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## *The Holy Family*

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### MASS TIMES

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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HOURS: 8:30AM-1:30 PM Monday-Friday  
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#### 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

Merry Christmas! We remain in the Christmas Season for a couple weeks. It ends after the Baptism of the Lord, on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

First, a couple of reminders. I am out of town until January 2. There will be no weekday Mass while I am gone, except on January 1<sup>st</sup>. New Year's day is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass will be on January 1 at 9am at St. Mary's.

You may not know that all Catholics are obligated to participate in the celebration of Mass on all Sundays (or the appropriate vigil on Saturday) and on certain Holy Days. Maybe some of you have noticed how the Mass changes your attitudes each week. Maybe some of you can see yourself becoming more generous or patient or forgiving of others. Maybe you can see in yourself a change of your heart that has made you think of those in need around you.

The Mass is an important source of Spiritual nourishment for our soul. Full participation in the Mass helps us to learn those attitudes of patience, forgiveness, generosity, and empathy. The Mass teaches us that we can sacrifice for others. While many people may feel like they have a pretty good grasp on our virtues and the growth in them, there is always more to learn and more ways to grow.

Coming to Mass each week gives us our standard curriculum. Our Holy Days are part of that, too. They help us to learn the little lessons throughout the year. Participation in the Mass is part of what makes us Catholic.

You know, one of my little pet peeves is how we, as a society, struggle to wait until the end of Advent or Lent to greet each other with the appropriate holiday, "Merry Christmas," or "Happy Easter." We try to rush through those penitential seasons to get to the fun stuff. Then, we forget to hold on to the fun part for more than a day.

The Christmas Season lasts for a few weeks each year. All that hope that we built up over the weeks of Advent should make us overflow with joy this season. Pay attention, during these weeks, to the ways that you can realize the coming of the Lord in your life. Work on increasing the joy in your soul that the one about whom the prophets have foretold, the Messiah, the all just and loving Son of God, Jesus has come to save us!

It can be difficult for us to comprehend what that really means. It is tough for us to appreciate that our life now has greater meaning because of Christ's coming. Because of his coming, we understand that we are worth saving. Even before we look at the cross and the death of Christ, we are so thankful for his birth into our world. Jesus didn't just appear as an influential businessman or a political leader, he came as a helpless and innocent child. He chose to come into the world as one of us.

The feeling here is mapped onto lots of movies. It is that moment when the good guys are fighting the bad guys and the good guys finally win. I think of the original Avengers movie, but that has an element of sacrifice there, too. It is the feeling when hope is almost gone, when all seems lost, and suddenly there comes another person to fight with the good guys, completely changing the state of the battle.

That is the feeling of the entire Christmas Season. We are hopeful, we are joyful, we are renewed with strength! This feeling should last more than a few hours on Christmas Day. This feeling of hope should stick with us throughout the year. The reality of life gets in the way. Which is the reason we have the season of Advent every year to remind us of the hope we have in the coming of Christ.

-Fr. Adam

## Mass Intentions

Mon.	12/29	<b>No Mass</b>
Tues.	12/30	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed.	12/31	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Holy Day of Obligation-Solemnity of Mary</b>		
Thu.	1/1	
	9:00 AM (SM)	Ralph Walter ( <i>Ralph Walter &amp; Jean Moss</i> ) Arthur Roesch ( <i>Alice Moss</i> )
Fri.	1/2	<b>No Mass</b>
Sat.	1/3	
	4:00 PM	Tom Bergschneider ( <i>Mark &amp; Alice Greenwood</i> )
	5:45 PM	Joseph & Opal Sutera ( <i>Sutera Family</i> )
Sun.	1/4	
	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:00 AM	Paul McGuire ( <i>Jim &amp; Nancy Blankenship</i> ) Jeannine Frank ( <i>Rich &amp; Sharon Johnson</i> )



### Parish Offering As of 12/24/2025

	SM	SH	V	SS
Env.	\$1,065	\$1,134	\$591	\$845
Online	\$301	\$235	\$60	\$000
Weekly	\$1,366	\$1,369	\$651	\$845
YTD Giving	\$70,724	\$32,120	\$23,243	\$20,579
YTD Budget	\$64,066	\$41,182	\$23,445	\$16,584
YTD Net	<b>\$6,658</b>	<b>-\$9,062</b>	<b>-\$202</b>	<b>\$3,995</b>

### Online Giving QR Codes



St. Mary's



Sacred Heart



Visitation



St. Sebastian

### Important Dates

Dec 26-Jan 2-No weekday Mass (except Holy Day)  
 Jan 1-Holy Day-Solemnity of Mary-9am St. Mary's  
 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.

**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.

**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.

A big thank you to everyone who helped decorate our churches for Christmas. Your time, creativity, and care made our worship spaces truly beautiful this season. We're grateful for all you do.

**Gospel Mass Choir** – All are invited to join the Gospel Mass Choir for the Black History Month Gospel Mass on **February 28, 2026, St. Joseph Catholic Church** in Springfield, IL. Sponsored by the Black Catholic Commission. Contact information for joining: Anastasia (217) 218-5970 | Gale (217) 341-5029 | [egbedinamejoshua@gmail.com](mailto:egbedinamejoshua@gmail.com)

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

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.

**World Marriage Day – Date Night Ideas, Couples Connection Plan, and more!** The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 8) are an opportunity for you and your spouse to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Check out [marriageweek.org/](http://marriageweek.org/), for things such as: Register for live broadcasts like "Different by Design", "Living a Shared Life", "Creating Traditions" and "Leaving a Legacy;" Download your Couples Connection Plan; Choose from a number of date night ideas

### Vocations Corner

Merry Christmas! That's right! Christmas Day has come and gone, but the Christmas season continues. Consider putting on a short Nativity play at home, just for yourselves or close family, to help kids enter in to the season. Google 'Catholic All Year At Home Nativity Play' for a simple script.





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