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## *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *August 31, 2025*



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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#### MASS TIMES

##### 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

### Pastor's Pen

First, the office is closed on Monday for Labor Day.

Next week is our Mass on the Farm. Here are all the last minute reminders. First, please be sure to sign up so we know how much food to get from our caterer. I am really excited for us all to get together and celebrate. Please remember that the Mass on the Farm is our only Sunday morning Mass next week. If you are not planning on going to the Mass on the Farm, you do not get a pass from Mass for the weekend. You will still need to attend one of the Masses on Saturday (4pm Alexander, 5:45pm Waverly) OR go to another Mass at another parish. I encourage you to plan ahead.

Mass on the Farm starts at 9am at the Maple Lawn Barn. Please bring your own camp chair, if you have one. Seating at tables for breakfast might be a little limited, I think. We will be taking up a collection for the Special Olympics. Please write all checks for the Special Olympics to St. Mary's so we mail one big check to the Special Olympics.

There are so many people, from all 4 parishes, who have done, and who will do a ton of work to make this event happen. I am so pleased with them. I will say more about that at the barn, but I am continually impressed, thrilled, and humbled with how much of a group effort this event is. Thank you to all who have been involved in the planning of the Mass on the Farm!

Next, we have a Buildings and Grounds meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

I am excited to add a few new Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers to the service of the parishes. There is a training for Altar Servers on September 22 at 6:30pm at St. Mary's. There is a training for New Eucharistic Ministers on October 1 at 6:30pm at St. Mary's. As I said last week during the announcements. I am planning on a second training for both of these ministries. The bargain was that the first person to commit to the ministry would get to choose the time and the place of the second training (to fit with my schedule, of course.)

I have gotten that request for the second training for Altar Servers. The date and time has not yet been set. But when it is, I will let you know.

That means that the offer is still available for a new Eucharistic Minister who cannot make it to the October 1 training.

You know, I would really encourage you to take up a ministry within your parish. We are still in need of money counters. We still need lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, ushers, and choir members. While a formal training is required for Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers, I would not abandon those who wish to participate in the other ministries. I would certainly help you learn the other ministries or point you to a person that would help.

The excuse that I often hear from people is that there are ministries and positions that certain people have done for many years. We don't want to step on the toes of those people. There can be some truth to this. We need to do better as a church in giving other people the opportunity to serve God in and through these ministries. This is not to say that those who have been serving for years should simply retire. Rather, we should make space for others to help as they are able, joyfully sharing the responsibility of serving the Lord without jealousy as we witness the growth of their relationship with Christ.

That should be our goal. We want others to serve God. We want others to participate in the Mass in the ways that they can. Sure, they might not do the things like a seasoned pro would. They might make mistakes. But God loves when a person gives generously of themselves... and we should too.

If you feel called to help with any of the ministries at Mass, please reach out. We will always need help.

And if you would like to establish a new ministry or prayer group, then let me know. I would be happy to list it in our bulletin and to do whatever else I can to help support you!

-Fr. Adam

### Mass Intentions

Mon.	9/1	Tom Bergschneider (Bob & Lola Eck)
Tues.	9/2	Audrey Roesch (Alice Moss) Sharon Peters (George & Nancy Balen)
Wed.	9/3	Carol Love (Allen & Barb Courier)
Thu.	9/4	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri.	9/5	Pro Populo
Sat.	9/6	
	4:00 PM	Danny Cummins (Cathy Stephenson)
	5:45 PM	Marie Jackson (Linda Wohlers & Family)
Sun.	9/7	<b>Mass on the Farm</b>
	9:00 AM	Margie Gansbauer Kesterson (Family) Dorothy McGuire (Jim & Nancy Blankenship)

### Parish Offering As of 8/27/2025

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$979	\$878	\$974	\$164
Online	\$201	\$235	\$60	\$000
Weekly	\$1,180	\$1,113	\$1,034	\$164
YTD Giving	\$25,606	\$9,864	\$6,751	\$3,128
YTD Budget	\$20,501	\$13,178	\$7,502	\$5,307
YTD Net	\$5,105	-\$3,314	-\$751	-\$2,179

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St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

### Important Dates

**Sept 1-Office Closed for Labor Day**

**Sept 7-Mass on the Farm-9 am**

**Sept 10-Buildings & Ground Meeting-6 pm**

**Sept 22-Altar Server Training-6:30p SM**

**Oct 1-Eucharistic Minister Training-6:30p SM**

### 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, Presley Kerber, Joyce Henn, Paul Sweet, Carol Bold, Nancy Blankenship, Jackie Hamilton, Kathy Norman, Kathy Piel, Russ Adams, Suzanne Berry, Carol Peterson, Alice Greenwood.

**Life Chain Sunday** will occur on **October 5th 2:00p-3:30p**. Pro-Life warriors will gather in quiet prayer as public witness to the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. 519 N. Bruns Ln, the Right to Life offices, Stevenson Dr, near Little Flower Church, Sangamon Ave near St. Aloysius Church, MacArthur Blvd, from S Grand to Laurel St. For more information please call the Two Hearts PRC offices at 217-523-2700.



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.

**\*CORRECTION\*** In last weeks bulletin it was said that **PSR at St. Mary's** would be starting the 3rd week in September. That was incorrect. **PSR for St Mary's will begin the 1st week of October.** I apologize for any confusion. Registration forms were mailed this week. Alternatively you can register your child on our website <https://www.quadparishes1.org/SM-PSR> or scan the QR code.



**Sacred Heart Coffee & Donuts** will be served **Sunday September 7** after Mass at the Parish Hall.

**Donut & Cleaning Committee** for September are Marilyn Bergschneider, LeAnn Bergschneider and Peggy Bergschneider.

**Morgan County Right to Life Essay Contest-** There are 2 categories 6-8 grades & 9-12 grades. 1st place wins \$75! Topic-Should all stages of human life be protected? For essay requirements, formatting and delivery address contact the parish office [quadparishes@gmail.com](mailto:quadparishes@gmail.com) or Linda Curtis [lcurtis@mchsi.com](mailto:lcurtis@mchsi.com).

**St. Charbel's First Class Relic and relics of other saints coming to Vandalia/Springfield in October** – A First Class relic of St. Charbel Makhlof, the miraculous Maronite priest, monk, and hermit from Lebanon, is coming to our diocese for the first time from his homeland—and Catholics across Illinois are invited to this rare spiritual encounter. The relic will be available for public veneration at two locations: the Sanctuary of the Sorrowful Mother in Vandalia on October 7–8 (Mass at 5 p.m., veneration from 4–8 p.m. both days) and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Sunday, October 19, following the 10 a.m. Mass. Additional relics of holy men and women will also be present. Come bring your intentions and experience the powerful intercession of the saints. No RSVP required. For more information, visit [OSMM.org](http://OSMM.org) or email [KeckVanessa7@gmail.com](mailto:KeckVanessa7@gmail.com).

### Vocations Corner

School is back in session now, bringing with it a return of earlier bedtimes and familiar routines. If you've slipped over the summer, now's a great time to get back on track praying before every meal and at bedtime with your kids. Blessing each child with holy water at night is a physical reminder to them that they're watched over at every minute by a God who loves them immeasurably.



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