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Pray for Vocations

God created each of us in His image with a unique purpose. He calls every person to holiness and gives each of us a vocation—the unique way we are called to love and serve Him. Whether through marriage, religious life, or the diocesan priesthood, He invites us to become saints. Through prayer, a relationship with Christ, and the guidance of His Church, we can discover the vocation He has lovingly prepared for us.

We are invited to the heavenly feast.

Both the first reading and today's Gospel portray the heavenly kingdom as a banquet. Each time we participate in Mass, we receive a foretaste of this heavenly feast and are nourished by Christ's Body and Blood. We can prepare for the feast with repentance and by clothing ourselves with good deeds.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 10 • *Weekday*
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated
4:00 p.m., Girard: Virginia Prosperini Broccardo *(Lorraine Hart)*
5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Bernadine "Bernie" Burg *(Holy Cross Altar Society)*

Sunday, October 11 • *Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Christine Pluester *(Choir Members)*
10:15 a.m., Virden: + Dorothy Peregrin *(Matt & Aryn Peregrin)*

Monday, October 12 • *Weekday* • *St. Carlo Acutis*
No Mass

Tuesday, October 13 • *Weekday*
6:00 p.m., Auburn: + Rosemary Venhaus *(Family)*

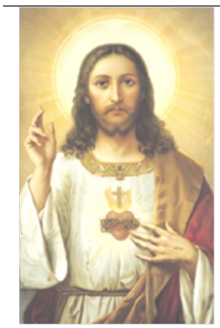
Wednesday, October 14 • *Weekday* • *St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr*
7:30 a.m., Virden: + Janice Jorn *(Don Jorn)*

Thursday, October 15 • *St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*
7:30 a.m., Virden: + Virgil Goeckner *(Baines Family)*

Friday, October 16 • *Weekday* • *St. Hedwig, Religious* • *St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*
7:30 a.m., Auburn: *Pro Populo*

Saturday, October 17 • *St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*
Twenty-eighth 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, October 18 • *Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Esley Sisson *(Mike & Mary Glandon)*
10:15 a.m., Virden: Special Needs *(Virden Knights of Columbus)*



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.

October Intention of the Holy Father

For mental health ministry:

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Weekly Calendar

Saturday *(October 10)*
4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard
5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn

Sunday (*October 11)*
8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn
CCD Classes
Rosary before Mass
Remembrance of Love before Mass
10:15 a.m., Mass—Virden
T-shirt Sales After Mass!

Monday
No Mass

Tuesday
8:00—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open
6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn

Wednesday
7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden
24 Hour Adoration
8:00—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open

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

Friday
7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 17
9:00 a.m., Frassati Prayer Circle
10:00 a.m., Server Training

Tuesday, October 20
6:00 p.m., Catholic Funeral Seminar

Thursday, October 22
9:00 a.m., Global Rosary for Peace

Sunday, October 25
Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass

Tuesday, October 27
Finance Council Meeting

Parish Ministries

Sunday, October 11 at 10:15 a.m.

Servers	Eli Travis Andrew Rosier
Readers	Chris Smith
Greeter	Annie Schnetzler
Ushers	Dave Hacker Volunteers

Sunday, October 18 at 10:15 a.m.

Servers	John Rosier Hunter Giller Atreyu Ovington Preston Ovington
Readers	Tracy Bertolino
Greeter	Jill Murphy
Ushers	Rick Maguire Volunteers

Church Cleaners:
October 15: S. Pierce, T. Sharp, R. Sexton
October 22: 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
October 18: World Mission Sunday

Weekly Offering

October 4	Regular Weekly/Holyday: $3,600 Building & Grounds: $113 Vocations Builder: $100 Parish Tithe: $38

Parish Announcements

Congratulations! We extend our prayerful congratulations to **Asher Nathaniel**, son of Jacob & Marissa Poorman, who was baptized this Sunday at Sacred Heart. May the Lord send his angels to watch over him, that he will always radiate the light of Christ through his words and actions.

