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

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2026



Pieter Aertsen (Dutch, c. 1507 – 1575)
The Parable of the Marriage Feast

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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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

Confession Times- Sat.- 3:00-3:40 PM Visitation
Tues.- 6:00-6:30 PM St. Mary's
Other times by appointment

"COME TO THE BANQUET OF LIFE".

This Sunday's Gospel presents the Kingdom of God as a wedding feast. A king prepares a banquet for his son and sends servants to call those who had been invited. Everything is ready. The food has been prepared. The celebration is waiting. Yet the invited guests refuse to come.

Their refusal is striking because some of them are not doing anything obviously wrong. One goes to his farm, another to his business and another to marry a wife. They simply have other things to do. But that is precisely the problem. They allow ordinary concerns to become more important than the invitation of the king. The feast is ready, but they are too busy to receive what has been prepared for them.

Jesus is speaking about God's invitation. God calls us into friendship with him, into his Kingdom, into a life ordered by grace. Yet we too can become so preoccupied with work, money, family responsibilities, entertainment and our own plans that God slowly moves to the edge of our lives. We may not openly reject him. We simply keep saying, "Lord, Not now!"

When the first guests refuse, the king does something unexpected. He sends his servants out to the roads and tells them to invite everyone they can find to the banquet. _ "The good, the bad and the ugly alike" _ are brought into the hall. The invitation becomes wide, generous and all-inclusive. God does not call only those who already appear worthy. His grace reaches sinners, outsiders and people who never imagined that there was a place at the table for them.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	10/12	Rev. Fr. Tony Ozele
Tues.	10/13	Patricia Walter *(Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)*
Wed.	10/14	Dec'd Members of Louis Blackorby Family *(Pam Blackorby)*
Thu.	10/15	**No Mass**
Fri.	10/16	Dick Hall *(Bob & Lola Eck)*
Sat.	10/17	
4:00 PM		Maxine Beadles *(Clark & Terri Smith)*
5:45 PM		Joe Fitzpatrick *(Jean Ann Fitzpatrick)*
Sun.	10/18	
8:00 AM		Bernice Bergschneider *(Mick & JoAnn Johnson)*
10:00 AM		Jackie Hermes *(Kevin & Christi Degroot)*

But the parable does not end there. The king notices a man who is not wearing a wedding garment. This part can seem difficult or unreasonable. If the man was invited from the roadside, why should his clothing matter? The point is not really about clothes. The wedding garment represents the response or attitude that must follow the invitation. It points to a life that begins to change, to obedience, good works and the fruits of faith. God's invitation is free, but it is not meaningless.

There is an important balance in the Christian life. We do not earn our place at God's table. We are invited by grace. But once we accept the invitation at baptism, something should begin to change in us. We cannot receive God's mercy and remain completely untouched by it. We cannot say yes to Christ on Sunday, and live as though he has no place in our decisions from Monday to Saturday; and not a thought given to parish life and activities including daily mass and adoration were available.

The first reading gives us a beautiful picture of God preparing _ "a feast of rich food" for all peoples. _ (Is 25:6). The image is one of abundance, joy, salvation, comfort and hope. God wants his children at the table. The tragedy in the Gospel is not that there is no feast. The tragedy is that some people are invited and still choose not to come.

So today we might ask ourselves: What keeps me from responding fully to God's invitation? Am I too busy? Too comfortable? Too attached to my own plans. Or have I accepted the invitation without allowing my life to change? or refuse to go out there and make a difference?

The invitation is still open: "Come to the feast." There is a place for each of us. But Jesus asks us not only to enter the hall, but also to live as people who belong there. The true response to God's invitation is a life increasingly clothed in faith, humility love, mercy, compassion and good works.

May God grant us the grace to respond positively to His call. Amen

Bereavement Ministry - Grief Share The Cathedral will be hosting Grief Share, a weekly, faith-based, grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, please join us beginning Tuesday, November 3, 1:00-2:30 pm in the Cathedral School Library. (Enter through the atrium doors off 5th street parking lot) Grief Share is a 13-week program, but guests may join the series at any point and can pick up content they missed during the next cycle. For more information go to https://www.griefshare.org/ or contact Berni Ely @ 899-6637 or jackandberni96@yahoo.com. **To register, call 217/522-3342 or email bevhoffman5@gmail.com**. All adults, of any or no faith background, are welcome.

Parish Offering As Of October 8, 2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
Envelope	$ 1,138	$ 1,214	$ 365	$ 1,195
Online	$ 312	$ 365	$ 000	$ 125
Weekly Total	$ 1,450	$ 1,214	$ 365	$ 1,320
YTD Giving	$30,585	$ 18,044	$ 10,253	$ 6,696
YTD Budget	$ 33,350	$ 22,865	$ 11,210	$ 9,122
YTD Net	-$ 2,765	-$ 4,821	-$ 958	-$2,426

Online Giving QR Codes

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Important Dates

Oct 18-World Mission Sunday
Oct 14-Finance council meeting-6pm

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.

Spirit & Truth Retreat The Dominican Sisters of Springfield invite single Catholic women ages 21–45 to a weekend retreat at **Sacred Heart Convent** to grow in a deeper relationship with God. Come explore what it means to Praise, Bless, and Preach within your own heart and share it with others. The retreat runs **Friday, Oct. 23 at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 25 at 1:00 p.m.** at Sacred Heart Convent, 1237 W. Monroe St., Springfield. Housing and meals are provided; participants cover their own travel. Space is limited. **Contact Sr. Mary Jo Sobieck at 217-787-0481 or smjsobieck@gmail.com**.

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 Sunday October 11** after Mass at the parish center. Thank you to the **Knights of Columbus** for hosting this month



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Next **Sunday October 18** is St. Mary's Food Pantry Sunday.

-Any nonperishable boxed, bagged, or canned item is welcome.

-Pasta, jarred pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, cereal and pancake mix are all great options.

-Alternatively, as you shop, consider picking up duplicates of nonperishable items your own family enjoys.



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.

SAVE THE DATE: All the ladies of the Quad Parishes are invited to **Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, Dec 6th** at the K of C Hall in New Berlin. More details coming soon, text or **call Anne Marie Williams with questions: 309-339-7918.**

Next Sunday is **World Mission Sunday**. Catholics around the world unite in prayer and generosity for the missions. Your gift supports the Church where she is too young, too poor, or too persecuted to support herself.
Please pray for our missionaries and give generously on **Oct. 18.**

Learn about Catholic funeral practices, recent policy updates, and how to plan a Funeral Mass at our Catholic Funeral Seminar on **Tuesday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m.** at **Sacred Heart, Virden**. Sister Mary George Brown, FSGM, will present. (Mass at 5:30 p.m.)

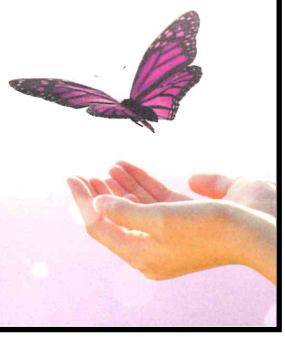
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Before your (grand)children can discern their own vocations, they need to see you living your faith actively. Do they hear you thanking God before meals?

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