

November 16, 2025 • Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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*We are called to persevere in faith
until the day Christ returns.*

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings turn toward the end of time. The Church in her wisdom reminds us that this earth is not our final home. We are destined to be with God in heaven. The day is coming when Christ will return to judge the world with justice.

If we persevere in faith,
we can anticipate this coming with joy.

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THE LORD COMES
TO RULE THE EARTH
WITH JUSTICE

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 • *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated*

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

5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Bill Bolletta, Sr. (*Family*)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 • *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Jackie O'Brien (*Tony & LuAnn Baines*)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 • *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

No Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 • *Weekday • The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul • St. Rose Philippine Duchesne*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: Roger & Ali Lanter (*Donna Caminiti*)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 • *Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: + Rosella Adams (*Catholic Ladies Society*)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 • *Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: Family of Roy Cater, Sr. (*Linda Carter*)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 • *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 • *St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Anticipated

4:00 p.m., Girard: + Carolyn Bettis (*Greg & Beth Smith*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Drew Keown (*Paw Paw & Grandma Maley*)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 • *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Abby Neisler (*Jim & Sheryl Spears*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Hilda Jorn (*Ron & Becky Swygman*)



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.



NOVEMBER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

**For the prevention of
suicide**

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 15)

4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard
5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn

SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 16)

8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn
CCD Classes
Rosary before Mass
10:15 a.m., Mass—Viriden
Season of Stewardship: Lay Witness Weekend

MONDAY

No Mass

TUESDAY

Noon, Widow's Luncheon
1:00—4:00 p.m., Parish Office Open
6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Viriden
24 Hour Adoration as Usual
8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open
7:00 p.m., Cor Meeting—KC Hall

THURSDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Viriden
8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 23

Season of Stewardship: Commitment Sunday

NOVEMBER 26

No Adoration

NOVEMBER 27

9:00 a.m., Thanksgiving Day Mass—Viriden

NOVEMBER 29

9:00 a.m., Frassati Prayer Circle

NOVEMBER 30

Season of Stewardship: Celebration Weekend

PARISH MINISTRIES

NOVEMBER 16 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	John Rosier Hunter Giller Attreyu Ovington
Reader	Matt Allen
Greeter	Jill Murphy
Ushers	Rick Maguire Volunteers



NOVEMBER 23 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	Jim McGrath Griffin Theel
Reader	Tracy Bertolino
Greeter	Beth Smith
Ushers	Steve Maynerich Adam Edwards Volunteers



CHURCH CLEANERS:

November 20: S. Pierce, T. Sharp, R. Sexton

November 27: S. Goekner



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

November 9: Triennial Military Collection

November 30: Campaign for Justice & Hope

November: St. John's Breadline Support

WEEKLY OFFERING

NOVEMBER 16	Regular Weekly/Holyday: \$2,902 Building & Grounds: \$129 Vocations Builder: \$49 Parish Tithe: \$103 Special Collections: \$110
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH NIGHT—THANK YOU! Thank you to Jacob & Emily McGrath and Claire McGrath for presenting the recent “Youth Night”. We had seven youth attend and they had a wonderful time! Thank you to Becca Yemm for hosting! Thank you to Vita DiCarlo for her donation of pizza! Thank you to all parishioners who helped financially to provide the other treats! All the support was appreciated. The event was such a success that a sequel is being planned.

PALLOTTINE CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED! The 2026 Pallottine Calendars have arrived! You are invited to pick one up in the vestibule. These calendars contain all of the holy days and the saint feast days throughout the year.

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD DURING NOVEMBER: The Book of the Names of the Dead will be displayed from the solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It will be left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. We start a new section in the book each year, so you are welcome to write the names of your deceased loved ones again, even if you had listed them last year.

COR MEETING: The next meeting of Cor will be held on Wednesday, November 19 at 7 p.m. in the back room of the Virden KC Hall. ALL men are invited to join this prayer group - you do not need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. If you have questions, please contact Matt Allen at 217-652-7587 (call or text) or moodo2@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

ST. JOHN’S BREADLINE: We will be collecting donations for St. John’s Breadline during the month of November. Envelopes are available in the vestibule for your donations

NOV. 30 — DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE AND HOPE: This special collection supports local ministries that help people overcome poverty right here in central Illinois. Every dollar stays in our diocese, funding food, shelter, family, and education programs that uphold Catholic teaching and our consistent life ethic. Give hope. Give locally.

