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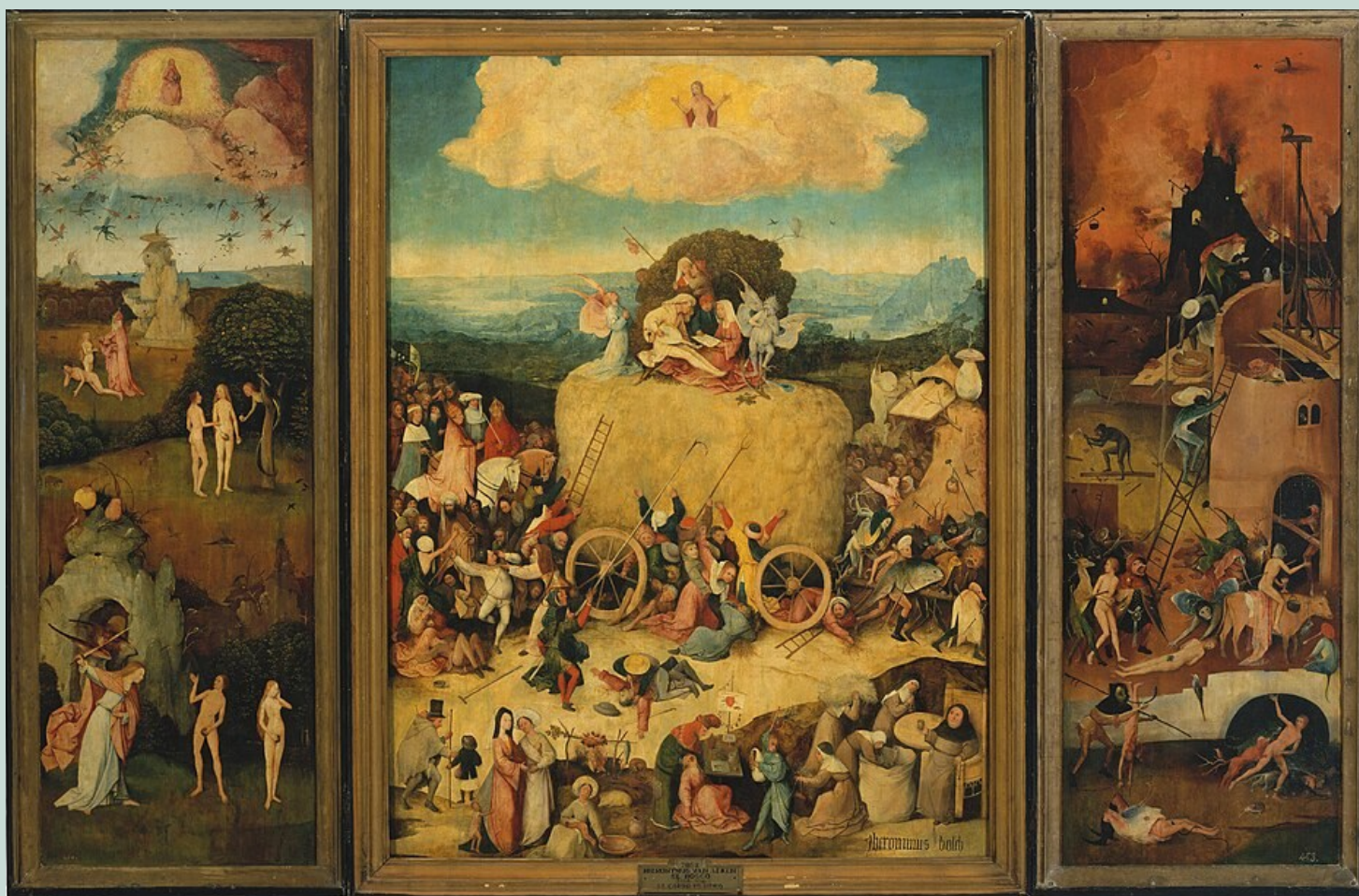
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## *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *September 21, 2025*



The Haywain Triptych by Hieronymus Bosch (c. 1516)

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

The priest convocation was fine. We were at the new Augustine Institute, just north of St. Louis. It is a beautiful campus which used to be the Boeing Educational Center until Covid made them decide that it wasn't worth doing their trainings and meetings in person. It is absolutely huge! There were lots of the other priests there and we had a good time.

We start with a few reminders. First, Altar Server training is this Monday, September 22, at St. Mary's at 6:30pm. The next training will be on October 22 at St. Mary's at 5pm. Anyone in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older is welcome to participate.

Pastoral Council will meet at 6:30pm this Wednesday at the office. Eucharistic Minister Training is next Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30pm at St. Mary's. Eucharistic Ministers must be Freshmen in High School or older.

