

READINGS

First Reading: (Acts 4:12)
 “There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

Psalm: (Ps 118)
 The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading: (1 Jn 3:2)
 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Gospel: (Jn 10:11)
 Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd.
 A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, Apr. 20
 4:00PM (C) Ruth Petrowske
 6:00PM (J) Steve Deterding

Sunday, Apr. 21
 8:00AM (EG) Ken & Shirley Colvis
 10:00AM (C) Evelyn Wittenborn

Monday, Apr. 22 ~ Grades 1-4
 8:15AM (C) Roger & Ruth Petrowske

Tuesday, Apr. 23
 8:30AM (J) For the homebound and nursing home residents

Wednesday, Apr. 24 ~ All School Mass
 8:15AM (C) Ruth Petrowske

Thursday, Apr. 25
 8:00AM (J) Sue Mollet

Friday, Apr. 26
 No MASS

Saturday, Apr. 27
 4:00PM (C) Jo Anne Wingerter
 6:00PM (J) Delores “Honey” Stefani

Sunday, Apr. 28
 8:00AM (EG) Bob Nowak
 10:00AM (C) David Otten

First Communion Practice after Mass (C)

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

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 (Acts 4:8-12) presents the courage of Peter. He did not act on his power. Rather he was filled with the Holy Spirit and acted accordingly. The miraculous healing of the cripple became an opportunity to preach the good news of the Resurrection.

In the second reading (1 John 3:1-2) we are reminded of God's paternity upon us. It is an honor and a blessing to be called heirs of God. But that's not the best part. What we are to be in future will beat whatever we have experienced. In all, we shall see God as God truly is.

The Gospel (John 10:11-18) takes us to the treatise on the good shepherd. The good shepherd is not a hireling who lacks commitment. He is invested in the flock and is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. Jesus is the good shepherd who continues to watch over the church and us all. May we be inspired to be good shepherds in our respective corners. Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

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

The homebound, nursing home residents, cancer patients, our military, the lonely, the homeless, those incarcerated, Father Gene, Marty Bert, Bill Wingerter, Ryan Junger, Nicole (Dethrow) Doty, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor, Evelyn Marquardt, Leila Keiser, Isabella DeSpain, Bill & Earlene Hanger, Tracey F., Susie Harms, Ina Doiron, Terry Laurent, Earlene Riechman, Lily & Lydia Smith, Margaret Brown,

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

David Doiron 4/22, Ian Hankammer 4/23, Jonathan Grau 4/24, Will Petrowske 4/24, Jane Lochhead 4/25, Steve Stefani 4/25, Charlotte Roy 4/26, John Bohnert 4/27, Daniel Moeller 4/27, Donna Eggemeyer 4/28

Ryan & Dawn Walker 4/21
Morris & Emilie Jany 4/22
Patrick & Lillian Drury 4/24
Kevin & Stacey Fedderke 4/25
Joe & Gina Cushman 4/26
Neal & Judy Hammel 4/26
Ken & Marilyn Pelate 4/27
Steve & Jody Springer 4/27
Kerry & Rhonda Hooten 4/28

PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph: Thurs. mornings & Sat. evenings after Mass
St. Mary's (C): Sat. evenings before Mass 3:15pm-3:45pm
Any other confessions can be made by appointment.

ADORATION

St. Joseph: (Beginning in May) ~ First Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM
St. Mary's (C): First Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM

MASS OF HEALING

St. Joseph: First weekend of the month immediately following either the 6PM or 8AM Mass.
St. Mary's (C): First weekend of the month immediately following the 4PM and 10AM Mass.
St. Mary (EG): First weekend of the month immediately following either the 8AM or the 6PM Mass.


St. Mary's Ellis Grove Rummage Sale & Bake Sale:
 Friday, April 26, 7 am-2 pm and Saturday, April 27, 7-11 am inside St. Mary's Church Hall. 7362 Shawneetown Trail. 30 tables of miscellaneous items. (No clothing)

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal: Your contribution enables us to impact the lives of all Catholic students in our Diocese. We prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2024 Appeal ~ Bishop Michael McGovern.

