

READINGS

First Reading: (Gn 3:15)

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers.”

Psalm: (Ps 130)

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: (2 Cor 4:13)

Since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke, we too believe and therefore we speak.

Gospel: (Mk 3:26)

And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, June 8 ~ Baptism of Claire Michelle Yarber

4:00PM (C) Peggy Cull

6:00PM (J) Ed DuFrenne

Sunday, June 9

8:00AM (EG) Gary Derringer & Donald Averbeck

10:00AM (C) Norman & Mary Ellen Quillman

Monday, June 10

8:15AM (C) David Otten

Tuesday, June 11 ~ Father Sebastian Out of Town

8:00AM (J) NO MASS

Wednesday, June 12

8:15AM (C) NO MASS

Thursday, June 13

8:00AM (J) NO MASS

Friday, June 14 ~ Flag Day

NO MASS

Saturday, June 15

4:00PM (C) Jack Link; Ernie & Lorraine Schuchert

6:00PM (J) Jackie Laurent & Living & Deceased Father’s

Sunday, June 16 ~ Happy Father’s Day!

8:00AM (EG) Harlan Wesbecher

10:00AM (C) All Father’s Living & Deceased

MASSSES: 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 JUNE

Saturday: 4pm: Chester **Sunday:** 8am: Ellis Grove
6pm: Prairie du Rocher 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 (Genesis 3:9-15) takes us to the first fall. Adam and Eve had just broken the covenant and lost their relationship with God. A series of finger-pointing led to the serpent, who was punished and banished. The enmity between the serpent and humanity was to be eternal, with the offspring of Eve, having the upper hand.

In the second reading (2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1) Saint Paul talks about how the Grace of God enables us to overcome the challenges that life throws at us. We are never to be overcome or feel discouraged, rather we are strengthened. The momentary discomforts, sacrifices and crucibles we have to go through, lead us closer to our ultimate triumph with God in heaven.

In the Gospel (Mark 3: 20-35) Jesus shows us what true fraternity is. The baptismal font initiates us into a stronger and more committed bond than the limitations of biology. It is this Christian bond that enables us to overcome the temptations of the evil one and the many obstacles that will come across our way in the search for God and eternity. Amen.

Fr. Sebastian will be out of town June 11th until June 17th. There will be no weekday Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday during that time. Msgr. John Myler will be celebrating Mass over the weekend of June 15th & 16th. (Mass will be said by Fr. Sebastian or Msgr. John Myler in Chester on June 17th at 8:15am).

Emmaus Days: SAVE THE DATES – JULY 7TH & 8TH! Bishop Michael McGovern and the Diocese of Belleville invite you to come encounter Jesus, the Bread of Life, as they celebrate this Eucharistic Revival. Sunday, July 7 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows; Monday, July 8 at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Watch for further information in upcoming bulletins in regards to this coast-to-coast walk with Our Eucharistic Lord! Full details can also be found on the Diocese of Belleville website.

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, Betty Welge, Tom Sauer, Dennis Mulholland, Jan Crow, Marty Bert, Jewell Cheslick, Bruce Kettman, Rick Grah, Ryan Junger, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor, Fr. Gene, Evelyn Marquardt, Leila Keiser, Tracey F., Susie Harms, Ina Doiron, Terry Laurent, Earlene Riechman,
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

Fern Tockstein 6/8, Dale Grott 6/8, Pete Jany 6/8, Aaron Petrowske 6/9, Jay Wittenborn 6/9, Peggy Jany 6/11 ~ Happy 75th, Tim Thornton 6/12, Louis Oulvey 6/13, JoAnn Chandler 6/13, Fr. Dan 6/14, Claire Deterding 6/14,

Mike & Donna Ritter 6/9

Alan & Brenda Congiardo 6/10

Ron & Paulette Deterding 6/13

Matt & Carrie Hoffman 6/14

PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph: Tuesday & Thursday mornings & Sat. evenings after Mass

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.



Attention Parish Partnership Youth

I have registered 12 youth for the Steubenville youth conference July 12-14.

Next Meeting is Sunday, June 16th from 6-8. Parents please attend for Steubenville information.

