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Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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

Pastor's Pen

The Story That Never Ends

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we *know*, logically, that it isn't—there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why "happily ever after" is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist—for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a *gotcha!* moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around? And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted—and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends—not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness—with this hard-won "happily ever after" that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

Mass Intentions

Mon.	4/20	No Mass
Tues.	4/21	No Mass
Wed.	4/22	No Mass
Thu.	4/23	No Mass
Fri.	4/24	No Mass
Sat.	4/25	
	4:00 PM	Howard Degroot <i>(Tim & Teresa Degroot)</i>
	5:45 PM	Hershel Paul Fitzpatrick <i>(Jerry Fitzpatrick)</i>
Sun.	4/26	
	8:00 AM	Ann Wethington <i>(Allen & Barb Courier)</i>
	10:00 AM	Steve Wilson <i>(Louise Lee)</i> Sharon Peters <i>(Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)</i>

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" *LUKE 24:32*

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Springfield Hockey with Paprocki 2026 Fundraiser

"The Holy Goalie," Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will be returning to the ice and defending the goal to benefit Catholic Charities Legal Services (CCLS) program during the upcoming Hockey with Paprocki fundraiser. This event will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. at the Nelson Center Ice Rink located at 1601 N 5th St in Springfield. Tickets can be purchased online for \$10 or \$15 at the door. Catholic School student ticket price is \$5. Advanced tickets may be purchased at: <https://cc.dio.org/events/hockey-pap>.

Parish Offering As of 4/15/2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$1,894	\$737	\$384	\$933
Online	\$327	\$361	\$000	\$000
Weekly	\$2,221	\$1,098	\$384	\$933
YTD Giving	\$109,374	\$53,929	\$38,958	\$28,248
YTD Budget	\$105,068	\$67,538	\$38,449	\$27,198
YTD Net	\$4,306	-\$13,610	\$508	\$1,051

Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

Important Dates

April 20-May 7-No weekday Masses

May 10-Catholic Home Missions

May 12-St. Mary's 1st Communion Confirmation @ Cathedral

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.

Third Sunday of Easter, Catholic Home

Missions: Funds from this appeal, approved by the USCCB in 1997, help expand and strengthen the presence of the Church in the United States and its dependencies through the support of basic pastoral services in areas struggling to provide such necessities on their own. The appeal allows Catholic to help support local communities where Catholics are few, the Church is fragile, and pastors struggle to keep mission parishes afloat.



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 Coffee & Donuts is TODAY Sunday April 19 after Mass in the Parish Center.

Thank you to the Williams Family for volunteering to host this gathering.



Illinois CPR Pros, in cooperation with New Berlin-Island Grove Fire Department EMS, and the Catholic War Veterans post #1916 is offering a **free BLS/AED program** for adults 18 years of age and older. This course is an audio/visual and hands on program. If an individual would like to be certified through HIS (Health & Safety Institute) There would be an addition of a written test and a \$10 card processing fee. **Registration will be open at 12:45 on May 23 at the New Berlin-Island Grove Fire Department at 101 S. Oak Street, New Berlin, IL.** The class, depending on size, should be completed in 2-3 hours. Class size is limited so **pre-register today via E-mail.** Leave the attendees name and if you want to be certified through the HSI system at **IllinoisCPRpros@gmail.com.**

Jacksonville Pregnancy Resource Center

2026 Annual Walk

Saturday May 16, 2026

9:00am—11:00 am

Nichols Park

McGee Spaulding Pavillion

Register at JAprevents.org

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel— even if it is in the past—individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at 217-321-1155. Individuals may also contact the Department of Child and Family Services Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE.

Vocations Corner

The Easter season continues! In addition to the more well-known Easter hymns, our rich faith tradition has handed down many others over the centuries. Check out 'Ye Sons and Daughters (O Filii et Filiae) sung by the Christendom College choir. Find it on YouTube.



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