

READINGS

First Reading: (Dn 7:14)

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

Psalm: (Ps 93)

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: (Rv 1:5-6)

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever.

Gospel: (Jn 18:37)

Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, Nov. 23

4:00PM (C) Gene & Barb Fadler by Mike & Anita Bievenue

6:00PM (EG) Henry & Josephine Averbek

Sunday, Nov. 24

8:00AM (J) Jackie Laurent

10:00AM (C) John Hanger by Deb Bauer

5:00PM (C) Dorothy Korando by Arline Westerman

Monday, Nov. 25

8:15AM (C) Sue Blechle by Pat Bohnert

Tuesday, Nov. 26

8:30AM (J) For the safety of those traveling for the holiday

Wednesday, Nov. 27

8:15AM (C) Brian Petrowske by The Family

6PM Vigil (EG) For Our Parish Family

7:15PM Vigil (J) For the St. Joseph Parish Family

Thursday, Nov. 28 ~ Happy Thanksgiving

8:00AM (C) For Our Parish & School Families

Friday, Nov. 29

NO MASS

Saturday, Nov. 30

4:00PM (C) Dorothy Korando by Mike & Marilyn Todaro

6:00PM (EG) Paul Colvis

Sunday, Dec. 1

8:00AM (J) Alouise Wiegard

10:00AM (C) Fr. Gene by Danny & Rhonda Beck

5:00PM (C) Ruth Petrowske by The Family

MASS SCHEDULE

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

FR. SEBASTIAN'S REFLECTIONS

The first reading (Daniel 7:13-14) presents the vision of Daniel who saw the son of man coming on the clouds of heaven. This son of man received glory, kingship and dominion. All people served him, and his reign would last forever. His kingdom would be an eternal kingdom which will never be destroyed.

The second reading (Revelations 1: 5-8) presents our Lord Jesus Christ as the Messiah who loves us and paid the ultimate price for us by his death. And just as we saw in the first reading, he is pictured as coming in the clouds. Jesus is the one who is, who was and is to come.

In the Gospel (John 18: 33b-37) we reflect on the trial of Jesus by Pilate. It was an encounter between an earthly king and a divine king. It can also be seen as a dialogue between our worldly desires and personal faith demands. As we come to the end of the Liturgical year, may we be more drawn to using our resources and energies to advance the heavenly kingdom. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 -- A HOLY DAY OF

OBLIGATION: In 2024, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9. **Previously,** when the DATE was transferred the obligation was abrogated. That will no longer be true. FROM THE USCCB: Earlier this year, Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance, wrote to the Holy See seeking clarification about the obligation to attend Mass when a holy day of obligation in Advent, Lent, or Easter falls on Sunday and the Solemnity is transferred to Monday. In a memo to the U.S. bishops dated Thursday, October 10, Bishop Paprocki communicated the Dicastery for Legislative Text's response: "the feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred." In light of this new directive, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Monday, December 9, 2024 is to be observed as a holy day of obligation.

PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph: Tuesday & Thursday mornings & Sat. evenings after Mass or by appt.

St. Mary's (C): Sat. evenings before Mass 3:15pm-3:45pm

Any other confessions can be made by appointment.

ADORATION

St. Joseph: First Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM

St. Mary's (C): First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM

St. Mary's School: First Friday of every month at 8:30 AM

All Are Welcome

MASS OF HEALING

First weekend of the month after Mass at all three parishes Saturday evening & Sunday morning.

November Schedule: November 26th Ecumenical service at

St. Joseph please arrive at 6:50pm for a quick run through of the skit.

Saturday Nov. 30th, 7:30am- 10am.

Next feeding the hungry event in Belleville. If you want to go message Jill.



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 and would like to receive communion contact: Diane Mudd 284-7150 (Ruma), Leonard DeRousse 284-6655 before 7pm (Prairie du Rocher), Rosemary Bert 615-6135, Paula Platt 615-5545, Martha McDonald 615-6624 or Barb Otten 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).

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Thurs Nov. 21st: Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month @ 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).



PRAYER REQUEST

The homebound, nursing home residents, cancer patients, our military, the lonely, the homeless, those incarcerated Fr. Alan Maes, Cathy Sauer, Mike Vasquez, Don Wingerter Jr, Tom Sauer, Jan Crow, Bruce Kettmann, Rick Grah, Joe & Bev O'Toole, Mary Beck, Lily & Lydia Smith, Linda Roy, Terry Laurent, Earlene Reichman, Albert Deterding

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY'S

William Smith 11/25, Geraldine Wingerter 11/26, Judy Shields 11/26, Andrew Mudd 11/26, Linda Smith 11/27,

