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## *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### *October 19, 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:

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

This week was that good kind of busy. The busy that keeps you going, but that isn't stressful. You know what I mean... I hope. I hope your Monday was peaceful and that you took some time to think about all the indigenous people that were in this land before us. I hope you had a chance to rest, even a little bit. I sat at home on Monday and did mostly nothing. It was glorious! I think I really needed the opportunity to just vegetate.

I have just a couple announcements for this week. First, there is an Altar Server training for new Altar Servers on Wednesday (Oct. 22) at 5pm at St. Mary's. Next, there is a Pastoral Council Meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. That is Wednesday of next week. Pastoral Council members should see their email for information about the goals of this meeting. The week after that, on Nov 5, is a Finance Council Meeting. That one is on my calendar for 6pm.

I finally got the phones for the new system. They took their time in being delivered to us. However, they are in my office. I will likely wait to figure out how to set them up this coming week. Last week was a little too busy to spend time on that side project.

### Mass Intentions

|       |          |                                                                                         |
|-------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon.  | 10/20    | Sharon Johnson<br>(Mike Flynn & Karol Brown)                                            |
| Tues. | 10/21    | Patricia Walter<br>(Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)<br>Arthur Roesch<br>(Joyce Todd)          |
| Wed.  | 10/22    | Helen Myers<br>(Ross Myers)                                                             |
| Thu.  | 10/23    | <b>No Mass</b>                                                                          |
| Fri.  | 10/24    | Rita Tranquilli<br>(Bob & Judy Johnson)                                                 |
| Sat.  | 10/25    |                                                                                         |
|       | 4:00 PM  | Maxine Beadles<br>(Terri & Clark Smith)                                                 |
|       | 5:45 PM  | No Intention                                                                            |
| Sun.  | 10/26    |                                                                                         |
|       | 8:00 AM  | Pro Populo                                                                              |
|       | 10:00 AM | Ralph Walter Sr.<br>(Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)<br>Jeannine Frank<br>(The Fromme Family) |

In my column last week, I mentioned that Pope Leo signed an Apostolic Exhortation, "Dilexi Te." It 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 trying to read it. I tried to get AI to summarize it for me and it got a bit overwhelmed. It turned out that I was pasting too many letters into the chat box. Still, I decided to read the text and use the AI summary as notes (just in case it started to hallucinate.) I have gotten through the first chapter this week.

The document is focused on poverty in the world. It is addressed to all Christians. Who the text is addressed to really does change from time to time. This is addressed to all Christians and is intended to be formative for people to see the issue of poverty in a different way. I would encourage you to try to read it. The full text is readily accessible online. It is written in a more formal language and style, but that is par for the course for these documents.

In this column, I want to comment about paragraph 9. Leo writes, "The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself. At the same time, we should perhaps speak more correctly of the many faces of the poor and of poverty, since it is a multifaceted phenomenon. In fact, there are many forms of poverty: the poverty of those who lack material means of subsistence, the poverty of those who are socially marginalized and lack the means to give voice to their dignity and abilities, moral and spiritual poverty, cultural poverty, the poverty of those who find themselves in a condition of personal or social weakness or fragility, the poverty of those who have no rights, no space, no freedom." (Underline is added.)

That last section really struck me. Often, we think of poverty as being a number that a person has in their bank account or their ability to pay their bills. We think of that first kind of poverty that Pope Leo is talking about here. That is the most obvious, most frequently talked about kind of poverty. And we do want to help alleviate this kind of poverty. This may mean public services for people struggling to pay rent or utilities.

And if any of us had a billion dollars, I am sure we would all try to give to help solve this kind of poverty. But, the other kinds of poverty that Pope Leo lists are just as important for us to address in our world. How do we fight against the poverty of marginalized communities who have to fight for their own dignity and the ability to use their own voice? How do we fight the poverty of people who are oppressed by some powerful person that is controlling them? How do we fight the poverty of someone who has had their rights stripped and who lack the freedom they should have? How do we remedy the moral and spiritual poverty that is spreading across our nation, making us think that these poverties are just the way of the world?

Christ calls us to be concerned with the needs of the poor. Pope Leo is expanding that to include all forms of poverty in our world today.

-Fr. Adam

### Parish Offering As of 10/15/2025

|            | SM       | SH       | V        | SS       |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Env.       | \$1,590  | \$1,154  | \$1,009  | \$330    |
| Online     | \$301    | \$350    | \$000    | \$000    |
| Weekly     | \$1,891  | \$1,504  | \$1,009  | \$330    |
| YTD Giving | \$39,945 | \$18,558 | \$14,368 | \$7,107  |
| YTD Budget | \$38,440 | \$24,709 | \$14,067 | \$9,950  |
| YTD Net    | -\$2,494 | -\$6,151 | \$301    | -\$2,843 |

### Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

### Important Dates

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

**Oct 26**-World Mission Sunday

**Nov 12**-Baptism Class 6p @ Parish Center

### 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.

**Project Rachel:** Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

**Getting Fat. Is There a Moral Line in Eating Junk Food and Not Exercising?**- Father Dominic Rankin answers questions about not eating right, not exercising, and not taking medicine. Where is the moral line? Where does sin come in? What about if you are obsessed with exercising and eating healthy? Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://www.youtube.com/diospringfield) or search "Dive Deep" on all the major podcast platforms to listen and subscribe. *Dive Deep* is the podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.



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.

**Support Those Who Need Food** – The Catholic Charities Hunger Campaign helps fund Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry Program. The Mobile Food Pantry reaches out to feed disadvantaged people facing poverty in rural communities across our 28-county diocese. Our 7 Mobile Food Pantry trucks deliver meat, fresh produce, dairy and nonperishable food items all year long to those in need. We humbly ask you to consider a gift to help us continue to feed God's children through our mission to "extend to all the healing and empowering presence of Jesus." Every gift you give, no matter how small, makes a difference. Donate today at: [cc.dio.org](https://cc.dio.org).



Celebrate the canonization of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and 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.

**Red Mass for Legal Professionals** – The 9th Annual Red Mass will be celebrated at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at St. Boniface, 110 N. Buchanan St., Edwardsville. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki and Chief Judge Christopher P. Threlkeld invite all legal professionals and their families. Judges are invited to join the entrance procession in judicial robes. Brunch follows Mass at Bella Milano with Keynote speaker: Darren Price, Esq. RSVP by October 18 to Sarah Kreke 618-656-6450.

**Mission Month and World Mission Sunday** – October is *Mission Month* and World Mission Sunday is October 26. On that day, every parish globally unites in prayer and generosity for the Holy Father's missions in 1,100+ territories where the Church is poor, young, and persecuted. Your gift helps train seminarians, support vowed religious men and women, and provides schools and clinics in the world's most vulnerable places. Be part of this global mission of hope—pray and give generously!

### Vocations Corner

October is the month of the rosary. If you've prayed the rosary before, you know it is a very repetitive prayer. St. Josemaria Escriva said of the rosary, "Blessed be that monotony of Hail Mary's which purifies the monotony of your sins!"



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