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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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
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

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, "**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**" (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He *is* the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart—love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings—is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results—it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

-Father John Muir

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember – no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	5/4	No Mass
Tues.	5/5	No Mass
Wed.	5/6	No Mass
Thu.	5/7	No Mass
Fri.	5/8	Beth Long (Jerry Fitzpatrick)
Sat.	5/9	
	4:00 PM	Pro Populo
	5:45 PM	Jane Kollins & Grace Keonig (Janie Kollins)
Sun.	5/10	
	8:00 AM	Paul & Eileen Bergschneider (Rita Walsh)
	10:00 AM	Arthur Roesch (Ralph Walter & Jean Moss) Bob & Jeannine Frank (Gene Frank)

Attend SDCCW's Women of Distinction Mass and luncheon – The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) will host its annual Women of Distinction Awards Mass and Luncheon on Saturday, June 21, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will celebrate the Mass, with many priests of the diocese concelebrating.

Each parish is selecting one woman to be honored — representing all the faithful women of the parish — for her service, leadership, and dedication to the Church. Following Mass, a luncheon will be held at the Crowne Plaza Springfield Convention Center. The lay faithful are encouraged to participate in this meaningful opportunity to recognize the outstanding women who serve so generously in our communities.

Register for the lunch at dio.org/events.

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Bishop Paprocki's Catholic Times column is available in Spanish: Para leer la columna del obispo Thomas John Paprocki en español, visite dio.org/catholictimes y haga clic en la pestaña «Columna del obispo».

Parish Offering As of 4/29/2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$941	\$735	\$1,057	\$386
Online	\$301	\$312	\$000	\$175
Weekly	\$1,242	\$1,047	\$1,057	\$561
YTD Giving	\$111,973	\$55,811	\$40,272	\$29,176
YTD Budget	\$110,193	\$70,833	\$40,325	\$28,524
YTD Net	\$1,780	-\$15,022	-\$55	\$652

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St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

Important Dates

May 7-Fr. Teddy returns

May 10-Catholic Communication Campaign

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.

Catholic Communication Campaign: The essential mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. Fifty percent of the collection is sent to the national office, and fifty percent is retained in the diocese for use in local communication projects. From the national office portion, grants are made following recommendations by the USCCB Communications Committee.



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.

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

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



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.**



St. Mary's PSR Bake Sale is **TODAY** Sunday May 3, following the 10:00 AM Mass. The PSR students are raising funds to help cover the school fees required for New Berlin graduates who are unable to pay them.

Retreat for married couples offered – Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Next ones:
6/12/2026 – 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO
7/31/2026 – 8/2/2026, Cape Girardeau, MO
10/9/2026 – 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL

Vocations Corner

In May, we specially honor Mary. We can never honor her "too much" because we can't pay her any higher honor than God already did at the Annunciation, when an angel asked her to be the mother of God. This month, look up a lesser-known Marian hymn (be sure to read the lyrics!) Virgin Wholly Marvelous, on YouTube.



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