are unable to meet this date please contact Jill at St. Joseph as soon as possible, 618-284-3314

PANCAKE DINNER:

St. Joseph Parish Council will host a breakfast for dinner on Saturday February 4th from 4-8pm. Mass is at 6pm

FAT SATURDAY DINNER:

St. Mary's Ellis Grove Holy Name Society will be having an All You Can Eat Chicken & Fish Dinner on Saturday, February 18th from 3:30-8:00pm. Mass is at 3pm.

ST. MARY'S GALA DINNER AUCTION, MARCH 4TH: Packets with everything you need are located at the church entrance. Please help spread the word by hanging the flyers. Tickets are \$50 each. Please contact Paula Platt at 618-826-2827 to reserve your seat. Donation slips can be placed in the collection basket or turned in to the school office. Call Brandy Maes with any questions or concerns at 618-615-7020. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20 and available in the packets. You can also get tickets from the school or any St. Mary's student. All information is posted on our Facebook pages for the school, preschool, and the parish. Please help us make this main fundraiser for us a huge success!!!

QUILTERS NEEDED: Come one come all...please join our current quilters on Wednesday's. Quilting hours are Wednesdays from 9am-12pm & 1pm -3pm. Come in the morning or afternoon or all day, but please come. No experience needed!



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

CARE MINISTRY

Care Ministry is a ministry of compassion provided by volunteers who deliver small care packages to those in need and may bring communion if they're homebound or just a friendly face to talk with, you are not alone. God is with you. If you or a fellow parishioner have lost a loved one, are ill, or are recovering from surgery, please contact

Lynne Gonzalez at 618-284-7702. If you are interested in joining our Care Ministry please contact Lynne.

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 PSR: JAN. SCHEDULE
24TH Class for all, & 31ST PSR Mass at 7:30am



YOUTH GROUP Cairo was a success! We will be going back sometime in the spring.

Sunday Faith & Fellowship (Chester) is an opportunity for deeper exploration into the Holy Spirit and the Teaching of the Church in a relaxed atmosphere with a weekly presentation followed by questions and discussion. Our next five week series: *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* starts January 15th in the St. Mary's School cafeteria. The series explores the parts of the Mass from its scriptural sources and how the Liturgy puts us in contact with Our Lord and His work of salvation for us! Refreshments are available from 8:45, the presentation will begin at 9:00 & finishing before the 10:00 AM Mass. Please join us!

ACTS (THIS SUNDAY in Chester): Please welcome the ladies who are here to speak with us about this retreat. Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Women's ACTS Retreat will be held February 16-19 at the King's House in Belleville. All women over the age of 18 are invited. Renew your spirituality, strengthen your faith, build lasting relationships with other women.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL: There will be a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Sunday, January 29 at 2pm with Bishop Michael McGovern presiding. A choir will provide music by Buckner, Byrd, and Mozart. The hour concludes with Benediction. Everyone is invited!

Chester K of C/St. Mary's PTO Fish Fry's: Buffet Style Fish Fry's will begin on Friday, January 20th. Serving times will be from 4:30pm – 7:30pm. Regular & Cajun fish with sides \$15 per person; shrimp available as a special order for an additional cost. To-go orders are also available.

Chester Food Pantry: The regular Mobile Market will be Wednesday, January 25 @ 8am. Volunteers are always needed to assist with the distribution. If you are available to help, please contact Bob at 618-826-3141.

PDR American Legion

Fish Fry Dates, Feb. 24th
Serving Fish, Fries and fixins' 4:30pm -8pm

St. Boniface Fish Fry & Meat Wheel: Friday, January 27; serving from 4pm-8pm; meat wheel begins at 5pm; homemade desserts by the Ladies Sodality. Proceeds benefit St. Boniface Catholic Church in Evansville.

St. Bruno Catholic School PTO Breakfast Buffet: Sunday, January 29 from 8am – Noon; Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Eggs, Pancakes, Milk, Juice and Coffee; Adults \$10/Children 4-12 \$7; Dine in or carry out at CC Hall.

K of C's Free Throw Championship This Sunday: The K of C's from Chester, Evansville and Red Bud are hosting a Free Throw Championship on January 22 at 1pm. Doors open at 12:30pm at St. Boniface gym in Evansville. Boys and girls ages 9 to 14 may take part. Each student will receive a t-shirt. For information call Howard Gallois at 618-708-0780.

13th Annual Euchre Tournament-

Sts. Peter & Paul Holy Name Society
Friday, February 3rd, 2023 @ SPPS gym, Waterloo
Doors open at 6:30pm
Play begins at 7pm

Graces in Ordinary Time: Janet Sullivan Whitaker in concert at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville on Friday, January 27 @ 7:30pm. Everyone welcome!

KUDOS

- To all who donated supplies to Daystar
- To the kids & parent who worked really hard at Daystar
- To the ladies who provided lunch for St. Joseph quilters

FATHER GENE'S CREST: As a gift for his planning and leadership of our renovation project, and for his over 17 years of dedicated service to our community, the parish donated the funds for the making of a crest in his honor. We felt this was a fitting tribute to him as we never had a chance to hold a celebration for his retirement. The crest hangs on the wall in the side vestibule toward the rectory. Feel free to stop and look at it when you come to Mass.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023



**“COME
AFTER ME,
AND I
WILL MAKE
YOU FISHERS
OF MEN.”**

Matthew 4:19

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