

READINGS

First Reading: (Jer 23:4)

I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Psalm: (Ps 23)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: (Eph 2:13-14)

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity.

Gospel: (Mk 10:34)

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, July 20

4:00PM (C) Marilyn McIntryre; Michael Kettmann

6:00PM (EG) Kenneth & Shirley Colvis

Sunday, June 21

8:00AM (J) Shelba Kempfer

10:00AM (C) Norman & Mary Ellen Quillman

Monday, July 22

8:15AM (C) Connie Holzum

Tuesday, July 23

8:00AM (J) Paul Herzog, Bob & Hulda Schmitz

Wednesday, July 24

8:15AM (C) Brian Petrowske; Intentions of the Catholic Extension

Thursday, July 25

8:00AM (J) For an increase to vocations

Friday, July 26

NO MASS

Saturday, July 27

4:00PM (C) Rudell Figiel; Jewell Cheslick

6:00PM (EG) Henry & Josephine Averbek

Sunday, July 28

8:00AM (J) Bill Wiegard

10:00AM (C) Ruth Petrowske; Rick Reed

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 FOR JULY

Saturday: 4pm: Chester **Sunday:** 8am: Prairie du Rocher
6pm: Ellis Grove 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 (Jeremiah 23:1-6) is a reprimand on bad shepherding or wrong leadership. God calls his followers, the "flock of my pasture". They had been scattered but the time to gather them together has come. The good shepherd will calm all their fear and trembling while renewing their hearts.

The second reading (Ephesians 2:13-18) also talks about unity. Saint Paul reminds us that Christ has come to unite disparate people under one fold of love and peace. The initiation we undergo through Baptism, welcomes us into a spiritual family, far bigger than our biological ties. It is a family of faith powered by the Blood of Christ.

In the Gospel (Mark 6:30-34) Jesus and his disciples were moved by the crowd who were seeking salvation. They were like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus set out to teach and give them direction. Christ never stops giving us direction, hope, inspiration and guidance. Just like the good shepherd, he guides us in the right path. We should also become good shepherds to all those entrusted to our care. 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, Mary Beck, Tom Sauer, Dennis Mulholland, Jan Crow, Fr. Gene, Bruce Kettman, Rick Grah, Ryan Junger, Lily & Lydia Smith, Marie Hess, Cathy Taylor, Evelyn Marquardt, Tracey F., Terry Laurent, Earlene Riechman, Linda Roy
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

Jeff Hopkins 7/20, Terry Moore 7/21, Kanon Jany 7/21, John Knop 7/21, Marie Fries (95th) 7/22, Carol Herzog 7/22, Mary Braun 7/22, Elisha Gaertner 7/22, Todd Mudd 7/23, Pam Pechacek 7/23 (Happy 70th!), Carol Durbin 7/25, Allie Popejoy 7/25, Cheryl Nanney 7/25, Josh Surman 7/25, John Powell 7/26, Kylan Kempfer 7/26

Dave & Betty Doiron 7/22, Michael & Betty Welge 7/20

Josh & Cassie Chambers 7/22

Matt & Janelle Grau 7/24 ~ Happy 20th!

Gary & Deb Rust 7/26

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 7:00PM

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.

For King + Country Live Unsung Hero Tour 2024:

Saturday, Sept. 21st @ 7PM at the Enterprise Center in St. Louis. Jill will be ordering tickets. Last day to order is July 29th. Tickets are \$25 for a group rate. We will need 10 for that rate. We are working on group transportation.

YOUTH GROUP Youth Ministry Weekend will be August 10th and 11th. Youth will be recognized and talk about our past adventures to NCYC and Steubenville.

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 before 8pm (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 (44): \$1,832, Loose: \$120 Capt. Camp:\$170

YTD: goal: \$3,400 collected: \$4,325

July 21st (S) Evan & Jack (L) Adam (B) Leonard

(C) Audrey & Carol

July 28th (S) Jerzey, (B) Mary, (C) Carla & Marie



Please call the rectory to register your child for PSR.
618-284-3314



Cash Donations: We will be accepting cash donations for the purchase of quilts (if needed) and accepted until July 16th. Any cash donations for the basket & game stand up until July 26th. All donations can either be dropped at the rectory, in the collection or by mail. Please make sure your donation is labeled so it may be placed in the correct place.