St. Joseph: Current = \$11,253.00 Donors = 30
St. Mary's: Current = \$32,440.50 Donors = 49

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: Next weekend we will be taking up this collection which helps to make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters here in southern Illinois as well as on a national level. Please consider how you can help support this mission. Sincerely in Christ, Bishop McGovern

The Messenger Memorial Day Issue: If anyone has a story to tell about someone they knew or a relative who died in war, please send the information to editor@bellevillemessenger.org. We will also print the names of military service members who were killed in action (WWII onward). Name, rank (if known), and the war in which they served and died. In addition, we would like to include a list of military service people who are presently serving in harm's way, asking for prayers for their safe return home. Please submit by May 1st.

Attention Parish Partnership Youth
 We have the opportunity to have a fundraiser on Sunday, May 19th at St. Patrick's Ruma at their Strawberry Festival. Please let me know if you are able to work it ASAP.

I have three youth wanting to go to Steubenville over July-12-14th Please let Jill know if you want to. 618-284-3314 or 618-7199344

Next youth group meeting will be on Sunday April 28th 6-

8pm. Confirmation party, and movie review.

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 #618-284-7150 (Ruma), Leonard DeRousse #618-284-6655 (day) or 618-284-2200 after 7pm (Prairie du Rocher), Rosemary Bert #618-615-6135, Rosemary Crain #618-615-5858, Paula Platt #618-615-5545, Martha McDonald #618-615-6624 or Barb Otten #618-615-2442 (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)



ST. JOSEPH, PRAIRIE DU ROCHER EVENTS

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

St. Joseph's: Weekly Goal: \$1700
 Envelopes(37): \$1473, Loose: \$97, Capt. Imp. \$156,
 Yearly total: \$25,500; Amount collected YTD: \$24,439

Liturgical Ministers:

Apr. 20th (S) Langston, Cort, Emmett (L) Kim, (B) Leonard, (C) Jill & Mary
Apr. 27th (S) Jack & Evan, (L) Katie, (B) Leonard, (C) Marie & Carol

Quilting: Needed: The quilters need already made quilts tops, backing or batting. These items can be dropped off at the rectory during normal business hours. Parents, registrations forms for next year will be going home shortly. Please complete them and send them back.

Honor the Graduates: May 19th

CONGRATULATIONS.... Drew, Emily, Brinley, Caleb, Allie, Adam, Jerzey, Mackenzie, Evan, Lane & Ethan on your recent Confirmation

Emmaus Days Tile Sculpture: all diocesan school age children will receive a 5X5 wood tile that they will decorate and return to PSR class on May 14th. These tiles will be part of the upcoming National Eucharistic Pilgrimage event at the Shrine of Our Lady of Snows on July 7th. There are instructions with in the packet. Please take one and have your child participate.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Joseph's Spring BBQ, Sunday, **April 28th** at Red Bud IGA Serving at 10:30am until sold out Brats, Pork Steaks, & Homemade Sides. **We need a few helpers!** If you would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Roger @ 618-967-6348 or Lisa @ 618-521-0266

Volunteers:

Anyone interested in mowing the church yard and sometimes Fr. Sebastian's yard please let either Jill or Marvin Roy know. Mowing season is from April –October. Mowing is for one month and we provide mower and gas.

ST. MARY'S CHESTER EVENTS

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

St. Mary's Weekly Goal: \$8,901

Weekly Total: \$7,023 (99); \$428 Loose; Holy Days \$55;
Donations \$20,400; Cemetery \$30 (3); Improve \$420 (43)
YTD Actual Giving \$130,828; YTD Budget Diff (\$2,687)

For days with no ushers or if you sit upstairs, you may drop your envelope(s) in the basket by the baptismal font. Thanks!

