

**St. Mary Divine Maternity**  
**Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions**

Sunday Jan. 4, 2025 – 6:00pm  
+ Tony Beussink

Saturday Jan. 11, 2025 6:00pm  
+ Tony Beussink

**Liturgical Ministers for next week**

For Jan. 11 2025 – 6:00pm  
Altar Server L. Drake  
E. Minister M. Colvis & T. Penford  
Lector: M. Mathis  
Usher: R. Blechle & M. Valleroy

**St. Mary's Offering**

**Thank you for your support**

Contribution Dec. 29, 2024  
Envelopes ((12) \$460.00  
Loose \$196.00 – Hall Donation \$91.00  
Total \$747.00

**Christmas Collection**

Envelopes (9) \$570.00 – Loose \$125.00  
Needy \$ 70.00 – Total \$765.00



**This Week**

Isaiah 60: 1-6  
Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2: 1-12

**Next Week**

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7  
Psalm 29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
Act: 10: 37-38  
Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Please submit items for the bulletin by Tuesday  
5:00pm 618-920-7324, if no answer, please leave  
a message. Thank You, Deacon Al

**Events for St. Mary**

Jan.8, 2025 PSR classes 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
Jan. 14, 2025 Holy Name Mtg. 7:00pm  
Jan. 19, 2025 Food Pantry collection  
Jan. 22, 2025 PSR classes 6:00pm to 7:30pm

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*Please remember those of our families and friends  
who have asked for our prayers.*

Diane Averbeck, Debbie Brown, David Dohack  
Geraldyn Lanham, June Maxwell, Randy Valleroy  
Glenda York, Nic Wuller, Jacobe Ramirez  
Jeffery Davis, Mark Drake, Robin Waltemate  
Roy Lee Seymour, Ryan Junger, Ronda Heck  
Jeff Faverty, Kevin Petrowske, Ron York  
Bradley Tooley, Bud Stumpe, Shirley Dreczka  
, Donna Schwizer, Ron & Ruth Ann Thompson  
Matt Vallett

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*Our Parish Members in Care centers*  
Wilma Junger, Bud Stumpe

**Religious Education:**

Tammy Bert, A. Antonacci – Brenda Gross

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**Altar Sodality:** Joan Derringer  
**Holy Name Society:** Tony Meyer

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To Rent Sense Hall: please contact Tammy Bert  
**618-774-2415**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

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If any members of our parish family are feeling the (so  
call financial pinch) and are having difficulty paying  
for their prescriptions please let Fr. Sabastian or  
Deacon Al know, we will be able to help. This will be  
(TOTALLY CONFIDENTIAL) if you know of any  
members who are unable to attend Mass we would  
also like to be informed so we can send them our  
weekly bulletin. And please remember to mail in your  
weekly contributions it is much appreciated.

January 5, 2025  
Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (C)



St. Mary Divine Maternity  
7362 Shawneetown Trail  
Ellis Grove, IL 62241

**Pastor**

Rev. Sebastian Ukoh C.M

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

St. Mary Chester  
Saturday, Vigil 4:00 pm  
Sunday, 10:00am

St. Mary's Ellis Grove  
Saturday 6:00pm Odd Month's  
Sunday 8:00 am Even Month's

St. Joseph Rocher  
Saturday, 6:00pm Even Months  
Sunday 8:00am Odd Month's

Reconciliation: 15 min. prior  
For all Masses

Trustees: Bernard Colvis & Ann Petrowske

Parish Council: Pres. Tammy Bert,  
Sec. Joyce Hrabusicky, Chris Gross  
Maxine Mathis, Scott Gross, Shane Quandt  
Larry Mitchell, Jeremy Blechle

**Sacrament Preparation Contact:**  
**St. Mary's Ellis Grove – 618-859-3541**  
**St. Mary's Chester, 618-826-2444**  
**St. Joseph Rocher 618-284-3314**

**For the Following**

For Baptism. For the Sacrament of Marriage:  
Please contact the parish office at least 6 Months  
prior to the intended date so that the required  
preparations can be completed. And for the  
sacrament of the sick, whenever necessary. We  
welcome all guests and those wishing to become  
a member of our Parish Family, Please contact  
St. Mary Ellis Grove – St. Joseph Rocher – St.  
Mary's Chester, Also, you may contact the  
Parish Office's for information on The Rite of  
Christian Initiation



**We saw his star at its rising and have  
come to do him homage.**

**Neighboring Churches Mass Times**

St. Mary’s, Chester 4:00 pm Saturday

10:00 am Sunday

St. John’s, Red Bud 4:00 pm. Saturday

10:00 am Sunday

Lady of Lourdes, Sparta 5:30pm Sat.

