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## *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*March 22, 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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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\*

## Pastor's Pen

The Prophet Ezekial is known in the Bible as the prophet of “dry bones”. His audience were the Jews exiled in Babylon for their deportation was because of their personal sins and willful failure to repent of their sins. His theme was that, God was transcendent and perfectly holy. He calls everyone to respect the holiness of God and worship him. He exhorts the people to interior conversion to receive a new spirit. Hence his message of “the dead dry bones shall rise again and I will put my spirit in you and you will live.” Ez 37:12-14

Lent is a period of regeneration for all Christian to repent return to the Lord, weeping praying and fasting. This is the willful desire to repent of our sins, do good and live holy lives.

When we live holy lives, we become intentional disciples of Christ moving towards eternal life. The beatific vision is manifested in the raising up of Lazarus from the dead in the gospel reading of today. Jn 11: 1-45. Lazarus being raised from the dead is only a pointer to the life after here as enunciated by Christ's own defeat over sin and death in His resurrection from the dead.

Calvary is for us the way to life. How is my walk to calvary meaningful as an intentional disciple of Christ during this Lenten season?

**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.

### Springfield Catholic Charities 2026 Annual Fundraiser

#### “Get Your Groove On”

Springfield Catholic Charities will be hosting its Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Knight of Columbus Hall, 2200 Meadowbrook Rd. in Springfield. This year's fundraiser will be 70's themed and include a costume contest, a fun photo booth, 70's trivia and a DJ to help you “Get Your Groove On”. Event tickets are \$50 per person or \$350 for a table of eight and include hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Tickets may be purchased on our website at: <https://cc.dio.org/events/springfield-2026-annual-fundraiser>.

## Mass Intentions

Mon.	3/23	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues.	3/24	Arthur Roesch ( <i>Ralph Walter &amp; Jean Moss</i> ) Jackie Hermes ( <i>Henry Hermes</i> )
Wed.	3/25	Lou Blackorby ( <i>Pam Blackorby</i> )
Thu.	3/26	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri.	3/27	Joe Fitzpatrick ( <i>Jerry Fitzpatrick</i> )
Sat.	3/28	
	4:00 PM	Sharon Johnson ( <i>Tim &amp; Teresa Degroot</i> )
	5:45 PM	Joe Fitzpatrick ( <i>Jean Ann Fitzpatrick</i> )
Sun.	3/29	
	8:00 AM	Mary Tuxhorn ( <i>Mick &amp; JoAnn Johnson</i> )
	10:00 AM	Pro Populo

**Singles Late 50s and Above:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on April 10-12, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Visit [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), e-mail [renewretreat.stl@gmail.com](mailto:renewretreat.stl@gmail.com), or call (314) 703-1002 for details.

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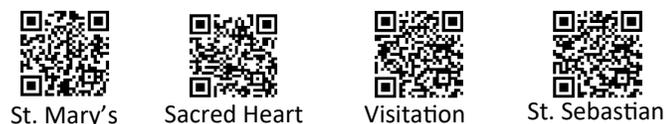
Saint Augustine

What Really Happens at Mass movie – The Real Presence: The Mass is a 28-minute film that reveals the unseen spiritual world of the Catholic Mass through a combination of beautiful liturgical imagery and artistic augmented reality. At the heart of the film is the belief that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist—not symbolically, but in reality. With alarming statistics showing that many Catholics no longer believe in this foundational truth, the film seeks to reawaken faith and offer compelling insights into what the Church teaches about the Real Presence. Watch for free: [therealpresence.com](http://therealpresence.com).

**Parish Offering As of 3/18/2026**

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$994	\$474	\$3,230	\$307
Online	\$501	\$361	\$20	\$000
Weekly	\$1,495	\$835	\$3,250	\$307
YTD Giving	\$101,717	\$48,164	\$35,531	\$26,492
YTD Budget	\$94,817	\$60,949	\$34,698	\$24,541
YTD Net	<b>\$6,900</b>	<b>-\$12,785</b>	<b>\$832</b>	<b>\$1,948</b>

**Online Giving QR Codes**



**Catholic Relief Services Collection**

St. Mary's	\$388	Sacred Heart	\$334
Visitation	\$135	St. Sebastian	\$150

**Important Dates**

**March 23**– No Mass  
**March 31**- Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 6:30pm  
**March 31**-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, Matt Cumby, Jane Sullivan-Ishii.



Here's a look at the donations from last week's food drive for New Berlin's micro pantry. Your generosity makes a real difference for local families.

**New Berlin Community**

Saturday, April 11 8:00 am-11:00 am  
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To schedule, scan the QR Code, visit [bloodcenter.org](http://bloodcenter.org) or call [ImpactLife at 800-747-5401](tel:800-747-5401).



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 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

With Easter falling on the first Sunday of April, Sacred Hearts monthly **Coffee & Donuts gathering will pause this month.** We'll resume in May.



**Donut & Cleaning Committee for April:** General cleaning for those on August thru January.

**St. Mary's annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on **Sunday March 29** after Mass at the Parish Center. All children in grades 3 and under are invited to join in the fun.

**Visitation BVM Easter Cleaning**

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

It's time to turn in your baby bottles for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Thank you to everyone who has already returned theirs!

**Vocations Corner**

During Lent, we emphasize prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This week, decide on a prayer you'll pray together as a family each day. Maybe the Hail Mary or Our Father, or a less well-known prayer like the Hail Holy Queen (memorize the Hail Holy Queen now to pray during May, the month of Mary!).



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