

April 13, 2025 • Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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*Christ became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 • *Lenten Weekday*

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Anticipated

4:00 p.m., Girard: Rose Tebbe (*Ike & Lorraine Hines*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Frank & Dorothy Stead (*Ron & Barb Maley*)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 • *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Travis Clem (*The Bancroft Family*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Hilda Jorn (*Baines Family*)

MONDAY, APRIL 14 • *Monday of Holy Week*

No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 • *Tuesday of Holy Week*

No Mass in Auburn because of the 6:30 p.m. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 • *Wednesday of Holy Week*

7:30 a.m., Virden: Frank & Eleanor Barros (*Linda Carter*)

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 • *Holy Thursday*

7:00 p.m., Virden: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: + Deacon Rick Schnetzler (*Mary VonBehren*)

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 • *Good Friday*

7:00 p.m., Girard: *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 • *Holy Saturday*

7:30 p.m., Auburn: *Easter Vigil*: + Drew Keoan (*Paw Paw & Grandma Maley*)

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 • *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

8:00 a.m., Auburn: + Mary Kay Sandoval (*Jim & Sheryl Spears*)

9:30 a.m., Girard: + Pauline Herron (*Frank & Patsy Ciccirelli*)

11:00 a.m., Virden: For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, & religious life (*M/M Marty Jones*)



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.



APRIL INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY (APRIL 12)

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

SUNDAY (APRIL 13)

8:15 a.m. Mass—Auburn
CCD Classes
Rosary before Mass
10:15 a.m., Mass—Viriden

MONDAY

No Mass
5:00 p.m., Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Final Bible Study—Viriden

TUESDAY

No Mass in Auburn

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Viriden
No Adoration

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m., Holy Thursday Mass—Viriden
Adoration until 10 p.m.

FRIDAY

3:00 p.m., Divine Mercy Novena Begins—Viriden
7:00 p.m., Good Friday Liturgy—Girard

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m., Divine Mercy Novena—Viriden
7:30 p.m., Easter Vigil—Auburn

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m., Easter Sunday Mass—Auburn
9:30 a.m., Easter Sunday Mass—Girard
11:00 a.m., Easter Sunday Mass—Viriden
Reception after Mass—Viriden
6:00 p.m., Divine Mercy Novena—Viriden

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Adoration as usual

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

6:30 p.m., Focus Session—Viriden

PARISH MINISTRIES

APRIL 13 AT 10:15 A.M. (PALM SUNDAY)

Servers	Jim McGrath Andrew Rosier
Reader	Joe McGrath
Greeter	Annie Schnetzler
Ushers	Volunteers



APRIL 17 AT 7:00 P.M. (HOLY THURSDAY)

Servers	Jacob McGrath, John Rosier, Max Allen
Reader	Matt Allen
Greeter	Annie Schnetzler
Ushers	Volunteers



APRIL 20 AT 11:00 A.M. (EASTER SUNDAY)

Servers	Martin McGrath, Jim McGrath, John Rosier, Nicholas Pitchford
Reader	Sal DiCarlo
Greeter	Becca Yemm
Ushers	Volunteers



CHURCH CLEANERS:

April 17: S. Pierce, T. Sharp, R. Sexton

April 24: 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

April 17: Collection for the Poor (see announcement)

April 20: Seminarians

April 20: Rice Bowl Collection Ends

April 27: Catholic Home Missions

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

April 19 (Holy Saturday): 10:00 a.m.

April 20-26 (Easter Sunday–Saturday): 6:00 p.m.

April 27 (Divine Mercy Sunday): 9:40 a.m.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER:

Chrism Mass (April 15):

6:30 p.m. at Cathedral, Springfield

Holy Thursday (April 17):

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Virden
(adoration until 10:00 p.m.)

Good Friday (April 18):

7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick, Girard

Easter Vigil (April 19):

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

Easter Sunday (April 20):

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: We extend our loving and prayerful sympathies to the family and friends of **Leona Hacker** who died this past week. May the angels lead her to paradise, may she rest in peace!

OCIA PRAYERS: We offer prayers as a faith community for Diana Ovington who has been attending OCIA classes in Virden as she prepares to enter the church at Easter.

RECEPTION AFTER MASS: After Easter Sunday Mass, we will have a reception in honor of Diana Ovington to congratulate her on her Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. Everyone is welcome to join us!



HOLY THURSDAY NOTES:

At the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Church does two things that illustrate the relationship between the Eucharist and the Christian life: washing of feet and collecting gifts for the poor.

