

READINGS

First Reading: (Ez 2:4-5)

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! And whether they heed or resist — for they are a rebellious house — they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

Psalm: (Ps 123)

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading: (2 Cor 12:9)

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

Gospel: (Mk 6:4)

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, July 6 ~ Mass of Healing

4:00PM (C) Pat Kickham; Luanne Korando

6:00PM (EG) Joe & Frieda Meyer

Sunday, June 7 ~ Mass of Healing

8:00AM (J) Parishioners of St. Joseph

10:00AM (C) Max Tinsman by The Parish

Monday, July 8

8:15AM (C) Bruce Brown

Tuesday, July 9

8:00AM (J) For the Homebound

Wednesday, July 10

8:15AM (C) Michael Kettmann by The Parish

Thursday, July 11

8:00AM (J) For the youth traveling to Steubenville Youth Conference over the weekend

Friday, July 12

NO MASS

Saturday, July 13

4:00PM (C) Willie Kickham; Reuel & Ruby Allison

6:00PM (EG)

Sunday, July 14

8:00AM (J) Greg Limestone

10:00AM (C) Brenda Prost

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

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

Online Giving: St. Joseph - www.stjoespdr.org and St. Mary's - 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 (Ezra 2:2-5) reflects on the experience of the Prophet Ezra who was filled with God's spirit and began to prophesy. It was not going to be an easy task as the people had been hardened by their experiences. But God's grace and courage was greater than his limitations.

In the second reading (2 Corinthians 12: 7-10) Saint Paul talks about a thorn in the flesh which brought him closer to reality. This “thorn” did not stop him from being prophetic or loving God. It even made him more dependent on God's Grace. In his weakness, he found strength and shelter in God.

The Gospel (Mark 6:1-6) takes us to the “homecoming” of Christ to Capernaum. He performed many miracles and signs there but met a brick-wall of skepticism. They even took offense at him! He was amazed at their lack of faith. The sacraments are instituted by Christ to bring us closer to salvation. May we be more open, humble and accepting of God's grace and presence in our world. Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a someone you would like add, please call the church office.

The homebound, nursing home residents, cancer patients, our military, the lonely, the homeless, those incarcerated, Mary Beck, Tom Sauer, Dennis Mulholland, Jan Crow, Fr. Gene, Bruce Kettman, Rick Grah, Ryan Junger, Lily & Lydia Smith, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor, Evelyn Marquardt, Tracey F., Terry Laurent, Earlene Riechman, Linda Roy
Please notify us when we are able to remove your loved one(s) from our prayer list. We would greatly appreciate it.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

William Straight 7/6, Blake Petrowske 7/9, Marie Heizer 7/9, Craig Whelan 7/9, Bob Howie 7/10, Sharon Shields 7/11, Tim Lochhead 7/11, Judy Hammel 7/11 ~ Happy 85th!
Bailee Henry 7/11, Marie Henry 7/13, Raymond Ellner 7/14

John & Shirley Mathews 7/9

Justin & Cassie Roy 7/10

Richard & Sharon Misuraca 7/10

Steve & Sue Colonel 7/11

Fr. Sebastian Ukoh 7/12/08 (Priestly Anniversary)

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

St. Joseph: First Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM

St. Mary's (C): First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM

MASS OF HEALING

St. Joseph: First weekend of the month immediately following either the 6PM or 8AM Mass.

St. Mary's (C): First weekend of the month immediately following the 4PM and 10AM Mass.

St. Mary (EG): First weekend of the month immediately following either the 8AM or the 6PM Mass.



Watch us live at the conference on Facebook and www.steubystl365.com

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 618-284-6655 before 8pm (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 (37): \$2,337, Loose: \$55, Peters' Pence; Yearly total since January 1st 2024: \$40,800 Amount collected YTD: \$39,340 FY 7/1/2023 thru 6/30/2024 Amount collected: \$94,984. More financial details to follow.

Liturgical Ministers:

July 7th (S) Langston, Cort & Emmett (L) Kim, (B) Carol, (C) Leonard & Mary

July 14th (S) Lily & volunteer (L) Becky (B) Nancy (C) Marie & Carla

Congratulations

"May the Lord's blessings be poured upon you Darla Rose & Hazel Rae Hartman as the waters of baptism are poured over your soul."



PSR parents we are needing servers anyone from grade 3 and up can serve. It is a heavenly job!



