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St. Mary's, Sacred Heart, Visitation & St. Sebastian

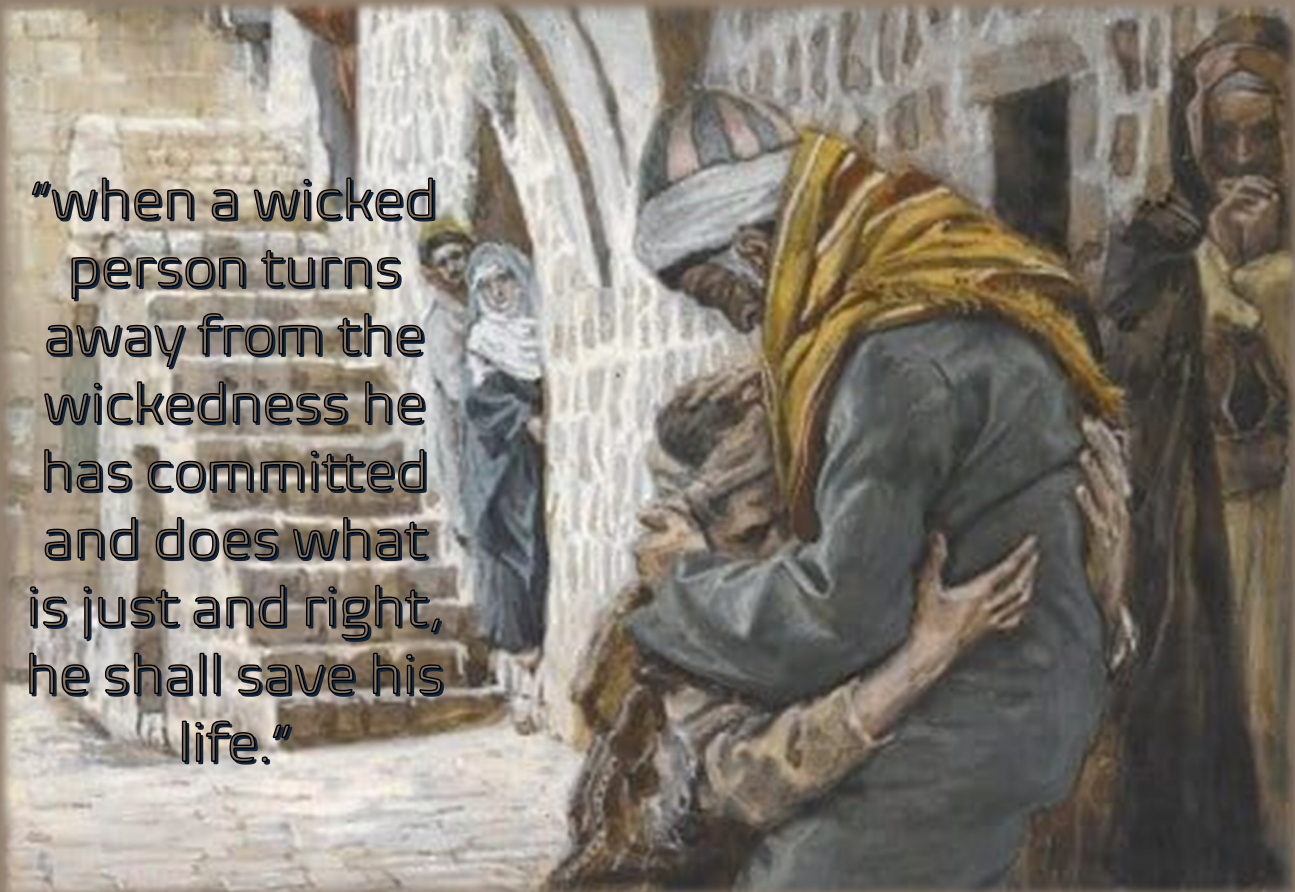
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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 27 2026

"when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life."



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.

CONTACT US

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HOURS: 8:30AM-1:30 PM Monday-Friday
secretary@quadparishes1.org

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

Weekends:

Saturday:
4:00PM Visitation
5:45PM St. Sebastian
Sunday:
8:00AM Sacred Heart

CONFESSION TIMES- Sat.- 3:00-3:40 PM Visitation
Tues.- 6:00-6:30 PM St. Mary's

Other times by appointment

PASTOR'S PEN

"WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH, ACTION MUST FOLLOW".

This Sunday's Gospel gives us a very simple story. A father asks his two sons to go and work in his vineyard. The first says, "I will not," but later changes his mind and goes. The second says, "Yes, sir," but does not go (Matt 21:28-32). Jesus then asks: "Which of the two did his father's will?" The answer is clear: the first son.

The difference between the two sons is the difference between "words and actions". One spoke badly but eventually acted well. The other spoke beautifully but did nothing. Jesus directs this parable especially at the religious leaders of his time. They knew the right religious language, but when John the Baptist called them to conversion, they refused to change. Meanwhile, people regarded as sinners listened and changed their lives. The message is sharp: "God is interested not only in what we say, but in what we actually do".