- **Washing of the Feet:** After the homily, Father James will be washing the feet of volunteers. Men or women are invited to volunteer—we need 3 or 4. It is certainly very humbling to have your feet washed by a priest!
- **Collection for the Poor:** We will be collecting donations for the poor on Holy Thursday as well. Donations from this collection will go to our Local Food Pantry and to the North Mac Ministerial Alliance Charity Fund for local people and families in need. **Envelopes are available in the vestibule & will be available in your pews at the Holy Thursday Mass.**

ADORATION ON HOLY THURSDAY: Following the Holy Thursday Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be carried in procession to the Altar of Repose set up in the hall. Everyone is invited to stay in prayer until 10 p.m. that evening.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray." ...And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?"

—Matthew 26:36, 40

It is Holy Thursday...Our Lord struggles with the very human fear of His coming Passion, sweating blood in His distress. The Apostles—who were supposed to watch with Him and keep Him company—are leaning against the twisted olive trunks, fast asleep.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" is all that Our Lord says to them—yet it is the question which resounds every moment in our souls. Will we watch with Him?

On Holy Thursday night following the Mass, parishes hold Eucharistic adoration to commemorate the Agony in the Garden. The silence, the prayer, the quiet altar where the Blessed Sacrament is reposed—they all signify that evening in Gethsemane. You are invited to spend time with Jesus that evening until 10 p.m., to console him with your prayers, to "watch with Him" in His darkest hour.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES SOCIETY GARAGE SALE COMING! This is a great time to start setting items aside to donate to this event!
April 26: 9:00–11:00 a.m.: donation drop off
April 27: after church: donation drop off

WHY ARE THE STATUES COVERED? As we enter Holy Week, the statues in the church have been covered as a communal fast of the beauty that surrounds us when we enter the church. It is a way to keep us focused solely on the Passion of the Lord. Without the Passion and Cross, none of the images are possible nor do they have any meaning.

PARISH VITALITY FOCUS SESSION: Our next Parish Vitality Focus Session will be held on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Virden. Our focus topic will be the fourth pillar of the diocesan synod – Service: how we serve each other, especially those in need, by practicing charity and justice.

We will discuss the following questions:

- What areas of need within our parish?
- What areas of need within our community?
- How do we encourage new volunteers within the parish?

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

SECOND COLLECTIONS - HOLY LAND COLLECTION AND SEMINARIAN COLLECTION: Each year, the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish around the world to take up a collection on Good Friday to keep a Christian presence in the Holy Land. This year, help is needed more than ever. The Holy Land Collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, ministers to the parishes, provides information and education in communities and schools, and cares for the basic needs of people in the Holy Land. During such a difficult time, where we must rebuild not only buildings but so many broken lives, your promotion of this important collection is essential. The Seminarian Collection will help our diocese to educate and form future priests. Our diocese has been blessed with an increasing number of young men who have generously said yes to God's call. We now have 11 seminarians. You can take a personal role in their formation with a generous gift in the special Easter collection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEKS:

- We will not have Mass in Auburn on Tuesday, April 15 because of the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral that evening.
- The parish office will not be open for regular office hours for the next two weeks because of preparations for Holy Week and for rest following Easter. Marcella will still be available by appointment.
- We will not have Adoration on Wednesday, April 16, because of Holy Week preparations.
- The two weeks after Easter we will not have weekday Masses because Father will be taking some well-deserved rest time. We will have Adoration as usual on April 23 & 30. We will welcome Father Jeff Grant for Mass on Sunday, April 27.

CCD CLASSES & MAY CROWNING: The final CCD Class of the year will be on Sunday, May 4. That Sunday we will also have the Crowning of Mary before Mass. All parish children are invited to participate in the procession—please gather in the Peace Room.



The image shows a colorful illustration of a garage filled with various items like a bicycle, a lawnmower, and a table with a lamp. A large white sign with red and black text is attached to the garage. The sign reads: 'Sacred Heart Catholic Ladies Society', 'GARAGE SALE', 'Friday, May 2 4 - 7 pm', 'Saturday, May 3 8 am to noon', 'Clothing available in Church Hall', 'Cash Donations', 'Rain or Shine', and '722 N. Springfield St., (Rt.4), Virden in the Church Garage'.

Sacred Heart Catholic Ladies Society

GARAGE SALE

Friday, May 2
4 - 7 pm

Saturday, May 3
8 am to noon

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BIKING FOR BABIES

Biking for Babies is a pro-life organization that sends young adults as “missionaries on wheels” across the country on a 6-day, 600-mile bike ride, sacrificing their time and bodies to raise funds and awareness for our nation’s pregnancy resource centers.

The National Ride is the pinnacle of their missionary formation program. By July, young adults have spiritually and physically trained for months. Now, they have just six days and around 600 miles to sacrifice their comfort and use their gifts to raise awareness and financial support for America’s pregnancy resource centers. This year’s National Ride is July 14-19, 2025.