Basket Stand: We will be accepting completed baskets until day of picnic. Unmade baskets will be accepted until July 27th. We ask that the baskets total about \$10.

Game Stand: Any toy donations, small or large, can be dropped off in church or at the rectory until July 27th.

Volunteers: If you are not working anywhere for the picnic please find a chairperson and they can probably find a place for you to help out. Help is usually needed in the bingo stand from 8-11pm and anytime in the game stand.

Raffle Tickets: Please take your raffle tickets from the back of church. If you need more they will be available at the rectory. The more we sell the better we do.

July 28th: Cake mixes and potatoes will be handed out after Mass. Then we will progress over to the hall and lay out the bread for the dressing.

Stand Assembly: Thurs. & Friday August 1st & 2nd at 6pm

ST. MARY'S CHESTER EVENTS

Weekly Tithes & Offerings

St. Mary's Weekly Goal: \$8901

Weekly Total: \$4,881 (77); \$305 Loose

Holy Days \$200; Cemetery \$50 (6); Improve \$655 (46)

YTD Actual Giving \$223,708, YTD Budget Diff (\$25,520)

New Parishioners & Visitors Sign-In Book Hello & Welcome! If you are a new parishioner to Mary Help of Christians ~or~ here to visit, we would be most appreciative if you would be so kind as to sign our register book at the entrance of church. Thank you!

Save-the-Date: Saturday, September 7th

Mary Help of Christians

Parish Social Picnic

Watch for further details coming soon!!!

Servers Schedule

Sat. July 20 ~ Ty Tindall, Lucas Maes

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

Sat. July 27 ~ Natalie Shipley, Ty Tindall

Sun. July 28 ~ Jonathan Grau, Parker Knott, Kevin Korando

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.

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Sat. July 20 ~ L: Rob Wingerter **Host:** Martha McDonald

Chalice: Rob Wingerter, Mike Heffernan, Paula Platt, Kathy Albrecht

Sun. July 21 ~ L: Danny Miller **Host:** Greg J Crain

Chalice: Sue Crain, Dave Hustedde, Norman/Jeanne Grau

Sat. July 27 ~ L: Kelley Gardiner **Host:** Larry Gross

Chalice: Rob Wingerter, Marlene Verdun, Ron/Candy Caron

Sun. July 28 ~ L: Melody Colonel **Host:** Kevin Grau

Chalice: Barb Otten, Cindy Deterding, Matt Grau, Madi Kribs

Women's Support Group: The next meeting will be Thursday, August 15th @ 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).

KC Hall Monday Lunches: July 22nd ~ Beef Tips & Noodles, Peas & Carrots, Green Beans (choice of two sides); \$11 per plate; serving from 11am to 1pm.

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

Chester Area Christian Food Pantry: A call for more volunteers is needed for the July 24th Mobile Market from 8am-10am. The St. Louis Food Bank will begin sending 10 pallets of food for distribution as opposed to 5 pallets we received in the past. We need extra hands! Please call Bob at 618-615-2646. Items needed: canned meats, fruits, vegetables, pastas, tuna and boxed dinners. Monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated! Thank you!

St. Joseph Picnic Raffle Tickets: Located at the church entrance. You may return purchased tickets to the Parish House or put them in the collection basket. Thank you for supporting our Partnership Parish in Prairie du Rocher.

New Headset for Father Sebastian: A HUGE thank you to J.D. Maes and Rose Dethrow for acquiring and setting up Father's new headset/microphone! It sounds so much better than it did before. And also thank you for an anonymous donation which covered the cost of the upgrade.



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!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Bryant's Small Town Tour: Illinois State Senator Terri Bryant along with guest State Representative David Friess will be at Reid's Harvest House, Wednesday, July 24th from 7-8:30am. Stop by for an open conversation and refreshments with your elected officials.

St. Charles Church, Dubois: Saturday, July 27th @ KC Hall. Dinner, Bingo & More! Smoked Pork Chop Dinners 3:00 -6:30pm; Grand Raffle; Dessert/Basket Raffle, Quilt/Cash Bingo begins @ 7pm; Polka Mass 4pm.

