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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:	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

Pastor's Pen

I wrote the summary of chapter 3 of *Dilexi Te* first. Now, I only have a few lines to say what I need to say here... This week was good. Phones are set to switch next week, Nov 7. The funeral of my friend last week went well. I saw my parents, my brother, and my sister-in-law. It was a fast trip, I went on Monday and was back on Tuesday. I am still recovering.

Don't forget, there is a Finance Council Meeting this Wednesday, Nov 5, at 6pm. This weekend, we have the Commissioning of the newly trained Eucharistic Ministers.

For the last couple weeks, we have been inching through the newest Encyclical, signed by Pope Leo. While much of it was Pope Francis' work, Pope Leo made some edits and published it. Chapter 1 gave us the definitions of what is included when we talk about poverty. This chapter expands our understanding of poverty in the world. Chapter 2 dove into a theology of poverty. This chapter pondered the ways that Jesus interacted with the poor, the words he said about the poor, and the ways that we can see Jesus as being one with the poor.

Our next chapter starts to talk about who the church is. The title of Chapter 3 is, "A Church for the Poor." It is the longest of the chapters and there is a richness in it. It outlines the historical and spiritual necessity for the Church to be "poor and for the poor." This commitment stems from the conviction that the Church recognizes in those who are poor and who suffer, the likeness of its poor and suffering founder. The poor are defined as the "treasures of the Church," a truth demonstrated by early figures like St. Stephen and St. Lawrence, who served the until their martyrdom.

The Church Fathers confirmed this focus, viewing charity toward those in need not just as a moral virtue, but as a privileged way to meet God. St. John Chrysostom forcefully argued that "charity is not optional but a requirement of true worship," condemning the practice of adorning the altar while Christ suffers in the poor outside the church. St. Augustine, building on this tradition, taught that the poor are the "sacramental presence of the Lord."

There have been many who have taken up this ministry in different ways. The ministry of caring for the sick has been described as touching the suffering flesh of Christ. This was shown by St. John of God and St. Camillus de Lellis.

Monasteries, like those following St. Benedict or St. Basil, linked their manual labor to helping those in need. They established an economy of solidarity with others, standing clearly against the goal of accumulation for oneself.

Orders like the Trinitarians and the Mercedarians specialized in ransoming captives, extending Christ's redemptive sacrifice. This legacy continues today in combating modern forms of slavery.

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi launched an evangelical revolution by willingly choosing poverty over the wealth they could have had. They ministered to Christ by choosing this poverty, by living among the poor not just to help them, but to resemble them and to challenge the wealth of the priests and bishops of their time.

St. Joseph Calasanz and St. John Bosco (among others) founded free schools. This affirmed the right of children to have knowledge. St. Scalabrini and St. Cabrini were among those who exercised the Church's ministry to migrants, calling us all to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate migrants in our society. Finally, Pope Leo reminds us of the love that Mother Teresa, and many others, had for the poor in their community.

He ends Chapter 3 with this, "Popular movements, in fact, invite us to overcome the idea of social policies being a policy *for* the poor, but never *with* the poor and never *of* the poor, much less part of a project which can bring people back together. If politicians and professionals do not listen to them, "democracy atrophies, turns into a slogan, a formality; it loses its representative character and becomes disembodied, since it leaves out the people in their daily struggle for dignity, in the building of their future." The same must be said of the institutions of the Church."

The Church on a local level doesn't always do a great job at doing this work. That is why Popes Francis and Leo thought it important to remind us that ministry with the poor is central to our faith.

-Fr. Adam

Mass Intentions

Mon.	11/3	Sharon Johnson (Mary Beyers & Phil Sellers)
Tues.	11/4	Evelyn Conboy (Ralph Walters & Jean Moss) Lemuel Moss (Ralph Walters & Jean Moss)
Wed.	11/5	Tom Bergschneider (Mick & JoAnn Johnson)
Thu.	11/6	No Mass
Fri.	11/7	No Intention
Sat.	11/8	
	4:00 PM	Pat Allen Weber (Class of 1973)
	5:45 PM	Jane & Martin Kollins (Janie Kollins)
Sun.	10/9	
	8:00 AM	Don Johnson (Mick & JoAnn Johnson)
	10:00 AM	Pro Populo

Parish Offering As of 10/29/2025

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$16,922	\$1,455	\$421	\$172
Online	\$342	\$276	\$000	\$000
Weekly	\$17,264	\$1,731	\$421	\$172
YTD Giving	\$54,392	\$21,858	\$15,280	\$7,459
YTD Budget	\$43,565	\$28,004	\$15,942	\$11,277
YTD Net	\$10,827	-\$6,145	-\$663	-\$3,818

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St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

The Quad Parishes collected \$1,121 for World Mission Sunday.

Important Dates

Nov. 2-KC Deceased Members Mass-SM

Nov. 5-Finance Council Meeting-6:30 pm

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.

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel— even if it is in the past—individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at 217-321-1155. Individuals may also contact the Department of Child and Family Services Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE.

Missions International, the non-profit who oversees our Sister Parish program, is organizing a trip to Guatemala. The trip will be at the end of June, 2026. If you are interested, please contact Shelly Sands at sisterparish13@gmail.com by Nov 5.



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.

Sacred Heart Coffee & Donuts will be served **TODAY Sunday November 2** after Mass at the Parish Hall.

Donut & Cleaning Committee for November are Emily Fuchs & Judy Norris.



St. Mary's Coffee & Donuts will be served **TODAY Sunday November 2** after Mass at the Parish Office. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting.



Join us after Mass for pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Free will donations will be accepted. Proceeds will be used to shop for a New Berlin Angel Tree child.

Mission Does Not End with October

Although World Mission Month has ended we remember that the Church's missionary work is ongoing. Our baptismal call to share the Gospel continues beyond this season, inviting us to remain engaged—through prayer, storytelling, and generous action.

The first World Mission Sunday was celebrated nearly a century ago in 1926. The need today remains urgent: missionaries still serve in remote villages, conflict zones, refugee camps, and urban slums. They bring more than aid—they bring Jesus Christ.

As St. Paul VI reminded us 50 years ago in his historic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*: "The Church exists in order to evangelize" (14). We are grateful for your support this October—and we invite you to continue the journey. Subscribe to Mission Magazine, join us in praying the World Mission Rosary year-round, and stay connected to the Pope's missions through www.pontificalmissions.org.

Hope does not disappoint—and the world still needs hope.

Vocations Corner

Today is the Feast Day of All Souls. You might wonder why we have All Saints Day (Nov 1) AND All Souls Day? Saints are people that are in Heaven. The only people we're 100% for sure are in Heaven are those who have been formally canonized. For everyone else, whose "faith is known to you (God) alone," according to the Eucharistic prayer, there's All Souls Day. On All Souls Day, let's pray for all those who have gone before us.



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