PALM SUNDAY

READINGS

First Reading: (Is 50:7) I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. Psalm: (Ps 22) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Second Reading: (Phil 2:8-9) He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Gospel: (Mk 15:22)

They brought him to the place of Golgotha -which is translated Place of the Skull-.

MASS INTENTIONS

C = CHESTER * EG = ELLIS GROVE * J = PR DU ROCHER Saturday, Mar. 23 4:00PM (C) Orville & Ethel Bievenue; Paul Schmerbauch 6:00PM (EG) Pat Haberberger Sunday, Mar. 24~Palm Sunday 8:00AM (J) Charles Brown 10:00AM (C) The Almasy Family Monday, Mar.25 ~ Grades 5-8 8:15AM (C) Barb Hanger Tuesday, Mar. 26~Mass of Chrism in Belleville 8:30AM (J) NO MASS Wednesday, Mar. 27 ~ All School Mass 8:15AM (C) Intensions of the Catholic extension donors Thursday, Mar. 28~Holy Thursday 8:00AM (J) NO MASS 7:00PM (EG) Parish Partnership Friday, Mar 29 NO MASS 5:00PM (C) 7:00PM (J) Living Stations Saturday, Mar 30 7:00PM (C) Peggy Cull 7:00PM (J) Jackie Laurent Sunday, Mar 31~ Easter 8:00AM (J) Rosie Mudd 8:00AM (EG) Tony Colvis 10:00AM (C) Richard Hanger

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Weekday MASS @ St. Joseph during Holy Week!

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

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

Online Giving: St. Joseph members please go to our Parish Partnership Website at www.stjoespdr.org and St. Mary's members go to 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

This weekend marks the start of the long expected Holy Week. On Palm Sunday we recall the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem to become our Passover lamb. It was heralded with jubilation and waving of palm branches. But the mood would sharply change as we would see in the days ahead.

The Gospel of Mark (11: 1-10) takes us through that event. Christ had already gone ahead to make preparations for the celebration. The disciples who were sent merely obeyed and everything worked out fine. A lesson to us all about trusting the guidance of God in every situation.

As we begin this Holy Week we pray for peace all over the world, increase in faith, more love, more forgiveness and charity. May it be a fruitful and enriching one for us all. 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, Mark Goetting, Patty Nanney, Nicole (Dethrow) Doty, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor, Evelyn Marquardt, Leila Keiser, Keith Keim, Isabella DeSpain, Bill & Earlene Hanger, Tony Melliere, Tracey F., Susie Harms, Ina Doiron, Earlene Riechman, Carol Durbin, Lily & Lydia Smith

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

Stacy Melliere 3/24, Kyle Steibel 3/25, David Gross 3/25, Cody Henry 3/25, Betty Bievenue 3/26, Sarah Pollard 3/26, Jeannie Sauer 3/30, Mark Doiron3/31 Tom & Vicki Steibel 3/23 Ben & Amanda 3/29 David & Wilma Candler 3/30

PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

Pontifical Holy Land Collection: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support this collection which will be taken up on Good Friday. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land and help to maintain the sacred shrines throughout the region.

CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph: Thurs. mornings & Sat. evenings after Mass. St. Mary's: Sat. evenings before Mass from 3:15pm-3:45pm. Any other confessions can be made by appointment.

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal: All parishes in the diocese are conducting the CSMA. If you did not receive a packet in the mail, there are envelope at the church entrance. Make checks payable to your parish. You may return your envelope in the collection basket.

St. Joseph: Current = \$10,206.00 **St. Marv's:** Current = \$9220.50

Donors = 27Donors = 42

Attention Parish Partnership Youth



If there is any interest in attending Steubenville summer youth conference let Jill **GROUP** know by April 15th.

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: \$2,316, Loose: \$65, Messenger: \$90 Easter Flowers: \$40, CRS: \$247, Black & Indian; \$40 Yearly total: \$18,700 Amount collected YTD: \$16,899

Liturgical Ministers:

Sunday: March 24th (S) Mackenzie & Madison (L) Lynne & Steve G, (B) Jill (C) Mary & Marie Good Friday—PSR Students to help with Mass duties

Holy Saturday—(L) Steve S, (B) Mary (C) Marie & Nancy (S) Madison, McKenzie, Caleb, Langston, Cort, Emmett

Easter Sunday—(L) James, (B) Leonard, (C) Carla & Carol (S) Katy, Lily, Evan & Jack

Blessing of the Baskets: On Easter Sunday the children's baskets, following that children 10 & under will receive a chocolate surprise.

WOW! What an amazing parish breakfast and pastry potluck.

MARCH 24, 2024

So glad to all those who came and joined us. Watch for future fun parish fellowship events to come.

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish family: Margaret Brown from Prairie du Rocher on registering as a returning member of St. Joseph's

Congratulations: Demi Rose Buskirk and her family on her recent baptism into the Catholic faith. God's blessing to both of you.

Quilting: Needed:

The quilters need already made quilts tops, backing or batting. These items can be dropped off at the rectory during normal business hours.



Confirmation parents: Quick reminder that it is important that your child attends Mass either on weekend or Thurs@ 8am at least once a month.

All projects and dual poster boards are due Tuesday April 2nd. **Passion play practice** will be on Monday & Wednesday this week from 7-8pm and then Friday at 5:45pm. We will have dinner for those participating in the play beginning at 4:45pm

Confirmation practice will be Tuesday April 9th at 7pm in Chester, please have your child and sponsor present for this practice

LENTEN PROJECT: Baby bottle project that will support Life Network. Bottles returned April 2nd.

