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The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, and ends just prior to the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026, when the Paschal Triduum begins. Lent is the principal penitential season in the Church year. All the Christian faithful are urged to develop and maintain a voluntary program of self-denial (in addition to the Lenten regulations which follow), serious prayer and the performing of deeds of charity and mercy, including the giving of alms.

## LENTEN REGULATIONS:

- **ABSTINENCE** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- **FAST** – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

May this holy season be a time of spiritual renewal for each of us!

### 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.)

- When you log in the first time, you will be prompted to provide a Keyword. Enter "Virден".
- You will have the option to create a profile or skip.



# MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14** • St. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated*

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

5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Rosemary Barton (*Ron & Barb Maley*)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15** • *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: + David King (*Bob & Mary Helen Crowe*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Jim Allen & Allen Family (*Pat Allen*)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16** • *Weekday*

No Mass

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17** • *Weekday* • *The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: All Souls (*M/M David Dixon*)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18** • *Ash Wednesday*

7:00 a.m., Virden: Living & Deceased of the Knudson Family (*Greg & Beth Smith*)

6:00 p.m., Girard: Leonard & Gerry Neff (*Neff Family*)

7:30 p.m., Auburn: + Jenny Opolka (*Holy Cross Altar Society*)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19** • *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: The Jones Family (*Vicky Crye*)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20** • *Friday after Ash Wednesday*

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21** • *Saturday after Ash Wednesday* • St. Peter Damien, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

*First Sunday of Lent, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Lawless & Prose Families (*Lisa & Mark Prose*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Velma Millburg (*Kelli Marchizza & Family*)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22** • *First Sunday of Lent*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Bill & Mary Garner (*David & Susan Dixon*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Alyse Engel (*Susan Mathias*)



## 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.



## FEBRUARY INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

**For children with  
incurable diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 14)

4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard  
 5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn  
 5:30 p.m., Couples' Night—Virden

### SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 15)

8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn  
 CCD Classes  
 Rosary before Mass  
 10:15 a.m., Mass—Virden  
 Special Presentation after Mass

### MONDAY

No Mass

### TUESDAY

1:00—4:00 p.m., Parish Office Open  
 6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn

### WEDNESDAY (*Fast & Abstain from meat*)

7:00 a.m., Ash Wednesday Mass—Virden  
 24 Hour Adoration  
 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open  
 6:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday Mass—Girard  
 “Lenten Journey”, after Mass at St. Patrick  
 7:30 p.m., Ash Wednesday Mass—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 (*Abstain from meat*)

7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn  
 6:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross—Virden  
 CCD Student Activity

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00 a.m., Frassati Prayer Circle

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

“Lenten Journey”, after Mass at Sacred Heart

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Noon, Widow's Luncheon

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 10:15 A.M.

<b>Servers</b>	Eli Travis Andrew Rosier
<b>Reader</b>	Larry Travis
<b>Greeter</b>	Jill Murphy
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Maguire Volunteers



### ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 18 AT 7:00 A.M.

<b>Servers</b>	John Rosier Andrew Rosier
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed!</b>



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 10:15 A.M.

<b>Servers</b>	John Rosier Hunter Giller Atreyu Ovington Preston Ovington
<b>Reader</b>	Joe McGrath
<b>Greeter</b>	Beth Smith
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Maynerich Adam Edwards Volunteers

### CHURCH CLEANERS:

February 19: S. Pierce, T. Sharp, R. Sexton  
 February 26: S. Goeckner



### 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 31/February 1: Church in Latin America  
February 18: Aid to Central & Easter Europe

# Lent/Easter 2026

## ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Sacred Heart, Virden

6:00 p.m. St. Patrick, Girard

7:30 p.m. St. Benedict, HCP, Auburn

## LENTEN JOURNEY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH EWTN'S MOTHER ANGELICA DVD SERIES

1<sup>st</sup> Session: Wednesday, February 18 at St. Patrick, Girard (*after the 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass*)

Succeeding Sessions: At Sacred Heart, Virden each Sunday beginning February 22 at 11:30 a.m.

