

# Welcome to the QUAD PARISHES!

ST. MARY'S, SACRED HEART, VISITATION, & ST. SEBASTIAN

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## *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *September 07, 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

This is the weekend of our Mass on the Farm. I am so excited to (re)start this tradition with you. I am so pleased with all the people that have been helping behind the scenes. There have been many people that have helped in some way. I am so grateful for all of them. I will try to list them on Sunday. However, there is a good chance that I will forget someone. Please know that if I forget to list you, I still appreciate you! There were so many people involved here that I might not even know who did what.

It is my sad responsibility to announce the death of Sharon Johnson of Alexander on Wednesday night. Her funeral Mass will be on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10am at Visitation. Please pray for the family as they have lost a wife, a mother, an aunt, a sister, a grandmother. This is never easy. Please pray for her soul to be brought to heaven.

This will mean that there will be no Morning Mass at Alexander on Monday Morning.

There is a Buildings and Grounds Council Meeting on Wednesday at 6pm in the office. I have much to discuss with you, so I look forward to this meeting.

I am starting to return to the Deaf School this coming week. Most of you know that I still have the Ministry to the Deaf for the Diocese. This means that I will be out of the office in the afternoons on most Wednesdays. Please know, if there is something urgent, Stacey can always get a hold of me. Also, you can always leave a voicemail at the rectory. I do recommend calling the rectory phone outside of office hours as I tend to work from home instead of returning to the office in the afternoon or evening.

Altar Server training is set. There are two options that are, in no way, going to be confusing. The first option is September 22, at St. Mary's at 6:30pm. The second option is on October 22, at St. Mary, at 5pm. Anyone from any of the parishes can participate in either of these trainings. Altar Servers must have received their first communion and be in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade or older.

Eucharistic Minister training will be on October 1, at St. Mary, at 6:30pm. The second Training has not been scheduled yet. If you would like to be a Eucharistic Minister and cannot attend the training on October 1, let me know. The first person who commits to the training gets to choose the time and place of the second training.

Anyone, Freshman in High School or older who has received their confirmation and first communion is able to serve as a Eucharistic Minister. This is such a wonderful ministry for the parish. You are bringing Christ to the people of the parish. You are an ambassador of Christ!

Finally, the Church is celebrating a few saints this week. For most of the saints, we celebrate their death. We rejoice for the way that they lived their life. There are just a few that we celebrate their birth. Jesus, of course. St. John the Baptist's birth is celebrated on June 24. And, on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Church in the United States celebrates St. Peter Claver. Peter Claver (1580–1654), was a Spanish Jesuit priest who spent his life tending to the needs of African slaves in Colombia, South America. While serving as a missionary, he ministered to the slaves by providing them with food and medicine, washing their wounds, preparing them for baptism, and witnessing their marriages. He actively recruited lawyers to plead the cases of imprisoned slaves and prepared criminals for death. He not only cared for the slaves but also preached missions to plantation owners and sailors. The "saint of the slaves," as St. Peter is often called, died after contracting the plague.

Friday, September 12 is the Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary.

Finally, on Saturday, the Church celebrates St. John Chrysostom. Since antiquity, Church leaders like St. John Chrysostom have urged all Christians to make each home a "family Church." These days we often call a household a "domestic Church."

## Mass Intentions

Mon.	9/8	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues.	9/9	Jeannine Frank (Mike & Karen Frank) Patricia Walter (Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)
Wed.	9/10	Betsy Bowman (Tom & Judy Norris)
Thu.	9/11	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri.	9/12	Our Bishops & Priests (Pam Blackorby)
Sat.	9/13	
	4:00 PM	Pro Populo
	5:45 PM	Russell Jackson (Linda Wohlers & Family)
Sun.	9/14	
	8:00 AM	James W. Wahl (Pam Blackorby)
	10:00 AM	Arthur Roesch (Joyce Todd) Evelyn Conboy (Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)

### Parish Offering As of 9/3/2025

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$1,050	\$837	\$2,741	\$395
Online	\$201	\$433	\$000	\$100
Weekly	\$1,251	\$1,270	\$2,741	\$495
YTD Giving	\$26,858	\$11,134	\$9,493	\$3,623
YTD Budget	\$23,064	\$14,825	\$8,440	\$5,970
YTD Net	\$3,794	-\$3,692	\$1,052	-\$2,347

## Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

### Important Dates

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

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

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

**Oct 22**-Altar Server Training-5:00p-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.

### Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience.

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm until Oct 12 at 4pm. For more information or to apply, visit [dio.org/event/marriage-encounter-weekend-experience/](http://dio.org/event/marriage-encounter-weekend-experience/), go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.



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.

**St. Mary's PSR** kicks off the first week of October! Registration letters were mailed out last week, so check your mailbox if you haven't already.

You can also register online or simply scan the QR code provided. Let's work together to support the faith formation of our young parishioners!



**PSR at Sacred Heart** kicks off **September 21** immediately following Mass. Registration letters will be going out soon. You can also register on our website or by scanning the QR code. A sign-up sheet for snacks will be in the back of the church.

We're currently seeking one teacher and one substitute teacher to join our PSR team. If you feel called to share your faith and support the spiritual growth of our children, please consider volunteering. For more information or to express interest, contact the parish office or speak with Pam Blackorby.

**Sacred Heart Coffee & Donuts** will not be served today but will instead be next week **Sunday September 14** after Mass at the Parish Hall. I apologize for any confusion.



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

**Inside a Catholic Bishop's Life (and We're Not Talking the Mass and Sacraments)** – How does a bishop get paid? How much does a bishop make? Does he do his own laundry? What about grocery shopping? What are the perks? Who cleans his vestments. It's everything you want to know about a Catholic bishop's life beyond the Mass and sacraments. Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://www.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.

**Project Rachel:** Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

### Vocations Corner

It's PSL (pumpkin spice latte) season! Pick a pumpkin, try an apple cider donut, get your kids in a corn maze, take home a bouquet of zinnias from Greene Fields Farm, a pumpkin patch (and more!) run by a Catholic family in Greenfield. [greenefieldsfarm.com](http://greenefieldsfarm.com). Look for the nods to Catholic traditions and culture around the farm!





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