

**READINGS**

**First Reading Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9** Moses went up Mount Sinai to meet the Lord.  
**Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13** Paul encouraged the Corinthians to mend their sinful ways and help one another live in peace.  
**Gospel John 3:16-18** God loved the world so greatly that he sent his only Son that all may have eternal life.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**Saturday, June 3**

4 PM (C) Peggy Cull  
 6 PM (J) NO MASS for St. Joseph

**Sunday, June 4 ~Fr. Dan Jurek 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee**

8:00AM (Fort Chartres) Bob Hooten & Fr. Dan  
 8:00AM (EG) Bernard & Helen Korando  
 10:00AM (C) James Mills Howie

**Monday, June 5 ~ NO MASS IN CHESTER**

**Tuesday, June 6**

8:00am (J) For all who donate to the churches

**Wednesday, June 7**

8:15AM (C) Judith O'Hare

**Thursday, June 8**

8:00AM (J) For safety of our farmers & their helpers

**Friday, June 9**

No Mass

2PM (J) *Baptism of McKinley Rose Vance*

5PM Rehearsal of Sadie Stefani & Matt Gregson

**Saturday, June 10**

2:00PM *Wedding of Sadie Stefani & Matt Gregson*

4:00PM (C) ~ Lloyd Stern

6:00PM (J) ~ Ernie Doiron

**Sunday, June 11**

8:00AM (EG) ~ Gary Derringer and Donald Averbeck

10:00AM (C) ~ Mike Jungewaelter

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE**

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

**ST. MARY'S CHESTER SERVERS SCHEDULE:**

**Sat. June 3** ~ Logan & Cole McDonald  
**Sun. June 4** ~ Rhett Reiss, Will Grau & Victor Fuentes  
**Sat. June 10** ~ Natalie Shipley & Karim Landeros  
**Sun. June 11** ~Victor Fuentes, Brandon & Kevin Korando

**LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**Sat. June 3** ~ L: Joanie Heffernan HOST: Kathy Albrecht  
 WINE: Paula Platt, Mike Heffernan, Ron & Candy Caron  
**Sun. June 4** ~ L: Danny Miller HOST: Jeannie Grau  
 WINE: Norman Grau, Dave Hustedde, Bill Gross, Madi Kribs

**Sat. June 10** ~ L: Kelley Gardiner HOST: Marlene Verdun  
 WINE: Kathy Albrecht, Rob Wingerter, Larry Gross & Martha McDonald

**Sun. June 11** ~ L: Melody Colonel HOST: Greg J Crain  
 WINE: Sue Crain, Greg Crain, Madi Kribs, Marty Bert

**TITHE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

Envelopes (35) \$1542 Loose: \$671,  
 CSMA: 19 pledges totaling: \$9,137

**St. Mary's: Weekly Goal \$7000**

Weekly: \$4463.00; Ascension: \$145; Improve: \$323  
 Donations to the school: \$300; Gala Donations: \$250

**Online Giving:** St. Joseph members please go to our Parish Partnership Website at [www.stjoespdr.org](http://www.stjoespdr.org) and St. Mary's members go to [osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds](http://osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds).



**By Fr. Sebastian**

The first reading (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9) takes us to the

summit of mount Sinai where Moses was to receive the Ten Commandments. The scripture tells us that the Lord came down in a cloud and passed before him. Moses used that opportunity to pay homage to God and ask for pardon for the sins of his people.

In the second reading (2 Corinthians 13:11-13) Saint Paul instructs us to be amiable and peaceful. He wants us to mirror the Trinitarian love and unity in heaven. When we do so, the grace and blessings of God will abide with us.

The Gospel (John 3:16-18) teaches that God loved us so much that he gave his son to lead us closer to the heart of his father. Christ did not come to condemn or distance himself from us. He came that we may know the father and Holy Spirit better and live the life of the Trinity in our daily lives. Amen.

We congratulate Monsignor Dan Jurek on his 50th priestly ordination. May God grant you the grace, renewal and strength to keep being the presence of Christ among his people, through your priestly duties. Ad Multos Annos.

