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ST. MARY'S, SACRED HEART, VISITATION, & ST. SEBASTIAN  
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*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
*September 14, 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:	Weekends:
Mon. 8:00AM Visitation	Saturday:
Tues. 5:30PM St. Mary's	4:00PM Visitation
6:00PM Adoration	5:45PM St. Sebastian
Wed. 8:00AM Sacred Heart	Sunday:
Fri. 8:00AM St. Sebastian	8:00AM Sacred Heart
No Mass on Thursday	10:00AM St. Mary's

## Pastor's Pen

Last week's Mass on the Farm was a huge success! Thank you to all who came out! Thank you to all who helped organize the weekend. It is a bit of extra work to have Mass in a different place and to organize the food and decorations. So, a huge thanks to those who did all that work. Finally, I want to thank all of you for being so generous to the Special Olympics Collection.

I have a couple of additional announcements. First, I am out of town this week for diocesan meetings. This is called our Convocation. It is a series of days that we hear from several of the Diocesan representatives about things we need to know. We also get some continuing education type of content.

Honestly, this can be really good and engaging, or it can be terrible and cringe-worthy. I have seen both in the 7 years I have been going. I always go and hope for the best. If you need me for something, let me know. This isn't vacation, it is working meetings.

Next, we originally scheduled a Pastoral Council Meeting for this Wednesday. Seeing as I am out of town, let's move that to next week, September 24 at 6:30pm.

Altar Servers training dates have been scheduled. Altar Servers need to be in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older. Ideally, they should have at least received their First Communion. I am particularly looking for those who were confirmed last year, but there is nothing that would prevent an older child from also joining this year.

There are two separate trainings set for Altar Servers. The first option is September 22 at 6:30pm at St. Mary's. The second is October 22 at 5pm at St. Mary's. Anyone from any of the parishes is able to join these server trainings.

One of the two options for the Eucharistic Minister trainings has been set. Eucharistic Ministers, (formally-Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) are tasked with distributing the most central aspect of our faith to the people. Whether this function is done in the church or at the home of someone who is sick, it is a powerful witness and humbling experience to be able to bring Jesus to your friends and family. The requirements here are a need to be a fully initiated Catholic, in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or older, and a willingness to serve in your parish.

This training is on October 1 at 6:30pm at St. Mary's. If you cannot make it to that training, please let me know. I have been planning on having a second training. The first person who contacts me and commits to the training will get to choose the date, time, and place of the second training.

Any adults in either training will need to have completed the Safe Environment training and to pass a background check.

I am starting to see the harvest starting. I have heard that this should be a pretty good harvest. I am certainly praying for a safe harvest. I encourage all of us to pray for the same for our farmers this season.

I know that this is an especially busy time for our farmers. The corn and beans do not always wait for us. However, I encourage you remember to put God first in your day. Take a few minutes before you start each morning to ask for God's guidance in the day. Pray your rosary while you work.

Catholics are obligated to participate in Sunday Mass each weekend. It is one of the precepts of the Church. So, I would encourage you to find a weekend Mass somewhere. If that means you have to go to Mass in your work clothes, then please go in your work clothes. However, if the choice is between nothing and praying with a livestreamed Mass, please find a livestreamed Mass. I know that Our Saviour in Jacksonville streams their 8am Sunday Mass every week on YouTube and Facebook. There are other parishes that do the same.

Please know that your parish family misses you when you are gone. Please be safe know of your parish's love for you.

-Fr. Adam

## Mass Intentions

Mon.	9/15	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues.	9/16	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed.	9/17	<b>No Mass</b>
Thu.	9/18	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri.	9/19	<b>No Mass</b>
Sat.	9/20	
	4:00 PM	Garret Eilering ( <i>Mark &amp; Alice Greenwood</i> )
	5:45 PM	No Intention
Sun.	9/21	
	8:00 AM	Tom Bergschneider ( <i>Mike Kaiser</i> )
	10:00 AM	Pro Populo

**Parish Offering As of 9/11/2025**

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$1,256	\$590	\$793	\$432
Online	\$221	\$235	\$10	\$50
Weekly	\$1,477	\$825	\$803	\$482
YTD Giving	\$28,335	\$11,959	\$10,296	\$4,105
YTD Budget	\$25,626	\$16,473	\$9,378	\$6,634
YTD Net	\$2,709	-\$4,514	\$918	-\$2,528

**Online Giving QR Codes**



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

**\$747.00 was collected for the Special Olympics** at last Sundays Mass on the Farm. Way to go Quad Parishes!

**Important Dates**

**Sept 15-19-No Mass**

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

**Sept 24-Pastoral Council Meeting-6:30 PM**

**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.

Our parish stands in solidarity with those suffering in Gaza, where families face dire conditions. Pope Leo calls for a ceasefire and urgent aid. CNEWA is providing critical relief, and Archbishop Broglio has requested a special collection to support their efforts. Please consider donating on the weekend of Sept 27/28-write "Gaza" in the memo line of your check. Your generosity brings hope and healing to those in need.



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 served **TODAY** after Mass at the Parish Hall.

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

**Sacred Heart PSR classes begin Sept 21.** Registration letters were mailed out last week so be on the lookout for those. You can return the completed form to the parish office or to Pam Blackorby. You can also register online <https://www.quadparishes1.org/SH-PSR> or scan the QR code.



We are still looking for a teacher and a substitute teacher/helper. Please contact the office or Pam Blackorby if you feel called to share your faith.



**St. Mary's Coffee & Donuts** will be served **Sept 21** after Mass at the Parish Center. The Lokaitis Family has volunteered to host.

**St. Mary's PSR classes begin the first week of October.** You should have already received your registration letters in the mail. If you haven't and would like one contact the parish office. You can also register online <https://www.quadparishes1.org/SM-PSR> or by scanning the above QR code

**The 21st Annual Book & Bake Sale** at the West Sangamon Public Library (112 E Illinois, New Berlin) is happening Friday Sept 26 10a-5p, Saturday Sept 27 9a-1p & Sunday Sept 28 noon-2p.

**New Berlin Community Blood Drive**

Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 11am

Donor Bus at Knights of Columbus

Please save the date for our upcoming blood drive and schedule an appointment to donate. Your donation can save lives and make a huge difference in our community. Together, we can help those in need and make a positive impact.

**For a donation, you will receive your choice of a gift card, bonus points, or a donation to a charity of your choice!** [Learn more at bloodcenter.org/rewards](http://bloodcenter.org/rewards)

**Vocations Corner**

We cannot give what we have not first received, especially when it comes to passing on the faith to our children. If it's been a hot minute since you've taken a day away for time with the Lord together with your spouse, you're invited to the the Delight & Desire retreat (based on Psalm 37:4) at Corpus Christi Priory, 8am-5pm on Sat, Oct 11. More info at [mercytreedventures.org](http://mercytreedventures.org).



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