

READINGS

First Reading: (Prv 31:12-13)

She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands.

Psalm: (Ps 128) Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: (1 Thes 5:4-5)

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief.

Gospel: (Mt 25:21)

“Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.”

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, Nov. 18

4:00PM (C) Art & Martha Maes

6:00PM (EG) Henry & Josephine Averbeck

Sunday, Nov. 19

8:00AM (J) Greg Harbaugh & Rosie Mudd

10:00AM (C) Todd Loos

Baptism of Ellory Anna Renner, daughter of Jared and Elyse (Lochhead) Renner

Monday, Nov. 20 ~ Grades 1-4

8:15AM (C) Charles & Margaret Fadler

Tuesday, Nov. 21

8:30AM (J) Richard & Laura Mae Deterding 53rd Ann.

7PM Ecumenical Service 1st Baptist Church (Rocher)

Wednesday, Nov. 22 ~ Thanksgiving Eve

8:15AM (C) NO MASS

6PM (EG)

7PM (J) Parish Family

Thursday, Nov. 23 ~ Happy Thanksgiving

8:00AM (C) Deceased Members of Roman & Stephanie Jany Family

Friday, Nov. 24

No Mass

Saturday, Nov. 25

4:00PM (C) Jim & Bertha Mae Blechle

6:00PM (EG)

Sunday, Nov. 26

8:00AM (J) Joyce Wirth, Sylvia & Earl Krebel

10:00AM (C) John Hanger

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

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

TITHE FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 12

St. Joseph's: Weekly Goal: \$1700

Envelopes (39): \$2127, Loose: \$136

All Saints Day: \$10

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.

St. Mary's: Weekly Goal \$7000

Weekly Total: \$5892.00 = 59 Envelopes \$3092, Loose \$190, 24 Online Donors \$2610; Improve \$616; Cemetery \$75; Sr Anne \$12; Christmas Flowers \$115; Angels \$35
Week #20 ~ Budget Difference: (\$435.05) YTD (\$8701)

Fr. Sebastian's Reflections

The first reading (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31) extols the warm virtues of a loving spouse. She is a blessing and never backs off from advancing love and charity. For such a person, the results are evident in her family, work and wherever she is. What a gift.

In the second reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6) St Paul tells us about “eschatology” or the last moments. It calls for eternal vigilance even as we come to the end of the liturgical year. We should be sober and alert.

The Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30) gives us the parable of the master, his servants and their talents. God expects us to improve upon the talents and gifts we have been given. No one is without something to contribute. We all have so much to offer humanity, if only we can look inwards. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

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, Bob Juenger, Ryan Junger, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor, Evelyn Marquardt, Nellie Mollet, Father Gene, Janice Crow, Mike Vasquez, Rick Dugan Donald Wingerter Jr., Matthew White, Evelyn Wittenborn, Richard Bert, Leila Keiser, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Fleming, Annie Korando, Ann Kontz, Isabella DeSpain, Lily Smith, Danny Steibel, Bill & Earlene Hanger

In Deepest Sympathy

Our sincere condolences to the family of Mark Shields. May you find peace and comfort in Jesus Christ during this most difficult time.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Emily Mudd 11/20, Mark Roider 11/20,

Pam Schuchert 11/21 ~ Happy 60th!
Millida Ellner 11/22, Betty Schneider 11/23,
Joan Barnes 11/23 ~ Happy 70th!
Taylor Korando 11/23, Maggie Caby 11/23
William Smith 11/25

Richard & Laura Mae Deterding 11/21

Marvin & Gail Roy 11/22

Larry & Fern Deterding 11/22

Robert & Jeanette Ellner 11/24

Mark & Amy Roider 11/24

William & Shirley Straight 11/24

PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday, December 5th from 7:00-8:00 PM at St. Mary's Chester. Anyone from the Parish Partnership is encouraged to attend.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: More than 11% of the population in the United States lives in poverty. This program addresses the root cause and helps to provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling. Please prayerfully support this collection.

SEEK24: Join us in St. Louis January 1-5, 2024 for this collegiate/young adult conference. There will be keynote speakers, Mass, a concert, breakout sessions, adoration, confessions, vendors, and fellowship throughout the week. SEEK is a national Catholic conference with young adults from almost every state attending! For more info: <https://seek.focus.org> or sarahkozuszek@yahoo.com

On behalf of the ministries and programs funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, we thank you for your prayers and continued generosity to the campaign. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always. ~ Bishop McGovern



1. Thanks to all who ordered poinsettias.

2. NCYC link...<https://ncyc.us/> Follow us here.

3. Pray for Alex Blechle, Jerzey Brown, Eli Congiardo, Karim Landeros, Mackenzie Laurent, Brinley Mudd, Emily Mudd, Reed Petrowske, Ally Popejoy, Katie Popejoy, Ethan Powell, Adam Walker and their chaperones at NCYC.

