

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

Sunday March 1, 2026, 8:00am  
+ Harry Montroy

Saturday March 7, 2026, 6:00pm  
+ Clyde & Ann Hasemeyer

**Liturgical Ministers for next week**

**March 7, 2026, 6:00pm**

Altar Server W. Biermann

Lector M. Mathis

Gifts: Volunteers

E. Minister: T. Penford & A. Antonacci

Usher: M. Valleroy & J. Wesbecher

**St. Mary's Offering**

**Thank you for your support.**

Contribution February 15, 2026

Envelopes (17) \$765.00- Church Cen Eu. \$42.00

Loose \$210.00 – Donation \$100.00

Total \$1, 117.00

**This Week**

Genesis 12: 1 – 4a

Psalms 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

2 Timothy 1: 8b-10

Matthew 17: 1-9

**Next Week**

Exodus 17: 3-7

Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

John 4: -5-42 [or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Please submit items for the bulletin by Tuesday at 5:00pm my phone number is 618-920-7324. If there is no answer, please leave a message. Thank you, Deacon Al

**Events for St. Mary**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> is on a Sunday Mass at Ellis Grove will be at 8:00AM, for the rest of the month of March, Mass will be at 6:00PM on Saturday**

**March 3, 2026, Holy Name Mtg. 700pm**

**March 4, 2026, PSR class 6:00pm to 7:30pm**

**PSR class will do the stations of the Cross**

**March 15, 2026, Food Pantry collection**

**March 18, 2026, PSR class 6:00 to 7:30pm**

**PSR Class will do the Stations of the Cross**

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

Diane Averbek, Debbie Brown, David Dohack  
Geraldyn Lanham, Randy Valleroy, Glenda York,  
Donna Schwizer, Jeffery Davis, Mark Drake,  
Robin Waltemate, Ryan Junger, Ronda Heck,  
Kevin Petrowske, Jeff Faverty Shirley Dreczka  
Matt Vallett, Bud Stumpe, Paul Meyer, Amber  
Cushman, Carolyn Loesing, Linda Butler  
Allison Petrowske

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

**Religious Education:**

Tammy Bert, A. Antonacci – Brenda Gross  
Maxine Mathis

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**Ladies 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**

If any members of our parish family are feeling the (so-called financial pinch) and are having difficulty paying for their prescriptions please let Fr. Sabastian or Deacon Al, know that 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 1, 2026  
Second Sunday of Lent A**



**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**



*From the shining cloud the  
Father's voice is heard: This is my  
beloved Son, listen to him.*

Neighboring Churches Mass Times

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



30th Annual Health Fair: Friday, March 13th from 7:30 11:30 am at Buena Vista National Bank, 1309 Swanwick, Chester. \$2 per person. For more accurate readings, fasting is encouraged. Results will be mailed. \$10 PSA screening with blood sample. The Lions Club mobile screening unit will be on site for free hearing loss and retinal eye disease screening.

March 1, 2026, Respect Life Corner The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" Pope Saint John Paul II,



Chester Christian Food Pantry: Items needed: Pasta dinners, canned fish, cheese. Monetary donations are always welcome.

We are also in need of egg cartons, if you have any please bring them to church and put them on the table in the entranceway.

St. Mary's Chester

St. Mary's 2026 Gala Dinner Auction: The 2026 Gala Dinner Auction will be held on March 7th. Dinner Tickets for the Gala: Contact Paula Platt at 618.615.5545. The cost of \$50 per person includes dinner, drinks, an evening spent with friends, and the chance to bid on some awesome items all while helping support our school.

2026 Lenten Calendar

Penance Services

St. Mary's Chester: Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm  
St. John's Red Bud: Thursday March 19 @ 7:00pm  
Our Lady of Lourdes Sparta: Friday, March 29 @ 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross:

St. Mary Ellis Grove: March 4, March 18, April 1 @ 6:00pm  
St. Joseph Rocher: Every Friday @ 7:00pm  
St. Mary Chester: Every Saturday @ 3:15pm & Every Sunday @ 4:15pm

Palm Sunday

St. Mary Chester: Saturday, March 28 4:00pm & Sunday March 29 @ 10:00am  
St. Mary Ellis Grove: Saturday March 28 6:00pm  
St. Joseph Rocher: Sunday, March 29 @ 8:00am

Holy Week

Chrism Mass Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am at the Cathedral PSR Rocher, Ellis Grove, Chester 7 & 8 grade to attend

Holy Thursday

April 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Mary Ellis Grove: Soup Supper from 5:00-6:30pm in Sense Hall, Mass @ 7:00pm (Confirmandi to participate in washing of feet.)

Good Friday

St. Joseph Rocher, 7:00pm Living Stations by PSR students

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil April 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm @ St. Mary's Chester

Easter Sunday

April 5<sup>th</sup> Mass @ St. Mary Ellis Grove 8:00am, St. Mary Chester, Mass 10:00am, St. Joseph Rocher Mass 8:00am (visiting Priest)

Confirmation - Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>  
(Practice) Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Rocher  
Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> Confirmation 7:00pm Rocher

First Communion

Ellis Grove (no time given as of now)  
St. Joseph Rocher: Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00am  
St. Mary's Chester: May 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am

