

# Welcome to the QUAD PARISHES!

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

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## *Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 14, 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

**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 hope you are remembering to use your little blue books. We are just 1.5 weeks from Christmas. Are any of you ready, because I am not. There are so many things that I need to get done in the next week or so. I just hope I can keep up with myself.

Which is, of course, not something that I am great at doing. I am forgetting to announce things that are coming up before they arrive. My apologies, again.

To that end, here are the announcements. I will be available for confessions at Sacred Heart on Sunday afternoon at 3 pm. I will stay until 4pm or until all confessions are heard. Please don't feel bad about keeping me late. I don't have anything else I need to do that afternoon and can stay until I get hungry for dinner.

The most important thing for me is that you are able to receive the graces of the sacrament. I would be thrilled to sit there for 2 hours or more, hearing confession after confession.

The same is true on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. I will be at St. Mary's at 5pm and will stay until 6 or until all confessions are heard. This is in addition to our regular weekly scheduled confessions: Saturday 3-3:40pm at Visitation and Tuesday during adoration, about 6-6:30pm at St. Mary's.

There are other opportunities for confession around the area. There are a few priests scheduled to be at Our Saviour's in Jacksonville on December 21<sup>st</sup>, from 2-3pm. Look at other parish's bulletins or call the parishes for more.

We do have a student from Sacred Heart being confirmed on Tuesday evening. I encourage you to pray for Brant Evans as he goes to the Cathedral for his confirmation.

Finally, there is a Pre-Jordan Class for the parents of children who need to be baptized. This class is at 6pm on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. If you can let me know you are coming, I can make sure I have enough copies of the materials.

We are firmly into winter now. I hope you have all been enjoying the snow. As a reminder, I tend to determine whether to have daily Masses based on whether the local schools close or have a delay. If New Berlin closes, morning Mass is cancelled for the day. If the school at the place where Mass is to be that day closes, then morning Mass is also cancelled for the day.

For Tuesday Evening Mass, I would just see how things are falling to determine whether we should have Mass or not.

As a reminder, if you cannot safely get to Church, the obligation for Mass, even on the weekends, is lifted. This does not mean that you can leave the hose on your driveway overnight to make it unsafe. If the weather (or any external force) legitimately causes you to be unable to get to Mass, then there can be no obligation to go to Mass. This is also true if you are seriously ill or hospitalized. If you are unable to get to Mass, then you are released from the obligation for Sunday or Holy Day Masses.

With all that said, we are still called to keep the Sabbath Holy. This can look different for different people. However, reading and meditating on the scriptures of the day, refraining from excessive and unnecessary work, and participating in a livestream or televised Mass are all good ways to keep the day holy.

You can also make a special point to pray the rosary or do other spiritual works during the day. The point here is to intentionally worship God, despite not being able to receive the Eucharist at Mass or being able to get to the Church.

I hope you continue to have a happy and holy Advent Season.

-Fr. Adam

### Mass Intentions

|       |          |   |
|-------|----------|---|
| Mon.  | 12/15    | Sharon Johnson<br>(Clark & Terri Smith)   |
| Tues. | 12/16    | Patricia Walters<br>(Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)<br>Arthur Roesch<br>(Alice Moss) |
| Wed.  | 12/17    | Helen Myers<br>(Ross Myers)   |
| Thu.  | 12/18    | <b>No Mass</b>  |
| Fri.  | 12/19    | Fr. Daren Zehnle  |
| Sat.  | 12/20    |   |
|       | 4:00 PM  | Pro Populo  |
|       | 5:45 PM  | Russell & Marie Jackson<br>(Linda Wohlers Family)                               |
| Sun.  | 12/21    |   |
|       | 8:00 AM  | Ron Fuchs<br>(Family)   |
|       | 10:00 AM | Dec'd Members of the<br>Gansbauer Family<br>(Family)<br>Fr. Joe Ring            |

## Parish Offering As of 12/11/2025

|            | SM             | SH              | V             | SS              |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Env.       | \$6,145        | \$1,085         | \$574         | \$579           |
| Online     | \$301          | \$276           | \$000         | \$000           |
| Weekly     | \$6,446        | \$1,361         | \$574         | \$570           |
| YTD Giving | \$68,508       | \$29,424        | \$21,401      | \$9,683         |
| YTD Budget | \$58,941       | \$37,887        | \$21,569      | \$15,257        |
| YTD Net    | <b>\$9,567</b> | <b>-\$8,463</b> | <b>-\$168</b> | <b>-\$5,574</b> |

## Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

## Important Dates

**Dec 19-**Baptism Class 6pm

**Dec 24-** 4pm Mass St. Mary's, 6pm Mass Visitation

**Dec 25-**8am Mass Sacred Heart

10am Mass St. Sebastian

**Dec 25-**Catholic Children's Home

## 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.

**Feast of St. Sebastian: Men's faith, Beer, and Bourbon Night**— Men are invited to an evening of fraternity at the Villa Maria Conference Center on Lake Springfield as we celebrate the feast of St. Sebastian. Join Father Herman Joseph O.Praem. as the night begins with Mass at 6 p.m., followed by drinks and a discussion on the joys and challenges faced by men striving to follow Christ within the Catholic Church.

Tuesday, January 20: 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Registration Deadline: January 16

Contact: [events@dio.org](mailto:events@dio.org). Register at: [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events)



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.

## Christmas Schedule

**Christmas Eve**  
4pm St. Mary's  
6pm Visitation

**Christmas Day**  
8am Sacred Heart  
10am St. Sebastian

**Santa and Mrs. Claus** are stopping by the Parish Center **after Mass today (Dec. 14)!** Come enjoy coffee, donuts, and a little Christmas cheer. Let the kids share a moment with Santa while you warm up with a cup of coffee. The Knights of Columbus are hosting — don't miss out on the fun!



## FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Next **Sunday December 21** 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.

**First Known Incorrupt Baby? Brian Gallagher's Body Defies Logic**—In this episode of Dive Deep, we explore a story many are calling miraculous: a baby that is incorrupt. Baby Brian Gallagher died in 1982. But 37 years after his death, after being re-interred, he was found looking like he was sleeping. We interview Brian's brother, Thomas Gallagher to get the full story and message the family wants you to know. Go to [youtube.com/diospringfield](https://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.

**December 25, Catholic Children's Home:** The Christmas special collection helps support the ministry of the Catholic Children's Home, Alton, which provides a special education school and a residential program (which offers emergency shelter care, long-term residential care, supervised independent living, and special programs for abused and abandoned children).

## Vocations Corner

Today is Gaudate Sunday, also known as Bambinelli Sunday. In Rome, children bring baby Jesus figurines (handmade or from their family nativity set) to St Peter's square and the Pope blesses them! Look up the children's book Bambinelli Sunday (by Wellborn and Kissone Engelhart) for more info.



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