

**St. Mary Divine Maternity  
Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, September 16, 2023, 6:00pm  
+ Pat Haberberger**

**Saturday, September 23, 2023, 6:00pm  
+ Mary Ann Stumpe**

**Liturgical Ministers for next week**

**For September 23, 2023 – 6:00pm**

**Altar Servers: A Bleem & L. Drake**

**E. Minister: G. Valleroy & J. Derringer**

**Lector: J. Hrabusicky**

**Usher: R. Blechle & J. Wesbecher**

**St. Mary's Offering**

**Thank you for your support**

**Contribution September 9, 2023**

**Envelopes (10)\$325.00**

**Loose \$121.00**

**Total \$446.00**

**Chester Area Food Pantry Items Needed**

**Canned Spaghetti-crackers-mustard-ketchup-**

**Canned meats-canned fruit**



**This Week**

**Sirach 27; 30 – 28:7**

**Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12**

**Romans 14: 7-9**

**Gospel Matthew 18: 21-35**

**Next Week**

**Isaiah 55: 6-9**

**Psalms 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

**Philippians 1: 20c – 24, 27a**

**Gospel Matthew 20: 1-16a**

**Please submit items for the bulletin by Tuesday  
5:00pm 618-920-7324, if no answer, please leave  
a message. Thank You, Deacon Al**

**Events for St. Mary?**

**Sept. 17, 2023 Food Pantry collection**

**Sept. 20, 2023 PSR Class 6:00pm to 7:30pm**

***Please remember those of our families and friends  
who have asked for our prayers.***

**Diane Averbeck, Debbie Brown, David Dohack  
Geraldyn Lanham, June Maxwell, Randy Valleroy  
Glenda York, Nic Wuller, Renee Beare**

**Lou Ann Korando, Jeffery Davis, Roger Faverty  
Bud Stumpe, Mark Drake, Carolyn Loesing**

**Roy Lee Seymour, Angela Rees, Ronda Heck  
Annie Korando, Ann Hasemeyer, Jeff Faverty**

**Kevin Petrowske**

***Our Parish Members in Care centers***

**Wilma Junger,**

**Religious Education: Tammy Bert,**

**A. Antonacci – Brenda Gross**

**Altar Sodality: Joan Derringer**

**Holy Name Society: Tony Meyer**

**To Rent Sense Hall: please contact Tammy Bert**

**618-774-2415**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

**If any members of our parish family are feeling  
the (so call financial pinch) and are having  
difficulty paying for their prescriptions please let  
Fr. Sabastian or Deacon Al know, we will be able  
to help. This will be (TOTALLY  
CONFIDENTIAL) if you know of any members  
who are unable to attend Mass we would also  
like to be informed so we can send them our  
weekly bulletin. And please remember to mail in  
your weekly contributions it is much appreciated**

**September 17, 2023  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary-A**



**St. Mary Divine Maternity  
7362 Shawneetown Trail**

**Ellis Grove, IL 62241**

**Pastor**

**Rev. Sebastian Ukoh C.M.**

**St. Mary's -Ellis Grove - 618-859-3541**

**St. Joseph -Rocher 618-284-3314**

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**St. Mary Chester  
Saturday, Vigil 4:00 pm  
Sunday, 10:00am**

**St. Mary's Ellis Grove  
Saturday 6:00pm Odd Month's  
Sunday 8:00 am Even Month's**

**St. Joseph Rocher  
Saturday, 6:00pm Even Months  
Sunday 8:00am Odd Month's**

**Reconciliation: 15 min. prior  
For all Masses**

**St. Mary's, Chester – 618-826-2444  
Trustees: Bernard Colvis & Ann Petrowske**

**Parish Council: Pres. Tammy Bert,  
Sec. Joyce Hrabusicky, Chris Gross  
Maxine Mathis, Scott Gross, Shane Quandt  
Larry Mitchell, Jeremy Blechle**

