

READINGS**First Reading:** (Neh 8:8)

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

Psalm: (Ps 19)

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Second Reading: (1 Cor 12:12)

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel: (Lk 1:21)

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, Jan. 25

4:00PM (C) Gene & Barb Fadler by Mike & Anita Bievenue

6:00PM (EG) Ann Hasemeyer

Sunday, Jan. 26

8:00AM (J) Shelba Kempfer

10:00AM (C) Roger & Ruth Petrowske by family

5:00PM (C) John Cheslick by Ruby Stratmann & Randall

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Monday, Jan. 27

8:15AM (C) No Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 28

8:30AM (J) NO MASS

Wednesday, Jan. 29

10:30AM (C) Edwin W Pautler by Parish

Thursday, Jan. 30

8:00AM No Mass

Friday, Jan. 31

NO MASS

Saturday, Feb. 1

4:00PM (C) Evelyn Wittenborn by the Family

6:00PM (J) Bernie Stefani

Sunday, Feb. 2

8:00AM (EG) Rose & Harlan Wesbecher

10:00AM (C) Bernard & Helen Korando by Jeff Korando

Family

5:00PM (C) Roy Turner by Terry Riebeling

MASS SCHEDULE~ January

Saturday: 4pm: Chester **Sunday:** 8am Prairie du Rocher

6pm: Ellis Grove 10am: Chester

REFLECTIONS

In Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, the apostle writes that it is imperative for a Christian to reflect on his conscience before he partakes of Holy Eucharist: "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28). The practice of examining one's conscience before seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation

thus dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith and was encouraged as a regular practice by many saints and founders of religious orders as a means of growing in virtue.

An examination of conscience, when it relates to the sacrament, simply means reflecting on one's actions (and particularly the intentions behind those actions) since the penitent's last absolution, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed. A good basis for this reflection can be the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the seven deadly sins.

PARTNERSHIP EVENTS**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**No Adoration in January**

St. Joseph: First Monday of every month **Feb. 10 @ 7PM**

St. Mary's (C): First Tuesday of every month **Feb. 11th @ 7PM**

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

All Are Welcome

MASS OF HEALING

Will be after Mass at all three parishes Saturday evening & Sunday morning the weekend of Feb. 8&9

**January Schedule:**

Next Meeting is Monday Feb. 17th 10am at St. Mary's Chester.

Feeding the hungry in Belleville will be Saturday, Feb 22nd anyone is welcome!

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.

RESCHEDULED!

The partnership **Epiphany party** has been officially **CANCELLED**, due to many scheduling conflicts.

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).

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, Fr. Allen Maes, Terry Moore, Cathy Sauer, 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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY'S

Richard Holley 1/26, Delores Steibel 1/27, Cort Steibel 1/27, Patrick Mueller 1/27, Royce Hoops 1/28, Ryan Candler 1/29, David Grau 1/29, Brynlee Roy 1/30, Cameron Roy 2/1

Albert & Carla Deterding 1/31,**Larry & Joyce Surman 1/31****ST. JOSEPH, PRAIRIE DU ROCHER
EVENTS****Weekly Tithes & Offerings****Online Giving ~ www.stjoespd.org****St. Joseph's: Weekly Goal: \$1700 Beginning 7/1/2024**

Envelopes: (25) \$959, Loose\$53

YTD: goal: \$48,111 collected: \$45,741

Liturgical Calendar ~ St. Joseph

Jan. 26 (S) Katie & Lily (L) James (B) Mary (C) Carla & Marie

Feb. 1 (S) Cort & Emmett (L) Langston (B) Audrey (C) Nancy & Carol

Annual Parish Report: St. Joseph parish report is available in the back of church at on the website.



Please call the rectory to register your child for PSR 618-284-3314. Parents, please remember that Class starts at 7:15am. Please encourage your children to come to the Thursday morning Masses @ 8am.

Quilting: Quilting is on Wednesdays from 9am -3pm in the hall. Our ladies would love to have more helpers, any level. All are welcome!

Donation Tax reports

If you would like a year-end report of your donation to St. Joseph please let Jill or Marvin K. know and they will be ready February 1st.