Remembering with Love
Babies Lost Before Birth



During October, the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, we remember with love those precious little ones whose lives began at conception but who did not come to birth, as well as those whose lives after birth were all too brief.

This Sunday, we will have a special remembrance at Mass for these little ones.

As a parish family, we join in prayer with and for all parents, relatives, and friends who mourn the loss of a child—a grief that can remain in the heart even after many years. May Our Blessed Mother, who knew both a mother's tender love and sorrow, hold these little ones and their families close to her Immaculate Heart.

Frassati Prayer Circle: The next two Frassati Prayer Circles will be held on Saturday October 17 at 9 a.m. and November 7 at 9 a.m. We meet in the Peace Room of the church.



What happens at the Prayer Circle?

- We read a brief reflection on our faith
- We share our intentions and pray for those in need—including you!
- Then, we pray the Rosary together.

It's a peaceful, welcoming time of prayer—and you don't need to be an "experienced pray-er" to join us.

Everyone is welcome!

The prayer circle is named after St. Pier Giorgio Frassati—a saint who believed in the importance of praying for one another!

Altar Server Training: We will be holding a training session for Altar Servers on Saturday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. All new and current servers are invited to attend.



Are you confused about the recent updates to Catholic funeral practices?
Have you ever wondered what readings and music may be chosen for a Funeral Mass?
Do you know what to do when a Catholic loved one dies?

Join us for our Catholic Funeral Seminar at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, at Sacred Heart Church in Virden. (Mass will be held at 5:30 p.m.)

The evening will also include helpful information about planning a Catholic funeral, such as choosing Scripture readings and sacred music, ways family members may participate, and what to expect during the funeral rites. Whether you simply want to understand Catholic funeral practices better or would like to begin making plans for yourself or a loved one, this will be a helpful and informative evening. Lots of resources will be provided—and everyone will go home with a goodie bag!

Worried about fasting for the 5:30 Mass and then attending the seminar? Don't fret! DiCarlo's Pizza will be served AND our Catholic Ladies Society will be providing treats!

All are welcome to join us for an evening exploring the Catholic Church's funeral rites and the practical steps involved in planning a funeral.

Catholic Funeral Seminar



Tuesday, October 20

6:00 p.m.

Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church, Virden

Presenters will Include:

Sister Mary George Brown, F.S.G.M.
Director, Office of Divine Worship
Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

&

Tyler Busby
Director of Arisman Calvert Funeral Home, Virden

Topics will include:

- The liturgical rites of Catholic funerals
- Updates to the diocesan funeral policy
- Selecting Scripture readings and sacred music
- Funeral pre-planning and the steps to take following the death of a loved one

