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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS:
Mon. 8:00 Am Visitation
Tues. 5:30 PM St. Mary's
6:00 PM Adoration
Wed. 8:00 am Sacred heart
Fri. 8:00 am St. Sebastian

WEEKENDS:
Saturday:
4:00 PM Visitation
5:45 PM St. Sebastian
Sunday:
8:00 AM Sacred Heart
10:00 AM St. Mary's

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

Theme: "THE WAY OF THE SAINTS".
"Oh, when the saints, go marching in, Lord I want to be in the number".
Today the Church celebrates all the saints, not only the famous ones whose names appear on the calendar, but also the countless men and women whose names we may never know. They were parents, workers, priests, religious, young people, elderly people, rich and poor. They lived ordinary lives, faced ordinary struggles, and learned to love God faithfully in the circumstances in which they found themselves.
The first reading gives us a beautiful picture of "a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue." This is the family of the saints. Heaven is not reserved for a small group of extraordinary people. God calls every one of us to holiness.
The Gospel tells us what that holiness looks like. Jesus gives us the Beatitudes: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. These are not simply beautiful sayings. They describe a way of living. In Matthew's Gospel, the Beatitudes hold together God's grace and the kind of life that grows from that grace.
This helps us understand the saints. A saint is not someone who never struggled, never became tired, or never made mistakes. Saints are people who allowed God to keep changing them. They learned humility instead of pride, mercy instead of revenge, purity of heart instead of double living, and peace instead of unnecessary conflict. They fell, but they got up. They sinned, but they returned to God. They kept moving in the direction of Christ.
The Beatitudes also turn many of the world's values upside down. The world often calls powerful people fortunate. Jesus calls the meek blessed. The world admires those who always get their way. Jesus blesses the merciful. The world says happiness means avoiding suffering. Jesus speaks of those who mourn and those who are persecuted, and still calls them blessed. His promise is that suffering, poverty and sorrow do not have the final word. God's Kingdom has already begun to break into the lives of those who trust him.
Sometimes we think holiness belongs somewhere far away from ordinary life. But most holiness happens in very ordinary places: in the home, at work, in traffic, in a hospital room, in caring for an elderly parent, in remaining faithful to a difficult responsibility, in refusing to return an insult, in forgiving someone who has hurt us, in choosing honesty when dishonesty would be easier.
The second reading says something very simple and powerful: "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God; yet so we are." That is where holiness begins. Before we do anything for God, we first receive his love. The saints became holy because they allowed themselves to be loved by God and then learned to live as his children.
All Saints' Day therefore is not only a day to admire people who have already reached heaven. It is also a reminder of our own destination. We are meant to join that great multitude. Holiness is not an optional extra for a few unusually religious people. It is the direction of every Christian life.
So perhaps the question today is very simple: What kind of saint is God asking me to become where I am right now? Maybe he is asking me to become more merciful, more patient, more honest, more peaceful, more faithful in prayer, more attentive to someone who needs me.
The saints show us that it is possible. They walked the same human road we now walk, they knew weakness, disappointment, temptation and suffering, but they kept turning toward God.
Today they remind us that heaven is our home, holiness is our calling, and the Beatitudes are the road that leads us there.
May God help us to succeed in our own striving for sainthood. Amen

Advent by Candlelight – All ladies are invited to a beautiful evening of Advent reflection and fellowship on **Friday, December 6** from 6:30-8:00 PM at the **New Berlin K of C Hall**. Enjoy a dessert buffet, prayerful reflection, and a chance to step away from the busyness of the season. **Tickets are $10.** Please **RSVP by December 1 to 217-488-3545**. Come alone or invite a friend!

Parish Offering as of October 29, 2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
Weekly Total	$7,282	$1,146	$795	$110
YTD Giving	$50,356	$21,615	$11,955	$8,401
YTD Budget	$40,496	$27,765	$13,612	$11,077
YTD Net	$9,859	-$6,150	-$1,658	-$2,676

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Important Dates

Nov. 2-Pastoral Council Meeting-6pm
Nov 4-Finance Council Meeting-6pm

Pray for our Sick Parishioners

Janet Blankenship, Sarah Simpson, Louise Lenn, Sue Lowder, Kathy Gordon, Barb Johnson, Mary Lee Staley, 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, Russ Adams, Suzanne Berry, Carol Peterson, Alice Greenwood, Matt Cumby, Kevin Howell, Todd Smith, Kathy Abel, Doug Drew Campbell.

The first full week of November is observed as National Vocation Awareness Week, a time to pray for and promote vocations to the priesthood, consecrated religious life, and the sacrament of marriage. We encourage all parishioners to take time this week to pray that individuals may be open to God's call in their lives and respond with generosity and faith.

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.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	11/2	† Sharon Johnson *(Rich Johnson)*
Tues.	11/3	† Robert "Bob" Reed *(Helen & Mary Ann Rackauskas)*
Wed.	11/4	† Bernice Bergschneider *(Agnes Johnson)*
Thurs.	11/5	**No Mass**
Fri.	11/6	† John & Kevin Drohan *(Joe & Whitney Sutera)*
Sat.	11/7	
4:00 PM		† George Eck *(Gail Eck)*
5:45 PM		† Jane & Martin Kollins *(Janie Kollins)*
Sun.	11/8	
8:00 AM		† Sharon Johnson *(Mick & JoAnn Johnson)*
10:00 AM		Missa Pro Populo

Coffee and donuts will be served today following Mass at **Sacred Heart** in the Parish Hall and at **St. Mary's** in the Parish Center. All are welcome!



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



Bishop's Brunch Sign-Up: Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you plan to attend the celebratory brunch during the Bishop's visit on **Sunday Dec 13.**

Vocations Corner

Tomorrow is the feast of All Souls, the day of the year where we keep specially in mind all the loved ones who have gone before us. During family prayer, mention each one by name. It's a powerful reminder that we are united as one family in Christ.