**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,

Randy Braun, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor,  
 Paulette Deterding, Evelyn Marquardt, Nellie Mollet,  
 Father Gene, Janice Crow, Mike Vasquez,  
 Donald Wingerter, Jr., Kaylee Muertz, Grayson Herriman,  
 Matthew White, Vernon Junger, Evelyn Wittenborn

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

Brock Vasquez 6/3, Audrey Wiegard 6/4,  
 Brian Hartmann 6/4, Trenton Hancock 6/5, James Cushman 6/6, Tasha Gibbs 6/7, Robert Schneider 6/7,  
 David Ellner 6/7, Fern Tockstein 6/8, Dale Grott 6/8,  
 Pete Jany 6/8, Aaron Petrowske 6/9,  
 Jay Wittenborn 6/9, Jackie Laurent 6/10,  
**Bill & Earleen Hanger 6/5**  
**Robert & Stephanie Lockhart 6/5**  
**Tim & Michelle Jany 6/6**  
**Mike & Donna Ritter 6/9 (50<sup>th</sup>)**

**PARTNERSHIP EVENTS**



Headed to Heaven youth group will travel to Mass at the Old Cathedral in St. Louis and then to Cards/Cubs game on Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Please contact Jill 618-719-9344 or James 314-304-5445 if you want to go.



**COMMUNION**

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), 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.

**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).

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers are needed at both parishes....** If you have completed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade you may serve. If you have completed 8<sup>th</sup> and have been confirmed you may be a lector and if you are 16 and older you can become a lector and Eucharistic minister. Please call Jill at St. Joseph or Tammy at St. Mary's if you would like to become a steward in the church. Formal training will take place in August for any new volunteers.

**ST. JOSEPH, PRAIRIE DU ROCHER EVENTS**



PSR parents please return registration forms as soon as possible. If you need one, call the office. Or visit the website. [www.stjoespdr.org](http://www.stjoespdr.org)

**ST. MARY'S CHESTER EVENTS**

**Women's Support Group:** Next meeting will be Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 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).

**PSR 2023-2024:** We have begun accepting registrations for the upcoming school term. Classes will begin in September. Kindergarten through Grade 8. Please contact Cheryl S. Gross for further information. This is for "new" students. Parents of previous students will be contacted by mail in August. **618-853-2678 or 618-826-2444.**

**IN DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the families who have lost loved ones recently. May Christ give you comfort during this most difficult time.

**Daniel Geisen**  
**James Mills Howie**  
**Judith O'Hare**  
**Dennis Parker, Sr.**  
**Samuel Schmerbauch**

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING SESSION**

TRAINING AND REFRESHER COURSE  
 AFTER THE 10AM MASS AT CHESTER  
 JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> (10-15 MINUTES)  
 PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND  
 IT WILL BE BRIEF



**THE NEW LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST  
IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE OF CHURCH**

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church Prairie du Rocher Bible School**

Twists and Turns of Life with Jesus

June 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> 9am -11:30am. Grades K-8 are welcome!

To register call 618-284-7376 or email [pdrhawks@htc.net](mailto:pdrhawks@htc.net).

Register before June 5<sup>th</sup> to be guarantee a shirt

**Ss. Peter and Paul Waterloo Parish Picnic:** June 9 & 10

~ Food, Quilt & Cash Bingo, Raffle, Games,

Entertainment. Mass @ 4pm Saturday.

**St. Agatha Rummage Sale**

205 S. Market Street New Athens, Illinois 62264

Thursday, June 15—9am to 7pm (Items priced as marked)

Friday, June 16—9am to 7pm (Items 1/2 price)

Saturday, June 17—9am to noon (\$4 Brown Bag Day)

**St. Michael's Paderborn Annual Picnic:** Saturday, July

1<sup>st</sup>. All you can eat Fried Chicken Dinner, 3pm-7pm, Quilt

& Cash Bingo, 6pm - ?, Masses @ 3:30pm & 5pm, Raffle,

plus usual picnic attractions.

**Quilt Bingo:** Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, St. John the Baptist

Catholic Church Parish Center in Red Bud. Doors open

and lunch available at 11am. Bingo begins at 1pm. Cash

bar available. Plus lots of raffles!

**Mid-Life Singles:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of

purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing

REFLECT weekend at La Salle Retreat Center, Wildwood,

MO on July 21-23. Take a chance and get involved ... you

won't regret it! Early bird cost is \$240 including meals and

a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), email

[reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call 314-283-0044 for info.

**Kudos**

- Msgr. Dan Jurek and Fr. Charles Geller for 50 years as priests. Thank you for answering the call.
- To the 14 men ordained to the Order of Deacon.
- To William Smith who donated his time to resurface the blacktops at St. Mary's School and Church.
- To the St. Joseph May mowing crew, for keeping everything nice.

**Thou Art A Priest Forever**

“To live in the midst of the world with

no desire for the pleasure...