We ask for your cooperation in making sure that your cell phones are silenced before entering church for Mass (emergency personnel excluded). Cell phone usage during Mass distracts from the prayer environment for worship. Thank you so much!

CONGRATULATIONS: Marlie Caby, Joseph Casas, Eli Congiardo, Reed Fricke, Victor Fuentes, Yamilett Fuentes, Jonathan Grau, Laurey Hayer, Pedro Hernandez, Addy Jany, Nancy Jardines, Vanessa Jardines, Derek Junger, Brandon Korando, Rusty Korando, Taylor Korando, Jaden Lopez, Larne Luchavez, Gage Lynn, Cole McDonald, Reed Petrowske, Rhett Reiss, Ty Tindall, & Alaina Tretter on your recent Confirmation! "May this be the beginning of a wonderful faith-filled journey with the Holy Spirit! May He bless you and keep you all the days of your life!"

Servers Schedule

Sat. April 20 ~ Natalie Shipley, Lucas Maes

Sun. April 21 ~ Reed Petrowske, Nancy & Vanessa Jardines

Sat. April 27 ~ Natalie Shipley, Eli Congiardo

Sun. April 28 ~ Jonathan Grau, Parker Knott, Rhett Reiss

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sat. April 20 ~ L: Jack Heffernan **Host:** Mike Heffernan

Chalice: Marlene Verdun, Martha McDonald, Ron/Candy Caron

Sun. April 21 ~ L: Grant Deterding **Host:** Cindy Deterding

Chalice: Greg Crain, Bill Gross, Dave Hustedde, Madi Kribs

Sat. April 27 ~ L: Kelley Gardiner **Host:** Sharon Shields

Chalice: Kathy Albrecht, Larry Gross, Paula Platt, Marlene Verdun

Sun. April 28 ~ L: Grant Deterding **Host:** Norman Grau

Chalice: Jeannie Grau, Diana Miller, Sue/Greg J Crain

Registration Forms: If you are new to our parish (or a parishioner who hasn't previously filled out a form) there are forms located at the church entrance. If you would like to receive collection envelopes, we can begin sending them once we have your address. We also offer Online Giving. The link is listed above. Your gifts are tax deductible. We thank you!

Easter Lilies: Our Easter lilies have lost their fresh look and have been moved from the church to in front of the parish house. They are free for the taking for anyone who wishes to take one or more home.

KC Mother's Day Chicken Fry: We will be taking preorders for whole fried chickens at \$14 each. Orders **must** be placed by May 7th. Pickup on Sunday, May 12th between 11am & 2pm. 618-826-3316

KC Hall Monday Lunches: \$11 per plate; serving from 11am to 1pm.

Knights of Columbus Meetings: Third Thursday of every month @ 6pm.

Women's Support Group: The next meeting will be Thursday, May 16th @ 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).