4. **We have a Facebook Page:** If you or your family would like to join the Facebook page 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 #618-284-2200 (Prairie du Rocher), Rosemary Bert #618-615-6135, Rosemary Crain #618-615-5858, Paula Platt #618-615-5545, Martha McDonald #618-615-6624 (Chester)

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).

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

ST. JOSEPH, PRAIRIE DU ROCHER EVENTS

Liturgical Ministers: Sunday, Nov. 19

(S) Jack, Evan & Cody

(L) Becky (B) Marie (C) Mary & Carol

Thanksgiving Eve Mass: We will be collecting nonperishable food items at Mass, please place the items in the back of church so the PSR students can carry them up to the altar.

There will also be a special collection for the needy of the area.

Confessions: Fr. Sebastian will hear confessions after Mass on Thursday mornings.

Cards and Quilting: Tuesday, November 28 from 6-8pm. Let Jill know if you plan to attend. Snack provided.

Quilting: Wednesdays from 9am-3pm our ladies come together to work on those beautiful quilts for bingo. Please join them. All levels are welcome.

Ecumenical Service: Tuesday, November 21st at the 1st Baptist church in Rocher at 7pm. Fr. Sebastian is the keynote speaker



Parents: Jill was unable to get the invites in the mail in time, so, they went home at PSR on Tuesday. 2nd Grade will take up gifts

3rd & 4th Programs, treats and greeting those attending
5th & 6th Petitions and Music selections
7th & 8th Readings, Camera and food collections

2nd Parents 1st Reconciliation will be at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 9th. Please have your child at Church by 5:25pm.

Confirmation Parents, Students & Sponsors: Mass of Commitment will be on Saturday Dec. 9th as previously scheduled, please have your child and your child's sponsor at church by 5:45pm

ST. MARY'S CHESTER EVENTS

Servers Schedule

Sat. Nov. 18 ~ Natalie Shipley, Brynn Berkbuegler

Sun. Nov. 19 ~ Victor Fuentes, Pedro Hernandez

We are in need of two servers for Thanksgiving Day at 8am ~

If you are available, please call the Parish Office 826-2444.

Thank you!!!

Sat. Nov. 25 ~ Ty Tindall, Lucas Maes

Sun. Nov. 26 ~ Penelope Seymour, Brandon & Kevin Korando

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sat. Nov. 18 ~ L: Kelley Gardiner **Host:** Megan Berkbuegler

Chalice: Kathy Albrecht, Mike Heffernan, Sharon Shields, Rob Wingerter

Sun. Nov. 19 ~ L: Grant Deterding **Host:** Cindy Deterding

Chalice: Dave Hustedde, Matt Grau, Greg J & Sue Crain

Thanksgiving Day 8am ~ L: Danny Miller **Host:** Dave Hustedde

Sat. Nov. 25 ~ L: Rob Wingerter **Host:** Candy Caron

Chalice: Ron Caron, Larry Gross, Martha McDonald, Paula Platt

Sun. Nov. 26 ~ L: Madi Kribs **Host:** Marty Bert

Chalice: Jeannie Grau, Bill Gross, Kevin Grau, Greg Crain

Christmas Gift Cards: Support St. Mary's School by purchasing all your gift card needs! A percentage of each purchase is credited to the school. Order forms are located at the church entrance. This is a quick and easy way to mark off items on your Christmas shopping list all while supporting our school!

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fundraiser: Who doesn't love the original glazed donuts? YUM! Orders will be collected until Nov. 22nd and ready for pickup on Dec. 1st. \$12 per dozen. Order forms at church entrance or contact Jamie Petrowske @ 618-615-6115.

Ugly Sweater Christmas Trivia: Dec. 1st @ the KC Hall. Doors open at 6pm; Trivia starts at 7pm. \$15/person ~ max of 8 people per table. RSVP to 618-615-3066 or 618-826-3120. Proceeds go towards the St. Mary's School Gym Renovation Project.

Angel Tree: The holidays are just around the corner and it's time to purchase your *angels*. Each beautifully crocheted angel is only \$10. If you are renewing an angel(s) from previous years, the cost is just \$5 per angel. Angel forms are located at the church entrance. You can return them in the collection basket or give them to Donna Ritter. All proceeds go back to the church. Last year we collected \$755!

Address: In case anyone wishes to send Father Gene a card, his address is: Ascension Living/Sherbrooke Village, 4005 Ripa Ave., Room 333, St. Louis, MO 63125

Women's Support Group: The next meeting will be Thursday, December 15 @ 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).

Knights of Columbus: Monday lunches served 11am to 1pm - \$11.00. Carry-outs available! Happy Hour Thursdays 3pm-7pm.

New to the Parish: We extend a warm welcome and would love for you to join our parish family! Registration forms are located at the church entrance in the wire rack. They can be returned in the collection basket. You may also call the church office at 618-826-2444.

