

St. Mary's Divine Maternity
Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday March 18, 2023, 6:00pm
+Debria Davitz

Saturday March 25, 2023, 6:00pm
+ Tony Colvis

Liturgical Ministers for next week

For March 25, 2023-6:00pm
Altar Servers: L. Drake & W. Biermann
Eucharistic Minister J. Hrabusicky
Lector: Maxine Mathis
Usher: M. Valleroy & S Quandt

St. Mary's Offering

Thank you for your support

Contribution March 11, 2023

Envelopes (15) \$440.00

Loose \$81.00-B & I Missions \$35.00

Total \$556.00

Chester Area Food Pantry Items Needed

Canned Spaghetti-crackers-mustard-ketchup-

Canned meats-canned fruit



This Week

1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel John 9: 1-41

Next Week

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Psalms 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Romans 8: 8-11

Gospel John 11: 1-45

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's

March 18, 2023-Food Pantry Collection

March 29, 2023-PSR Class 6:00 to 7:30pm

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, JoAnn Montroy, Chris Modglin
Nic Wuller, Lou Ann Korando, Jeffery Davis
MaryAnn Stumpe Bud Stumpe, Christie Modglin,
Mark Drake, Jeff Faverty, Roy Lee Seymour,
Roger Faverty

Our Parish Members in Care centers
Wilma Junger,

Religious Education: Tammy Bert,
A. Antonacci – Brenda Gross

Altar Sodality: Joan Derringer
Holy Name Society: Tony Meyer

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

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

March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent A
Laetare Sunday



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

Pastor
Rev. Sebastian Ukoh C.M.

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

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



The man who was blind went off and
washed himself and came back able to see.



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

Especially for our
Brothers Sisters of Ukraine, Nigeria and
around the world.

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



Volunteer Firefighters Fish Fry
Ellis Grove Volunteer Fire Dept.
Ellis Grove, IL – 618-859-3473
DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT

Friday Nights – 4:00pm to 8:00pm
March 24, 31 - April 7th

ALL YOU CAN EAT !!!
Buffalo – Catfish – Cod – Shrimp
Cole-Slaw – Onion Rings –Hush Puppies
Potato Salad – Fried Pickles
Tea – Soda – Bottled water (included)
Beer Tent – Sandwich \$9.00
Adults \$ 15.00 – Children 5 to 10 - \$3.00
Under Five - FREE Military Discount \$3.00
Fish by the lb. One kind \$20.00-- Mix 15.00



MEAT RAFFLE
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 – 2:00pm
Pork-Beef, Turkey, Ham, Eggs

THE BALE OUT
7533 art 154, Baldwin, IL 62217
Smoked bbq pulled pork sandwiches
available for purchase
Benefitting St. Patrick Catholic Church
Ruma, IL



CHESTER UNITED METHODIST MEN
871 State Street, Chester IL
ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
March 25, 2023 6:30am – 11:00am

Pancakes-Link Sausage
Coffee-Juice-Milk

Adults \$10.00 Child (5-12) \$5.00
Children under 5 Eat FREE



Wednesday March 22nd @ 6:45pm
St. John's Red Bud for PSR Students
Sunday March 26th @ 2:30pm
St. Mary's Chester
Monday March 27th @ 7:00pm
St. John's Red Bud
Tuesday March 28th @ 7:00pm
Our Lady of Lourdes, Sparta



Chester Area Christian Food Pantry
Newsletter
March 8, 2023

ITEMS NEEDED
Canned meat, tuna, canned fruit
HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS SERVED
204 Households 494 Individuals
REGULAR MOBILE MARKET
Will be on March 22, 2023 @ 8:00am

Volunteers are always needed to speed the
distribution of food. Please call Bob at
618-615-2646 to help with the distribution of
food. Thank you for your conyined support of
the Pantry! Your giving has touched
spmeone's life....



EASTER LILIES

Those who wish to donate Easter Flowers in
remembrance of a loved one for our Easter
decorations in church, there are envelopes
on the table as you come into church. Please
fill out the information on the front of the
envelope and just drop it in the collection
basket. The donation for flowers is \$12.00.
April 2 is the last Sunday you haveto turn in
your envelope. Thank you



THIS PAGE IS EXTRA IN CASE I NEED TO PUT IN THE BULLETIN IF I NEED TO FILL IN A BLANK.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul Night-time Drop Center capacity almost every night, helping the homeless men, women and children survive freezing temperatures and the dangers of the city streets. We humbly ask for your prayers for the Center and its clients and, if you are able, to help us provide sack lunch items (individually packaged) for their clients.

Cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, yogurt, cereal, pop tarts, breakfast bars soup or pasta in a cup, bottled water. Items can be dropped off at the SVDP office, 13 Vieux Carre Drive, (Loisel Village_Route 157 across from Sav-A-Lot or at the SVDP Help Center 3718 State Street, East St. Louis.

For additional information contact: Joe Hubbard, (394-0126), or Pat Hoglebe, (618) (799-8505).

Thank You and God bless you for your generosity which enables our ministry to serve truly the poorest among us.

CATHOLIC RADIO WMSH 90.3 FM

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God,
You have called us through Baptism to discipleship, believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world. We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests, deacons and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and his people. May a new generation of priests, deacons, sisters and brothers be a sign of your presence among us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. AMEN

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Society of St. Vincent De Paul Overnight Center

Needs Your Help

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cookies fruit cups tuna and chicken snack packs chips crackers cheese sticks yogurt cereal instant oatmeal Pop Tarts breakfast bars soup or pasta in a cup bottled water

Items can be dropped off at:
St. Vincent de Paul Council Office
8800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223 (across from Blessed Sacrament Church)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Or SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen
3718 State Street, East St. Louis

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.;

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon

For additional information contact Joe Hubbard, 618-394-0126, or Pat Hoglebe, 618-799-8505. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables SVDP's ministry to the poor.



REAL TIME WITH BISHOP McGOVERN

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St. Vincent de Paul Need Paper Goods

The Society de St. Vincent de Paul have a Tremendous need for paper products: Styrofoam plates & soup bowls – Styrofoam or paper cups (8 – ounce) – paper napkins These items are used in serving our area's poor at Cosgrove' Soup Kitchen and the SVDP Night-Time Drop-In Center

Donations can be dropped off at:

St. Vincent De Paul Office – 8800 West Main Street, Belleville IL (across from &

Blessed Sacrament Church)

any day of the week but not on Wednesday, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. Or St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen 3718 State Street,



Chester Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
Fridays – 5:00 to 8:00pm

All you can eat Fish Buffet - \$15.00

Shrimp Plate w/2 sides - \$12.00

Fish Sandwich w/2 sides \$10.00

Kids age 4 to 10 \$10.00 3 & under FREE

Buffet includes:

Reg. Fish – Cajun Fish – Chicken Strips

Sides

French Fries –Mac & Cheese – Baked Beans

Slaw, Stewed Tomatoes & Baked Potato

Proceeds Help Fund

The Animal Tales Assembly

& Catholic Schools Week Field Trip at SMS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SM

"Opposition to abortion and euthanasia does not excuse indifference to those who suffer from poverty, violence and injustice. Any politics of human life must work to resist the violence of war and the scandal of capital punishment. Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care. Therefore, ife. But being 'right' in such matters can never excuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life

LIVING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

In their statement, **Living the 18 of Life**, the Bishops of the United States said: