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Following closely after the joyful celebration of All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, observed on November 2nd, invites us into a more quiet, tender space. While All Saints' Day is a celebration of those already in the fullness of God's presence, All Souls' Day turns our hearts toward those still on the journey those who have died, but whom we continue to hold in love and prayer.



### WE HAVE A PARISH APP!

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1** • *The Solemnity of All Saints (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)*

*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: For those battling cancer

5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Mary Louise Catteau (*Jeannette Forgas*)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2** • *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)*

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

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Robert Dodd (*Family*)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3** • *Weekday (Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time)*

No Mass

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4** • *St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: + Elsie Semanik (M/M Mark McGrath)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5** • *Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: + JoAnn Marsaglia (*Marty & Georgene Jones*)

10:00 a.m., Arcadia in Auburn: + Ed VonBehren (M/M Mark McGrath)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6** • *Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: + Pauline Miller (*Larry Peregrin*)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7** • *Weekday*

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8** • *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: All Veterans (*Jay & Diane Rogers*)

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9** • *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Velma Millburg (*Family*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Jim Hendricks (*Allen & Becky Miller*)



## 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 1)

4:00 p.m., Fall Festival—Virden

4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard

5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn

### SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 2)

8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn

CCD Classes

Rosary before Mass

10:15 a.m., Mass—Virden

National Vocations Awareness Week Begins!

11 a.m.—2 p.m. Chicken Dinner at KC Hall!

### MONDAY

No Mass

### TUESDAY

1:00—4:00 p.m., Parish Office Open

6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn

### WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden

24 Hour Adoration as Usual

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

10:00 a.m., Mass—Arcadia in Auburn

### THURSDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden

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

10:00 a.m., Rosary Walk at Virden Cemetery

6:30 p.m., Parish Vitality Meeting

### FRIDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn

### SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 8)

Year of Hope Cathedral Visit

### SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 9)

All Parish Meeting After Mass!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 9

Season of Stewardship Begins

All Souls Remembrance at Mass

4:00 p.m., Youth Night

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### NOVEMBER 2 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	John Rosier Gabriel Maynerich
Reader	Joe McGrath
Greeter	Carol McGrath
Ushers	Matt Maynerich Lance Hickey Volunteers



### NOVEMBER 9 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	Eli Travis Andrew Rosier
Reader	Mark McGrath
Greeter	Annie Schnetzler
Ushers	Volunteers



### CHURCH CLEANERS:

November 6: L. Baines, J. Murphy, N. Siudyla

November 13: A. Schnetzler



### 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

OCTOBER 26	Regular Weekly/Holyday: \$1,328 Building & Grounds: \$8 Vocations Builder: \$54 Parish Tithe: \$104 Diocesan Special Collections: \$80
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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**—IMPORTANT!** We will be holding an All-Parish Stewardship & Financial Meeting after Mass on Sunday, November 9. Please gather in the parish hall. Our Finance Council will be presenting our Annual Financial Report and our Parish Vitality Ministry will present plans for our Centennial Campaign.

**REMEMBERING ALL SOULS BEFORE MASS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9:** November 2 is All Souls Day. Normally, we would have our parish All Souls Remembrance on the Sunday closest to that day. However, that Sunday also happens to be the Sunday of the Chicken Dinner! **We will be remembering all our deceased loved ones in a special way before Mass on Sunday, November 9.** The names of all those from our parish who have died in the past year will be read. In addition, all names submitted for this remembrance will also be read.

If you have loved ones who you would like to be part of this remembrance, please submit names in the following ways:

- Your envelope packet contains an “All Souls’ Day” envelope—fill out the back of the envelope and drop it in the collection basket.
- Contact the parish office by email or phone to submit the names.

All donations to offset the cost of the candles are appreciated!

**ROSARY WALK AT VIRDEN CEMETERY:** On Thursday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m. everyone is invited to a Rosary Walk at Virden Cemetery. This Rosary will be offered for the faithful departed. Come prepared for the weather as it is usually windy and cold. You may gain indulgences for first 9 days of November when you visit a cemetery and pray for the faithful departed. All the usual conditions required to gain a plenary indulgence apply. You may obtain the indulgence for yourself or offer it for a departed soul.

**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.

**NOVEMBER 6 PARISH VITALITY MEETING:** On Thursday, November 6 we will have a joint Parish Vitality Meeting with St. Patrick Church. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact our parish office.

**A BIRTHDAY!** Catherine Murphy is turning 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.



**JUBILEE INDULGENCE:** The faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God, so that in this Holy Year everyone "will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children" (Spes non confundit, 24).

**You are invited to join our parish for a**



**Year of Hope  
Pilgrimage**

**to the Cathedral of the  
Immaculate Conception in Springfield  
to receive your Jubilee Indulgence**

**Saturday, November 8**

**Schedule:**

**8:00 a.m.—Mass & Rosary**

**9:00 to 10:00 a.m.—Confessions & prayer time**

**10:00 a.m.—Tour of the Cathedral**

(with “Tour Guide” Fr. Daniel McGrath!)





## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FRASSATI PRAYER CIRCLE:** We will starting a “Frassati Prayer Circle” (named after newly canonized St. Pier Giorgio Frassati) to pray for the intentions of our parish family. This prayer circle is named for St. Pier Giorgio because he recognized the need for support in following the teachings of Jesus so he set up groups among his friends to pray for one another. In our “Frassati Prayer Circle” we will be praying for you! And everyone is welcome to join us! We will meet in the church “Peace Room” on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 9 a.m. The Rosary will be offered and we will have time for personal prayers as well. *Please note: if there is a funeral on a Saturday, the prayer circle will be cancelled for that Saturday.* Our next prayer circle will be on Saturday, November 15 at 9 a.m.



**PARISH VITALITY UPDATE: WE WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU!** Over the next few months, a member of our parish vitality ministry team will be personally contacting each one of our parish families and asking for prayer requests. We will take these requests to our “Frassati Prayer Circle”. This effort is in addition to our regular “Prayer Line” that is always active for immediate prayer requests. You may also continue to write your prayer requests in the book at the back of the church.

**SUPPORT THE UPCOMING YOUTH NIGHT:** A “Youth Night” is being planned for Sunday, November 9. If you would like to donate to help offset the expense of the food and activities of the evening, \$5 support envelopes are available in the vestibule. Thank you to all who help to make this event for our youth possible!

**T-SHIRT UPDATE:** The t-shirts celebrating the canonization of St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati have arrived! If you place an order for pick-up, you will find order bags ready in the hall. We also have shirts available for purchase in case you missed ordering! We thank you everyone so much for their support of this fundraiser for vocations!

**CEREAL COLLECTION FOR THE VIRDEN FOOD PANTRY:** Thank you to all who donated cereal for the Virden Food Pantry in our recent drive. Your generosity in helping to provide this staple item is appreciated!

### ATTENTION MEN OF SACRED HEART, ST. PATRICK, & HOLY CROSS PARISH:

The men of Knights of Columbus Council #2321 are excited to share the implementation of *Cor*, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of our parishes! *Cor* exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. 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.



*Cor*



All youth, ages 12 and up,  
are invited to a

**Youth Night!**  
at Sacred Heart in Virden  
on Sunday, November 9  
from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Join Jacob & Emily McGrath  
and their sidekick, Claire, for



**Pizza,  
Prayer,  
& Fun!**

RSVP to Becca or the Sacred Heart Office  
with your favorite type of pizza, chip, & drink!

call: 217-965-4545, call or text: 217-416-8297

email: [secretary@sacredheart.dio.org](mailto:secretary@sacredheart.dio.org)

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEXT LADIES SOCIETY MEETING:** The next meeting of the Catholic Ladies Society will be on Tuesday, November 11 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

**THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED:** A thank you note was received from the nuns at the Girard Monastery acknowledging and thanking our parish family for the spiritual bouquet gathered for the Jubilee of Consecrated Life. The note has been posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

### 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

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### SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP IS COMING SOON!

From Sunday, November 9 through 30 our parish will be celebrating a “Season of Stewardship”!

During those weeks, we'll hear witness stories, reflect on our blessings, and prayerfully discern how to return our gifts in love. May our faith take root and our gratitude bear abundant fruit!