**Sacrament Preparation Contact:**

**St. Mary's Ellis Grove – 618-859-3541**

**St. Mary's Chester, 618-826-2444**

**St. Joseph Rocher 618-284-3314**

**For the Following**

**For Baptism. For the Sacrament of  
Marriage: Please contact the parish office at  
least 6 Months prior to the intended date so  
that the required preparations can be  
completed. And for the sacrament of the  
sick, whenever necessary. We welcome all  
guests and those wishing to become a  
member of our Parish Family, Please  
contact St. Mary Ellis Grove – St. Joseph  
Rocher – St. Mary's Chester, Also, you may  
contact the Parish Office's for information  
on The Rite of Christian Initiation**



Neighboring Churches Mass Times

St. Mary's, Chester 4:00 pm Saturday  
10:00 am Sunday  
St. John's, Red Bud 4:00 pm. Saturday  
10:00 am Sunday  
Lady of Lourdes, Sparta 5:30pm Sat.  
8:00 am Sunday  
St. Patrick's, Ruma 8:00 a.m. Sunday  
St. Pius V, Walsh, 4:00 pm Saturday  
St. Boniface, Evansville, 10:00am Sunday



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*Prayer for World Peace*

*Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequence of holding to what we believe to be right.*

*May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others.*

*Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created. Amen.*



Box of Joy provides schools, parishes, organizations, and families with an inspiring opportunity to send gifts to Haiti, Guatemala and other developing countries. A Box of Joy is a shoebox that is donated and packed with toys, clothing, school supplies and other essential items by U.S. parishes, schools and groups.

**Box of Joy | Cross Catholic Outreach**  
Our parish is participating in the Boxes of Joy project again this year if you wish to purchase a box the suggested items to fill the boxes are listed above. Donations will also be appreciated since each box requires \$9.00 for shipping. Last year our parish donated 25 boxes. Deadline for filled boxes is October 1st. Questions? Call Joan Derringer 618-534-6697



**FALL CHURCH PICNIC**  
**Sunday, September 17, 2023-11:00am to 6:00pm**  
Valmeyer, IL  
Sponsored by: St. John United Church of Christ  
St. Mary Catholic Church

**In door seating & Carry Outs Available**  
**Fried Chicken-Hamburgers-Hot Dogs**  
**Homemade Sides-Desserts-Beer & Soda**  
**COLOSSAL RAFFLE**  
**Games for Kids 7 Adults – Silent Auction**  
**Country Store Pull, Tabs, Attendance Prizes**  
**Music All Day**



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive for the Mentally Impaired ~ Fri. Sept. 29th and Sat. Sept. 30th . Sign -up sheet is at the KC Hall. Members may also contact Mike Liefer 618 -445 -1019 or Danny Miller 618 -615 -8002. Thank you for generously donating your time!



**Friends of Mary Help of Christians Raffle:**  
Tickets are now on sale for this annual raffle which helps offset tuition costs for our families. Tickets are \$100 each ~ only 300 tickets sold. Drawing will be held on Sunday, October 15th @ the St. Mary's Car Show at Fort Kaskaskia State Park. 1st Prize: \$10,000!!!! 2 nd: \$3000, 3 rd: \$1000, 4th: \$500, 5th & 6th: \$250. Contact the school for tickets @ 618 -826 -3120.



**ST MARY'S HAWKS**

**CAR SHOW SUNDAY OCT. 15, 2023**  
Fort Kaskaskia State Park Ellis Grove

**Top 30-Best GM-Best Ford-Best Mopar-Club Participation Best Paint/Graphics Students Choice**  
Registration from 9am to noon  
Entry Fee \$20.00 - Judging at 11:00am  
Concessions on site - Awards by 3:00pm  
Proceeds Benefit St. Mary's School  
For further information contact  
Jennifer – 618-615-8898



Contact Buena Vista Bank-618-826-2331  
1309 Swanwick Street, Chester, IL



All are invited to join Bishop McGovern for the Diocesan Fall Blessing of the Harvest, which will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 1:00pm at the Lavern and Terry Thole Farm. The Thole Farm is located at 8606 Tank Road, New Baden, IL 62265. One heads East out of New Baden on IL-161 approximately 2 miles (past IL-160 and turns left (North) onto Tank Road: go 1 mile and the farm will be on your right. The "Farm Blessing" signs will guide you, too. Those attending are invited to bring harvested grain, fruit and vegetables and garden produce in sealed, marked containers along with animals and farm machinery to be blessed. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the local pantry. We look forward to having you join us!