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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time *August 2, 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.

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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

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A Jesus' Compassion and Feeding of the Multitude

Compassion means feeling the suffering of others as though it were our own and drawing near to offer them practical comfort. Among ancient peoples, this attitude was often looked down upon. They praised the warrior's virtues instead, such as ruthlessness and implacability.

God gradually taught his people, Israel, to feel compassion, to recognize the suffering of others, and to comfort them. This was a struggle that God took up within the human heart against the selfishness that occupied, and still occupies, so much of human life.

Today's Gospel bears witness to Jesus' practical kindness toward those in need. The news has just arrived that Herod has killed John the Baptist. The people gather around Jesus and follow him into deserted places.

By evening, they are hungry. Moved with compassion, Jesus tells the twelve apostles, the foundations of the new people of God, to give all those people something to eat.

But they hesitate. To provide bread for everyone, they would have to go to the nearby villages and buy supplies, which would require tremendous effort and great expense. They prefer to tell Jesus that they have only five loaves and two fish, almost as though they were saying:

"There is barely enough for you and for us. Let the others manage as best they can."

But Jesus does not agree. He has the loaves and the fish brought to him and. He performs the actions that will become the Liturgy his Church will never forget: he breaks the loaves, gives thanks, and distributes them to the people.

God blesses these actions, and through the hands of Jesus the miracle takes place. The loaves and fish multiply, everyone eats their fill, and twelve baskets remain. There are twelve baskets, just as there are twelve apostles carrying them as they distribute the food and gather what remains.

The Church, the new people of God, breaks the bread and distributes it.

In this passage, it is the Lord who multiplies the loaves through his Son Jesus. Yet the disciples are his fellow workers and take an active part in the miracle.

Today, the word of God comes to us in a world where the divide between peoples of various geopolitical poles, between poor and rich, and between the hungry and the overfed continues to grow. It may seem natural to react as the disciples did when Jesus told them to feed the crowd: "What we have is barely enough for us. Let the others manage as best they can."

But Jesus calls us to reverse this situation by doing what he did: sharing what we have and distributing it to the poor.

Many Christians have acted in this way and have made the world a better place, repeating the miracle of Jesus millions of times. They have multiplied food and medicine, built homes for the poor, hospitals, and schools. They have tried to bring a little happiness to everyone as we await the day when we will meet God and sit at the great banquet he has prepared for us in heaven.

Now it is our turn to feel within our hearts the great compassion that God taught his people: a deep, tender, maternal love. When we feel that love, we too will renew the miracle of Jesus.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	8/3	Sharon Johnson (Bob & Lola Eck)
Tues	8/4	John Workman (Karen Workman) Jackie Hermes (Phil & Dawn Eck)
Wed.	8/5	Bernice Bergschneider (Agnes Johnson)
Thu.	8/6	No Mass
Fri.	8/7	No Mass
Sat.	8/8	
	4:00 PM	Cheryl Danner (Kevin & Christi Degroot)
	5:45 PM	Pat Corkery (Jean Ann Fitzpatrick)
Sun.	8/9	
	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:00 AM	Dec'd Catholic War Veterans

Parish Offering As of 7/29/2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$939	\$835	\$1,217	\$200
Online	\$301	\$212	\$000	\$000
Weekly	\$1,240	\$1,047	\$1,217	\$200
YTD Giving	\$5,891	\$5,437	\$3,442	\$1,552
YTD Budget	\$9,529	\$6,533	\$3,203	\$2,606
YTD Net	-\$3,637	-\$1,096	\$239	-\$1,054

Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

Important Dates

Aug 2-Mini Golf @ Knights-6:30 pm
Aug 3-Pastoral Council Meeting-6:00 pm
Aug 7-No Mass
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, Kevin Howell.

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

To schedule: scan the QR code, visit bloodcenter.org or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401.



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 Please eat/hydrate well prior to donating & bring Photo ID.

Last date to donate elsewhere: 6/20/26



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.

Join us for the **3rd Annual Mini Golf Outing** at **Knights Action Park TODAY Sunday August 2 at 6:30 p.m.** Hot dogs, brats, chips, and drinks will be provided for all who attend.

Sacred Heart Coffee and Donuts will be served **TODAY Sunday August 2nd** after Mass at the Parish Hall.

Donut & Cleaning Committee for August are Mary Beth Harris & Bev Watson.



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**.



Thank you to the Sacred Heart church members that worked at the Burgoo stand. We made a profit of \$900! Thanks again for all your help!

Community book sale in Staunton

Find grade school textbooks, curriculum materials, children's books, classic literature, young adult books, and other educational resources at the Community Book Sale. A free-will offering is accepted. The sale will be held at **St. Michael's Gym, 500 E. North St., Staunton, IL 62088**, on **Saturdays, Aug. 15 and 22, from 2:30-5:30 p.m.;** **Sundays, Aug. 16 and 23, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.;** and **weekdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** Whether you're a teacher, homeschool family, student, parent, or simply a book lover, you'll find something for all ages. **For more information, call 618-635-3140.**

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:

10/9/2026 – 10/11/2026, Springfield, IL

12/4/2026 – 12/6/2026, St. Peters, MO

Vocations Corner

Summer (and summer reading!) isn't over! During these last few weeks with your school-age kids at home, read them a children's book about saints to remind them that every one of us is called uniquely by God. Try "Catholic Saints for Children" from Ignatius Press.



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