No reservations required and all are welcome!

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS at Sacred Heart, Virden

All Fridays during Lent at 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart (*February 20 & 27, March 6, 13, 20, & 27*)

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St. Benedict, HCP, Auburn

Wednesdays, February 25 & March 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesdays, March 10 & 17 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, March 25 & April 1 - 9:00 a.m.

## PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart (*following Stations of the Cross*)



## REGULAR CONFESSION TIMES

Confessions will be available during normal times (before weekend Masses) or by appointment. To schedule an appointment, contact Fr. James at 217-438-6196 (rectory) or 217-438-6222 (office).

## ADORATION at Sacred Heart

No Adoration on Wednesday, April 1 because of Holy Week preparations

## THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: *begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday*

Please join us in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at Sacred Heart

April 3 (Good Friday): 3:00 p.m.

April 4 (Holy Saturday): 10:00 a.m.

April 5 - 11 (Easter Sunday–Saturday): 6:00 p.m.

April 12 (Divine Mercy Sunday): 9:40 a.m.

## HOLY WEEK/EASTER

Chrim Mass (*March 31*): 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral, Springfield

Holy Thursday (*April 2*): 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick, Girard

Good Friday (*April 3*): 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict, HCP, Auburn

Easter Vigil (*April 4*): 8:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Virden

Easter Sunday (*April 5*): 8:00 a.m. at St. Benedict, HCP, Auburn

9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick, Girard

11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart, Virden

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS “WOULD YOU RATHER” RESULTS ARE IN!** Last Sunday at Coffee & Doughnuts we played a game of “Would You Rather”. The results have been tallied and are on display in the vestibule!

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** On Sunday February 15 following the 10:15 Mass Marty and Georgene Jones will be sharing some pilgrimage and historical slides in the hall of their recent trip to Europe for anyone interested. (Includes Madrid, Barcelona, Lourdes, Paris, Normandy, London and Dublin.)



**ATTENTION LADIES: DEANERY MEETING:** The Jerseyville Deanery CCW will meet on March 11, 2026 at St. Francis Xavier 8:40 am Rosary prior to 9 am Mass with registration and meeting following the Mass at KC Hall, 307 N. State St., Jerseyville, IL. Fr. Martin Smith with speak about St. Joseph at the meeting.

**LENTEN COLLECTION: PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY:** During Lent, we will be collecting Peanut Butter & Jelly for the food pantry. There will be a box available in the hallway by the restrooms. You may still continue with usual donations to the food pantry—place them in the box in the vestibule closet.

**LADIES SOCIETY GARAGE SALE DATE SET:** The date for the Ladies Society Garage Sale has been set for April 24 & 25. As you begin your spring cleaning, set aside gently used items to donate. Collection times and more details will be posted later. Thank you for your support!

**CHECK OUT FORMED FOR LENT:** We want to support you in going deeper with Lent, and help you to enter into a new space of prayer and connection with Our Lord. Prepare your heart for this holy season, starting with a four-part video series called *How to Lent* on Formed!



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## LENTEN

### **JOURNEY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH EWTN’S MOTHER ANGELICA DVD SERIES**

The Stations of the Cross is a devotion and reflection in which we walk alongside Jesus on His way to Calvary. Join us on a Lenten journey as



Mother Angelica, with her penetrating spiritual wisdom, guides us along the Stations of the Cross, teaching us how to open our hearts more to the suffering and loneliness of Jesus on His way to Calvary. Her talks will take us into the depths of Christ's agony, and back out again into the joy of what His sacrifice means for us.

The first session will be held Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, at St. Patrick Church Hall, following the 6 p.m. Mass. Succeeding sessions will be at Sacred Heart each Sunday, beginning on Feb. 22, at approximately 11:30 a.m. No reservations required and all are welcome!



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# **LENTEN FISH FRY!**

**Serving 5:00—7:00 p.m.**

**Fridays during Lent: February 20—March 27**

**\$12 Fish Dinner Includes**

**Fried Fish Sandwich,**

**French Fries or Baked Potato,**

**Coleslaw, & Cookie**

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