

**READINGS**

**First Reading:** (Jer 31:9)  
They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them.

**Psalm:** (Ps 126)  
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Second Reading:** (Hew 5:6)  
You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Gospel:** (Mk 10:51)  
Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

**MASS INTENTIONS**

C = CHESTER \* EG = ELLIS GROVE \* J = PR DU ROCHER  
**Saturday, Oct. 26**  
4:00PM (C) Don & Barb Derickson; Roger Holley by Connie  
6:00PM (J) Laverne Proctor

**Sunday, Oct. 27**  
8:00AM (EG) Tony Colvis  
10:00AM (C) Joe & Shirley Cushman by Joe & Gina  
5:00PM (C) Brian Petrowske by The Family

**Monday, Oct. 28**  
8:15AM (C) Dorothy Korando by Joe & Diane Tindall  
**Tuesday, Oct. 29**  
8:30AM (J) Deceased Members of B-2-18 7<sup>th</sup> Army

**Wednesday, Oct. 30**  
8:15AM (C) Luanne Korando by Don & Jerry Wingerter  
**Thursday, Sept. Oct. 31**

8:00AM (J) For Those on Hospice  
**Friday, Nov. 1 ~ All Saints' Day**  
8:15AM (C) Lloyd Stern by Mike & Anita Bievenue

**Saturday, Nov. 2 ~ All Souls' Day**  
**Mass of Healing**  
4:00PM (C) Willie Kickham by Kathy Albrecht  
6:00PM (EG)

**Sunday, Nov. 3 ~ Daylight Savings Time Ends**  
**Mass of Healing**  
8:00AM (J) All the Deceased of the Parish  
10:00AM (C) All the Deceased of the Parish  
5:00PM (C) Father Gene by Danny & Rhonda Beck

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**FR. SEBASTIAN'S REFLECTIONS**

On Sunday October 20th, our Holy Father canonized these latest saints. I encourage us to read more about their lives and be challenged to continue to live out our daily Christian obligations. The new saints are:

- Saints Manuel Ruiz López and seven companions, and Francis, Abdel Mohti and Raphael Massabki, [martyred in Damascus in 1860](#)
- [St. Giuseppe Allamano](#), founder of the Consolata Missionaries
- [St. Marie-Léonie Paradis](#), the Canadian foundress of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family
- [St. Elena Guerra](#), the Italian foundress of the Oblates of the Holy Spirit

**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.



*Next meeting will be Sunday Oct, 27<sup>th</sup>  
Dress as your favorite saint!*

**Next feeding the hungry event will be Saturday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am- 10am.**

**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**

**Catholic Charities USA:** If you would like to help our sisters and brothers in need for those affected by Hurricane Helene & Milton, please consider donating to the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. You can make your online donation to [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org).



**PRAYER REQUEST**

The homebound, nursing home residents, cancer patients, our military, the lonely, the homeless, those incarcerated 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

**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).

**WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**

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).

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

**Weekly Tithes & Offerings**

**Online Giving ~ [www.stjoespdr.org](http://www.stjoespdr.org)**

**St. Joseph's: Weekly Goal: \$1700**  
Envelopes (28): \$890, Loose: \$23, World Mission: \$151  
YTD: goal: \$23,700 collected: \$23,433

**Liturgical Calendar ~ St. Joseph**

**Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>** (S) Katie & Lily, (L) Adam, (B) Mary (C) Jill & Carla  
**Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>** (S) Langston, Cort & Emmett (L) Steve S. (B) Leonard, (C) Nancy & Carol



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

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY'S**

Kerry Hooten 10/26, Daryl Roy 10/30,  
Marvin Kennedy 11/2  
**Patrick & Lisa Mueller 10/25**



On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will honor those who have passed away over the past year, along with all from our parish

who have passed away. At the conclusion of the Mass, we will offer prayers for all who are buried in both of our Cemeteries. During the month of November let us pray the following prayer:

**We pray:**  
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual help shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the Faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen**

**BOOK OF LIFE**

In the Sanctuary of our Church, we will place the "Book of Life." This book will contain the names of our parishioners who were buried from our Church over the past year. I invite you to add the names of any deceased person you wish your fellow parishioners to pray for during this month of November. Please remember that it is our obligation and responsibility to pray for all the dead.