**ST. MARY'S CHESTER
EVENTS****Weekly Tithes & Offerings****Online Giving ~ osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds****Weekly Goal: \$8901 ~ Week #3:**

Weekly Total: \$5,371 (92); \$271 Loose; Holy Days \$195; Donations/Memorials \$100; Cemetery \$641 (41); ~YTD Actual Giving \$19,816, YTD Budget Diff (\$6,884)

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

Servers Schedule

Sat. Jan. 25 ~ Lucas, Brynn

Sun. Jan. 26 ~ Blake, Jackson, Piper

Sat. Feb. 1 ~ Ty, Gavin

Sun. Feb. 2 ~ Kevin, Ezra, Rhett

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sat. Jan. 25 ~ L: Kelley **Host:** Paula **Chalice:** Martha, Marlene, Kathleen, Larry

Sun. Jan. 26 ~ L: SMS Students **Host:** Kevin **Chalice:** Norman, Jeannie, Diana, Madi

Sat. Feb. 1 ~ L: Candy **Host:** Larry **Chalice:** Ron, Candy, Megan, Rob

Sun. Feb. 2 ~ L: Dainelle **Host:** Sam **Chalice:** Greg, Dave, Barb, Bill

St. Mary's Gala Dinner Auction 2025 ~ Plans are underway for our 2025 Gala Auction which will be held on Saturday, March 1st in our newly renovated gymnasium with *air-conditioning!* Start shopping now and send your items straight to the school! Informational flyers are located at the church entrance. **For Tickets to the Gala:** Contact Paula Platt at 618-615-5545. The cost of \$50 per person includes dinner and drinks. Payment and the names of those attending can be placed in the church collection basket. **All Names and Money Must be Turned in by February 10, 2025.** Thank you for your continued support for our biggest fundraiser for our school!

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Quilt of the

Month – 2025: Tickets \$20; drawing begins in January; winning names go back into drawing for another chance to win (may take \$100 in place of quilt). Proceeds will benefit **St. Mary's School.** Bill Crawford from Arkansas was the first winner of a quilt.

KC Hall Monday Lunches: Monday, January 27th ~ Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn or green beans. Lunch is served from 11AM – 1PM; \$11 per plate; choice of two sides.

KC Monthly Meeting: 3rd Thurs. of every month at 6PM.

Chicken Fry: The KC will be having a chicken fry buffet on Jan. 31st from 5 – 7 PM. All you can eat fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn and salad. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Fish Fry: Mark your calendars for the first fish fry this year - Friday, Feb. 7th.

Chester Christian Food Pantry: The Food Pantry gladly accepts monetary donations. You can put your donation in the collection marked for the pantry (make checks payable to the Chester Christian Food Pantry). Your generosity is most appreciated!

2024 Tax Statements: We are currently working on getting these ready and they will be available soon. If you would like your tax statement, please put a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Vincent de Paul Needs Coats! Cold winter weather has definitely arrived and the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council** desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. **Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages – toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) are being requested.** Items can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul office located at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, across from Blessed Sacrament Church, or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm and donate a coat today! Thank you very much

17th Annual Euchre Tournament

17th Annual Euchre Tournament, January 31st, Ss. Peter & Paul, Waterloo. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; tournament starts at 7 p.m. Prizes awarded for top 3 places in 2 flights at a minimum. Tickets are \$25 and include 7 rounds of Euchre (12 hands per round), beverages (soda, water, beer), all you can eat fried chicken (at the end of the last round). Info or questions: Tim at 618-406-6399 or Josh at 618-9784048.

The Messenger Newspaper Subscription Renewal

Weekend is Feb. 1-2-2025. Please stay connected with your Diocese through a subscription to *The Messenger* Catholic Newspaper. Payments can be made via your Messenger envelope or by credit card at www.bellevillemessenger.org and click **SUBSCRIBE**. The cost for a 1-year subscription is

\$40 for printed, home-delivery, \$35 for digital access and \$45 for both. **Please make checks payable to The Messenger and make sure to include your e-mail address if digital subscription is selected.**

The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal - Serve the Lord with gladness -Psalm 100. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's 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.

Quilt/Cash Bingo Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 9th, Hecker Community Center. Fried chicken & pork sausage plates from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; bingo at 1:30 p.m. (Lightning Round prior). Attendance prizes, Raffle, Pot of Gold.

Catholic Schools Week Prayer January 26 - February 1, 2025.

God of knowledge and faith, thank you for the opportunity to go to a Catholic school.

When I go to Mass, I hear that knowledge is so important. Thank you for my parents and grandparents who have built our school and supported it throughout the years. Help me to be a good student and to become a good supporter of my parish, city, and country. Please bless all those men and women who have spent their lives teaching in our Catholic schools. Please bless my friends and teachers I learn with every day. I ask for all these blessings in the name of God's Son, Jesus. Amen.

God Bless our local schools
Mary Help of Christians Catholic School
&
St. John the Baptist Catholic School



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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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.*