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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time *September 6 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

“FRATERNAL CORRECTION”

This Sunday’s Gospel brings us into the heart of Christian community life. Jesus knows very well that his Church will not be a community of perfect people. There will always be weaknesses, misunderstandings, failures and even serious faults. The question is not whether these things will happen, but how Christians should respond when they do.

Jesus gives a very practical instruction: – “If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves.” The first response should not be gossip, public embarrassment or condemnation. Jesus asks us to begin quietly and personally, with respect for the other person. The purpose is not to win an argument, but to win back a brother or sister.

This is what we call fraternal correction. It is not easy. Most of us do not like being corrected, and we must also admit that correcting another person requires humility and great care. We can easily become harsh, self righteous or judgmental. Christian correction must come from love. Before pointing out another person’s fault, we should first examine our own heart and ask whether we truly want that person’s good.

Jesus also makes clear that faith is not merely a private matter between the individual and God. He calls us into a community, a family of brothers and sisters. We are responsible for one another. When one member suffers, goes astray or begins to drift away, the others cannot simply say, “That is none of my business.” Love does not mean interfering in everything, but neither does it mean becoming indifferent to one another.

This message is especially relevant today. It is possible to live beside people and hardly know them. We may not know our neighbors, and even within our Christian communities people can remain strangers to one another. Jesus calls us away from this kind of isolation. A parish should be more than a place where people attend Mass and then disappear. It should be a community where people pray together, care for one another, forgive one another and notice when someone is struggling.

And this responsibility does not belong only to the priest. Every Christian has a part to play in building the community. Each of us is called to be a witness, a peacemaker, a person of forgiveness and charity, especially toward the weak, the lonely and those who feel forgotten.

Jesus ends with a beautiful promise: – “For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.” – The strength of the Christian community does not come from the number of people present, but from the presence of Christ among them. When we gather in his name, when we forgive, correct with love, reconcile and care for one another, Christ himself is there.

So the Gospel leaves us with a simple challenge: Do I help build communion, or do I contribute to division? Jesus asks us to become people who bring others closer, not push them away; people who heal relationships, not deepen wounds. That is how a Christian community becomes truly a home for everyone.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	9/7	Cemetery Mass St. Sebastian
	10:00 AM	Dec’d Members of St. Sebastian
Tues	9/8	Patricia Walter (<i>Ralph Walter & Jean Moss</i>)
Wed.	9/9	Tom Bergschneider (<i>Agnes Johnson</i>)
Thu.	9/10	No Mass
Fri.	9/11	No Mass
Sat.	9/12	
	5:45 PM	Pat Corkery (<i>Jean Ann Fitzpatrick</i>)
Sun.	9/13	Mass on the Farm
	9:00 AM	Dec’d Member of the Stephenson Families (<i>Cathy Stephenson</i>)

This weekend, the (arch)diocese will take up the **National Collection for The Catholic University of America**. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The University’s various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. A few examples of how the University serves the Church and nation include The Catholic Project, an initiative that brings together clergy & laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. by contributing education, formation, research, events, & media; a master’s program in Ecclesial Administration & Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Please give generously. Scan the QR code on the provided envelopes or visit: collection.Catholic.edu

Parish Offering As of 9/3/2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$1,513	\$976	\$852	\$205
Online	\$337	\$365	\$000	\$000
Weekly	\$1,850	\$1,341	\$852	\$205
YTD Giving	\$13,687	\$11,746	\$7,566	\$3,736
YTD Budget	\$21,439	\$14,699	\$7,206	\$5,864
YTD Net	-\$7,752	-\$2,953	\$359	-\$2,128

Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

Important Dates

Sept 6-Catholic University of America Collection
Sept 7-St. Sebastian Cemetery Mass –10 am
Sept 7-Office Closed for Labor Day
Sept 11-No Mass
Sept. 13-Mass on the Farm-Visitation lawn-9 am
Sept. 20-1st day of PSR for 2nd & 3rd grade
Sept 27-1st group PSR/picnic after mass-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, 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.

PSR classes begin **September 20**, and we're still waiting on several registrations. If your child will be joining us this year, please register as soon as possible so we can order the correct number of books.

Do you have a sick family member who would like to receive Communion at home? Please call the parish office and leave your address and we will be happy to schedule a visit.



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 **TODAY Sunday September 6** after Mass in the Parish Hall.

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



Join us for **St. Sebastian's cemetery Mass** on **Monday, Sept. 7** at **10 am** to support the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds. If you're unable to attend but would still like to contribute, **donations may be sent to the parish office and should be marked "St. Sebastian Cemetery."** Checks should be made out to **St. Sebastian Cemetery.**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

MASS AT 9AM

DONUTS AND FELLOWSHIP

FOLLOWING MASS

LOT EAST OF VISITATION OF THE BVM, ALEXANDER, IL

Mass Schedule for the Weekend of September 12-13

To allow for our annual Mass on the Farm, the weekend schedule will be as follows:

Saturday: One Mass only, at St. Sebastian at the normal time 5:45 pm. **No Mass at Visitation.**

Sunday: A single outdoor Mass at 9:00 AM in Alexander, on the lawn beside Visitation. **No Sunday Masses at Sacred Heart or St. Mary's.**

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Vocations Corner

You know the stories that get passed down from one generation to the next in your family? Do you know the story of Blessed Stanley Rother, a priest from Oklahoma who was killed in 1963 while serving the poor in Guatemala? Read his story at <https://archokc.org/stanleyrother>



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