

**READINGS**

**First Reading:** Genesis 11:1-9 at that time, the entire world spoke only one language.  
**Responsorial Psalm:** 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29-30  
**Second Reading:** Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b God said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings. . ."

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**Saturday, May 27**

2 PM (C) *Baptism of Luke Richard Allison*  
 4 PM (C) *Ron & Candy Caron 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*  
 6 PM (EG) Donald Averbeck & Gary Derringer

**Sunday, May 28 ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY**

8:00AM (J) For our Parish Partnership  
 10:00AM (C) Joe & Shirley Cushman  
*Danny & Marla Cowell 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

**Monday, May 29 ~ MEMORIAL DAY**

8:15AM (C) Deceased Veterans

**Tuesday, May 30**

8:00am (J) Laverne Proctor

**Wednesday, May 31**

8:15AM (C) Special Intention

**Thursday, June 1**

8:00AM (J) Greg Harbaugh

**Friday, June 2**

No Mass

**Saturday, June 3**

4:00PM (C) ~ Peggy Cull  
 6:00PM (J) ~ NO MASS for St. Joseph

**Sunday, June 4**

8:00AM (EG)  
 8:00AM (J) Mass at Fort Chartres~ Bob Hooten & Fr. Dan  
 10:00AM (C) ~ James Mills Howie

**Confession (C):** Every Saturday before the 4PM Mass from 3:15pm to 3:50pm; also available by appointment.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR MAY**

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

**ST. MARY'S CHESTER SERVERS SCHEDULE:**

**Sat. May 27** ~ Nathan Jany & Karim Landeros  
**Sun. May 28** ~ Pedro Hernandez, Reed & Blake Petrowske  
**Sat. June 3** ~ Logan & Cole McDonald  
**Sun. June 4** ~ Rhett Reiss, Will Grau & Victor Fuentes

**LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

**Sat. May 27** ~ L: Caron Family HOST: Larry Gross  
 WINE: Marlene Verdun & Kathy Albrecht  
**Sun. May 28** ~ L: Danny Miller HOST: Diana Miller

WINE: Bill Gross, Greg Crain, Greg J & Sue Crain  
**Sat. June 3** ~ L: Joanie Heffernan HOST: Kathy Albrecht  
 WINE: Paula Platt, Mike Heffernan, Ron & Candy Caron  
**Sun. June 4** ~ L: Danny Miller HOST: Jeannie Grau  
 WINE: Norman Grau, Dave Hustedde, Bill Gross & Madi Kribs

**TITHE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

**St. Joseph's: Weekly Goal: \$1700**  
 Envelopes (38) \$1096 Loose: \$550,  
 Cath. Comm.: \$131 Home Mission: \$20  
 CSMA: 19 pledges totaling: \$9,137

**St. Mary's: Weekly Goal \$7000**

Weekly: \$5846.25; Improve \$68; Cemetery \$360;  
 Ascension \$769 Seminarian Educ \$50; Cath Comm Camp \$191; CSMA: 56 Donors totaling \$32,014.00; Kid's: \$0.50  
*My Good Deed Was: Helped clean the living room for dad*

**Online Giving :** St. Joseph members please go to our Parish Partnership Website at [www.stjoespdr.org](http://www.stjoespdr.org) and St. Mary's members go to [osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds](http://osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds).



**By Fr. Sebastian**

In the first reading (Acts 2:1-11) we see the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. They took the courage, zeal and love for the Gospel to people of all nations. Their take off-point was Jerusalem and from there, it spread. The Holy Spirit turned the humiliation and shame of Calvary, to glory and source of strength for the Apostles.

In the second reading (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) Saint Paul reminds us that there are different spiritual gifts but the same Holy Spirit. Every gift is given to us, for humanity. No gift from God is personal. The Holy Spirit enables us to fan these gifts into a flame.

The Gospel (John 20:19-23) presents the appearance of Jesus to his disciples and gave them the divine breath. He then commissioned them to forgive sins and to advance virtue and love in their midst. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with it's fruits and blessings. Amen

All offices will be closed  
 Monday, May 29, 2023  
 \* Memorial Day \*



**PRAYER REQUEST**

*If you have a family member that you would like added to our prayer request, please call the church office.*

All homebound, nursing home residents, cancer patients, COVID-19 patients, our military & their families, the lonely, the homeless, those who are incarcerated,  
 Randy Braun, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor,  
 Paulette Deterding, Evelyn Marquardt, Nellie Mollet,  
 Father Gene, Brian Niermann, Janice Crow,  
 Mike Vasquez, Donald Wingerter, Jr., Kaylee Muertz,  
 Grayson Herriman, Matthew White, Vernon Junger,  
 Evelyn Wittenborn, Sam Schmerbauch

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

Brandon Straight 5/28, Ava Laurent 5/29,  
 Katie Roider 5/30, Thomas O'Connor 5/30,  
 Joyce Wetzler 5/31, Rosemary Bert 5/31,  
 Madelyn Tretter 6/1, Robert Lockhart 6/2

**Aaron & Jamie Petrowske 5/31**

**Louis & Theresa Oulvey 6/1**

**Dean & Brandi Gross 6/2**

**Daniel & Mary Moeller 6/2**

**Msgr. Dan Jurek 6/2**

**PARTNERSHIP EVENTS**

**Partnership Adventure:** Grizzlies Game on Friday, June 9 @ 6:45pm. This is Faith and Family night at Grizzly stadium. Tickets are \$14 a piece if we have 20 or more interested in going. Please sign up at the usual places in church by May 30<sup>th</sup> or call the rectory 618-284-3314.