Each Sunday during those weeks we will reflect on different aspects of stewardship:

- November 9: Kick-off Weekend: As we begin our *Season of Stewardship*, we will be reminded that we are God's dwelling place. May our **faith take root** and our gratitude bear abundant fruit in the weeks ahead!
- November 16: “Lay Witness Weekend”: Our stories bear fruit: This week we will reflect on how **our stories bear fruit** – when we share our faith and gratitude, God multiplies our joy and blesses our parish family.
- November 23: Commitment Weekend: By this point, all parishioners will have received a mailing with stewardship brochure and commitment card. We pray that all will take time to reflect on how they are called to be active in their parish.
- November 30: Celebration Weekend: As we close our *Season of Stewardship*, we will be **rejoicing in fruitfulness!** Thank you for letting your faith take root and your generosity bear fruit in our parish and beyond.

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOP:

Posted on: October 31, 2025

**Bishop Thomas John Paprocki of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois issued the following statement after the Illinois Senate passed SB 1950, which will legalize physician assisted suicide in Illinois, pending approval from Gov. JB Pritzker:**



“It is quite fitting that the forces of the culture of death in the Illinois General Assembly passed physician-assisted suicide on October 31—a day that, culturally, has become synonymous with glorifying death and evil. It’s also ironic that these pro-death legislators did it under the cloud of darkness at 2:54 a.m. Make no mistake: killing oneself is not dying with dignity. Doctors take an oath to do no harm. Now, they can prescribe death. There are documented cases of patients being denied treatment and instead offered life-ending drugs. Individuals could also be coerced into taking the lethal drug. Physician assisted suicide undermines the value of each person, especially the vulnerable, the poor, and those with disabilities. Pray for Gov. Pritzker to reject this legislation. Illinois should be a state that offers compassion, care, and hope—not death—as the answer to human suffering.”

**ATTENTION LADIES:** The Jerseyville Deanery CCW will meet on Thursday, November 6th at St. Michael's, Greenfield, IL. Registration at 8:30 am, ceremony honoring deceased women of the deanery and Rosary at 9 am followed by 9:30 am Mass.

**SACRAMENTS AT CATHEDRAL** - Please promote that the Office for Education is looking for individuals to volunteer to help with the Sacraments at the Cathedral events throughout the year. Around 1,300 students, along with their families, come to the Cathedral each year to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Help is needed for registration, greeters, ushering, and hospitality. For more information you can contact the Parish Liaison for the Restored Order, Sister M. Clementia, FSGM at [ctoalson@dio.org](mailto:ctoalson@dio.org).

**POPE LEO TO ADDRESS YOUTH:** Pope Leo XIV will hold a 45-minute digital dialogue with young people from across the United States during the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) on Friday, November 21, 2025, at 10:15 am ET | 7:15 am PT. This marks the first time in history that a Pope will directly engage U.S. youth in a live digital encounter—a conversation broadcast worldwide from Lucas Oil Stadium through our partnership with EWTN, the exclusive multi-cast provider.

Whether you plan to attend in person at NCYC or join online from home, school, or parish, we invite you to register below and let us know you are part of this global moment of faith, dialogue, and unity.

By registering, you will receive:

- Exclusive invitation to our Digital Pre-Event on Tuesday, November 11
- Broadcast and Livestream Information from our Partners at EWTN
- First Access to our Digital Follow-up Resource Kits for Teens, Parents, and Ministry Leaders
- Opportunities to Win Prizes from our Partners!

To Register, go to:

<https://nfcym.leadlms.com/questionnaires/81>

**DECEMBER CATHOLIC MEN’S OVERNIGHT RETREAT** – Step away from the noise of daily life and renew your soul at the Catholic Men’s Overnight Retreat, led by Norbertine Father Herman Joseph Johanneck, O. Praem. at the beautiful Villa Maria Retreat Center on Lake Springfield. Father Herman Joseph will present his series, “*Sons of the Father, Men in Christ*,” guiding participants into deeper prayer, reflection, and brotherhood. The retreat will include talks, personal prayer, Rosary, Adoration & Benediction, Confessions, group discussion, Holy Mass, and time for rest and silence. Saturday, Dec. 13 – Sunday, Dec. 14; \$150 (includes single-occupancy room, meals, and materials); Register by Nov. 21 at [events@dio.org](mailto:events@dio.org).





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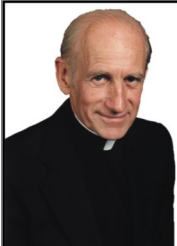
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