

READINGS

First Reading: (Lv 13:8)

“As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean.

Psalm: (Ps 32)

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: (1Cor 10:31)

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

Gospel: (Mk 1:41-42)

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.”

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

Saturday, Feb 10 ~ Fat Saturday (EG)

4:00PM (C) Lorraine Schuchert
 4:00PM (EG) Tony Colvis
 6:00PM (J) Rosie Mudd

Sunday, Feb 11 ~ 1st Reconciliation after Mass (C)

8:00AM (EG) NO MASS
 10:00AM (C) Connie Holzum; 1st Reconciliation Students

Monday, Feb 12 ~ Grades 1-4

8:15AM (C) Lloyd Stern

Tuesday, Feb 13

8:30AM (J) Our parish partnership

Wednesday, Feb 14 ~ Ash Wednesday/Valentine’s Day

7:15AM (J) For a successful Lenten season
 9AM (C) Roger Petrowske
 6PM (EG) Our Parish Family

Thursday, Feb.15

8:00AM (J) Intentions of Catholic Extension donors

Friday, Feb. 16

No MASS

Saturday, Feb. 17

4PM (C) Mark Shields
 6PM (J) Jackie Laurent

Sunday, Feb. 18 ~ First Sunday of Lent

8:00AM (EG) Mary Ann Stumpe
 10:00AM (C) For our PSR Reconciliation Students

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

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

Online Giving: St. Joseph members please go to our Parish Partnership Website at www.stjoespdr.org and St. Mary’s members go to 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

FR. SEBASTIAN’S REFLECTIONS

The first reading (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46) takes us to the divine declaration on leprosy. Since this ailment was incurable at this time, only a priest could certify it. And once proven, the unfortunate victim was to be set apart or banished from the community, to curb the spread.

The second reading (1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1) encourages us to do everything for the glory of God. Saint Paul harps on unity and forgiveness among the Christian community. He urged them to imitate Christ in all they say and do.

In the Gospel (Mark 1:40-45) Jesus meets a leper and cured him. This miracle was symbolic as it involved a physical touch. Christ broke the tradition of isolation and made this man whole again. And Jesus never gets tired of reaching out to us when we pray and makes himself available for us in the Eucharist. Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

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

The homebound, nursing home residents, cancer patients, our military, the lonely, the homeless, those incarcerated, Tom Sauer, Brad Colvis, Donna Schulz, Richard Bert, Ryan Junger, Bob Juenger, Jim & Marla Cushman, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor, Evelyn Marquardt, Leila Keiser, Keith Keim, Isabella DeSpain, Bill & Earlene Hanger, Tony Melliere, Tracey F., Nicole (Dethrow) Doty, Lily & Lydia Smith, Betty Surman, Rhonda Frentzel, Susie Harms, Ina Doiron, Earlene Riechman

If you could politely notify us when we are able to remove your loved one(s) from our prayer list we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you for your concern.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Brynn Berkbuegler 2/11, Gavin Gross 2/12, William F. Sauer 2/12, Vicki Steibel 2/13, Megan Berkbuegler 2/13, Margaret Vaughn 2/14, Albert Deterding 2/15, Marty Bert 2/15, Vera Siegfried 2/16
Raymond & Dorothy Reinhold 2/14

PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

Ash Wednesday: February 14th ~ Mass Schedule

St. Joseph - Prairie du Rocher: 7:15am
 St. Mary’s - Chester: 9:00am
 St. Mary’s - Ellis Grove: 6pm

Messenger Subscriptions: Stay connected with your Diocese through this Catholic Newspaper. A 1-year subscription is \$30, \$25 for digital access and \$35 for both. **Please make checks payable to: The Messenger.**

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal: This weekend, our parishes, along with all other parishes in the diocese, will conduct the CSMA. This provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. You should have received your packet in the mail this past week. Please be as generous as you are able.

Black & Indian Missions: Next weekend, our parishes will take up the 140th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support helps build the Church in African American, Native America, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on our generosity to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Stations of the Cross: Will be on Friday’s beginning at 7pm at St. Joseph on Feb. 16th and continue every Friday until Friday March 22



On March 23rd we will be feeding the hungry in Belleville. We will leave Prairie du Rocher at 6:30am.

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: (39) \$1100, Loose: \$10, Newman: \$153
 First Offering: \$40, Capt. Improvement \$401

Yearly total: \$8500 Amount collected YTD: \$6387

Liturgical Ministers: Saturday

Saturday: Feb 10: (S) Mackenzie & Madison (L) Jill (B) Marie (C) Nancy & Carol

Wednesday: Feb. 14th: (S) Cort, Alex & Evan (L) Jerzey (B) Leonard, Marie & Jill

Saturday: Feb: 17th: (S) Alex & Mason (L) Steve S (B) Carla (C) Marie & Jill

Confessions: Fr. Sebastian will hear confessions after Mass on Thursday mornings and Saturday evenings after Mass

Quilting: Wednesdays from 9am-3pm our ladies come together to work on those beautiful quilts for bingo. Please join them. All levels are welcome.

Explanation: It was discussed at the finance and parish council meeting that the total be posted of our collection as well as the shortfall. The collection total is for envelopes and loose collection. If you have any questions or need clarification please contact the office during normal hours.



Please note: There will PSR on Ash Wednesday. Please have your child arrive at 7:10am, Mass will start promptly at 7:15am

Confirmation parents: Quick reminder that it is important that your child attends Mass either on weekend or Thursdays @ 8am at least once a month.

