

READINGS

First Reading: (Nm 11:29)

“Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!”

Psalm: (Ps 19)

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second Reading: (Jas 5:1-2)

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away.

Gospel: (Mk 9:39-40)

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, Sept. 28 ~ Priesthood Sunday

4:00PM (C) Mike Kettmann; Lloyd Stern

6:00PM (EG) Mary Ann Stumpe

Sunday, Sept. 29- Baptism of Leo Gibson

8:00AM (J) Bill & Alouise Wiegard

10:00AM (C) Jewell Cheslick

5:00PM (C) Hispanic Mass ~ The Ron Korando Family

Monday, Sept. 30

8:15AM (C) Ruth Petrowske

Tuesday, Oct. 1

8:30AM (J) NO MASS

Wednesday, Oct. 2

8:15AM (C) NO MASS

Thursday, Sept. Oct. 3

8:00AM (J) NO MASS

Friday, Oct. 4

NO MASS

Saturday, Oct. 5 ~ Mass of Healing

4:00PM (C) Steve Kickham

6:00PM (J) Joyce Worth

Sunday, Oct. 6 ~ Mass of Healing

8:00AM (EG) Ray & Alice Kaiser

10:00AM (C) Rick Reed

5:00PM (C) Hispanic Mass ~ Susan Blechle by The Parish

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

MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING

Saturday: 4pm: Chester **Sunday:** 8am: Ellis Grove

6pm: Prairie du Rocher 10am: Chester

Online Giving: St. Joseph - www.stjoespdr.org and

St. Mary's - osvhub.com/maryhoc/funds

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

FR. SEBASTIAN'S REFLECTIONS

The first reading (Numbers 11: 25-29) takes us to the prophetic encounter that Moses had with Eldad and Medad. Those two men had not joined the select group who went into the "Holy of Holies" to pray. They stayed outside the camp, but the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to prophesy. Joshua tried to stop them, but Moses would have none of it. Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all.

The second reading (James 5: 1-6) is a rebuke on uncontrolled quest for wealth. The Apostle James warns us to avoid accumulating and hoarding things at the expense of human dignity, charity and kindness. In his Encyclical, Laudato Si, Pope Francis encourages us to work hard towards fair wage, compassion and care for the environment.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples that God's grace and mercy is open to all. The Holy Name of Jesus continues to be a source of healing, grace, forgiveness and love, irrespective of our differences in religion or adherence. We are invited into a more open and Christ-like approach to God, where nothing can prevent us from living out our Christian ideals. Amen.

There will be no adoration this week or morning Mass on Tues, Wed, or Thurs. due to Fr. Sebastian being at Priest Convocation!

PRAYER REQUEST

If you have someone you would like to add, please call the church office.

The homebound, nursing home residents, cancer patients, our military, the lonely, the homeless, those incarcerated, Dave Runge, Robert Lockhart, Joe & Bev O'Toole, Lily & Lydia Smith, Mary Beck, Tom Sauer, Jan Crow, Bruce Kettmann, Rick Grah, Ryan Junger, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor, Evelyn Marquardt, Tracey F., Terry Laurent, Earlene Riechman, Linda Roy, Emily Harms

Please notify us when we are able to remove your loved one(s) from our prayer list. We would greatly appreciate it.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Brad Colvis 9/28, Linda Stern 9/28, Rachael Niermann 9/28, Matt Lampe 9/30, Nancy Proctor 10/1, Betty Bissell 10/2, Ronald Caron 10/3, Scarlett Pollard 10/3, Julie Carle 10/3, Rachel Steibel 10/3, Richard Dugan 10/5

Billy & Megan Berkbuegler 9/30

Tom & Annette Steibel 10/1, James & Carolyn Bert 10/2

Neal & Stephanie Wetzel 10/3

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, 20th

Next feeding the hungry event will be

Saturday Nov. 30th, 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

COMMUNION

If you are unable to attend Mass, whether homebound, hospital, assisted living, etc. and would like to receive communion, please call Diane Mudd 284-7150 (Ruma), Leonard DeRousse 284-6655 before 7pm (Prairie du Rocher), Rosemary Bert 615-6135, Rosemary Crain 615-5858, 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

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

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

Envelopes (21): \$988, Loose: \$82, Retired Priests: \$ 675

YTD: goal: \$17, 000 collected: \$17,880

Liturgical Calendar ~ St. Joseph

Sept 29th (S) Langston, Cort, Emmett, (L) Chad (B) Jill (C) Carol & Carla

Oct. 5th (S) Volunteers, (L) Kim, (B) Carol, (C) Leonard & Mary



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

Rosary Rally: Saturday, October 12th @ 12 noon St. Joseph Church. All are welcome! For more information call Laura Mae Deterding 618-284-7286.

Save the Date! Bingo with quilts, cash and meat prizes. BBQ Lunch Stand. Sunday, Nov. 3rd at the PDR Legion. All proceeds will go towards the St. Joseph Cemetery fund. More details to come.

