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

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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:

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

I feel like I say this every week, but there was a lot that happened this week. If you haven't heard about the death of Jackie Hermes last Monday, I encourage you to pray for Jackie and for her family. The funeral was on Friday.

There are only a few other announcements this week. First, Monday is Columbus Day. The office will be closed on Monday. Next, there is a training for new Altar Servers on October 22 at 5pm at St. Mary's. Any new Altar Servers from any of the parishes are welcome to come.

In other office news, we are going to be moving to a new phone system soon. We are currently paying for a single landline. It costs us \$150 every month! It has been steadily increasing over the course of the last year or so. I finally got around to doing the research for a Voice Over Internet Protocol or VOIP. I have been nervous that they might not prove any cheaper.

As I did the research, it seems like we could get 2 phone lines (so Stacey and I can both make calls at the same time) for about half of the price we are currently paying. It will also come with additional ways for me to stay connected. I am looking forward to the transition. However, it might mean a new phone greeting and a differently structured auto-attendant. I think there are also direct dial numbers to get to us. I am also planning to take our current phone number with us. So, the main number won't change. However, I saw that our caller ID comes up as "Charity Call." I am going to figure out how to change that to "Quad Parishes Office" or "Stacey the Magnificent." We are still working on it.

I want to take a moment to address something that I have been hearing occasionally. The idea is that the Pope or Cardinals or Bishops or even priests shouldn't get involved with politics. This sentiment is especially seen when we disagree with the church leader about what they are saying.

To be clear, I am not advocating for a specific policy in this column today. There will be days that I might support one mission over another, but that is not the purpose of this column. Rather, I want to talk about the obligation for us to talk about what is happening in the world.

The work of the Church does not stop at the doors of the Church building. We know we are called to help the poor. As much as we might like the poor to come to us and ask for help, that just isn't feasible. There are programs in every Diocese around the world that do the work of offering direct support to people who need help. Whether that is in hospitals, to the homeless, or one of lots of other ministries. All of them can be the Church's best kept secret.

We have those seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching that I have mentioned before. All of them really require us to advocate for the rights of workers or for the creation of labor unions. We stand up to support the dignity of all life, from conception to natural death. We support the care of our earth and encourage programs for recycling and good, clean energy.

We support these policies because we have an obligation to care for our brothers and sisters around the world and because we were charged with caring for the earth. So, when a Church Leader speaks out in favor of or against a policy because of one of those principles, it is precisely because we have been called to preach from the foundation that God has given us. We speak out because we must protect the children of God.

I will admit that the Church doesn't always do a great job at using language people understand. We can often use technical or precise language that includes words with a slightly different meaning than what is used in our more common language. We are a church that is always growing and is always learning.

To that end, Pope Leo signed an Apostolic Exhortation, "Dilexi Te," that was largely written by Pope Francis before his death. Pope Leo made some changes to suit him and published it. It is quite a long document. I am going to try to read it, (or get AI to help) and tell you what it says. All the titles for these documents are simply the first words of the document in Latin. For, "Dilexi Te," Those first words are a quote from Revelation 3:9- "I have loved you."

-Fr. Adam

Mass Intentions

Mon.	10/13	Sharon Johnson (Mike Flynn Family)
Tues.	10/14	Audrey Roesch (Alice Moss) Sharon Peters (Harlan Fuelling)
Wed.	10/15	Mary Ann Myers (Ross Myers)
Thu.	10/16	No Mass
Fri.	10/17	No Intention
Sat.	10/18	
	4:00 PM	Gary Carter (Cathy Stephenson)
	5:45 PM	Joe Fitzpatrick (Jean Ann Fitzpatrick)
Sun.	10/19	
	8:00 AM	Leo & Sarah Berschneider (Ed Bergschneider)
	10:00 AM	Pro Populo

Parish Offering As of 10/08/2025

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$683	\$866	\$672	\$550
Online	\$301	\$310	\$000	\$125
Weekly	\$984	\$1,176	\$672	\$675
YTD Giving	\$34,054	\$17,054	\$13,359	\$6,777
YTD Budget	\$35,877	\$23,062	\$13,129	\$9,287
YTD Net	-\$1,823	-\$6,008	\$230	-\$2,510

Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

Important Dates

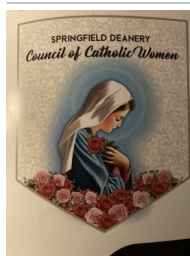
Oct 13-Office closed for Columbus Day

Oct 22-Altar Server Training-5:00p-SM

Oct 26-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, 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.



Springfield Deanery, Council of Catholic Women Meeting-Saturday November 8th, 10 am, St. Peter's Petersburg, IL

Speakers: Gina Gillmore-Wolter, on Saving New Salem, And Mary Stewart, on Pastoral Council and Subcommittees. Lunch provided by the St Peter's Ladies Group, donations

appreciated! Please bring your can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Deadline to RSVP is October 31st! Contact Mary Stewart at 217-341-7808 for more information. Deborah Pilapil, President, Spfld Deanery CCW. Follow the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on Facebook!



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 Sunday **TODAY October 12** after Mass in the Parish Center. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting.



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Next **Sunday October 19** 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.

Annual Arts & Crafts Fair

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

700 E Spruce St, Chatham, IL

Sat October 18th, 8:30am-3:00pm

Proceeds from the Fair benefit the Ball-Chatham School Titan Fuel Program & St. Joe's TEAM. Food & Drink will be available for purchase as well with proceeds benefiting St. Joseph the Worker Pre-School. For more information please contact: Nichole Poss at mlkuchar@gmail.com or visit the church website at www.stjoschatham.org.

United in Prayer with the Missions

As World Mission Month continues, we are invited not only to give but to pray for the Church in mission territories. One powerful way to do this is by praying the **World Mission Rosary**, introduced by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in 1951. Each decade is a different color, representing a region of the world.

In *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, St. Pope Paul VI reminds us that prayer is the soul of all mission: "It is the Holy Spirit who, today just as at the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangelizer" (75). Through our prayers, we unite ourselves with missionaries bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Let us offer our rosaries and Masses this week for those who bring Christ's love to the margins, often at great personal cost. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of hope in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.

Vocations Corner

October is the month of the rosary. Pope St. John Paul II said of it, "To pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and his mother." Do your grand/children know how to hand over their burdens to Christ each day so that they can sleep peacefully?



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