

Welcome to the QUAD PARISHES!
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The Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026



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.

CONTACT US

PARISH OFFICE: 217-488-3545
HOURS: 8:30AM-1:30 PM Monday-Friday
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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

The Significance of the Installation of a Pastor

The Installation of a new pastor is a very important moment in the life of a parish. Although pastors in our diocese technically become pastors on the date listed in the Bishop’s Decree of Appointment, the installation ceremony remains a symbolic moment of the Bishop entrusting the pastoral care of a parish to a priest. In the Catholic faith, our leaders are not chosen by a popular election or a hiring committee. Priests are sacramentally ordained by a bishop, a successor of the Apostles. The Sacrament of Holy Orders has been passed down from Christ himself, to the Apostles at the Last Supper, to bishops and priests today. The Installation of a Pastor is a striking symbol that he has been sent by God, through the Bishop, to act as shepherd of this flock.

As part of the installation ceremony, the new pastor professes the Nicene Creed with his people. He also publicly affirms his belief in the Church’s teachings, whether written or handed down in Tradition. The new pastor promises to always teach the Catholic faith. The Catholic Church has not been founded by this new pastor; it was founded by Jesus Christ 2000 years ago. Because of this, the pastor is not free to teach his own personal agenda or invented ideas. Instead, he is to teach the Catholic faith which has been passed down to us by the Church. The new pastor acts in the place of Christ by forgiving sins in his name, teaching God’s Word, and nourishing the flock with Christ’s own Body and Blood.

Canon 519 of the Code of Canon law states: “The pastor (parochus) is the proper pastor (pastor) of the parish entrusted to him, exercising the pastoral care of the community committed to him under the authority of the diocesan bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called to share, so that for that same community he carries out the functions of teaching, sanctifying, and governing, also with the cooperation of other presbyters or deacons and with the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful, according to the norm of law.”

Let us pray for our new pastor and encourage him in his new ministry. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the gift of this new pastor for our parish!

-Fr. Dominic Vahling

Next week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ’s love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).



Mass Intentions		
Mon.	3/9	Sharon Johnson <i>(Frances Lawless Family)</i>
Tues.	3/10	Sharon Peters <i>(Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)</i> Patricia Walters <i>(Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)</i>
Wed.	3/11	Mary Ann Myers <i>(Ross Myers)</i>
Thu.	3/12	No Mass
Fri.	3/13	Joseph & Doris Fitzpatrick <i>(Jerry Fitzpatrick)</i>
Sat.	3/14	
	4:00 PM	Dec’d Henning Families <i>(Cathy Stephenson)</i>
	5:45 PM	Pro Populo
Sun.	3/15	
	8:00 AM	Mary Mander <i>(Family)</i>
	10:00 AM	Kelly Peters <i>(Jim & Nancy Blankenship)</i> Jeannine Frank <i>(Mr. & Mrs. Nordike)</i>

Parish Offering As of 3/8/2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$1,647	\$851	\$468	\$565
Online	\$317	\$361	\$000	\$150
Weekly	\$1,964	\$1,212	\$468	\$715
YTD Giving	\$97,741	\$46,274	\$31,430	\$25,645
YTD Budget	\$89,692	\$57,654	\$32,823	\$23,218
YTD Net	\$8,049	-\$11,380	-\$1,393	\$2,428

Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

Important Dates

March 14/15-Catholic Relief Services Collection

March 20- No Mass

March 23- No Mass

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.

We are still seeking volunteers for the Holy Thursday foot-washing on April 2. Thank you to those who have already called in to volunteer—your willingness to serve is truly appreciated. If you are able to participate, please contact the parish office.

San Damiano College for the Trades in Springfield, is happy to announce that we will have \$5,000 scholarships available for five incoming freshmen in the fall of 2026. These scholarships are only available for students who reside in a Tracy Family Foundation County. Please contact Joanne Gaston a jgaston@sandamianotrades.org for further information and to schedule a campus visit.



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

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

St. Mary's Coffee & Donuts will be held on **Sunday, March 15** after Mass in the Parish Center.

Charles and Patty Jiardina have graciously volunteered to host this month's gathering.



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Next **Sunday March 15** is St. Mary's Food Pantry Sunday.

- Any nonperishable boxed, bagged, or canned item is welcome.
- Pasta, jarred pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cereal and pancake mix are all great options.
- Alternatively, as you shop, consider picking up duplicates of nonperishable items your own family enjoys.

Seats will be reserved for all Parish Finance and Pastoral Council members in the front of the church for the **10:00 AM Installation Mass at St. Mary's on March 8.**

Vocations Corner

During Lent, we emphasize prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As a family, give up a favorite food or snack this week, and offer that sacrifice for a person or people you know who are struggling. Set the money you would have spent on that meal or snack aside (we'll come back to it next week).



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