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 (12): \$405, Loose: \$196, Yearly total: \$37,400; Amount collected YTD: \$36,406

Liturgical Ministers:

June 8th (S) Alex & Mason (L) Katy, (B) Mary (C) Leonard & Marie

June 15th (S) Langston, Cort, Emmett (L) Kim, (B) Carol (C) Carla & Nancy

Baptismal Blessings for:

Claire Michelle Yarber

Daughter of Chris & Andrea (Hartmann) Yarber

“May the Lord bless your life, bless you with the peace of Christ, as today you’re baptized in his name, Father, Son, and Spirit, three and one.” Amen.

With Deepest Sympathy

We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Betty Schneider. May you find comfort in the Lord during this most difficult time. May Betty rest in peace.



IT WAS A BLESSED YEAR AT PSR!

ST. MARY’S CHESTER EVENTS

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

St. Mary’s Weekly Goal: \$8901

Weekly Total: \$8,357 (101); \$260 Loose Holy Days \$10; Donations/Memorials \$200 Cemetery \$764 (52); Improve \$275 (12) YTD Actual Giving \$184,832, YTD Budget Diff (\$10,990)

Servers Schedule

Sat. June 8 ~ Lucas Maes, Brynn Berkbuegler

Sun. June 9 ~ Jackson Powell, Brandon & Kevin Korando

Sat. June 15 ~ Eli Congiardo, Natalie Shipley

Sun. June 16 ~ Karim Landeros, Victor Fuentes, Pedro Hernandez

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. June 8 ~ L: Kelley Gardiner **Host:** Megan Berkbuegler
Chalice: Kathy Albrecht, Larry Gross, Marlene Verdun, Martha McDonald

Sun. June 9 ~ L: Dainelle Powell **Host:** Todd Moeller

Chalice: Norman & Jeannie Grau, Greg J & Sue Crain

Sat. June 15 ~ L: Candy Caron **Host:** Candy Caron

Chalice: Ron Caron, Paula Platt, Marlene Verdun, Martha McDonald

Sun. June 16 ~ L: Melody Colonel **Host:** Barb Otten

Chalice: Kevin Grau, Bill Gross, Dave Hustedde, Cindy Deterding

Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal: The diocese has sent out their second mailing to those who did not respond to the initial mailing. Every gift, large or small, is needed and truly appreciated. Please make checks payable to your parish. Please accept our heartfelt thanks on behalf of all those who receive funding from the Appeal.

St. Mary's Catholic School is always enrolling!

Your child deserves a quality, faith-based education with the advantage of small classes.

Contact the school at 618-826-3120 or visit the website:

<https://www.stmaryscatholicchesteril.org>

Donations to the St. Mary's School Gym Product: We are VERY appreciative of all of the donations made thus far toward the renovation of our gym. If you make a donation via the collection, please make out a separate check payable to St. Mary's School or Friends of St. Mary's. This will greatly help us in keeping track of donations and in our bookkeeping. We have raised \$92,539.10 of our goal. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Women's Support Group: The next meeting will be Thursday, June 20th @ 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).

Knights of Columbus Father's Day BBQ Ribs: We will be taking preorders for a Rack of BBQ Ribs at \$25 each. Orders must be placed by Sunday, June 9th. Pickup Saturday, June 15th between 1:00-5:00pm. Sign up sheet at the KC Hall or call 618-826-3316.

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

Knights of Columbus Meetings: Third Thursday of every month @ 6pm.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows: We are offering a program that we feel may be of interest to you – *Memorial and Traditional Planting* – Gifting a beautiful tree or ornamental plant in honor of your loved ones on the Shrine grounds. For information on pricing, plants and location, please go to www.snows.org or call 618-397-6700.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows:

Summer Directed Retreat Directed Retreat II, July 8-15, Our Lady of the Snows. The 7-day summer Directed II Retreat is a primary way to hear the voice of God through the people and events of daily experiences. The goal of the directed retreat is to allow you to go deeper into your relationship with God while savoring what is happening in your life. The retreat includes daily meetings with your own Spiritual Director and a period of personal prayer, using scripture. Also available are optional periods for group Centering Prayer experiences, Eucharist, and Sacrament of Reconciliation. Cost: Please visit kh.snows.org/events/directed-2-2024, or for more information, call 618-397-0584.