I do continue to pray for a safe harvest and encourage all of you to do the same. I want to draw your attention to the fact that Pope Leo just canonized 2 new saints. Let's look at them.

Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati were canonized as saints on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The process of the canonization has been taking place for quite a few years before Pope Leo, but he had the honor of doing the ceremony.

First, St. Pier Giorgio Michelangelo Frassati was born in Turin, Italy, in 1901 to a wealthy, influential family. From a young age, he cultivated a deep spiritual life, centered on daily Communion and devotion to the Virgin Mary. He dedicated himself to serving the poor and sick, using his own money for charity and giving generously of his time. He saw this as a privilege, often sacrificing personal comforts to help others.

Frassati pursued a degree in mining engineering so he could "serve Christ better among the miners." He was also politically active, joining Catholic organizations and fiercely opposing both Communists and Fascists. He was known for his love of the outdoors, especially mountain climbing, and used these outings as opportunities to share his faith with friends. A lover of art, literature, and music, he was also a member of the Lay Dominicans.

In 1925, just before his graduation, Frassati contracted poliomyelitis while caring for the sick. He died at age 24. His final act was to send medicine to a poor man he was visiting. His funeral was attended by a vast crowd of the poor he had served, who were previously unknown to his family. In 1990, Pier Giorgio Frassati was beatified by Pope John Paul II, who called him the "Man of the Eight Beatitudes." He is now known as a patron for students and youth.

St. Carlo Acutis is even more amazing! This saint was born after me! Carlo Acutis was a London-born Italian teenager, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary devotion to the Catholic faith. Born on May 3, 1991, he grew up in Milan and, despite his family not being particularly religious, he developed a deep love for the Eucharist, which he called his "highway to Heaven." He received his First Communion early, at age seven, and faithfully attended daily Mass and Adoration, famously stating, "When you stand before Jesus in the Eucharist, you become a saint."

A computer whiz, Carlo taught himself college-level programming. He channeled his skill to create multilingual websites cataloging Eucharistic miracles, earning him the nickname "God's influencer" or "cyber apostle." His life was guided by the principle: "To be always united to Jesus, this is my life plan."

Carlo was active in his community, teaching catechism, volunteering at soup kitchens, and helping the poor in his neighborhood. He viewed his hobbies—playing soccer and video games (which he limited to an hour a week)—as opportunities for a Gospel-centered life, striving "not to die as a photocopy." He died of acute leukemia in 2006 at the age of 15. The Catholic Church canonized him as its first millennial saint, celebrating him as an inspiration, especially for young people, "not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards."

There are several more saints up for canonization on October 19<sup>th</sup>. I will try to talk about them when that happens.

Fr. Adam

## Mass Intentions

Mon.	9/22	No Intention
Tues.	9/23	Lemuel Moss (Ralph Walter & Jean Moss) Audrey Roesch (Alice Moss)
Wed.	9/24	Bernice Bergschneider (John & Margaret Little)
Thu.	9/25	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri.	9/26	No Intention
Sat.	9/27	
	4:00 PM	Dennis & Raymond Beadles (Terri & Clark Smith)
	5:45 PM	Sharon Johnson (Jean Ann Fitzpatrick)
Sun.	9/28	
	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:00 AM	Sharon Rose Peters (Jim Peters) Patricia Walter (Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)

### Parish Offering As of 9/17/2025

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$1,595	\$1,030	\$827	\$235
Online	\$426	\$310	\$000	\$000
Weekly	\$2,021	\$1,340	\$827	\$235
YTD Giving	\$30,357	\$13,299	\$11,123	\$4,340
YTD Budget	\$28,189	\$18,120	\$10,316	\$7,297
YTD Net	\$2,168	-\$4,821	\$807	-\$2,957

### Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

### Important Dates

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

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

**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.

**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.

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.



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

### 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](https://bloodcenter.org/rewards)**

**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 QR code.



**Sacred Heart PSR classes begin Sept 21 after Mass.** 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/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.

**Celebrate the canonization of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati & St. Carlo Acutis and support diocesan vocations!** T-shirts celebrating these two young saints are available for order, and 100% of the profits will support vocations to the priesthood in our diocese! The artwork on the shirt is by Fr. Daniel McGrath! These 100% cotton navy t-shirts are available in youth XS-adult 5XL. **To order, please visit [www.sacredheartvirden.com](http://www.sacredheartvirden.com) or call 217-965-4545**

### Vocations Corner

Want to help your whole family prepare their hearts for Sunday Mass? The Hallow app (the #1 Catholic meditation app in the world) has Family Mass Prep content along with saint stories, sacramental prep, and bedtime stories.





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