ST. MARY'S CHESTER EVENTS

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

St. Mary's Weekly Goal: \$8901

Weekly Total: \$6,970 (83); \$269 Loose; Holy Days \$45; Donations/Memorials \$50; Cemetery \$80 (6); Improve \$925 (53) ~ YTD Actual Giving \$324,491, YTD Budget Diff (\$13,747)

Mass Intentions: We are grateful to those who continue to provide Mass intentions for their loved ones. We currently have more intentions than we can fulfill, so at times we will be assigning two Mass intentions to a single Mass. The Congregation for the Clergy permits the practice of taking more than one offering for a single Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

2024 Rosary Rally: Please come pray the Rosary with us on Saturday, October 12th at 3:30PM prior to the 4PM Mass on the Rectory lawn. Let us pray together asking God, through the Intercession of His Most Holy Mother, to bring peace to America and the world. (Bring lawn chair if needed). In case of rain, will be held in the church.

The Holy Rosary: The month of October is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Rosary will be prayed with the congregation each Saturday at 3:30PM prior to the 4PM Mass beginning October 5th ~ Father Sebastian will be available to hear confessions during this time.

With Deepest Sympathy

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family & friends of Susan Blechle. May the Lord grant you comfort during this most difficult time. May she rest in peace.

NEED ALTAR SERVERS! All parishioner's ages 3rd grade through high school are encouraged to serve. We especially need servers for Saturday Mass. Fr. Sebastian will gladly train you. Please contact the parish office or contact Brian Niermann at 618-708-1381 by call or text.

Servers Schedule

Sat. Sept. 28 ~ Natalie, Lucas

Sun. Sept. 29 ~ Cole, Penelope, Rhett

Sat. Oct. 5 ~ Ty, Lucas

Sun. Oct. 6 ~ Jonathan, Rhett, Parker

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sat. Sept. 28 ~ L: Jack Host: Candy Chalice: Ron, Mike, Rob, Paula

Sun. Sept. 29 ~ L: Madi Host: Jeannie Chalice: Norman, Todd, Greg J & Sue

Sat. Oct. 5 ~ L: Joanie Host: Kathy Chalice: Marlene, Martha, Larry, Ron

Sun. Oct. 6 ~ L: Amy Host: Greg Chalice: Sam, Madi, Dave, Matt

The new Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule is located at the church entrance. If anyone new would like to be added to the next schedule, please call the parish office or Kathy Albrecht at 618-534-9674.

Stonies Fund Raiser: The 7th & 8th grade class are selling Stonies products to raise money to pay for their class trip. Orders must be turned in by Oct. 7th. Contact the school office or Ms. Ingram at 618-521-1066.

Friends of St. Mary's Gun Raffle: There are still plenty of tickets available if you would like some to sell (family, friends, co-workers). Tickets \$20; available at the school or parish office. Winner's option: 1) Browning Silver Field Matte 12ga. 3" 28" VR Blued/Walnut 3 Chokes 2) \$1000 Cash 3) Donate to St. Mary's School. Drawing October 27th, 2024. There are chances at St. Joseph's as well.

Boxes of Joy: I am introducing the Boxes of Joy project ~ Every year thousands of poor children experience a Christmas without hope. They may not even have the basics. The boxes are located at the church entrance for anyone who would like to purchase the suggested items to fill this box. A suggested list for each age category, boy & girl, can be found by the boxes. Donations are also appreciated as shipping is \$9 per box. Last year the Belleville Diocese donated over 800 boxes to Cross Catholic Outreach. They distribute the Boxes of Joy to the underprivileged countries in South America in time for Christmas. Please return the filled boxes to the church by October 1st. Thank you for your generosity!

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: Sept. 30th ~ Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans (choice of 2 sides); \$11 per plate; eat-in or carry-out. 618-826-3316

School Crossing Guards: St. Mary's School is looking for volunteers to be crossing guards as our students arrive in the morning and are dismissed in the afternoon. Some drivers tend to not obey the stop signs at the 3-way intersection and we want to ensure our students safety. If you can help, please call the school office at 618-826-3120. Thank you!

Final Gym Improvement Project Fundraiser ~ Bleacher Seat Name Plate Tags: Each personalized name plate will be displayed on the front of the bleacher seats. Please submit your donation, quantity, and personalization to the school, the church or Aaron Petrowske 573-768-6484.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. John's Lutheran-Bremen Chicken & Dumpling

Dinner: Sunday Sept. 29th from 11am-1pm. Carry out or dine in. Adults \$12; Kids (6-10) \$5; Under 5 "Free". Quarts of dumplings sold beginning at Noon, \$12 per quart.

OPEN HOUSE - HINCKE SENSE RESIDENCE

Sunday September 29th from 2 to 4pm. The priests and staff invite you and your family to an OPEN HOUSE Please join us, visit with the priests, and enjoy refreshments. We'd be so happy to see you! Hincke-Sense Residence for Priests, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville

Randolph Co Health Dept Walk-In Flu Clinics: Calendar of Place, Date, & Times located at the church entrance.

Sacred Heart Church Du Quoin Chicken & Dumpling

Dinner: Sun. Oct. 6th, 11am-2pm, Haffner Hall. Adults \$13, Kids (6-12) \$7, Under 5 FREE.

Pancake Breakfast: St. Mary's Holy Name Society, Ellis Grove, Sun. Oct. 13 from 7am-12pm. Mass @ 8am. All You Can Eat Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit, Drinks ~ Over 12 \$13, ages 6-12 \$8, under 6 eat free!

Chester Senior Center: The October Menu and Activity Calendar is located at the church entrance.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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.