Volunteers: Anyone interested in mowing the church yard and sometimes Fr. Sebastian's yard please let either Jill or Marvin Roy know. Mowing season is from April -October. Mowing is for one month and we provide mower and gas.

ST. MARY'S CHESTER EVENTS

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

St. Mary's Weekly Goal: \$8,901

Weekly Total: \$5,591 (87); \$425 Loose Cemetery \$95 (7); Improve \$728 (52) Sr. Anne \$67 (5); Angel Tree \$45; Easter Flowers \$50 (1) YTD Actual Giving \$73,959, YTD Budget Diff (\$15,051)

Beginning with the May envelopes, you will be receiving them monthly as opposed to bi-monthly.

Servers Schedule

Sat. Mar. 23 ~ Ty Tindall, Eli Congiardo, Natalie Shipley Sun. Mar. 24 ~ Penelope Seymour, Reed & Blake Petrowske

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sat. Mar. 23 ~ L: Paula Platt & Kelley Gardiner Host: Marlene Verdun Chalice: Megan Berkbuegler, Larry Gross, Martha McDonald, Paula Platt Sun. Mar. 24 ~ L: Grant Deterding & Danny Miller

Host: Cindy Deterding **Chalice:** Matt Grau, Greg Crain, Norman & Jeannie Grau

Easter Décor: We will be decorating the church for Easter after the Good Friday service. Any and all help we can get will be most appreciated! Thanks so much!

PSR Lenten Food Collection: Our PSR students are collecting food for our local Food Pantry as we have done in the past. If you would like to make a donation (food or cash) we will gratefully accept your help. Food can be brought to the Parish Office, 915 Swanwick. Please include your name in order for us to acknowledge your generosity. Thank you!

<u>St. Mary's School Gym Project</u>: The Hawks thank you so much for the generous donations! We are over halfway to our goal! Contact Aaron Petrowske if you have any questions.

<u>Catholic Relief Services</u>: Thank you for your generous support last weekend for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. Our parish collected \$574 to send to the Diocese for this collection.

<u>Chicken Fry</u>: The KC Hall and St. Mary's School will be hosting a Chicken Fry on Friday, April 5th from 5:00PM -7:00PM. Dine-In or Carry-Out; Call 618-826-3316.

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

Women's Support Group: The next meeting will be Thursday, March 21st @ 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).

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Diocese New Facebook Page: We have a new, maintained Diocesan Facebook page. The link to the new page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557358381815</u> Name: Catholic Diocese of Belleville

<u>Chester Senior Center</u>: *Ask a Techie* ~ Is your smart device more confusing than convenient? Oasis is looking to help adults age 50+ to become more acquainted with technology. Monday, March 18 from 1-2PM. Admission is free. Registration is required. *A Matter of Balance* ~ Tuesdays, April 9-May 28 from 1:30-3:30PM. Take steps to reduce your fear of falling. Admission is free for the 8 classes. Call 618-826-5108. The March Senior Site Menu & Activity Calendar is located at the church entrance.

From Bishop McGovern: Each year the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a collection

on Good Friday to support a Christian presence in the Holy Land. Your donation will go to supporting the work of the Franciscans in providing foundation and education in communities and schools and caring for the basic needs of people while maintaining the sacred shrines and parishes. During such a difficult time, your gift to this collection is essential to the Franciscan ministry which is a light of hope to those living in the Holy Land. Please join me in making a generous gift to assist our brothers and sisters as we walk together in Jesus's footsteps through the Cross to the Resurrection.

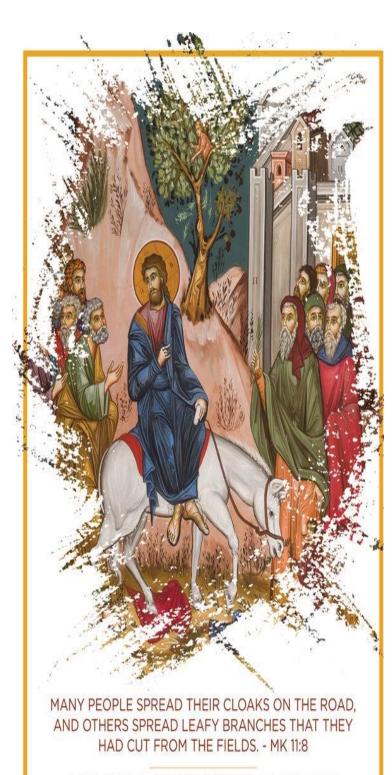
Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Michael McGovern Bishop of Belleville

St. James CCW: Born in the USA (A Noon Luncheon Experience) Thursday, April 11, 405 W. Madison, Millstadt. \$15 per person; 12-2:30PM; doors open at 10AM; pulled pork, sides & desserts; quilt/cash raffle, bingo, attendance prizes and more. Paid RSVP's are required in advance. Call Jane Kuester at 618-476-1395.

Kings House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the

Snows: Friday, April 19 @ 4PM through Sunday, April 21 @ 2PM ~ Our couples retreat allows you to experience our "I Want to See You" silent retreat while encompassing your togetherness as a couple. This retreat centers on the story of the man born blind. Come and share the experience of being noticed by Jesus, touched, healed and called to witness to the new sight God's love provides. \$400 per couple (includes lodging and meals). Call 618-397-0584 to register.





PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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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.