**Bingo** with quilts, cash and turkey's. Lunch Stand. Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the PDR Legion. Doors open at 11am. Lightening round begins at 12:30pm. Bingo begins at 1pm. 50/50 game and 50/50 drawing, and Lottery board chances. All proceeds will go towards the St. Joseph Cemetery fund.

**ST. MARY'S CHESTER EVENTS**

**Weekly Tithes & Offerings**

**Online Giving ~ [osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds](http://osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds)**

**St. Mary's Weekly Goal: \$8901**  
Weekly Total: \$5,241 (88); \$250 Loose;  
Donations/Memorials \$170; Cemetery \$529 (37); Improve \$110 (5) ~ YTD Actual Giving \$351,549; YTD Budget Diff (\$22,293)

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

**St. Mary's Mass of Remembrance:** Sun. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ the 10am Mass, the Ladies Sodality will give a special presentation to the family members of our deceased parishioners who have died since last November in observance of All Souls' Day. May the Lord grant them eternal rest.

### Servers Schedule

**Sat. Oct. 26** ~ Lucas, **Volunteer Needed**

**Sun. Oct. 27** ~ Reed, Blake & Will

**Sat. Nov. 2** ~ Ty, Brynn

**Sun. Nov. 3** ~ Penelope, Piper, Jackson

### Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

**Sat. Oct. 26** ~ L: Kelley **Host:** Paula **Chalice:** Ron, Candy, Kathy, Martha

**Sun. Oct. 27** ~ L: Grant **Host:** Sam **Chalice:** Aaron, Matt, Madi, Cindy

**Sat. Nov. 2** ~ L: Rob **Host:** Larry **Chalice:** Megan, Marlene, Rob, Kathy

**Sun. Nov. 3** ~ L: Dainelle **Host:** Barb **Chalice:** Norman, Jeannie, Kevin, Diana

**Boxes of Joy:** Thank you to everyone who graciously filled a box for the Boxes of Joy program. We collected 17 boxes from our parish. These boxes will go to underdeveloped areas in South America, allowing children to experience the joy of Christmas that they would not have had otherwise. God Bless you for your generosity!

**Poinsettia Fundraiser:** St. Mary's PTO is selling 6.5" poinsettias for \$11 each. Orders due by Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be the week of Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Order forms located at the church entrance.

**Bleacher Seat Name Plate Tags:** We still have bleacher tags available. Contact Aaron Petrowske @ 573-768-6484. We are now at \$136,481.71 toward our \$150,000 goal for the gym. Thank you to all who have generously contributed to this very successful project!

**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). Tickets available at the parish office. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary's Parish.

**KC Hall Monday Lunches:** Mon. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Green Beans (choice of 2 sides); \$11 per plate; Serving from 11am-1pm. 618-826-3316

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**St. Augustine Wurstmarkt Sausage Dinner:** Sun. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30am-4:00pm; Polka Mass at 10:30am; Polka Connection plays from 1-3pm; Basket Raffle, Turkey Raffle. 1910 W. Belle St., Belleville.

**Chester United Methodist Men Annual Ham & Bean and Vegetable Soup Dinner:** All You Can Eat! Includes corn bread, cole slaw, coffee, tea, lemonade & homemade desserts. Fri. Nov. 8 from 4-7pm. Adults \$10, Children 5-12 \$7, 4 and under Free. Eat in or carry out 618-826-2549.

**Fall Gala Dinner ~ Newman Center, Carbondale:** Sat. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 715 S. Washington St; Doors open @ 6pm with dinner at 7pm. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please call 618-529-3311 or [office@siucnewman.org](mailto:office@siucnewman.org). Quilt Raffle Tickets are available in the parish office-\$5 each or 3 for \$10.