Widow's Luncheon
Men welcome, too!
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
NOON
SACRED HEART PARISH HALL
Turkey will be served
Bring a Salad or Dessert to Share
ALL WIDOWS & WIDOWERS
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT

A BIRTHDAY! Catherine Murphy turned 95 on November 10!! It would be wonderful if she could receive a multitude of cards from her parish family to celebrate! Her address is 100 Marian Parkway, Sherman, IL 62684.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 26: No Adoration
- November 27: Thanksgiving Day—Mass at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart
- December 5 & 6: Country Christmas Events at our Church
- December 7: Hymn Sing at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church

FRASSATI PRAYER CIRCLE: Our next “Frassati Prayer Circle” will meet on Saturday, November 29 at 9 a.m. We were originally to meet on December 6, but because of the conflict with the Christmas Events at our church, we have opted to meet on the 29th.

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: The North Mac Ministerial Alliance will hold a Community Thanksgiving Service on Saturday, November 23 at 6 p.m. at Prairie Temple Church in Virden. All are welcome!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on Monday, December 8 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass times are as follows:

- 7:00 a.m., Auburn
- 6:00 p.m., Girard
- 7:00 p.m., Virden

SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

Lay Witness Sunday

Last Sunday, we opened our Season of Stewardship. We heard from Father James is about asking ourselves, “What more can I do?” We were inspired to consider how we are involved in our parish life and how we support our parish family.

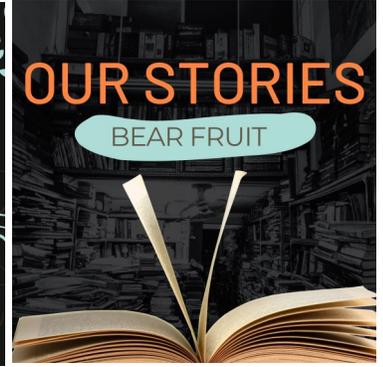
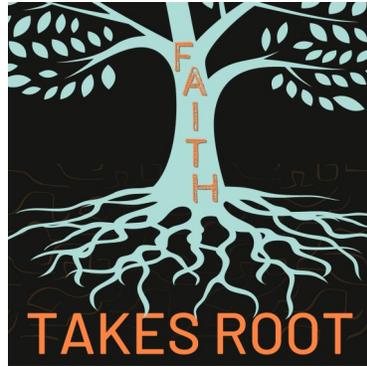
- Today, Sunday, November 16 we celebrate “Lay Witness Sunday” of our Season of Stewardship. We will hear witness statements from some of our parishioners who were inspired to share their stories of faith.

This week we’re reminded that faith is meant to grow and bear fruit. As our *Season of Stewardship* continues, we celebrate how **our stories bear fruit** when we share how God is working in our lives – inspiring others to live and give with grateful hearts.

- Next Sunday, November 23 is “Commitment Sunday”.

Late this past week or early this week all parishioners will have received (or will received) a “Stewardship Guide” in the mail. Enclosed with this guide includes a letter from Father James as well as a “Commitment Card”. Take some time this week to read through the letter and guide. Then prayerfully discern your response, fill out the commitment card, and return it to the box at the back of the church. When you return your card, pick up a saint polaroid picture—these little pictures share the inspiring story of the saint on the back.

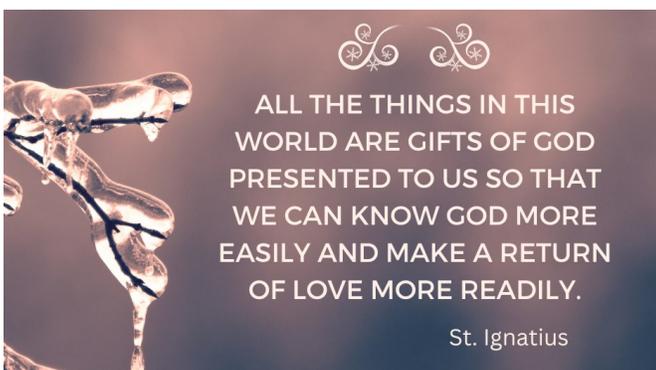
- Our final Sunday of our Season of Stewardship will be held on Sunday, November 30 and it will be our “Celebration Sunday”. We will be celebrating YOU! Your generosity, prayer, and service help our parish grow in faith, love, and hope.



If you haven’t already done so, pick up a copy of our “2025 Stewardship Report” in the vestibule.

