# Welcome to the QUAD PARISHES!

ST. MARY'S, SACRED HEART, VISITATION, & ST. SEBASTIAN
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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025



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

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

Christmas is almost here. I hope your Advent has been productive and fruitful. I hope you have found some time to slow down and appreciate the world and the people around you. There is always so much to do in these days. Whether that is shopping for last minute gifts, going to parties, decorating the house... This season has seemed to just fly by this year.

If you haven't managed to find some time for confession yet this year, I encourage you to take some time to get to the sacrament. On Sunday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, there are confessions being offered at Our Saviour Parish in Jacksonville at 2pm. I will be available for confessions at St. Mary's on Monday, Dec 22, at 5pm. I will be staying for about an hour or until all confessions are heard.

Finally, the schedule is a little wonky these next couple weeks. The Christmas schedule should be in these pages somewhere. Don't forget that January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholics are obliged to participate in Mass on all the Sundays of the year and on the few Holy Days. Keep in mind, this is intended as a floor, not as a ceiling. You are always welcome to celebrate Mass with us more often. Thank you to those who do join us at the Masses all through the week.

Next, I have a little more vacation time coming up. I always take some time to see my family after Christmas and through the new year. This is a time that we all get together. I will be out of town after the Masses on Christmas Day until January 2. I will be back for the weekend Masses on January 3-4. This means that there will be no daily Masses during that time. The only exception is that on January 1, there will be a 9am Mass at St. Mary for the Holy Day.

Mass Intentions							
Mon.	12/22	Jackie Hermes					
		(Marty Wright)					
Tues.	12/23	Jeannine Frank					
		(Becky Campbell & Family)					
		Jackie Hermes					
		(Bob & Lola Eck)					
Christmas Eve							
Wed.	12/24						
4:00 P	M (SM)	Ed Cantrell					
		(Judy Marr Family)					
		Lemuel Moss					
		(Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)					
6:00 P	M (V)	Jim Doolin					
		(Mary Beth & Bill Kruzan)					
Christmas Day							
Thu.	12/25						
8:00 A	M(SH)	Don & Gene Ann Johnson					
		Mary Lou & John Reis					
		(Mick & JoAnn Johnson)					
10:00 A	M (SS)	Joe Fitzpatrick					
		(Jean Ann Fitzpatrick)					
Fri.	12/26	No Mass					
Sat.	12/27						
4:00 P	M	Steven Bergschneider					
		(Anonymous)					
5:45 P	M	Wilma Fitzpatrick					
	10/00	(Jerry Fitzpatrick)					
Sun.	12/28						
8:00 A	M	Jamie Johnson					
10.00 4		(Judy & Tom Fitzpatrick)					
10:00 A	.M	Sharon Peters					
		(Alice Moss)					
		Patricia Walter					
		(Ralph Walter & Jean Moss)					

There are also times that the office is going to be closed during this holiday week. The office will be open Monday to Wednesday, both weeks. The office is closed on Christmas Day and the Friday after Christmas. The office is closed on New Year's Day, and the Friday after New Year's. This gives Stacey some time to relax during this holiday season as well. Feel free to send an email or leave a voicemail while we are out of the office. We will get back to you after we return.

Please continue to pray for Brant Evans, who just received his First Communion and Confirmation on Tuesday evening. He was confirmed with about 20 kids from Our Saviour and one from the Cathedral. Pray for all the kids, as they grow in their faith.

While this might be a little premature to announce, Stacey and I are starting to look into a new picture directory. There are some options that we have and we are working on choosing what is best for the parishes. This is going to mean that we will need everyone to get their pictures taken. I will be talking to the Pastoral Council about how to best do that. The easiest thing to do, I think, would be to have pictures before and after Mass. Like I said, this is a bit premature to announce. I will have more to say about this in the weeks ahead.

Well, this might be my shortest column yet. Oh well. I hope you have a very holy last few days of Advent and a very Merry Christmas season!

### Parish Offering As of 12/18/2025

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$449	\$976	\$1,191	\$10,051
Online	\$401	\$351	\$000	\$000
Weekly	\$850	\$1,327	\$1,191	\$10,051
YTD Giving	\$69,358	\$30,751	\$22,592	\$19,734
YTD Budget	\$61,503	\$39,535	\$21,507	\$15,921
YTD Net	\$7,855	-\$8,784	\$85	\$3,814

# **Online Giving QR Codes**









St. Mary's

Sacred Heart

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St. Sebastia

### **Important Dates**

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

Dec 26 & 26-Office Closed

Jan 1 & 2-Office Closed

### 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.

Retreat for married couples offered – Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to <a href="www.org">www.org</a> or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Next ones:

2/6/2026 – 2/8/2026, St. Peters, MO 4/17/2026 – 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO 6/12/2026 – 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO



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

Sacred Heart Coffee & Donuts will be served Sunday January 4 after Mass in the Parish Hall.



**Donut & Cleaning Committee** for January are Karen Wallbaum, Diane Colwell & Kara Colwell.

The Parish Office will be **closed for Christmas** Thursday Dec. 25 & Friday Dec. 26.

We will be **closed for New Year's Day** Thursday Jan. 1 & Friday Jan. 2.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year



Congratulations to our recently confirmed member of Sacred Heart, Brandt Evans! Brant is the son of Jacob & Danielle Evans. Pictured here with Fr. Adam & Bishop Paprocki.

## Volunteers Needed for January Money



Counting We are looking for volunteers to help with money counting throughout the month of January. If you are available to help, please call 217-488-3545 or

email quadparishes@gmail.com the office. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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#### **Vocations Corner**

Christmas Eve is also the feast of Sts Adam and Eve (yes, the Church has long taught that our first parents, Adam and Eve, repented of their original sin and went on to become saints). This feast day is celebrated the day before Christmas to remind us that Christ's birth was the beginning of God's answer to the Fall.

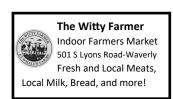
















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