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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES

If you are new to our parish please visit our website www.quadparishes1.org to register. We look forward to meeting you. The office is located at 306 E. Birch St., PO Box 20, New Berlin, IL 62670.

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Weekdays:
Mon. 8:00AM Visitation
Tues. 5:30PM St. Mary's
6:00PM Adoration
Wed. 8:00AM Sacred Heart
Fri. 8:00AM St. Sebastian
No Mass on Thursday

Weekends:
Saturday:
4:00PM Visitation
5:45PM St. Sebastian
Sunday:
8:00AM Sacred Heart
10:00AM St. Mary's

Confession Times-Sat.- 3:00-3:40 PM Visitation
Tues.-6:00-6:30 PM St. Mary's
Other times by appointment

Pastor's Pen

This week has flown by. I am not entirely sure what I did with most of the days. I worked on things, but I don't remember what all those things were. But then again, I don't remember what I had for dinner last night, either. I am working on packing and preparing to move to Jacksonville.

There are a couple of announcements I need to make. First, I am going to be out of town January 21-26. There will be no weekday Masses during that time. I go to a conference each year for the National Catholic Office for the Deaf. This year, we are in Portland, OR. The weather looks like it is going to rain the entire time we are there. It should be fun.

Welcome back to Ordinary Time. Often, we think of this time as the opposite of those special times in the year. We think Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter are special and this other season is just ordinary. But that misses the mark.

Years ago, when I first moved to Jacksonville, I was working to get acclimated to the role. There was a lot going on, despite it being during Covid Time. I remember sitting in the house thinking, I just need to make it to Friday. (Friday was my day off.) I remember thinking that if I can just make it to Friday, then I won't be so tired.

But each week, I felt like I got nothing done. And I didn't get anything done. I was so oriented to surviving until Friday that I didn't have the energy for anything else.

I think we can do the same thing with Advent and Lent. We might think, "I just have to get through this season and then the holiday will be restful." But I also think we can do something similar during Ordinary Time. We can be tempted to think that this season is just taking up space in between the other, more important seasons.

But this season has its own dignity. Ordinary Time is the bulk of the calendar. With 34 weeks, it makes up about 65% of the calendar year. And the content is significant. It is during these weeks of Ordinary Time that we learn the basics of being a follower of Christ. It is during this time that we learn about the miracles, the teaching moments, and the compassion of Christ. We see the disciples grow.

So, if you are in a place that you are thinking, "I just need to make it to Easter," or "I just need to get to some other magical date," I would challenge you to return to where you are today. I would challenge you to embrace the life you have today.

You know, we think "Ordinary" means not special, regular, or normal. But in language, we have different kinds of numbers. We classify certain sets of numbers. Our cardinal numbers answer the question, "How many are there?" Our Ordinal numbers answer the question, "Which position?"

Ordinal numbers can give us rankings: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. They can describe dates as the 4th of July. They can give us sequential steps: First, Second, Third, etc. They are used in fractions and in names (one-fourth, Henry the Eighth). They can also give us physical locations as we talk about the 4th floor or the 3rd house.

We use ordinal numbers to place us in this time. Today is the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. We are placed in this spot in time. We are here to live this day, following the will of God. We are called to love others, especially the stranger and the outcast.

One last thing, there are projects that I didn't get to do. Some of the parishes have work that needs to be done that is going to take a commitment from you. These can be large financial projects. I do not want you to be surprised when a new priest arrives and, it seems, the first thing he is doing is asking for money. I was going to announce these projects within the next month. He is going to have to carry that baton and establish the projects in the parishes with you. Please see this as a natural progression of the steps in this process, rather than a sudden shift in parish need.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	1/19	Steve Bergschneider (Routt Class of 1973)
Tues.	1/20	Ralph Walter (Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)
Wed.	1/21	Arthur Roesch (Alice Moss)
Thu.	1/22	Betsy Bowman (Pamela Blackorby)
Fri.	1/23	No Mass
Sat.	1/24	No Mass
	4:00 PM	Sharon Johnson (Bob & Judy Johnson)
	5:45 PM	Elmer & Flora Huyear (Jerry Fitzpatrick)
Sun.	1/25	Tom Bergschneider (Dorothy & Rick Greer)
	8:00 AM	Bob & Jeannine Frank (Gene Frank)
	10:00 AM	Francis & Thelma Fromme (Kathy Loving)

