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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time *July 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
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

The reference to weeds in the gospel passage is a parallel about the unrepentant evildoers who refused to repent and are winnowed out into condemnation, and the weeds can be also our imperfections that we need repenting from if indeed we long for salvation. The soldering Church here on earth uses the sacraments of the church as a means of purification and readiness for the ultimate judgment time, when all will stand before the throne of the Lamb.

God in his patience gives everyone the opportunity to turn a new and better leaf, hence he permits the wheat and the grass to grow together until harvest time. The Church consists of both saints and sinners responding to the knowledge of salvation in the kingdom of God at the end time. Our God is good and lenient offering repentance from our sins to gain everlasting life.

Paul in the second reading highlights the vital ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives of Christians. The Holy Spirit comes to help us with all our difficulties and weaknesses. We are weak in many ways, particularly in prayer, for "we do not know how to pray." This is where the Holy Spirit comes to help us. The Holy Spirit strengthens us in prayer, praise and advocates for us before God. It is the Holy Spirit who alone can succeed where we fail by our limitations and imperfections; presenting our needs in a way that God can understand them.

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on Friday, August 14, 2026
(ticket sales stop at 12:00 noon)

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"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - Matthew 13:24, 37-38

Mass Intentions

Mon.	7/20	Torren Ganson (Dorothy Trutter)
Tues	7/21	Thereza Alfinito Cupelli (Judy Marr) Jackie Hermes (Alice Moss)
Wed.	7/22	Betsy Bowman (JoAnn & Mick Johnson)
Thu.	7/23	No Mass
Fri.	7/24	Archbishop A. Akuebe
Sat.	7/25	
	4:00 PM	Pro Populo
	5:45 PM	Ed Burnett (Kathryn Burnett)
Sun.	7/26	
	8:00 AM	Souls of the Blackorby Family (Pam Blackorby)
	10:00 AM	Bill Gansbauer (Family) James & Charlene Eck (Family)

Called and Courageous Women's Conference in Springfield Coming in October – Life is full of highs and lows, and it can be hard to see where God is in the middle of it all. At this year's Catholic Women's Conference, discover how to trust God in the messy, real moments of everyday life. Learn how your emotions influence your spiritual life and how to challenge the lies that lead to self-criticism, comparison, and discouragement. You'll leave with practical tools to learn how to recognize God in your daily life, grow in prayer, and live with greater confidence in your identity as a beloved daughter of God. No matter what your season of life – single, married, divorced, widowed, young adult, or retired – you'll find encouragement, community, and hope. When? Saturday, October 10. Christ the King parish Center, Springfield. Women ages 18+. Cost \$30. For the full schedule, speaker information, and registration, visit go.dio.org/cac. Even if you are on the fence about God, remember: God is not on the fence about you.

Catholic Traditions From The Gospel of James – There is a Gospel of James! Who wrote it, when, and what are the themes and traditions Catholics get from this Gospel? And Why did the Church not recognize it as fully inspired by the Holy Spirit? Go to youtube.com/diospringfield or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. Dive Deep is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

Parish Offering As of 7/16/2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$1,622	\$1,195	\$813	\$769
Online	\$301	\$465	\$000	\$000
Weekly	\$1,923	\$1,660	\$813	\$769
YTD Giving	\$	\$	\$	\$
YTD Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
YTD Net	\$	\$	\$	\$
The YTD numbers will be updated once the new budget is finalized.				

Missionary Co-op Appeal: The Quad Parishes collected over \$2,000 to support the Diocese of Sokoto in Nigeria. Thank you for your generosity.

Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

Important Dates

Aug 2-Mini Golf @ Knights-6:30 pm

Aug 9-Catholic War Veterans @ St. Mary's

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, Kevin Howell.

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.



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.

Franklin Area VBS

Franklin Christian Church is hosting Vacation Bible School from **July 28–31**. Families can register online at franklinchristianchurch.com, or you can sign up using the sheet located in the back of Sacred Heart.

St. Mary's is still in need of **PSR teachers**. If you are willing to help or would like more information, please contact Desi King at 217-741-3505.

St. Mary's Coffee & Donuts is **TODAY Sunday July 19** after Mass in the Parish Center.



Thank you to Charles & Patty Jiardina for volunteering to host.

AMERICA NEEDS BLOOD DONORS

New Berlin Community Blood Drive

Saturday, August 15 8:00 am-11:00 am

Donate at Knights of Columbus #4372

ImpactLife Donor Bus @ 715 E. Illinois St

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Last date to donate elsewhere: 6/20/26

Family Life is Messy Being a good parent starts with being a great spouse, but being a good parent or even a great spouse is hard, messy work. And we're not meant to do it alone! So find podcasts like "Fighting the Slow Drift in Marriage", courses like "Pizza and Parenting", blog articles like "How to Have a Conversation About Finances without Arguing", and guides like "Parenting as a Team" that can turn your messy family's journey into an adventure at messyfamilyproject.org. If you want to pray with your family, you need to play with them first. Questions? Contact Gracie with the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 217-321-1124 or gortiz@dio.org.

Vocations Corner

In honor of America's 250th birthday, let's learn the stories of some Great American Catholics who helped shape our country. <https://www.osvnews.com/mother-cabrini-first-u-s-citizen-canonized-a-saint-dedicated-life-to-new-yorks-italian-immigrants/>



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