The Michigan Team of “Biking for Babies” will be coming through our area on Friday, July 18! Father Daniel McGrath and Father Dominic Vahling had suggested to the planning team that people our parish might be willing to host the team overnight that evening.

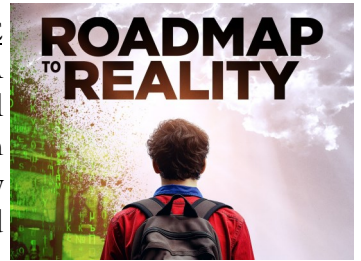
They are looking for families to host a team of 7-12 young adults (all over age 18) on Friday, July 18 who will provide them a filling dinner, a place to wash clothes and take showers, beds (in any combination of beds, air mattresses, and couches), and a quick breakfast to start their last day.

If you are able to help by offering your home to a few of them, contact the parish office for more details!



CARLO ACUTIS MOVIE COMING TO THEATERS!

A movie about this millennial saint is coming to theaters in April. This documentary that explores the life and lessons that Carlo offers – especially to young people – who are navigating the challenges of the digital world.



The movie will be played in Springfield AMC 12 on the following dates:

April 27 at 4 p.m.

April 28 at 7 p.m.

April 29 at 7 p.m.

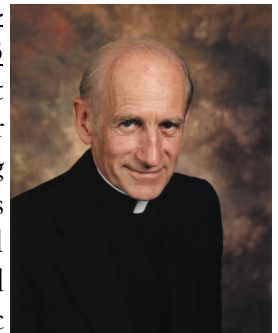
Advance tickets are available by going to the AMC website.

CARLO ACUTIS TINY SAINTS! We have “Tiny Saint” Carlo Acutis Charms! They are available in the basket in the vestibule for \$4/charm. There are envelopes in the basket available for your donations—you can drop those in the collection basket.



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UPCOMING CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION AND A CELEBRATION FOR FATHER JAMES: On Tuesday, May 13, four of our parish children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Cathedral. On the Sunday following (May 18) we will welcome the children at Mass and have a reception for them in the hall following.

During the month of May, Father James will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his profession as a Pallottine. We will celebrate this anniversary with him at the May 18 reception!



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE!

A Jubilee Year is an important and historical event in the life of the Church designed for the faithful to experience God's loving mercy in a special way. This Jubilee's theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". The Jubilee's activities are meant to encourage Catholics to both receive God's mercy and invite participation in acts of mercy in our daily lives and communities

The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church.

APRIL 25-27: JUBILEE OF ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH AND THE CANONIZATION OF CARLOS ACUTIS: Our parish youth (young adults and children) will be invited to participate in the procession at the beginning of Mass to celebrate the canonization of a saint for their generation. A statue of Carlos Acutis will be carried in and others will follow with candles and flowers. Anyone wishing to join the procession should meet in the peace room before Mass—after the procession, the children will return to their seats.

MAY 4: JUBILEE OF WORKERS: We will celebrate by praying the "Litany of Loretto" before Mass for all who work—remembering in a special way those who work at the Catholic Pastoral Center in support of our Diocese. We will also have St. Joseph Holy Cards for all workers to pick up. On the back of this handsome card, is a good prayer to say before going to work. It was written by Pope St. Pius X about 1900. This prayer helps to give the workday context and a spiritual connection.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Sunday, May 4, 2025, 2:00 pm Bishop Paprocki will host an ecumenical celebration of the 1700 Hundredth Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, Illinois.

CARLINVILLE CATHOLIC CHARITIES BEEF RAFFLE 2025 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – Carlinville Catholic Charities is selling tickets for a Beef Raffle fundraiser for the opportunity to win 100 pounds of beef. Tickets will be sold at \$10 each or 3 for \$20 and can be purchased online at cc.dio.org/events/carlinville-beeffaffle, the Carlinville Catholic Charities Area Office, the Catholic Charities Thrift Shop located at the Carlinville Plaza, or from any Carlinville Board Member. Proceeds from the raffle fundraiser will go towards Carlinville Catholic Charities. The drawing will take place on Monday, June 30th at 4:00 p.m. at Carlinville Catholic Charities at 525 W 2nd South Street.



Watch on dio.org/documentary/

HAVE YOU BEEN WONDERING if there is any "Eucharistic Revival" and "Year of Hope" gear? Yes! At the National Eucharistic Revival Shop, you can purchase t-shirts specially designed for both! The National Eucharistic Revival ends on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi this year and the entire 2025 is the Year of Hope. Go to the National Eucharistic Revival Store, click on "Shop" and select "Jubilee Year of Hope". Help spread the message that, "Hope does not disappoint!"





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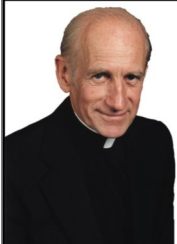
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