

QUAD PASTORAL UNIT

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

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OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY & THURSDAY
8:30AM-2:00PM
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
8:30-3:00PM

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
4:15PM—VISITATION
5:45PM—ST. SEBASTIAN
SUNDAY
8:00AM—SACRED HEART
10:00AM—ST. MARY'S
WEEKDAY (8:00AM)
MON. NO MASS
TUES. VISITATION
WED. SACRED HEART
THU. ST. SEBASTIAN
FRI. ST. MARY'S

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent *Laetere Sunday*



Mission Statement

“We, the members of the Quad Parishes, consisting of St. Mary’s of New Berlin, Sacred Heart of Franklin, St. Sebastian of Waverly, and Visitation BVM of Alexander, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, are committed to be disciples of Jesus through baptism in the Roman Catholic tradition. We will strive to make Christ more visible in our lives, our communities, and the world, through worship, serving others, and proclaiming God’s Word. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the love of God, with our time, talent, and treasures, in order to make our parishes a place for all who love God to call home.”

Parochial Administrator's Pen

Dear Parishioners,

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

Source: Loyola Press

Fr. Ron



Mass Intentions

Weekday Masses

8:00 A.M.

Mon.	3.20		No Mass
Tues.	3.21	Visitation	Bob Johnson <i>By the Family</i>
Wed.	3.22	Sacred Heart	Lois Pitchford <i>By Ray Pitchford</i>
Thu.	3.23	St. Sebastian	Jean Rose <i>By David & Kathy Piel</i>
Fri.	3.24	St. Mary's	Rita Peters <i>By Rita McCarthy</i> Kelly Peters <i>By Joshua & Tiffany Wohlers</i>

Weekend Masses

Sat.	3.25		
	4:15 pm	Visitation	Bob Johnson <i>By the Family</i>
	5:45 pm	St. Sebastian	Pro Populo
Sun.	3.26		
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	Return of our Loved Ones to the Church <i>By Pam Blackorby</i>
	10:00 am	St. Mary's	Mary Savage <i>By the Family</i> Wilma Minder <i>By the Family</i>

Parish School of Religion

St. Mary's: Courtney Peters 217.414.2922
K-3rd Grade meets after the 10:00 am Mass
4th-8th Grade meets on Sunday evenings

Sacred Heart: Pam Blackorby 217.381.7848
Karen Wallbaum 217.473.5281
(Asst. Coord.)

Sacraments & Devotions

Adoration with Reconciliation

Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm at St. Mary's, New Berlin

Reconciliation

Saturdays, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Visitation church, Alexander.

Anytime during the week. If you are attending Mass, please approach Fr. Ron at least 15 minutes before each Mass or after.

By appointment. Call the office to set up an appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the office anytime. For emergencies email Fr. Ron

Baptisms and Weddings

Email Fr. Ron to set the date of Baptism.

For weddings, email at least 3 months before setting the date of your ceremony.

Stewardship of our Gifts

Week of 3/12/2023

St. Mary's	\$1611.00	Budget (\$2200)	-\$589.00
Sacred Heart	\$1398.00	Budget (\$1300)	\$98.00
Visitation	\$520.00	Budget (\$640)	-\$120.00
St. Sebastian	\$240.00	Budget (\$530)	-\$290.00

Important Dates to Keep

Feb. 2– April 5– CRS Rice Bowl

Mar. 19– Catholic Relief Services Collection

April 4– Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, 6:00 pm

April 25– PSR First Communion and Confirmation at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, 7:00pm

April 12– Parish Pastoral Council meeting

April 30– PSR Second Solemn Communion at Sacred Heart & St. Mary's

Pray for our sick Parishioners

Janet Blankenship, Jim Eck, Sarah Simpson, Jim Watts, Matt Kern, Louise Lenn, Sue Lowder, Kathy Gordon, Barb Johnson, Mary Lee Staley, Joe Gaston, Lisa Richardson, Judy Byer, Mary Hemberger, Roseanne Hartley, Calyssa Richie, Dale Fitzpatrick, Mary McCray, Heather Boudreau, Sy Haber, Donna Reichart, Presley Kerber, Joyce Henn, Paul Sweet, Carol Bold, Kathy Piel, Nancy Blankenship, Jackie Hamilton, Eric Monostori, Betty Huyear Breeze.

Knights of Columbus

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

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Happenings in our Parishes and Beyond

2023 Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross (Fr. Ron leading)

March 3 (Fri.)	6:30 pm	St. Sebastian, Waverly
March 17 (Fri.)	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart, Franklin (with PSR students)
March 24 (Fri.)	6:30 pm	Visitation, Alexander
March 31 (Fri.)	6:30 pm	St. Mary's, New Berlin (with PSR students)

Note: The Pastoral Council members are encouraged to lead the Stations of the Cross on **Feb. 24** and **March 10** in their respective parishes.

April 2 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Note: Masses as in a regular Sunday schedule.

Paschal Triduum

April 6 (Thu.)	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Visitation, Alexander
April 7 (Fri.)	7:00 pm	Friday of the Passion of the Lord St. Sebastian, Waverly
April 8 (Sat.)	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil St. Mary's, New Berlin

Easter Sunday

April 9 (Sun.)	8:00 am	Sacred Heart, Franklin
	9:30 am	Visitation, Alexander
	11:00 am	St. Sebastian, Waverly

St. Mary's-New Berlin News

St. Mary's Cemetery will be having a cleanup day **Saturday 3/25/2023 8:30 to 10:00 am**. Please remove necessary items prior to the cleanup day.



St. Joseph's Table

There will be a **St. Joseph's Table TODAY, Sunday, March 19** after mass in the Parish Center. Everyone is invited to celebrate Bennie Kings first reconciliation.

New Berlin Community Women's Club annual soup and salad luncheon will be on **Sat. April 1** at the KC Hall in New Berlin from **11:00am to 3:00pm**. Entry is free for the vendors market. Lunch will be available for \$10, featuring pulled pork sandwiches, a variety of salads, soups, desserts and a drink.

Easter Egg Hunt & Donuts

The 4th–8th grade PSR students will be hosting an Easter egg hunt with donuts on **Sun. April 2** after Mass at the **St. Mary's Parish Center**. The egg hunt is for walkers-3rd grade. Everyone is invited to come.