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*The Second Sunday of Lent*  
*March 1, 2026*



**MASS TIMES**

If you are new to our parish please visit our website [www.quadparishes1.org](http://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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HOURS: 8:30AM-1:30 PM Monday-Friday  
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<b>Weekdays:</b>	<b>Weekends:</b>
Mon. 8:00AM Visitation	Saturday:
Tues. 5:30PM St. Mary's	4:00PM Visitation
6:00PM Adoration	5:45PM St. Sebastian
Wed. 8:00AM Sacred Heart	Sunday:
Fri. 8:00AM St. Sebastian	8:00AM Sacred Heart
No Mass on Thursday	10:00AM St. Mary's
<b>Confession Times</b> -Sat.- 3:00-3:40 PM Visitation	
Tues.-6:00-6:30 PM St. Mary's	

\*Other times by appointment\*

### Pastor's Pen

The Lenten Walk of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are multi-dimensional in the invitation to do good to my neighbor. The actions therefore that provide both for the physical and spiritual needs of others are referred to as “corporal works of mercy”.

The commandment to love our neighbor is the second greatest commandment flowing from an extension of the love of God. This is an obligation on the Christian to assist and care for those in need in our society, as not to allow anyone be denied food, drink and shelter which are the necessities of life. We will be judged on how much we have helped others both materially and spiritually. The Corporal works of mercy (material help) are known as: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the imprisoned, visiting the sick, and burying the dead. And the spiritual works of mercy (spiritual help) are: admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, comforting the sorrowful, praying for the living and the dead.

Which of these have I engaged in this past week and which do I plan to engage myself the coming weeks? Inviting a family member, a coworker and a neighbor to church is a spiritual work of mercy. **Be a missionary! Invite someone today!**

### Mass Intentions

Mon.	3/2	Fr. Joe Ring
Tues.	3/3	Lemuel Moss ( <i>Ralph Walter &amp; Jean Moss</i> ) Jeannine Frank ( <i>Alice Frank</i> )
Wed.	3/4	Helen Myers ( <i>Pam Blackorby</i> )
Thu.	3/5	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri.	3/6	Fr. Daren Zehnle
Sat.	3/7	
	4:00 PM	Pro Populo
	5:45 PM	Fr. Hugh P. Cassidy ( <i>Jerry Fitzpatrick</i> )
Sun.	3/8	
	8:00 AM	Ron Fuchs ( <i>Beverly Watson</i> )
	10:00 AM	Jackie Hermes ( <i>Kevin &amp; Christi Degroot</i> ) Ed Cantrell ( <i>John Ruby</i> )

**Several churches in diocese available for Special Year of St. Francis pilgrimage so you can receive indulgence** – Pope Leo XIV declared a Special Year of St. Francis to mark the 800th anniversary of his death, running until January 2027. During this time, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting Franciscan churches or praying spiritually if unable to travel, following the usual conditions of going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the pope’s intentions (e.g., one Our Father and Hail Mary). For example, in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, one can make a pilgrimage to St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis, St. Francis of Assisi Church in Springfield, or St. Francis Adoration Chapel in Alton (home of the Sisters of St. Francis of Martyr St. George).

**You are invited to Lenten Day of Recollection in Springfield** – Through conferences and personal prayer time, this Lenten Day of Reflection on Sunday, **March 22 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center on Lake Springfield** will help you to contemplate on and to experience more deeply the infinite and tender love of Christ for all of humanity. It will also help you prepare for Holy Week and Easter. **Arrival is at 2 p.m., and it concludes at 7 p.m.** The day includes conferences, adoration, time for prayer, the *Rosary*, confession, and dinner. The cost is **\$25. Register by March 15** at [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events).

**Care Manager job opening** – Do you have a healthcare background? Do you love your Catholic faith and have a desire to help priests set and meet healthy living goals? Our diocese is seeking applications for a unique, mission-driven position dedicated to providing essential healthcare navigation and support for our clergy. This role does not require hands-on clinical care. Please submit your resume to [REC@metacareusa.com](mailto:REC@metacareusa.com).

### Parish Offering As of 2/25/2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$4,235	\$1,034	\$389	\$440
Online	\$322	\$286	\$60	\$000
Weekly	\$4,557	\$1,320	\$449	\$440
YTD Giving	\$95,777	\$45,062	\$30,962	\$24,930
YTD Budget	\$87,130	\$56,007	\$31,885	\$22,554
YTD Net	<b>\$8,647</b>	<b>-\$10,945</b>	<b>-\$923</b>	<b>\$2,376</b>

### Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

### Important Dates

**March 8**-Installation & Reception for Fr Teddy  
St. Mary's 10am

**March 14/15**-Catholic Relief Services Collection

### 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, Joyce Henn, Paul Sweet, Carol Bold, Nancy Blankenship, Jackie Hamilton, Kathy Norman, Kathy Piel, Russ Adams, Suzanne Berry, Carol Peterson, Alice Greenwood, Mark Bergschneider.

Looking for fun ways to engage your kids on Sundays? At [52sundays.com](https://52sundays.com), you will find:

- "Time to Chat" everyday questions that relate to fun short bios of 129 saints
- Fun recipes to make together like "St. Kateri Corn Bread" and "Mini Shepherd's Pot Pies"
- Activities, Prayers, and Family Challenges related to each Sunday's readings

Any questions? Contact Gracie with the Office of Marriage and Family Life 217-321-1124 [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org)



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.

### Lent Schedule 2026

#### Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm Friday's during Lent  
All Churches

#### Additional Confessions

**March 6** 6:00 pm St. Mary's, New Berlin  
**March 13** 6:00 pm Visitation, Alexander  
**March 25** after Mass Sacred Heart, Franklin  
**March 27** 6:00 pm St. Sebastian, Waverly

#### Triduum

**April 2** Holy Thursday-Mass of the Lord's Supper  
6:00 pm Visitation, Alexander  
**April 3** Good Friday-Friday of the Lord's Passion  
6:00 pm St. Sebastian, Waverly  
**April 4** Easter Vigil  
8:00 pm St. Mary's, New Berlin

#### Easter Sunday

**April 5** 8:00 am Sacred Heart, Franklin  
10:00 am Visitation Alexander

The Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki has graciously slated **March 8, 2026 at 10 am Mass** at **St. Mary's Church**, New Berlin for the **installation of the Pastor** at the Quad Parishes Fr. Teddy Adukus. All are invited to attend. Staff, Parish Council Member and Finance Council Members are required to be present.

**Sacred Heart Coffee & Donuts** will be served **TODAY Sunday March 1** after Mass in the Parish Hall.

**Donut & Cleaning Committee** for March are Pat Beckman & Pam Blackorby.



### St. Mary's Cemetery Clean Up Day

**Saturday March 21 at 8:30 am**

Rain Date, if needed, will be March 28

\*Please have all flowers removed before that day\*

### Holy Thursday Feet Washing Volunteers Needed

Holy Thursday will be celebrated on **April 2** and we are in need of **12 volunteers** to participate in the feet washing. If you are available, please call the parish office. If we do not hear from enough volunteers, we will begin reaching out individually. Thank you for considering this meaningful service.

### Vocations Corner

During Lent, we emphasize prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (giving money, especially, or food or other material goods). If you don't already, emphasize prayer with your family this week by saying the Morning Offering together before going your separate ways for the day.



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