To be a member of every family,  
yet belonging to none...

To share all sufferings; to penetrate  
all secrets; to heal all wounds...

To daily go from men to God  
to offer Him their petitions...

To return from God to men to offer them His hope...

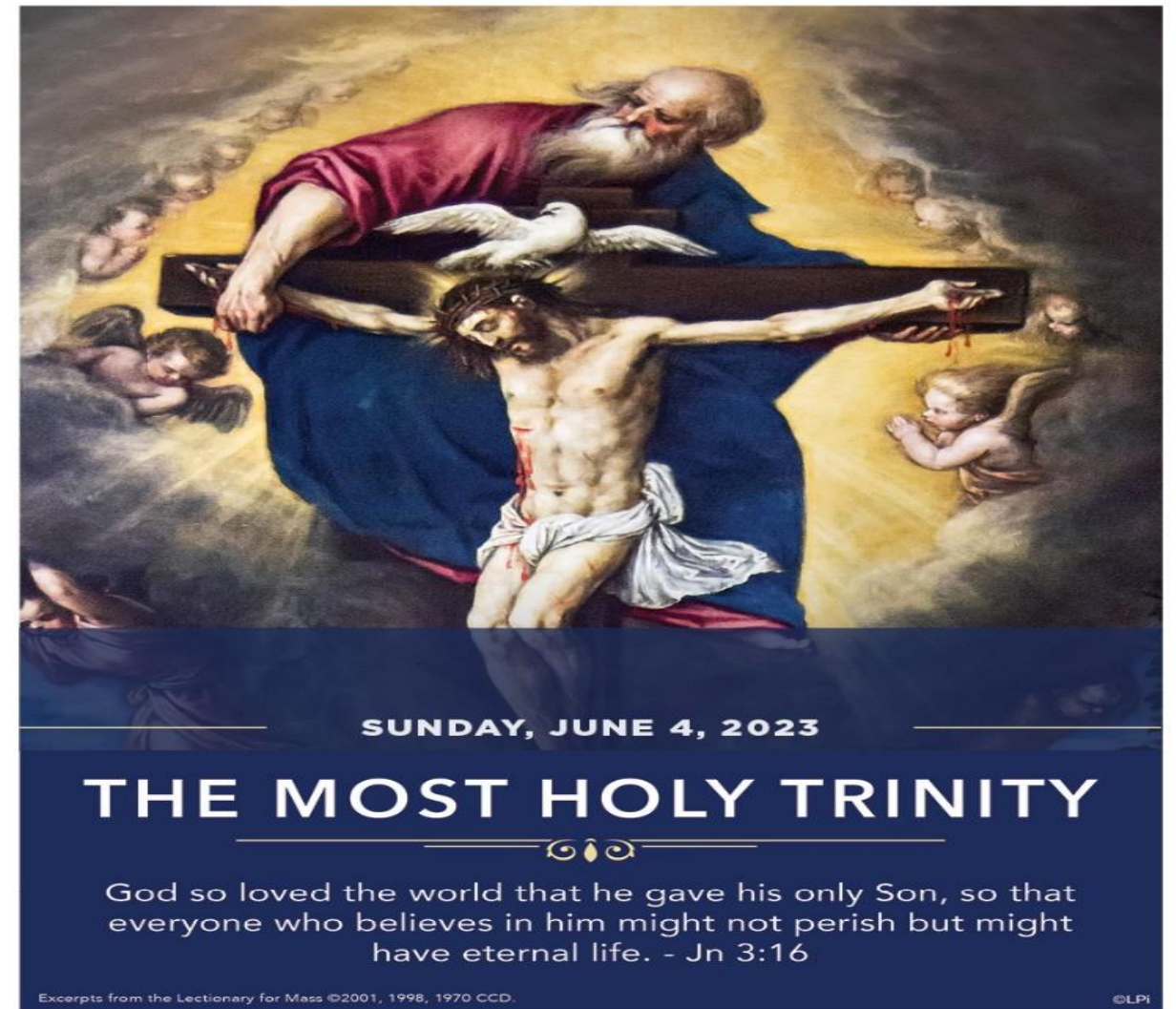
To have a heart of fire for charity  
and a heart of bronze for chastity...

To bless and be blest forever.

O God, What a life and it is yours,

O Priest of Jesus Christ!”

**J.B. Henri Lacordaire, OP**



**PASTOR: FR. SEBASTIAN UKOH, CM**

**Mary Help of Christians**

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Deacon Al Dubois

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