LENTEN PROJECT: Baby bottle project that will support Life Network. Please ask your child about the speaker at PSR last Tuesday.

ST. MARY’S CHESTER EVENTS

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

St. Mary’s Weekly Goal: \$8901
 Weekly Total: \$7247 (100 Donors); \$300 Loose
 1st Offering \$20 (2); Improve \$170 (11); Cemetery \$722 (44);
 Sr Anne \$35 (3); Easter Flowers \$40 (3);
 Week #5 ~ YTD Actual Giving \$32,950
 YTD Budget Diff (-\$11,555)

Please note the 2023 Parish Expenses Pie Chart in the bulletin (C) ~ Larry Soellner (Saturday) & Marty Bert (Sunday) will be explaining the chart to the parish along with the above noted weekly goal increase. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude for their time.

On days when there are no ushers or if you sit upstairs, you may drop your collection envelope(s) in the basket at the rear of church by the baptismal font. Thank you!

Servers Schedule

Sat. Feb. 10 ~ Eli Congiardo, Natalie Shipley

Sun. Feb. 11 ~ Jackson Powell, Nancy & Vanessa Jardines
Sat. Feb. 17 ~ Ty Tindall, Brynn Berkbuegler
Sun. Feb. 18 ~ Karim Landeros, Victor Fuentes, Pedro Hernandez

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sat. Feb. 10 ~ L: Rob Wingerter **Host:** Larry Gross
Chalice: Kathy Albrecht, Rob Wingerter, Martha McDonald, Paula Platt
Sun. Feb. 11 ~ L: Dainelle Powell **Host:** Todd Moeller
Chalice: Madi Kribs, Kevin Grau, Greg Crain, Dave Hustedde
ASH WED - Wed. Feb. 14, 9:00 AM ~ L: SMS Students
Host: Bill Gross
Sat. Feb. 17 ~ L: Jack Heffernan **Host:** Megan Berkbuegler
Chalice: Mike Heffernan, Sharon Shields, Ron/Candy Caron
Sun. Feb. 18 ~ L: Amy Miller **Host:** Sam Jany
Chalice: Barb Otten, Cindy Deterding, Norman/Jeanne Grau

The new Lector/Eucharistic Minister calendars are located at the church entrance.

St. Mary's School Gala Dinner Auction: Saturday, March 2nd ~ Tables are filling up FAST! Call or text Paula Platt @ 618-615-5545. \$50 per person includes dinner & drinks. Doors open at 4:30PM. *We would like to know the names of the people who will be attending along with payment as soon as possible. You may contact Paula, drop it in the collections, or drop it by the school or church office. Thanks so much!*

St. Mary's Dinner Auction Raffle: Raffle ticket packets are located at the entrance of church. There are also Auction Donation Forms included in the packets. Sold tickets and donation forms can be returned in the collection basket. Tickets and forms are also available at the school and parish offices.

St. Mary's Gala Dinner Auction Donation Items: This year we have created an Amazon Wish List with items we are hopeful to receive to place on the auction. You may use the QR code on the flyers located at the church entrance to access the wish list. Please contact this year's Auction Chair, Jennifer Knott at 618-615-8898 with any questions or concerns. *Let's make this the best year ever!!! Note: You may also donate other items besides from the Amazon Wish List.*

Fish Frys: The KC Hall and St. Mary's School are hosting Fish Frys on Fridays from 5:00 – 7:30PM (**Note: There will be NO FRY on Good Friday**) Dine-in/Carry-out 826-3316

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

Knight of Columbus Monthly Meeting: Thursday, February 15th @ 6:00 PM.

Women's Support Group: The next meeting will be Thursday, February 15th @ 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).

Friends of St. Mary's is Hosting a Gun Raffle: Tickets are \$20. **Drawing is Sat. Feb. 17th.** Please contact Lori at the school or Tammy at the parish office.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Kings House Retreat Center at the Shrine: "Grace and Gratitude...In the Grief of Our Everyday Lives" Monday, March 18th from 9:00am – 3:00pm, \$50 (includes lunch). Join Sr. Madeline Lane for a day of reflection to discuss how we live knowing that we and all that we love will one day die and the presence of grief, how one lives in gratitude for all that has been given. When we open ourselves to the pain, we receive an invitation to deeper loving through grief. Our day will include input, sharing, and quiet time for reflection. Call 618-397-0584 or visit www.snows.org/Grief

LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10th at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us. The event will begin at 4:30 PM with gathering and introductions and Evening Prayer followed by dinner and conversation. This is a terrific opportunity to gather information for discerning a call to the priesthood; there will also be time for questions and conversation with Fr. Joel Seipp, Vocation Director. **For more information, or to RSVP, contact Judy Hoffmann at (618) 722.5003, or email to: jhoffmann@diobelle.org.**

Euchre Tournament: Hosted by St Michaels Catholic Church Paderborn Men's Club, Saturday February 24 at 7PM. Doors open at 6PM. All drinks included. All-you-can-eat fried chicken (at end of last round).

Taste of the Region

Join the Gibault Women's Club on March 2 for Taste of the Region. For full event info or to purchase tickets, visit: <https://givebutter.com/TasteoftheRegion>.

West Vicariate Spring Day of Recollection: Tues. Feb. 27th at St. Andrew Church, 724 Mulberry, Murphysboro. Registration begins at 9am in the KC Hall. Cost of the day is \$10/includes lunch. Contact Joan Derringer 618-534-6697.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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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.