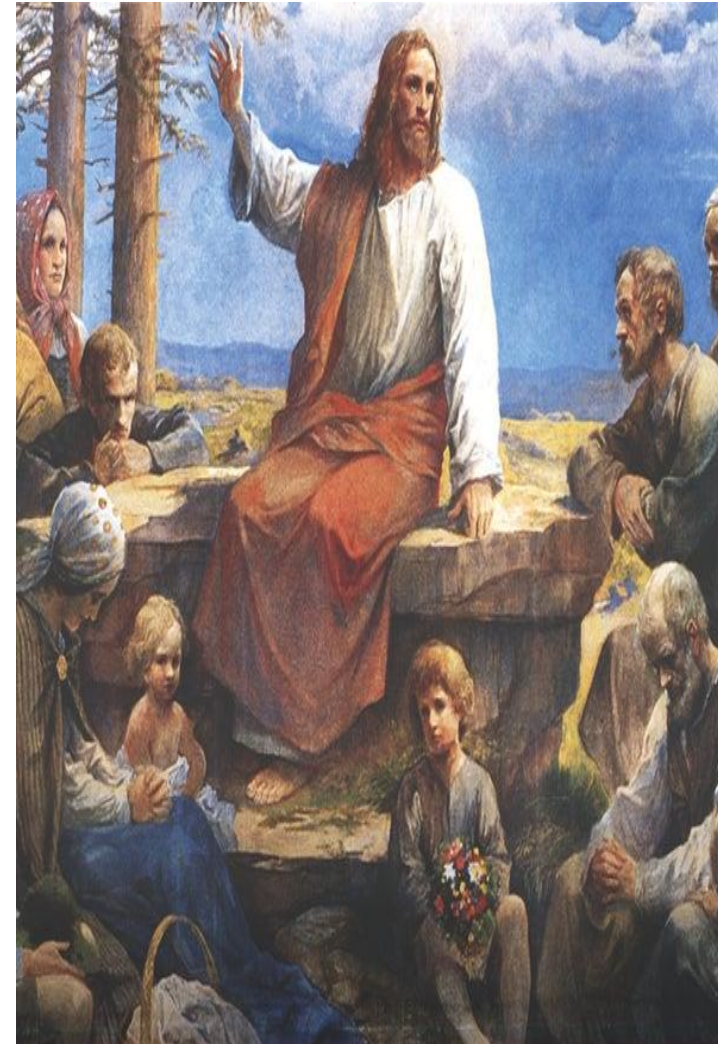


St. Joseph's Annual Picnic, Prairie du Rocher: Saturday, August 3rd. Mass @ 4PM. Chicken Dinner 3-7:30pm; Quilt/Cash Bingo 5-11pm; Picnic Grounds 4-11pm; Raffle Prizes Drawn at 11pm.

St. Patrick Church, Tipton: 35th Annual Auction & Chicken Plate Dinner, **Sunday, August 4th.** Mass @ 10AM; Dinner 11am-4pm; Auction begins at 12 noon; Silent Auction, Country Store, Quilt Raffle. Large Rummage Sale & Bake Sale, **Friday and Saturday, July 26th & 27th,** 7am-12pm in Church Hall. Rummage Sale items half price on Auction Day.

Young Adult Discernment Night: Saturday, August 3rd @ Cathedral of St. Peter. Single men & women ages 16-35. 4PM Mass with Bishop Michael McGovern presiding. Followed by: Adoration, Dinner, Talk & Discussion on how discernment works in our daily lives. mskorch@diobelle.org

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center: When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference "Recovering Family Wellness: Rebuilding Relationships" Presenters: Ky Miller, MSW, LCSW; Jessica Donaldson, LMFT; Liesl Wingert; Jo McGuire Friday, August 23, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM This annual and unique conference is for family members and friends who journey with people with mental illness and for professionals in the mental health field. \$40.00 per person, including lunch. Additional \$35.00 for IL CEU. For more information, call 618-394-6281 or register online at <https://snows.org/illness>



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.