Kenny Pelate 11/27, Peyton Candler 11/27,

Debbie Ellner 11/28, Adam Walker 11/30,

Rhonda Wingerter 11/30

Robert & Jeanette Ellner 11/24

Mark & Amy Roider 11/24

William & Shirley Straight 11/24

Trevar & Susan Vasquez 11/28

Pete & Trisha Jany 11/30

ST. JOSEPH, PRAIRIE DU ROCHER EVENTS

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

Online Giving ~ www.stjoespr.org

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

Envelopes (41): \$1,667 Loose: \$44, CCHD (12) \$316
YTD: goal: \$30,511 collected: \$30,072

Liturgical Calendar ~ St. Joseph

Nov. 24th (S) Alex & Mason (L) Adam, (B) Mary, (C) Nancy & Carol

Nov. 27th (S) PSR (L) PSR (B) Marie (C) Carla & Leonard

Dec. 1 (S) Evan & Jack (L) Jerzey, (B) Mary (C) Audrey & Marie

Please call the rectory to register your child for PSR 618-284-3314. Parents please remember that Class starts at 7:15am.



Parents please watch your mail for invitations to the Thanksgiving Eve Mass. Your child's participation is very important!

Building & Maintenance Updates: To date we have repaired the school roof, repaired and repainted the school class room ceilings and the hall entrance was als repainted. The windows in church been scraped repaired and painted. The porch on the rectory has been replaced and a donated a/c unit was placed in the rectory. The altar at the cemetery was tuckpointed and repaired. Upcoming projects... scrape and repair the rose window and the two side windows of church, and clean the carpet in church.

ST. MARY'S CHESTER EVENTS

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

Online Giving ~ osvhub.com/marvhoc/funds

Weekly Goal: \$8901 ~ Week #46:

Weekly Total: \$12,165 (87); \$314 Loose; Holy Days \$20; Donations/Memorials \$1,050; Cemetery \$480 (36); Improve \$115 (6); ~ YTD Actual Giving \$385,232; YTD Budget Diff (\$24,214)

Mass Streaming: Masses are being streamed on YouTube. Search *Mary Help of Christians Chester* to find the streamed Masses.

Servers Schedule

Sat. Nov. 23 ~ Brynn, Lucas

Sun. Nov. 24 ~ Jonathan, Parker, Maren

Sat. Nov. 30 ~ Lucas, **Volunteer Needed**

Sun. Dec. 1 ~ Rhett, Penelope, Piper

We are in critical need for Mass servers, especially on Saturdays. Any student who has received 1st Communion is eligible and will be trained by Fr. Sebastian. Please prayerfully consider this important ministry!

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sat. Nov. 23 ~ L: Jack Host: Martha Chalice: Rob, Marlene, Megan, Kathy

Sun. Nov. 24 ~ L: Grant **Host:** Cindy **Chalice:** Greg, Kevin, Todd, Barb

Sat. Nov. 30 ~ L: Joanie **Host:** Larry **Chalice:** Paula, Kathy, Ron, Candy

Sun. Dec. 1 ~ L: Jocelyn **Host:** Sue **Chalice:** Greg J, Diana, Matt, Bill

Blest Art will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine on Sat. Nov. 30 and Sun. Dec. 1. They will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. Our support helps families in the Holy Land.

PTO "Show Me Dough" Fundraiser: Now is your opportunity to order butter braid pastries, cookie dough and pizzas! Stock up your freezer before Christmas break. Orders due by Dec 4th and delivery date is Dec 16th. Contact the school if interested.

Women's ACTS Retreat: Save the date ~ February 6-9, 2025. Accept a chance to strengthen your faith and a great way to prepare for Lent. Information folders are in the back of church.

Special Collections: Thank you for your contributions to the special collections for the Diocese. Your continued support provides assistance to these programs both in the United States and abroad. St. Mary's collected \$387 to the Catholic Camp for Human Development and \$645 to World Mission.

St. Mary's 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**.

KC Hall Monday Lunches: Monday, Nov. 25th ~ Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans (choice of 2 sides) \$11 per plate; serving 11am-1pm.

KC Monthly Meeting: 3rd Thurs. of every month @ 6PM

A Note from the KC's: Josh Berry will be available at the KC Hall on Sunday, Nov. 24th from noon until 2pm for members to stop by and pay their dues and get their card.

Chester Christian Food Pantry: As you are making your plans for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, please also keep in mind those who are in need. The Food Pantry gladly accepts monetary donations. You can put your donation in the collection marked for the pantry (checks can be made payable to the Chester Christian Food Pantry). Your generosity is most appreciated! **The Regular Mobile Market** will be held on Wed, Nov. 27 @ 8am. Items needed are boxed and canned pasta items and tuna. Volunteers are always needed to speed the distribution. If you are able to assist, call Bob at 618-615-2646.

St. Mary's School Gym Project: To check out the new gym updates, scan the QR code below.

