

St. Mary Divine Maternity
Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday March 8, 2025 – 4:00pm
+Harry Montroy

Saturday, March 16, 2025 – 6:00pm
+Helen Korando

Liturgical Ministers for next week

For March 15, 2025, 6:00pm

Altar Server: W. Biermann

Lector: M. Mathis

Gifts: Volunteers

E. Minister: A. Antoncci & T. Penford

Usher: R. Blechle & M. Valleroy

St. Mary's Offering

Thank you for your support

Contribution March 1, 2025

Envelopes 10) \$370.00

Loose \$115.00

Total \$485.00



This Week

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

Psalm 91: 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Romans 10: 8-13

Luke 4: 1-13

Next Week

Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Psalm 27: 7-8, 8-9, 13-14

Philippians 3: 17-4: 1 (or 3: 20- 4:-1)

Luke 4: 1-13

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

March 8, 2025 Holy Name FAT SATURDAY

March 11, 2025 Holy Name Mtg. 7:00pm

March 16, 2025 Food Pantry Collection

March 19, 2025 PSR Class 6:00pm to 7:30

Stations of the Cross PSR 6:00pm

April 2, 2525 PSR class 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Stations of the Cross 6:00pm

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*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, Nic Wuller, Jacobe Ramirez
Jeffery Davis, Mark Drake, Robin Waltemate
Ryan Junger, Ronda Heck, Kevin Petrowske
Jeff Faverty, Shirley Dreczka, Matt Vallett
Bradley Tooley, Bud Stumpe, Paul Meyer
Donna Schwizer,

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Our Parish Members in Care centers
Wilma Junger, Bud Stumpe

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

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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
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 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent (C)



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



**One does not live by bread
alone, but on every word that
comes from the mouth of God.**

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

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

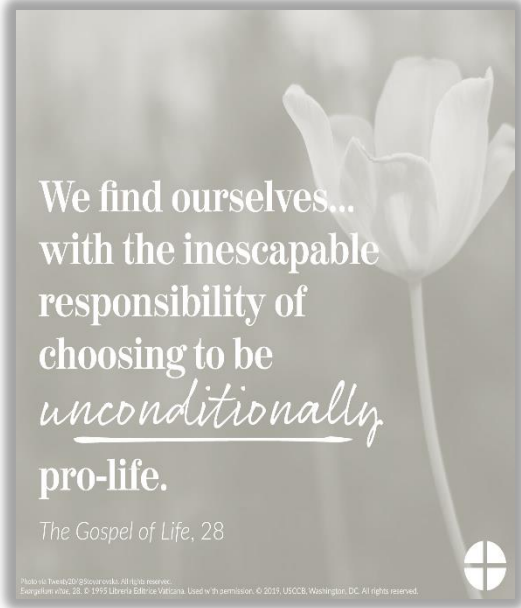


St. Vincent de Paul Needs Coats!

Cold winter weather has definitely arrived and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul desperately needs coats to distribute to those in need. Gently used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages – toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) are being requested. Items can be dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul office located at 8800 West Main Street, Belleville, across from Blessed Sacrament Church, or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm and donate a coat today! Thank you very much.



We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, the "culture of death" and the "culture of life". We find ourselves not only "faced with" but necessarily "in the midst of" this conflict: we are all involved, and we all share in it, with the inescapable reasonability of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life"



Fish Fry: The KC and St. Mary's school will be hosting Fish Fry's on Friday evenings from 5pm until 7:30pm. \$15.00 for buffet or carry out (618) 826-3316 with regular or Cajun fish and cod squares plus

VOCATIONS

As we enter our Lenten season, we witness in the Gospel reading Satan's challenges is "you shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you alone shall you serve." Those powerful words remind each of us of our individual call to "serve." Encourage each other to live our vocation, especially those considering a choice of religious life.

St. Mary's Chester Council of Catholic Women Quilt of the Month – 2025: Tickets \$20; drawing begins in January; winning names go back into drawing for another chance to win (may take \$100 in place of quilt). Proceeds will benefit St. Mary's School. Bill Crawford from Arkansas was the first winner of a quilt.



Chester area Christian Food Pantry, Inc.
Newsletter February 28, 2025

ITEMS NEEDED

Paper towels, toilet paper,
Kleenex, feminine products
Monetaey donations are always welcome.

HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS SERVED

DEC. Households 133 -Individuals 325 # children 99
JAN. Households 187- Individuals 455 # children 122
FEB. Households 157-Individuals 370 # children 118

REGULAR MOBILE MARKET

Will be March 26, 2025 @ 8:30am

Volunteers are always needed to speed the distribution

Please call Bob at 618-615-2646
to help with the distribution.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT
OF THE PANTRY
Your giving has touched someone;s life...

ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

Annual Health Fair: Buena Vista National Bank and Chester Memorial Hospital are sponsoring their Annual Health Fair on Friday, March 14, 2025 at BV Bank from 7:30am – 11:30am for \$2.00/person. Services include BMP with glucose & lipid panels, blood counts, BMI calculation, blood pressure reading, and information on additional screenings and services. Men's PSA testing is also available for \$10.

FIREFIGHTER'S FISH FRY
Friday Nights 4PM to 8PM
February 2025: 28th
March 2025: 7th, 14th*, 21st
April 2025: 4th, 11th, 18th
ELLIS GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Ellis Grove, Illinois
DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT
ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!
Buffalo Fish • Catfish • Cod • Shrimp
Sides Baked Beans, Chippers, Corn Dogs, Onion Rings, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, Potato Salad, Fried Pickles, Chicken Strips
Drinks Tea, Soda, Bottled Water (Included in price. Additional bottled water & soda \$1 each)
\$17 - Adult | \$7 - Children (ages 5 - 12) | Under 5 Eat Free!
*We now also accept debit/credit card payment!
Fish by the lb. Buffalo.....\$12 Catfish.....\$16 Cod.....\$20 Shrimp.....\$18
Fish Sandwiches \$9
Sides per 8oz serving.....\$3
for more info call: 618-859-FIRE (3473)
\$3 OFF MILITARY DISCOUNT With MWR ID
\$1 OFF When you donate a canned good with the purchase of your meal
Beer Stand