8:00 am Sunday

St. Patrick’s, Ruma 8:00 a.m. Sunday

St. Pius V, Walsh, 4:00 pm Saturday

St. Boniface, Evansville, 10:00am Sunday



**A Prayer for Peace**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You are the true King of peace.  
In You alone is found freedom.  
Please free our world from conflict  
Bring unity to troubled nations.  
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.  
Dispel all darkness and evil.  
Protect the dignity of every human life.  
Replace hatred with Your love.  
Give wisdom to world leaders.  
Free them from selfish ambition.  
Eliminate all violence and war.  
Glorious Virgin Mary,  
Saint Michael the Archangel,  
Every angel and saint:  
Please pray for peace.  
Pray for unity amongst nations.  
Pray for unity amongst all people.  
Pray for the most vulnerable.  
Pray for those suffering.  
Pray for the fearful.  
Pray for those most in need.  
Pray for us all.  
Jesus, Son of the Living God.  
Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus I trust in You  
Amen



**The 2024 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Serve the Lord with gladness Psalm 100**

“May God’s blessings pour upon you and grant you and your loved ones a healthy, prosperous and joyful new year. I send heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and our Belleville Diocese in the past year. You are remembered always in my prayers.

Our Goal is \$3,492.00 – so far we have \$2,677.10

**St. Vincent de Paul Needs Coats!**

Cold winter weather has definitely arrived and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul 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 St. Vincent de Paul office located at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, across from Blessed Sacrament Church, or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hoglebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm and donate a coat today! Thank you very much.



**DEFIBRILATOR**

The Holy Name Society have purchased a defibrillator for the parish which will be for safety (just in case it would be needed in an emergency for our parish family which we hope will never be necessary.)On January 11, 2025 from 9:00am to noon there will be a demonstration on how to operate it. After the class there will be a light lunch served, **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.** Contact Joan Derringer 618-543-6697 for more information

**Respect Life Bulletin Corner**

Sunday January 5th, 2025 Living out Christmas in the New Year How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year, the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous “yes” to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady’s example is to pray 9 Days for Life, a novena for the protection of human life taking place January 16-24. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, and more. Download the novena or sign up to get the daily prayers by email or text message at 9daysforlife.com!

**JANUARY VOCATION CORNER**

What a wonderful Gospel account of the Magi traveling to meet the Lord. They followed the star – their “call” – to come and offer their gifts to the Lord. But the question arises as to how the Magi noticed a star at night and no one else really did. Perhaps we need to embrace the “night”, the stillness, to “see and hear” our call. How are we doing in discerning our call to Holiness – in living our vocation as man, woman or child; married or single; priesthood or religious – of being called to something beyond ourselves?



**BIBLES AND BREWS**

**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY**

**15**



Speaker: Mark Loyet, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry  
Topic - Spiritual Life Hacks for Young Adults: What I Wish I'd Known 20 Years Ago

**FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
AGES 21 - 35**

**Location: GrÜv Bistro and Wine Bar  
223 East Main Street, Belleville, IL 62220**

**6:30-7:00PM SOCIAL  
7:00-8:30PM EVENT**



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**PARTNERSHIP EPIPHANY PARTY**

**YOU’RE INVITED!** The partnership Epiphany party will be once again at St. Joseph on Sunday, January 5th. We will eat at noon and the parishes will provide meat and drinks, we ask that members bring side dishes. A-I desserts, J-R salad & S-Z vegetable. Mass will be at 10am and we will eat at 12 noon! The hall will be open prior to Mass for drop off.