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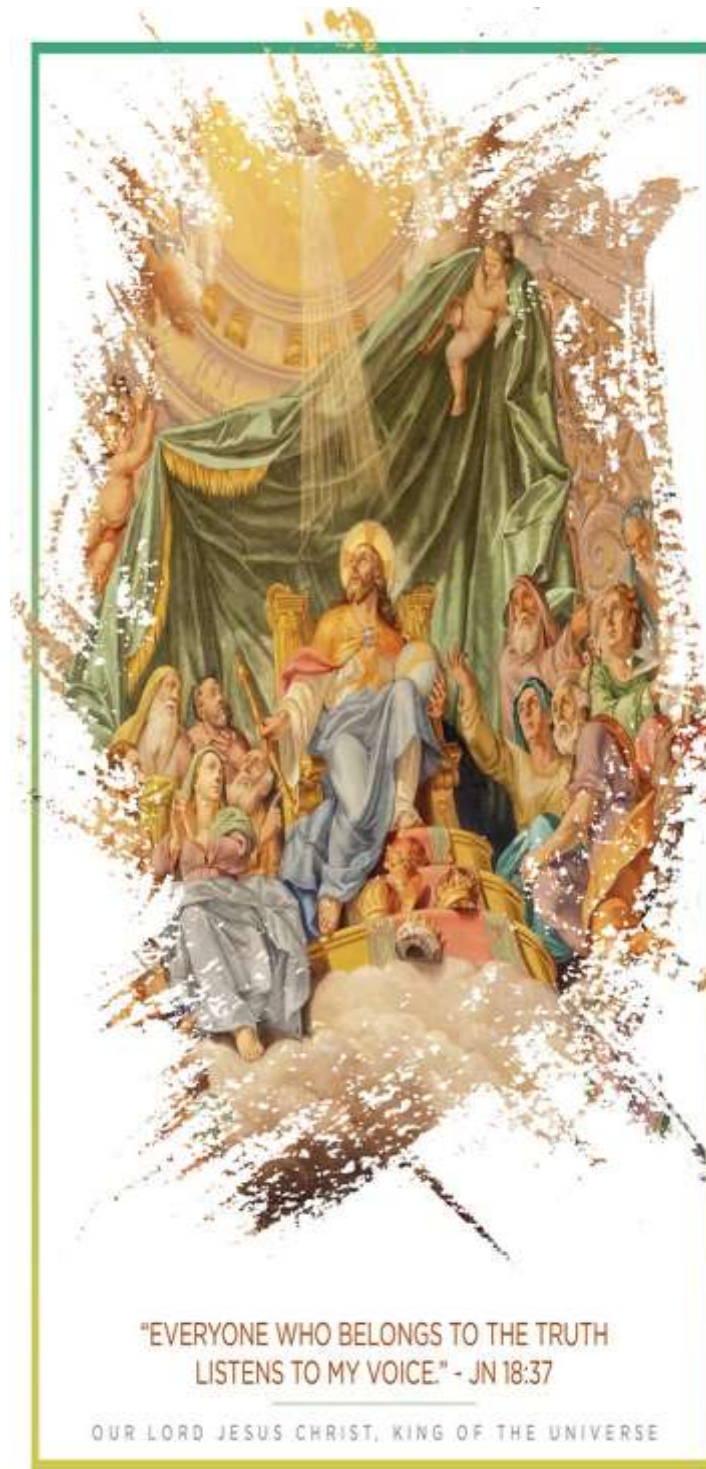
Bibles and Brews: Presented by Diocese of Belleville Young Adults, Wed. Dec. 4th at Cruv Bistro and Wine Bar, 223 E. Main, Belleville. Fr. Patrick McDevitt ~ Hope: It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. For young adults ages 21-35; Social 6:30-7PM; Event 7-8:30PM

King's House at the National Shrine: *An Advent Day of Prayer ~ The Three Comings of Christ*; Presenter – Karen Seaborn, Sat. Dec. 7th, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Three conferences with time for quiet reflection after each and includes lunch with conversation. The presentations will include experimental elements, imaginative prayer, lectio divina and visio divina. Some simple art supplies provided. Cost: \$50 (lunch included). For more info call 618-397-0584.

St. Stephen Catholic Church & Guadalupe Project 5th Annual Side by Side Raffle: Drawing to be held on Dec. 22nd. Tickets \$20 each or 6/\$100. If less than 1000 tickets sold, the drawing will be a 50/50. More info located at the church entrance.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows: From November 22 through December 31, 5:00-9:00PM. The Way of Lights Display using over 1.5 million beautiful lights, depicts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. With new and beautiful colored lights, we celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to offer activities for all to enjoy! No charge for display but donations are accepted. Additional charges for some activities. The indoor activities will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For more info, call 618-397-6700 or visit our website at <https://snows.org/wayofflights>.

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 CSMA. May you and your families feel the warmth of God's love and the comfort of His peace at Thanksgiving and always. ~ Bishop Michael McGovern



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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.