Cash Donations: We will be accepting

cash donations for the purchase of quilts (if needed) will be accepted until July 16th. Any cash donations for the basket & game stand up until July 26th. All donations can either be dropped at the rectory, in the collection or by mail. Please make sure your donation is labeled so it may be placed in the correct place.

Basket Stand: We will be accepting completed baskets until day of picnic. Unmade baskets will be accepted until July 27th. We ask that the baskets total about \$10.

Game Stand: Any toy donations, small or large, can be dropped off in church or at the rectory until July 27th.

Volunteers: If you are not working anywhere for the picnic please find a chairperson and they can probably find a place for you to help out. Help is usually needed in the bingo stand from 8-11pm and anytime in the game stand.

Raffle Tickets: Please take your raffle tickets from the back of church. If you need more they will be available at the rectory. The more we sell the better we do.

ST. MARY'S CHESTER EVENTS

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

St. Mary's Weekly Goal: \$8901

Weekly Total: \$5,699 (85); \$399 Loose; Donations/Memorials \$30; Cemetery \$90 (6); Improve \$290 (10) ~ YTD Actual Giving \$210,134, YTD Budget Diff (\$21,292)

Peter's Pence \$281 (23): Thank you for your generous support to this collection last weekend to the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See. God bless!

Servers Schedule

Sat. July 6 ~ Natalie Shipley, Lucas Maes

Sun. July 7 ~ Jonathan Grau, Jackson Powell, Parker Knott

Sat. July 13 ~ Brynn Berkbuegler, Natalie Shipley

Sun. July 14 ~ Karim Landeros, Victor Fuentes, Pedro Hernandez

****The new Server's Schedule for July through September is located at the church entrance.****

NEED ALTAR SERVERS! We are currently working on the new server's schedule for July - September. We have many spots to fill at our weekend Masses, particularly on Saturday evenings. All who are parishioner's ages 3rd grade through high school are encouraged to serve. Those who made their first communion in May can now begin to serve. Fr. Sebastian will gladly train anyone who wishes to begin serving. Those currently not serving, please come and join us in this important ministry. **THERE ARE MANY IN OUR SCHOOL AND PSR WHO CURRENTLY DO NOT SERVE.** High schoolers, would you consider coming out of "retirement" and helping us on occasion. We are trying all we can to lessen the burden on everyone! If you can help us, please contact the parish office or contact Brian Niermann at 618-708-1381 by call or text. Thank you so much!

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sat. July 6 ~ L: Paula Platt **Host:** Kathy Albrecht

Chalice: Megan Berkbuegler, Paula Platt, Rob Wingerter, Martha McDonald

Sun. July 7 ~ L: Grant Deterding **Host:** Sue Crain

Chalice: Greg J Crain, Barb Otten, Cindy Deterding, Matt Grau

Sat. July 13 ~ L: Kelley Gardiner **Host:** Ron Caron

Chalice: Candy Caron, Kathy Albrecht, Larry Gross, Marlene Verdun

Sun. July 14 ~ L: Danny Cowell **Host:** Diana Miller

Chalice: Madi Kribs, Todd Moeller, Sam Jany, Bill Gross

Women's Support Group: The next meeting will be Thursday, July 18th @ 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).

KC Hall Monday Lunches: July 8th ~ Meatloaf, Roast Taters, Broccoli Salad, Apple Sauce (choice of two sides); \$11 per plate; serving from 11am to 1pm.

Knights of Columbus Meetings: Third Thursday of every month @ 6pm. Next meeting will be July 18th.

Chester Senior Center: The July Lunch Menu & Activity Calendar are located at the church entrance. Please help yourself! **Quick Facts:** Senior Center Information is attached to the menu. Did you know they offer in town transportation?

Registration for PSR 2024-2025 is now open. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 15th, 9:00-10:00 AM in the Parish House. Children new to PSR or those entering Kindergarten will need to pre-register. Contact Cheryl Gross, Coordinator, at 217-821-0986 (cell) or 618-853-2678 (home), or you may also call the Parish Office at 618-826-2444. Please leave a message if necessary. Parents whose children were enrolled in the 2023-2024 term will receive a mailing in early August with info and forms. Our tuition for PSR remains at \$85 per family.