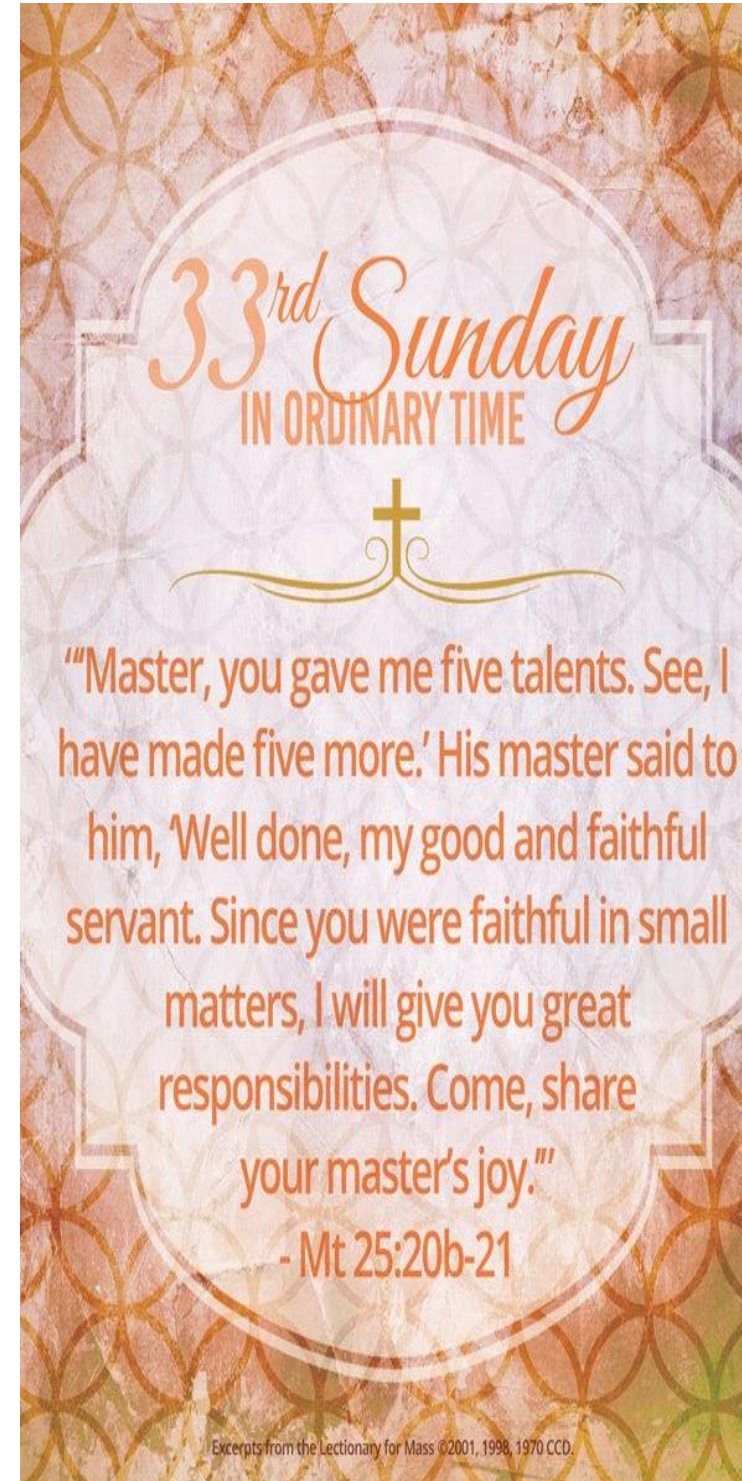
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BINGO: Quilts, Hams, & Cash ~ Sunday, November 26th @ St. Boniface, Evansville. Food available at 11am & bingo starts at 1pm. Bring bingo covers. 50/50 Game, Pot of Gold, Raffle and Attendance Prizes!

Chester Area Christian Food Pantry: Our annual Holiday Food Giveaway for those in need will start on Monday, December 4th and run through the month of December. *Your monetary donations will certainly be appreciated.* You may place your donation in an envelope marked "Pantry" and drop it in the collection box or drop it by the Parish Office.

"Lighting the Way to Hope": The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, invites you and your family to be a part of our annual tree lighting event on the Shrine grounds. The Vincentian Marian Youth Mass will be at 5:00PM, officiated by Father Clay Kilburn, C.M. A tree near the Shrine Church will be lit at 6:00PM in honor of the Advent and Christmas seasons. We encourage visitors to bring at least one non-perishable item to help the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry address the needs of others in our community. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available as you enjoy the Christmas decorations on the grounds.

Quilt~A~Rama: St. James Ladies CCW in Millstadt will be drawing each month in 2024 for a Queen Quilt. Tickets are \$25 each and winning tickets will be returned to the barrel for all 12 drawings! Tickets will be drawn on the 1st Monday of each month. Tickets are available at the church entrance. If you have any questions you can call Kathy Gass @ 618-971-6208.



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