We thank all who help in so many ways in our parish! Below are just a few of our ministries which deserve special recognition for their continued commitment and faithful service:

- Thank you to our Finance Council Members who help Father James care for the financial needs of our parish:
Matt Peregrin, Georgene Jones, Matt Maynerich, Adam Edwards, Larry James, Jane Maguire, & George Murphy
- A special thank you to our Ladies Society for supporting our parish so faithfully. The officers are
Kassi White, *president*
Chrissy Maynerich, *vice-president*
Rachel Sexton, *treasurer*
Georgene Jones, *secretary*
- A special thank you to all our catechists:
youth faith formation program:
Becca Yemm, Josephine Hickey, Meghan Theel, Kassi White, Sara Goeckner, Becky Travis, Matt Allen
catechists in our OCIA program:
Annie Schnetzler, Dcn. Greg Maynerich, Carol McGrath
- Thank you to Carol McGrath for her weekly commitment to bring communion to the homebound and pray with residents of Courtyard Estates and Sunrise Nursing Home.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sacred Heart Church
722 North Springfield Street, Virden

Santa's Workshop Country Christmas

Friday, December 5

4:00–7:30 p.m.

Soup, Chili, & Hot Dogs
Hot Chocolate

Saturday, December 6

9 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Cookie Walk (while supplies last!)
Freshly Baked Cinnamon Rolls & Coffee



All canteen foods are by donation
& while supplies last!

Visit the Chamber of Commerce
"Christmas Hall" & vendors

Friday 4-7:30 p.m. & Saturday 9 a.m.-3p.m.

Church Open House:

Friday 5-7:30 p.m. & Saturday 6-8 p.m.



Your Support is Appreciated!

The Country Christmas is coming soon!
Your patronage is always appreciated!
This event is an important fundraiser
for our Ladies Society.

In addition to the usual festivities,
the North Mac Ministerial Alliance has added in
"Open Houses" of area churches.

This is an opportunity to look in at
the churches and enjoy the
prayerful atmosphere of each.

Our church will be participating.

The open house times are
Friday, December 5 from 5:00–7:30 p.m. and
Saturday, December 6 from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

PARISH "CANNED GOOD CHRISTMAS TREE":

The VACC Christmas Hall, associated with our Parish Country Christmas events on December 5 & 6 will feature "Canned Good Christmas Trees" prepared by Virden Area Churches. These "trees" will be constructed from canned goods and non-perishable

food items provided by church members. Our Parish will be participating. If you would like to make donations towards the project, please place your donations in the box at the end of the ramp by the restrooms. Donations should be made by Wednesday, December 3.

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It's Cookie Time!

The Ladies Society Annual Cookie Walk will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 6.

Because this is a community centered event, we are expecting a big crowd.

Therefore, we anticipate the need for many cookies and other specialty baked goodies, candy, jellies and craft items. We sell out early each year, so if you haven't made a donation before, consider doing so!

If you would like to help with the Cookie Walk, please

bring your donations to the church
during the following drop-off times:

Thursday, December 4 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 5 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 6 beginning at 7:30 a.m.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2025

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 27 at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart, Virden

Community Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing

Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, Virden

Adoration Announcements

No Adoration on Wednesday, November 26

No Adoration on Wednesday, December 24

No Adoration on Wednesday, December 31



Frassati Prayer Circle:

Saturday, November 29 at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart, Virden

Saturday, December 20 at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart, Virden

Saturday, January 4 at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart, Virden

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (A Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 8	7:00 a.m.	St. Benedict Church, HCP, Auburn
	6:00 p.m.	St. Patrick Church, Girard
	7:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart Church, Virden

Extra Confession Times

Saturday, Dec. 13 from	3:00 - 3:45 p.m.	St. Patrick, Girard
	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Holy Cross, Auburn
Sunday, Dec. 14 from	7:30 - 8:10 a.m.	Holy Cross, Auburn
	11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Sacred Heart, Virden

Advent Mass by Candlelight

Mass will be celebrated in the dark, only illuminated by candlelight. This speaks of the general theme of Advent, a time of expectation eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Son of God, the Light of the World.

Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Virden

Christmas Novena

This Novena (9 consecutive days of prayer before Christmas) will be held at Sacred Heart in Virden each evening.

First Night: Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. (followed by Mass by Candlelight)

Remaining Nights: December 17 - 24 at 5:00 p.m.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (A Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m.	St. Benedict Church, HCP, Auburn
	at 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church, Virden (music begins at 5:30 p.m.)
Thursday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m.	St. Patrick Church, Girard

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (A Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31 at 4:00 p.m.	St. Patrick Church, Girard
Thursday, January 1 at 8:00 a.m.	Holy Cross, Auburn
	at 9:30 a.m. Sacred Heart Church, Virden



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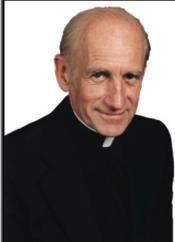
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Abortion



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