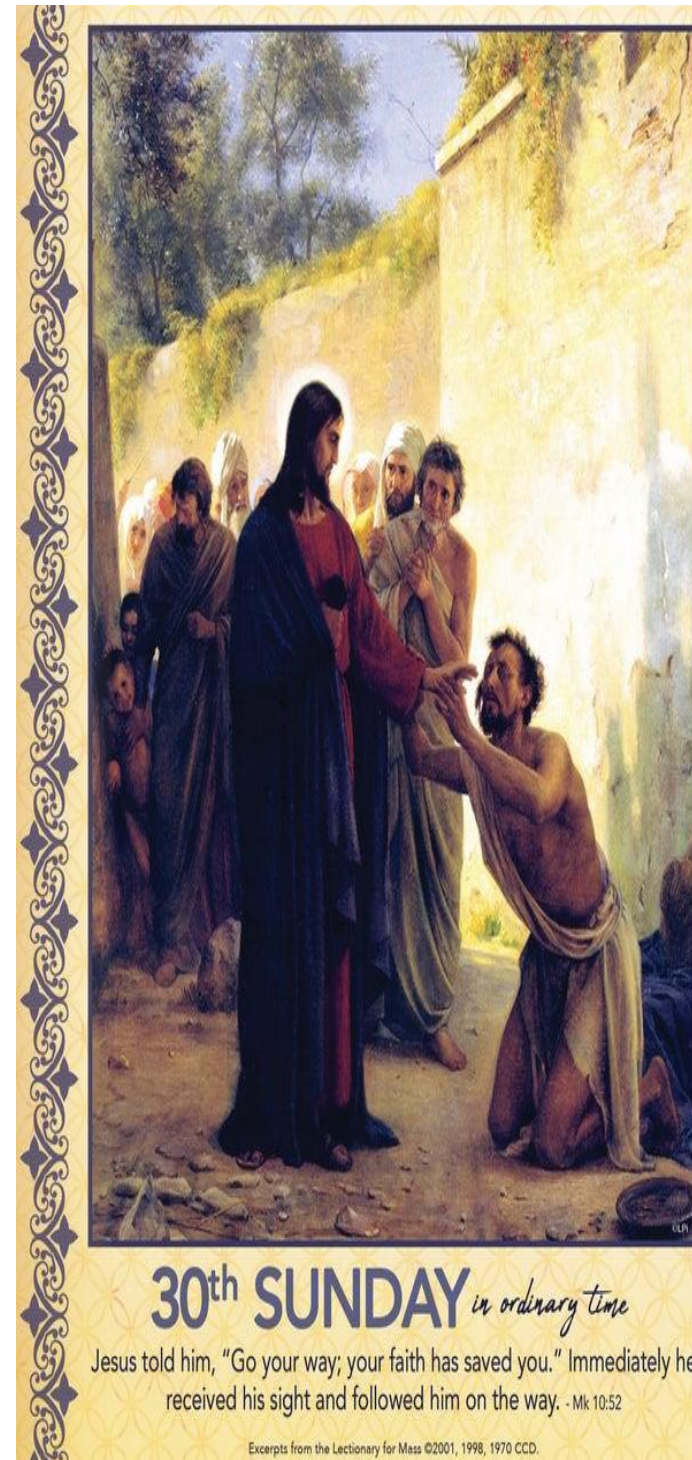
**St. Boniface Bingo:** Quilts, Hams, Cash ~ Sun. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Food @ 11am; Bingo @ 1pm; 24 games, 50/50 game, Pot of Gold, Raffle, Attendance Prizes. No paper sheets. Bring bingo cover tokens. Please join us!

**Quilt Raffle:** The Stitch on quilters' guild in Prairie du Rocher is holding a quilt raffle for the victims of the recent hurricanes. All raffle tickets sales will be sent to Samaritan's purse. Please contact Melanie Green if you would like a raffle ticket 618-284-7376 or you can purchase them at Lisa's Restaurant.

**The Eucharist, Divinization, and the Regeneration of the World:** Over the past two years the U.S Catholic Church has celebrated a Eucharistic Revival culminating in the July 2024 National Eucharistic Congress. The Congress used the language of "renewal" to describe the power of the Eucharist for the Church. This same language was hallmark for Dom Virgil Michel, O.S.B. in his theology of the Eucharist and the power of liturgy to renew and regenerate both the Church and the faithful. Michel understood himself as drawing deeply from the theological and liturgical tradition, including the thought of Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist and the nature of the Church. Join us for a day of reflection on Saint Thomas's understanding of the Eucharist as a polyvalent sign, sacrament, and sacrifice which, when received through the liturgical lens of Virgil Michel, orients us to the ecclesial renewal envisioned by the Eucharistic Congress. We will examine the ways in which a retrieval of tradition demands personal and ecclesial growth into the full measure of the Body of Christ. **Nov. 2, presentation from 9am - 12pm, St. Clare of Assisi Church, O'Fallon, IL. Free event, lite refreshments provided. Registration is required: [www.theologyday.com](http://www.theologyday.com), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).**



**Don't forget next Sunday we gain an hour of sleep!**



All are welcome!

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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.*