Take-Home Resources & Materials
Door Prize • Refreshments

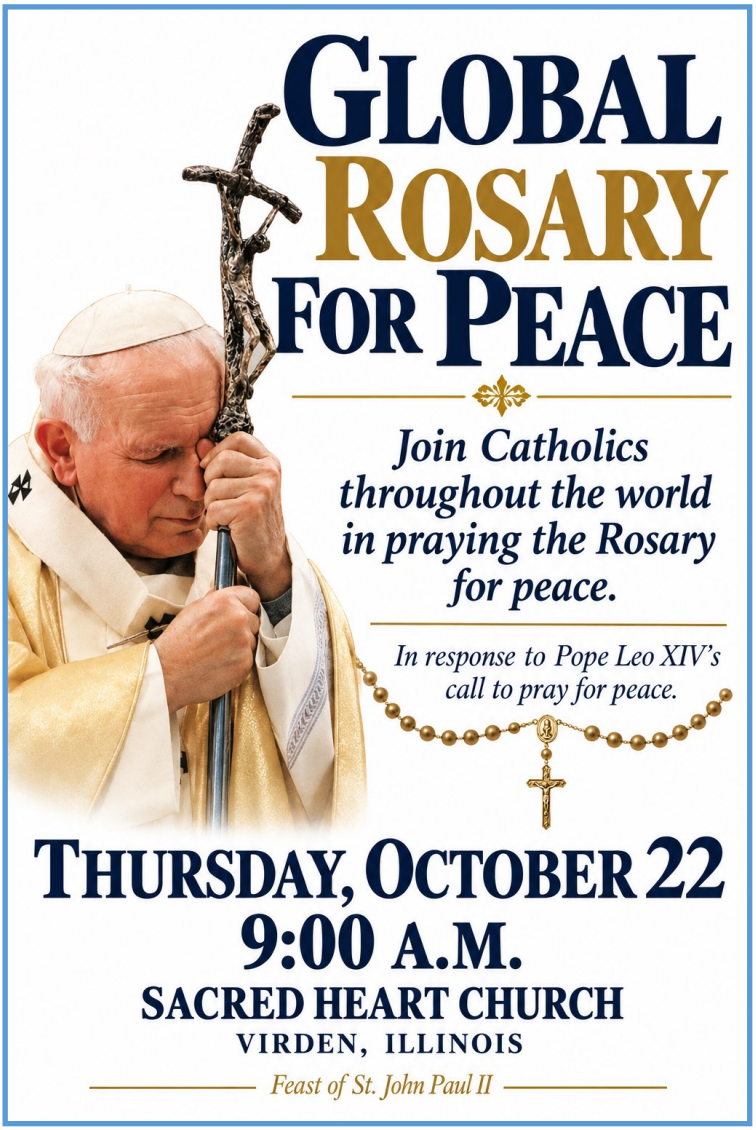
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Upcoming Masses: Father James will be out of town from October 22–27 so we will not have weekday Masses during that time. Father Jeff Grant will be here to offer Masses on the weekend of October 24/25.

All Saint's Day: This year, the Solemnity of All Saints falls on Sunday, November 1. Because All Saints Day coincides with Sunday, the obligation to attend Mass is fulfilled by attending the regularly scheduled weekend Masses. No additional Masses will be celebrated for All Saints Day.

All Soul's Remembrance: We will have an All Souls remembrance before Mass on Sunday, November 1. More information will be available later.

All Souls Day: All Souls Day falls on Monday, November 2. Mass will be celebrated at 7 a.m. at Sacred Heart.





World Mission Sunday – October 18

Next Sunday, October 18, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, with the theme *"One in Christ, United in Mission."* Catholics throughout the world are invited to support the missionary work of the Church through prayer and a special collection. Your generosity helps bring the Gospel to communities around the world and supports missionaries, churches, schools, and charitable ministries. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this important collection.

Did You Know? Blessed Fulton J. Sheen was a great champion of the Church's missionary work! From 1950 to 1966, he served as National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, helping promote World Mission Sunday throughout the United States. He also introduced the World Mission Rosary in 1951, encouraging Catholics to pray for the missions

Parish Announcements

Sacred Heart Church, Virden
& Virden Knights of Columbus Council #2321

Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday, November 8, 2026
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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Dine-in or Carry-out!

(Carry-outs at rear door)

Adults & Carry-outs $16

Children 5-10 $7

Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Roll
Beverage
Dessert



Basket Raffle & 50/50 Raffle!
Themed baskets filled with goodies!

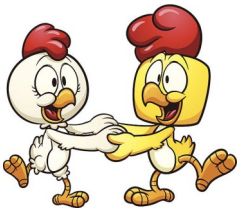
Basket & 50/50 Raffle Drawings at 2 p.m. the day of the dinner– you need not be present to win!

Volunteer to help at the dinner!



Bake a dessert!

Bring a friend to the dinner!



Pray for the success of our dinner!

We are so excited to be partnering with the Virden Knights of Columbus to host a Fried Chicken Dinner again this year!

Many Workers are Neeeded: Call Annie Schnetzler at 801-8148 if you can help! Or you can sign up on the board in the vestibule! *Reminder to helpers:* Food handlers should wear a cap and all workers are asked to park away from the building.