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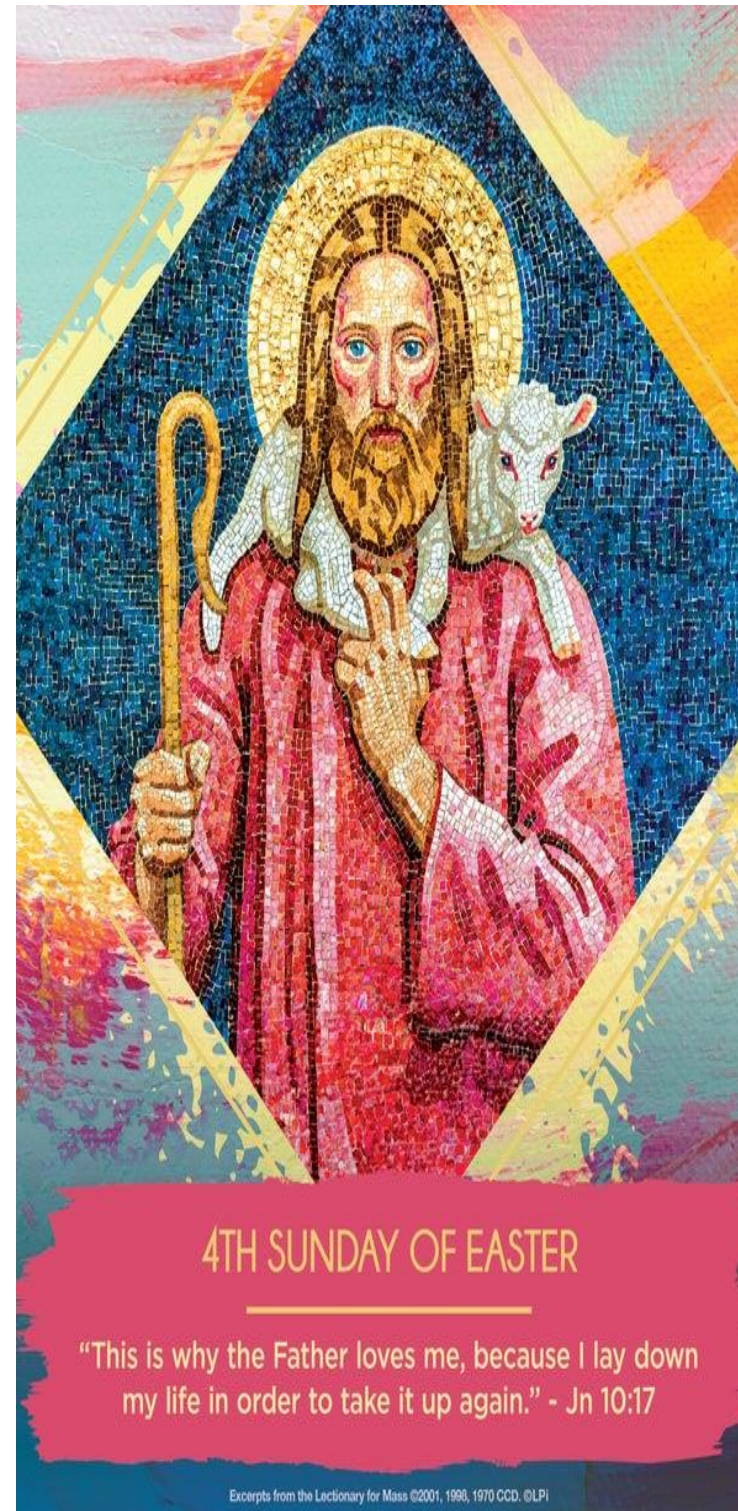
Prairie Du Rocher American Legion Fish Fry: May 17th ~ Serving from 4:30-8pm; Fish and all the fixins'.

St. Pius V. Walsh Rummage Sale: Friday and Saturday, April 26th & 27th from 8am-3pm. Bake Sale & Lunch Stand.

St. John Catholic Spring Rummage Sale: 519 Hazel St., Red Bud (school gym) ~ Friday, April 26, 4-9pm; Saturday, April 27, 8am-1pm; Sunday, April 28, 8am-1pm.

Gibault Catholic High School Summer Camps: Gibault has asked us to make this information available to our students. If interested, please grab a flyer from the church entrance. Several camps to choose from! All are welcome!

Chester Area Christian Food Pantry: The regular mobile market will be held on Wednesday, April 24th @ 8:00am at Cohen Field. Volunteers are always appreciated. Please call Bob at 618-615-2646. Items Needed: boxed dinners, canned meats & fruits. Monetary donations are always welcome! Thank you for your continued support!



All are welcome!

PASTOR: FR. SEBASTIAN UKOH, CM
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Mary Help of Christians

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St. Joseph

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Parish Secretary: Jill Whelan
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Website: www.stjoespdr.org

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.