With Deepest Sympathy

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Max Tinsman and Michael Kettmann. May the Lord grant you comfort during this most difficult time.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. John's Red Bud Quilt Bingo: 24 Games, 24 Quilts! **July 14th!!** Held in our parish center; doors open and lunch available at 11 a.m. Menu: chicken salad, hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts. Cash bar available. Bingo begins at 1 p.m. More chances to win: Early Bird Raffle Games, Colorball Raffle Game, Queens Raffle Game, Quilt at the Door Raffle, Lotto Ticket Board Raffle.

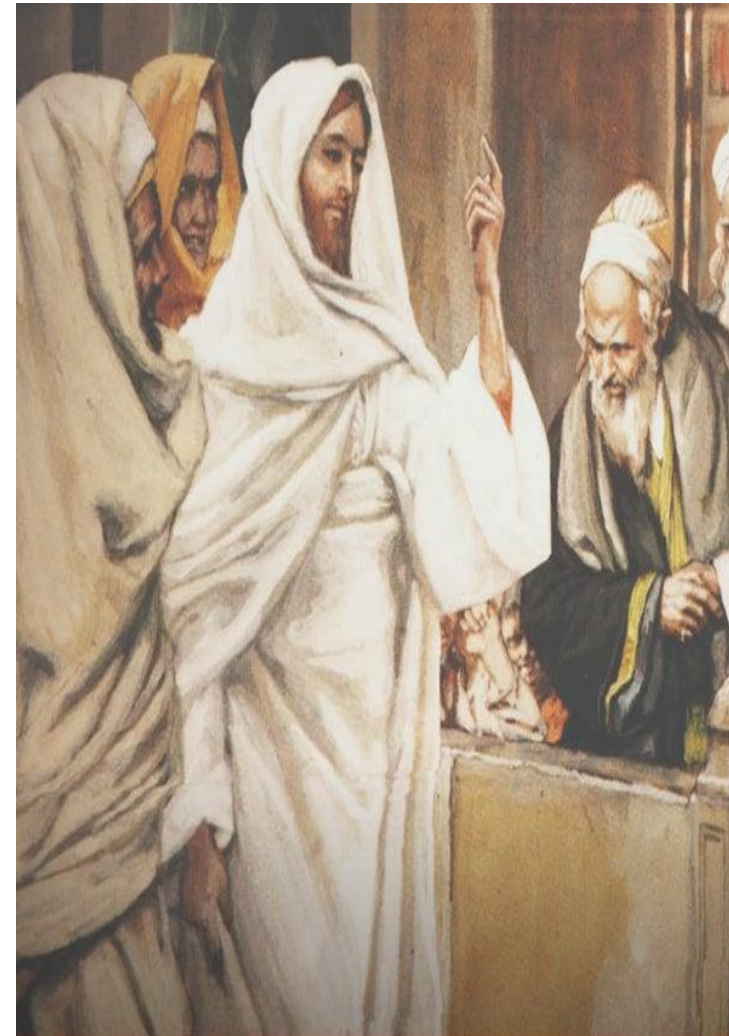
35th Annual St. Bruno Parish Picnic, Pinckneyville: **Saturday, July 20th** @ KC Hall grounds. Indoor Fried Chicken Dinner 3:30-7:30pm; Mass at 5PM; Quilt/Cash Bingo begins at 8pm; Raffle; Outside fun for all, food, beer, music – starting at 5:30pm.

St. Charles Church, Dubois: **Saturday, July 27th** @ KC Hall. Dinner, Bingo & More! Smoked Pork Chop Dinners 3:00 -6:30pm; Grand Raffle; Dessert/Basket Raffle, Quilt/Cash Bingo begins @ 7pm; Polka Mass 4pm.



St. Joseph's Annual Picnic, Prairie du Rocher: **Saturday, August 3rd.** Mass @ 4PM. Chicken Dinner 3-7:30pm; Quilt/Cash Bingo 5-11pm; Picnic Grounds 4-11pm; Raffle Prizes Drawn at 11pm.

St. Patrick Church, Tipton: 35th Annual Auction & Chicken Plate Dinner, **Sunday, August 4th.** Mass @ 10AM; Dinner 11am-4pm; Auction begins at 12 noon; Silent Auction, Country Store, Quilt Raffle. Large Rummage Sale & Bake Sale, **Friday and Saturday, July 26th & 27th,** 7am-12pm in Church Hall. Rummage Sale items half price on Auction Day.



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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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.