Chicken Cleaning: Chicken cleaning will take place on the afternoon Thursday, November 5 at the KC Hall. Anyone is welcome—if you have cutting tools or scissors, please bring them. Please contact Annie Schnetzler in advance of that day if you will be able to help.

Desserts: Please consider baking two desserts this year and dropping them off the day of the dinner. The desserts are always a big hit, so we need your support in this area!

Young People Needed!! Our young folks are always appreciated and receive many compliments on their respectful service while busing tables and carrying trays. Once again, we need their help! Please consider adding your family to the list of workers to bus the tables!

Pray for Our Parish: All are invited to join us in praying the Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus directly after the Rosary on Sunday, November 1. *We will be praying for the success of our Chicken Dinner* and for the financial/spiritual health of our parish and our local Knights of Columbus.

Parish Announcements



Basket Raffle at the Chicken Dinner: Once again, we are planning a fun addition to our Chicken Dinner this year—a Basket Raffle! At the dinner, you will be invited to purchase tickets for chances to win a basket—put your ticket in the container corresponding to the basket you would like to win—the winner for each basket will be drawn at the end of the day.

We need your help! Would you like to donate a themed basket for this event?
Here are two examples to get your creative juices flowing:

- "Movie night basket": with a DVD of a movie, popcorn, candy, and a comfy blanket for the perfect at-home movie experience.
- "Backyard BBQ Basket": Fire up the grill with BBQ sauces and seasonings, spices, cooking utensils, napkins, tablecloth, and reusable plates and cutlery.

Get creative and have fun! Just make sure the items in your basket are non-perishable and appropriate for a church event.

Who can donate a basket? Anyone! Parishioners are encouraged to get in on the fun of creating a basket. Do you have a business or side-hustle? You are welcome to add in your business card to your basket.

→→→Baskets should be donated by October 25.
Thank you for your support!

Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Rosary Walk in Metro East – Join Catholics from across the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois for a morning of prayer, witness, and fellowship on Saturday, October 24. The day begins with the Respect Life Mass at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, followed by a rosary walk as a public witness to the dignity of every human life. At 11:30 a.m., gather at Englebert Hall in Madison for a luncheon featuring guest speaker Lucy Sykes, Students for Life Coordinator. The luncheon benefits Project Rachel, the diocese's confidential ministry of healing and hope for those affected by abortion.

Virden Knights of Columbus 4th Sunday Market: The Virden Knights of Columbus will be holding their 4th Sunday Market from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 25. There will be indoor and outdoor vendors! KC Breakfast Menu will be available at 8 a.m. and the Lunch Menu will be available at 11 a.m. (Dine in or carry out). Free Admission for Shoppers!

Art & Craft Fair: On Saturday, October 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Chatham will hold an Art & Craft Fair. Come and do you holiday shopping, with many fine art and craft items to choose from! Complimentary Coffee! Food and drink items will be available for purchase. There will even be a Kid's Korner with free crafts & coloring pages…and a special guest…Princess Rapunzel!

Koinonia Celebrates 50 Years: Koinonia has been sharing The Paschal Mystery with over 400 weekends in Springfield, IL and nearby cities alone. Join fellow participants from Koinonia and TEC weekends in the celebration on Sunday, November 15 at St. Joseph the Worker in Chatham. We will be celebrating with a Mass at 2 p.m. and following with a social gathering with refreshments. A freewill donation will be collected for the refreshments.

Follow Springfield Illinois Vocations! – The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has launched new Vocations social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram at **@spivocations**.
These accounts are designed especially to reach young men who may be discerning a call to the priesthood, while also sharing stories, encouragement, events, and resources that help foster a culture of vocations throughout our diocese. You can help! Follow **@spivocations** on Facebook and Instagram, and share the accounts with young men, parents, teachers, coaches, youth ministers, and others who may know someone asking where God is calling him. Sometimes a simple share can help put the right message in front of the right person at the right time.

Live your faith.
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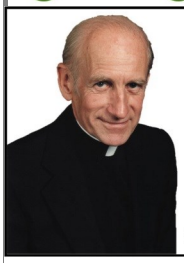
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