Headed to Heaven youth group will travel to Mass at the Old Cathedral in St. Louis and then to Cards/Cubs game on Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> Please contact Jill 618-719-9344 or James 314-304-5445 if you want to go.



**COMMUNION**

If you are unable to attend Mass, whether homebound/hospital/assistance living, etc. and would like to receive communion, please call Diane Mudd at 618-284-7150 (Ruma), Leonard DeRousse 618-284-2200 (Prairie du Rocher), Rosemary Bert #618-615-6135 Rosemary Crain #618-615-5858 Paula Platt #618-615-5545 Martha McDonald #618-615-6624 (Chester)

**CARE MINISTRY**

Care Ministry is a ministry of compassion provided by volunteers who deliver small care packages to those in need and may bring communion if they're homebound or just a friendly face to talk with, you are not alone. God is with you. If you or a fellow parishioner have lost a loved one, are ill, or are recovering from surgery, please contact Lynne Gonzalez at 618-284-7702. If you are interested in joining our Care Ministry please contact Lynne.

**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).

**Special Thanks:** On behalf of the agencies, ministries and departments that are supported through The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for so generously supporting this year's Appeal. Also, congratulations on exceeding your parish's CSMA financial goal. It is your Christian caring and generosity that gives help and hope to those in need. Thank you again so much. God's richest blessings to each of you and your families.  
 Most Reverend Michael McGovern Bishop of Belleville

**Catholic Communication Campaign:** Thank you for your generosity toward last week's collection. Your support helps the CCC engage and build community for millions, here in the United States and around the world.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Servers are needed at both parishes....** If you have completed 2<sup>nd</sup> grade you may serve. If you have completed 8<sup>th</sup> and have been confirmed you may be a lector and if you are 16 and older you can become a lector and Eucharistic minister. Please call Jill at St. Joseph or Tammy at St. Mary's if you would like to become a steward in the church. Formal training will take place in August for any new volunteers.

**ST. JOSEPH, PRAIRIE DU ROCHER EVENTS**



**PSR PARENTS PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORMS AS SOON AS**



**POSSIBLE. IF YOU NEED ONE, CALL THE OFFICE.**

**June 4<sup>th</sup>, Rendezvous Weekend Mass Schedule:**

The only Mass that weekend will be at 8am on Sunday at Fort Chartres. Fr. Dan will be celebrating Mass. NO Saturday Evening Mass.

**ST. MARY'S CHESTER  
EVENTS**

**Congratulations** to Luke Richard Allison, son of Joseph & Daysha Allison who received the Sacrament of Baptism. Lord, we ask for your unfailing protection to watch over and cherish this child. May he always feel your love and peace in his life.

**Women's Support Group:** Next meeting will be Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 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).

**Our Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of Genevieve Tindall who passed away on May 22. May the Lord grant you comfort during this difficult time.

~ **HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO ROSEMARY BERT** ~  
Celebrating ninety years and all they've brought your way. Sending you warmest wishes on this very important day. It's such a milestone birthday and that's the reason why, it conjures up special memories of all the years gone by. This is a day to enjoy while it's here. A day set apart from the rest of the year. So fill it with happiness from the minute it's begun, and make every moment a memorable one. And on this special birthday as you look back on all you've done, it's then that you'll realize your life is such a wonderful one!

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Mass of the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

I am inviting the faithful in our area to gather for this Mass on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00PM at St. Clare Church in O'Fallon. The Visitation celebrates the meeting of the Blessed Mother with her cousin St. Elizabeth as recorded in the Gospel of Luke (1:39-56). This beautiful encounter of two women, each expecting a child, moves us to marvel with them at the gracious goodness of God who is the Author of all life. In this time when the sanctity of human life is often disregarded, it is important for us to pray together for an increase in respect for human life at all

its stages, with all of its vulnerabilities. Relying on the power of God, we affirm that every human life should be cherished and respected from conception until natural death; hospitals and healthcare agencies should remain committed to preserving life, not ending it; and that the consciences of healthcare workers should be respected and protected so that they are never coerced into actions that violate their spiritual core. Please join with me at St. Clare on May 31 at 6:00PM. May Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life give us the strength we need to share the Gospel of Life with our families, friends and neighbors. In Christ, Bishop Michael McGovern, Diocese of Bellevi

**Deacon Ordination:** With great joy, I announce that on Saturday, June 3, 2023, I will ordain 14 men of our Diocese to the Order of Deacon (Permanent Diaconate). The Liturgy will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter at 10:00AM. All are invited to attend. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare for ordination. Bishop Michael McGovern

**St. John Lutheran Church Chester Rummage & Bake Sale:**

Fri. June 2, 8am – 5pm and Sat. June 3, 8am – 12 noon. Located in St. John Parish Hall. Clothes, toys, books, glassware, shoes, purses, household items, knickknacks.

**1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church Prairie du Rocher Bible School**

Twists and Turns of Life with Jesus  
June 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> 9am -11:30am. Grades K-8 are welcome!  
To register call 618-284-7376 or email [pdrhawks@htc.net](mailto:pdrhawks@htc.net).  
Register before June 5<sup>th</sup> to be guarantee a shirt

**Kudos**



On Memorial Day, let us take a moment to honor those who gave their lives for our country. Our warmest wishes on Memorial Day, 2023, and deepest gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice of our fallen heroes.

~ Bishop Michael McGovern and Agencies and Ministries Supported by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal  
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