



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.



## WE HAVE A PARISH APP!

To download, go to the app store and search "SPI Catholic" or scan the QR code. ("SPI" stands for Springfield Diocese.)

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24** • *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Kimberly Pappas (Frank & Patsy Cicciarelli)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Jean Clevenger (Barb Sallenger)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25** • *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Word of God Sunday)*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Caleb Schmitz (Dennis & Teresa Clem)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Hilda Jorn (Don Jorn)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26** • *St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops*

No Mass

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27** • *Weekday • St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: + Berta Elisa de Herrera

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28** • *St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

7:30 a.m., Virden: For an increase in vocations to the priesthood & religious life (*Diana Ovington*)

10:00 a.m., Eastland in Auburn: All Souls (*Gene & Mary Maley*)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29** • *Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: + Scott Crye (*Vicky Crye*)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30** • *Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Auburn: *Pro Populo*

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31** • *St. John Bosco, Priest*

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: + Veryl Reiher (*Farley & Annette Cole*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Austin DuBois (*Tom & Marty Leonard & Family*)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1** • *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Word of God Sunday)*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Abby Neisler (*Jerry, Dayna, Noah, Mia*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Sharon Gaffney Meyer (*Hasara Family*)



## Morning Offering Prayer

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, the reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father for this month. Amen.



**JANUARY INTENTION**  
**OF THE HOLY FATHER**  
**For Christians in areas of conflict**

Let us pray that  
Christians living in areas  
of war or conflict, especially in the  
Middle East, might be seeds of peace,  
reconciliation, and hope.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY (JANUARY 24)

4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard

5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn

### SUNDAY (JANUARY 25)

8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn

CCD Classes

Rosary before Mass

10:15 a.m., Mass—Virden

### MONDAY

No Mass

### TUESDAY

Parish Office Closed

6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn

Finance Council Meeting

### WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m.. Mass—Virden

24 Hour Adoration

8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open

10:00 a.m. Mass—Eastland in Auburn

### THURSDAY

7:30 a.m.. Mass—Virden

8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open

7:30 a.m.. Mass—Virden

### FRIDAY

7:30 a.m.. Mass—Auburn

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 1

Celebration of the Anniversary of the Dedication

Blessing of throats

### FEBRUARY 7

9 a.m., Frassati Prayer Circle

### FEBRUARY 8

Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### JANUARY 25 AT 10:15 A.M.

<b>Servers</b>	Trace, Wes, & Renee Baines Lorenzo Hickey
<b>Reader</b>	Matt Allen
<b>Greeter</b>	Beth Smith
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Maynerich Adam Edwards Volunteers



### FEBRUARY 1 AT 10:15 A.M.

<b>Servers</b>	Lauren Pierce Allison Bejster
<b>Reader</b>	Chris Smith
<b>Greeter</b>	Carol McGrath
<b>Ushers</b>	Matt Maynerich Lance Hickey Volunteers



### CHURCH CLEANERS:

This Week: *Volunteers*

Next Week: *L. Baines, J. Murphy, N. Siudyla*



### PRAYER LINE:

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, you may contact the prayer line. Call or text Marcella at (217) 503-5034.



### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Every month:

Parish Tithe, Building & Grounds, &  
Vocations Builder Collection

January 18: Catholic Times Support

January 31/February 1: Church in Latin America

## WEEKLY OFFERING

<b>JANUARY 11</b>	Regular Weekly/Holyday: \$3,265 Building & Grounds: \$153 Vocations Builder: \$34 Parish Tithe: \$68 Special Collections: \$30
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# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WELCOME HOME, FATHER JAMES!

### SIGN UP NOW FOR ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MASS AND ATTEND ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH AFTERWARD – On

Thursday, March 19, you are invited to join thousands of pro-life advocates, being a joyful witness to life and raising your voice for the voiceless at the Illinois Pro-Life Mass and March. The day begins with Mass at 10 a.m. at the Exposition Building on the grounds of the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki and concelebrated by bishops and priests from across the state. You must register for the Mass by going to [dio.org](http://dio.org).

After the Mass, there is a rally at the capitol at 1 p.m. with guest speakers, and then a march around the capitol at 2 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be going on at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from noon to 5 p.m. Confessions at the Cathedral will also be available from 1:30 – 5 p.m. Last year, about 2,000 people attended the Illinois Pro-Life March, the vast majority being students from Catholic grade schools, high schools, and Newman Centers. Priests, seminarians, religious, and the lay faithful from every corner of the diocese and the state also showed up in strong numbers.

**YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** Yearly Contribution Statements will be mailed out this week. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or if you believe there is an error in your statement.



### CATHOLIC TIMES IS GOING MONTHLY IN 2026:

The Catholic Times presents Bishop Paprocki's columns and diocesan-wide announcements, highlighting the inspirational stories of people, parishes and schools that are building up the Kingdom of God, and offering articles that are catechizing people daily. It is time to renew subscriptions. Beginning in 2026, Catholic Times will transition from a biweekly publication to a monthly magazine. This change will allow for expanded coverage and more in-depth storytelling across the diocese. The new monthly format will bring improved paper quality, more consistent production schedule and an enhanced reading experience that better reflects the life and vitality of our Catholic community.

Last Sunday was our annual collection for the Catholic Times. The funds from this collection support this important magazine. All parish families should be receiving the Catholic Times—if you are not, please contact the parish office.

### ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION IS APPROACHING!

Each year, we celebrated the Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church which is a Solemnity in our parish. The church was dedicated on January 28, 2018. We will celebrate at Mass on Sunday, February 1 by lighting the candles on the wall that mark where the walls were anointed.

**COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS:** We will be serving Coffee and Doughnuts after Mass on Sunday, February 8. Everyone is invited to join us!

**FRASSATI PRAYER CIRCLE:** The Frassati Prayer Circle meets on the First & Third Saturdays of the Month. The next prayer Circle will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 7. All are welcome to join us as we pray for our parish family!



## SPECIAL YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS

Several churches in diocese available for Special Year of St. Francis pilgrimage so you can receive indulgence: Pope Leo XIV declared a Special Year of St. Francis to mark the 800th anniversary of his death, running until January 2027.

During this time, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting Franciscan churches or praying spiritually if unable to travel, following the usual conditions of going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the pope's intentions (e.g., one Our Father and Hail Mary).

**For example, in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, one can make a pilgrimage to:**

St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis

St. Francis of Assisi Church in Springfield

St. Francis of Assisi Church in Hardin

St. Francis Adoration Chapel in Alton (*home of the Sisters of St. Francis of Martyr St. George*)



## AROUND THE AREA

**WALKING WITH YOU THROUGH INFERTILITY** – We want you to know that you are not alone. Carrying a cross in a desert valley can seem very lonely at times, but sometimes, just around a corner, there is someone who really cares and wants to accompany you. Seasons of infertility and loss come to many couples, who do not take lightly the gifts of life and love. Springs of life and hope and love can be found, even in the difficult paths couples find themselves trying to navigate. To learn more, please go to [springsinthedesert.org](http://springsinthedesert.org) or contact Gracie Ortiz at the Diocese of Springfield [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org) or 217-321-1124.

**INTERIOR FREEDOM BOOK STUDY SERIES** – Join us for a four-week study of *Interior Freedom* by Fr. Jacques Philippe at the Villa Maria Conference Center on Lake Springfield with Father Herman Joseph O.Praem. This accessible and profound spiritual classic helps us learn how to experience inner freedom despite the many external and internal circumstances beyond our control. Copies of the book may be ordered online.

Schedule: January 26, February 2, February 9, and February 16. Each night is 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and includes a Rosary and discussion. Contact: [events@dio.org](mailto:events@dio.org). Register at: [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events).

**SDCCW LENTEN RETREAT: HEAVEN MEETS EARTH – A JOURNEY THROUGH THE HOLY MASS** – Step away from the busyness of life and enter more deeply into the mystery of the Holy Mass at the Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Lenten Retreat, "*Heaven Meets Earth: A Journey through the Holy Mass*," held February 24-25 at Villa Maria Conference Center on Lake Springfield. Led by retreat director Sr. Margaret Schreiber, OP, PhD, this retreat offers spiritual presentations, prayer, Holy Mass, Confession, fellowship, and time for quiet reflection. All women are welcome—bring your sister, your mom, or a friend. Registration forms with the cost and further information are available in your parish office or at [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events). Deadline to register is February 14. For more information, contact Mary Ann Sullivan at 217-822-1928 or Janet Zimmerman at 217-494-4743, and watch for updates on the [SDCCW Facebook page](#).



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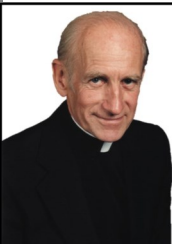


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