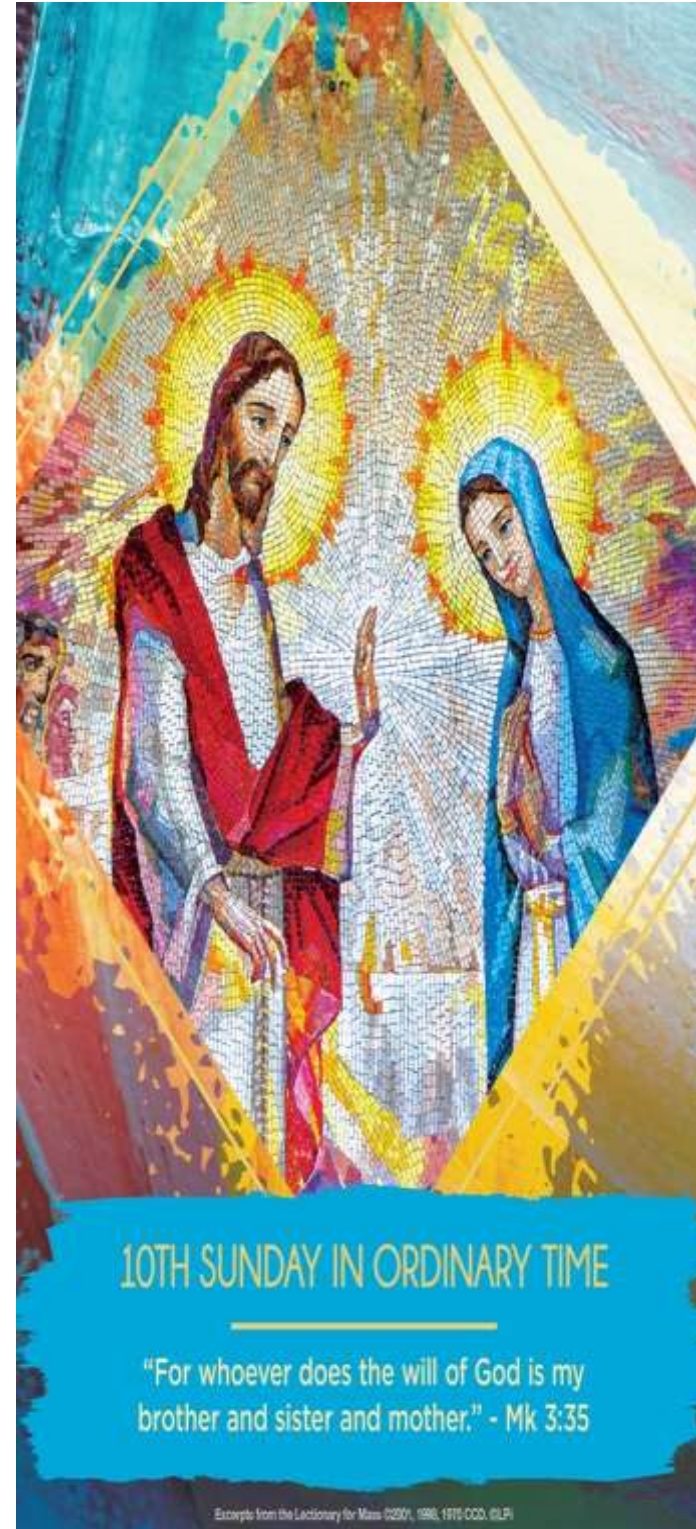
Gibault News Summer Classic Golf Tournament:

This year's tournament will be held on Friday, June 21st. You can sponsor our event, donate raffle prizes, or gather a team to play at the beautiful AnnBriar Golf Course. For more info, email dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com or visit our event website:

<https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com>



Flag Day is the reminder that we are all Americans...we all must be very proud of our country, of our culture, and of our flag which fills our hearts with pride.



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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.