Parish Offering As of 1/14/2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$1,213	\$741	\$1,208	\$315
Online	\$321	\$286	\$102	\$000
Weekly	\$1,714	\$1,027	\$1,310	\$315
YTD Giving	\$80,135	\$38,441	\$26,477	\$22,673
YTD Budget	\$71,754	\$46,124	\$26,258	\$18,574
YTD Net	\$8,381	-\$7,683	\$219	\$4,099

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St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

Important Dates

Jan 23– No Mass

Jan 29–Going Away Dinner @ Leo's Pizza

Feb 1– Fr Adam's Moving Day

Feb 7–NB Blood Drive

Pray for our sick Parishioners

Janet Blankenship, Sarah Simpson, Louise Lenn, Sue Lowder, Kathy Gordon, Barb Johnson, Mary Lee Staley, Joe Gaston, Lisa Richardson, Mary Hemberger, Roseanne Hartley, Calyssa Richie, Dale Fitzpatrick, Mary McCray, Heather Boudreau, Sy Haber, Donna Reichart, Presley Kerber, Joyce Henn, Paul Sweet, Carol Bold, Nancy Blankenship, Jackie Hamilton, Kathy Norman, Kathy Piel, Russ Adams, Suzanne Berry, Carol Peterson, Alice Greenwood.

January is Pro-Life Month. PRC Change for Hope Baby Bottle Fundraiser has begun! Info & bottles are in the back of each church.

98 Year Old Gets Pope's Attention With Cute Sign in Rome! – Crowds pressed in from every side at St. Peter's Square as 98-year-old Phyllis LaRoche of Quincy, Illinois, held up a sign, hoping to get Pope Leo's attention. That's when it happened. Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://www.youtube.com/diospringfield) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. *Dive Deep* is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.



We are looking for new members who are male Catholic gentlemen, 18 years of age or older, who have an interest in enhancing their church and local communities. Contact Kevin Kirsch at 217-685-1819.

St. Mary's will not be serving Coffee & Donuts today. Instead you are invited to the KC Hall at noon for the Going-Away Potluck. All are invited to join us as we thank Fr. Adam and send him off with our prayers.

February is Heart Awareness Month

Did you know there are over 500,000 open heart surgeries performed in the US each year?

New Berlin Community Blood Drive

Saturday February 7

8:00 am-11:00 am

ImpactLife Donor Bus at

Knights of Columbus #4372

715 East Illinois Street

To schedule: scan the QR Code, visit bloodcenter.org or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401.



Last date to donate elsewhere 12/13/25

A Going Away Dinner for Fr. Adam will be held at **Leo's Pizza** in Jacksonville on **Thursday January 29 at 5:30 p.m.** A sign up sheet is in the back of church. Everyone will be responsible for the cost of their own meal. Please **RSVP no later than Monday January 26** by sign up sheet or by calling Stacey in the parish office 217-488-3545 or Mary Beth 217-691-3382.

Housekeeper Needed

St. Sebastian (Waverly) is seeking someone to clean the church a couple of times each month. The parish office (New Berlin) is also looking for someone to clean weekly. If you're interested or would like more details, please contact the parish office. Compensation is available if desired.



Study is a work of prayer. Visit **Saint Meinrad** for the **Graduate Theology Program Open House**, Feb 14–15. Tour campus, attend class, pray at liturgy, and meet professors and students. Learn more about our flexible and affordable offerings and register at saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse. All are welcome.

Vocations Corner
In just 2 days we'll celebrate the feast of St Sebastian. Like last week's saint, St. Agnes, Sebastian was a young martyr and lived 1800 years ago. He was a soldier in the Roman army, a member of an elite corps called the Praetorian Guard. He too was sentenced to death for being a Christian. He miraculously survived, and when healthy he went straight to the Emperor to try to convert him, who had him executed.



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