

Welcome to the QUAD PARISHES!
ST. MARY'S, SACRED HEART, VISITATION, & ST. SEBASTIAN
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The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 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.

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Weekdays:	Weekends:
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

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

Today is called "Laetare" Sunday, (Rejoice Sunday), the fourth Sunday of lent. "Rejoice, Jerusalem. Be joyful, all who love her!" (Is 66:10). The Church invites us to be joyful because Christ, our shepherd, illuminates us and heals our blindness.

Samuel obeyed God and waited humbly, patiently, followed and obeyed God's instructions: "Send for him. We will not sit down to eat until he comes." He did not rush into a fast decision by anointing any other person. Instead, he waited patiently until the right candidate arrived. So, we must be patient in carrying out God's command. This reminds us not to allow physical appearance alone to deceive us. Unfortunately, we often elect our leaders based on their physical qualities alone. The result has always been catastrophic. On the contrary, when we make the right choice, people are truly liberated, the blind see, the lame walk, the hungry are fed, and peace reigns.

Christ, obedient to God unto death, is our light. Whoever believes and accepts this illumination into his life is like one whose eyes are opened. This is because men were born blind, in spiritual darkness. However, the good news is that Christ liberates and heals our spiritual blindness. Jesus restored the sight of a man born blind. Here Jesus proves that he cares for the well-being of his flock. This is mainly for the sick, the weak, and the marginalized.

How much hand of fellowship have I extended to my neighbor so far during this lent?



St. Mary's PSR kids poured their hearts into creating bright, joy-filled posters for Fr. Teddy's Installation Brunch. Their excitement, creativity, and pride in welcoming their new pastor were on full display !



Mass Intentions

Mon.	3/16	Leon Henning <i>(Allen & Barb Courier)</i>
Tues.	3/17	Bill Workman <i>(Karen Workman)</i> Ralph Walter <i>(Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)</i>
Wed.	3/18	Betsy Bowman <i>(Frances Lawless & Family)</i>
Thu.	3/19	No Mass
Fri.	3/20	No Mass
Sat.	3/21	4:00 PM Howard Degroot <i>(Tim & Teresa Degroot)</i> 5:45 PM Patty Anderson <i>(Jean Ann Fitzpatrick)</i>
Sun.	3/22	8:00 AM Tom Bergschneider <i>(Diane Colwell)</i> 10:00 AM Mary Savage <i>(Family)</i> Pauline Gansbauer <i>(Family)</i>

New Berlin Community

Saturday, April 11 8:00 am-11:00 am
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Group Code: 60033

Parish Offering As of 3/11/2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$2,170	\$769	\$851	\$540
Online	\$312	\$286	\$000	\$000
Weekly	\$2,482	\$1,055	\$851	\$540
YTD Giving	\$100,222	\$47,329	\$32,281	\$26,185
YTD	\$92,255	\$59,302	\$33,761	\$23,881
YTD Net	\$7,968	-\$11,973	-\$1,480	\$2,304

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.

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. 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).



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/Eucharistic Adoration
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 Coffee & Donuts will be **TODAY Sunday, March 15** after Mass in the Parish Center.



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

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

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.

Visitation BVM Easter Cleaning

Please join us Monday March 30, after 8 am Mass to help clean before Easter.

Sign up to receive diocesan pro-life newsletter – Stay rooted in the Gospel of Life and connected to pro-life efforts across our diocese. Get quarterly updates on prayer opportunities, formation, advocacy, and human dignity issues — no fundraising, ever. Sign up today! Scan the QR code.



Vocations Corner

During Lent, we emphasize prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This week, take the money you saved last week when you offered up a favorite meal or snack, and decide as a family where you want that money to go. To a local person or family in need? To a national nonprofit?



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