This connects closely with the first reading from Ezekiel. A person is not imprisoned forever by his past. Someone who has taken the wrong road can turn around and begin again (Ezekiel 18:27). The first son said no, but later changed his mind. That is conversion. Christianity is not about pretending that we have never failed. It is about having the humility to recognize when we are wrong and the courage to change direction.

This is important because it is easy for religion to remain only on our lips. We say, "I believe in God." We say, "I love my neighbor." We say, "I will pray for you." These are good words, but the Gospel asks another question: "What follows the words, any action?" Faith becomes real when it enters our decisions/choices, our relationships and the way we treat people.

Presently, the world economic situation is impacting everyone. So, without talking politics but religious praxis. The present-day life experience speaks to our Christian practical day-to-day experience. Where the economic conditions dictate and impact our Christian response and calling as intentional disciples of Christ. This is so impactful that we say, "one thing" and completely mean, another" like the first son in the Gospel. St James tells us, "Show me your faith without good works" (James 2:18). In this day and time, of what assistance can we offer as Christians to a family driving to work, taking children to school, or simply buying groceries, these increments in spending powers are not abstract numbers. They affect the household income and budget both physically and emotionally. In such a situation, telling someone, "I will pray for you," can be sincere, but sometimes words are not enough. Perhaps a neighbor is struggling to fill the gas tank. Perhaps an elderly person is choosing between groceries and another necessary medical expense. Perhaps a family is quietly falling behind in repayments and credit card debts. We cannot solve every economic problem, but Christian love asks whether there is something practical we can do: give someone a ride, help with groceries, check on an elderly neighbor, support a struggling family, or simply be more attentive to someone carrying a heavy burden. Love of neighbor come into action when we lend a hand of fellowship to someone in dare need.

The same applies in our homes and parish communities. A husband can say he loves his wife. Parents can say they love their children. Children can say they love and respect their parents. Christians can say they love God. But love eventually must become action. The second son had the right words, but the first son did the father's will. So today Jesus asks each of us a very direct question: Which son am I? Perhaps there are areas of our lives where we have said "yes" to God with our lips but "no" through our actions. The good news is that it is not too late to change as the first reading instructs us. Like the first son, we can think again, turn around and go

into the vineyard. God does not ask us for impressive promises. He asks us to do his will in our everyday actions of faith: But, with baby steps!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	9/28	Nancy Joy Baker (Bob & Lola Eck)
Tues.	9/29	Patricia Walter (Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)
Wed.	9/30	Mary Ann Myers (Ross Myers)
Thu.	10/1	No Mass
Fri.	10/2	No Intention
Sat.	10/3	
	4:00 PM	Misa Pro Populo
	5:45 PM	No Intention
Sun.	10/4	
	8:00 AM	Ron Fuchs (Beverly Watson)
	10:00 AM	Ken Kerber (Family)

PARISH OFFERING AS OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
ENVELOPE	\$ 865	\$ 1,192	\$ 584	\$ 170
ONLINE	\$ 312	\$ 365	\$ 200	\$ 100
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$ 1,308	\$ 720	\$ 1,306	\$ 461
YTD GIVING	\$ 21,857	\$ 14,068	\$ 8,909	\$ 4,981
YTD BUDGET	\$26,204	\$ 17,965	\$ 8,808	\$ 7,168
YTD NET	-\$4,347	-\$ 3,898	-\$ 101	-\$ 2,187

ONLINE GIVING QR CODES



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPT 27-1st group PSR/potluck after mass-SM

OCT 4-Black & Indian Mission Collection

OCT 5-Pastoral Council Meeting-6 PM

OCT 18-World Mission Sunday

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, Bob Reed.

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Please join us for a fun and joyful

PARISH PSR POTLUCK

ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
 FOLLOWING 10AM MASS
 ST MARY'S PARISH CENTER

- Sandwiches & Lemonade Provided
- Sign up to bring a side/dessert at the back of the church by 9/20.

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.

Sacred Heart Coffee & Donuts will be served Sunday **October 4** after Mass in the Parish Hall.

Donut & Cleaning Committee for October are Diane Decker and Jeena Pitchford.



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inadequate healthcare, and forced migration. Your donations fund workshops, retreats, catechesis programs, and other projects that build the faith of African communities. If you missed the appeal, it is not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/africa. The iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this appeal if you prefer to donate online.

ENJOY GOD'S CREATION WITH A

Nature Hike

Sunday, October 18th at 4:30 pm
 Weather Permitting

1989 Old Jacksonville Rd
 (King's House)

- All Parishioner/PSR Families Invited
- Dress for both the activity and the weather
- Hot dogs and smores provided
- BYO Lawnchairs

Next week our parish will take up a collection for the **Black & Indian Mission**. Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 125-year-old National Collection for Black & Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black & Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease.

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 St. Junipero Serra, a 5'2" tall powerhouse missionary who founded no less than nine mission churches across California, walking hundreds of miles while enduring painful leg ulcers? <https://www.usccb.org/offices/general-secretariat/saint-junipero-serra>



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