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## *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*April 26, 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  
[secretary@quadparishes1.org](mailto:secretary@quadparishes1.org)

#### 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

*"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11*

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist—or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I am the good shepherd...I lay down my life for the sheep."** (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep, Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: **"He is out of his mind."**

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic—a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep—for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

-Father John Muir



## Mass Intentions

Mon.	4/27	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues.	4/28	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed.	4/29	<b>No Mass</b>
Thu.	4/30	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri.	5/1	<b>No Mass</b>
Sat.	5/2	
	4:00 PM	Fr. Bud DeGrand (Clark & Terri Smith)
	5:45 PM	Dorothy Jean Fitzpatrick (Jerry Fitzpatrick)
Sun.	5/3	
	8:00 AM	John Reis (Mick & JoAnn Johnson)
	10:00 AM	Pat Bradley (Louise Lee) Ralph Walter (Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)

## Important Dates

**April 27-May 7**-No weekday Masses  
**May 10**-Catholic Home Missions  
**May 12**-St. Mary's 1st Communion Confirmation  
@ Cathedral

Eva Marie Williams received her First Communion and Confirmation on April 12 at the Cathedral. We rejoice with her and her family as she continues to grow in faith. Congratulations Eva Marie!



We were grateful to see some food already on the shelves this week, but St. Mary's donations were lighter than usual. **Food Pantry Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of every month**, and your generosity truly makes a difference. When you're out shopping, think about picking up a few extra non-perishable items to bring with you to Mass.



**Parish Offering As of 4/22/2026**

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$956	\$449	\$257	\$367
Online	\$401	\$387	\$000	\$000
Weekly	\$1,357	\$836	\$257	\$367
YTD Giving	\$110,731	\$54,764	\$39,215	\$28,615
YTD	\$107,631	\$69,185	\$39,387	\$27,861
YTD Net	<b>\$3,100</b>	<b>-\$14,421</b>	<b>-\$173</b>	<b>\$754</b>

**Online Giving QR Codes**



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

**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.

**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>.

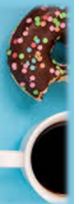


We are looking for new members who are male Catholic gentlemen, 18 years of age or older, who have an interest in enhancing their church and local communities. Contact Kevin Kirsch at 217-685-1819.

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.**

**Sacred Heart Coffee & Donuts** will be served **Sunday May 3** after Mass in the Parish Hall.

**Donut & Cleaning Committee** for May are Barb Courier & Bonnie Graham.



**SDCCW Spring Meeting**  
Saturday, May 9, 2026, 9:00am at Christ the King Parish (CTK), Springfield, Roesch Hall, 1930 Barberry Drive. Deadline to RSVP May 4th. Questions? Deb Pilapil, President SDCCW, 217-361-7165.

**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](http://JAprevents.org)

**Vocations Corner**

Tuesday is the feast day of St. Gianna Molla, a wife, mother, and doctor who died in 1962. Learn about her story by searching 'The Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Story Narrated by UMary President Msgr. James Shea' on YouTube.



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