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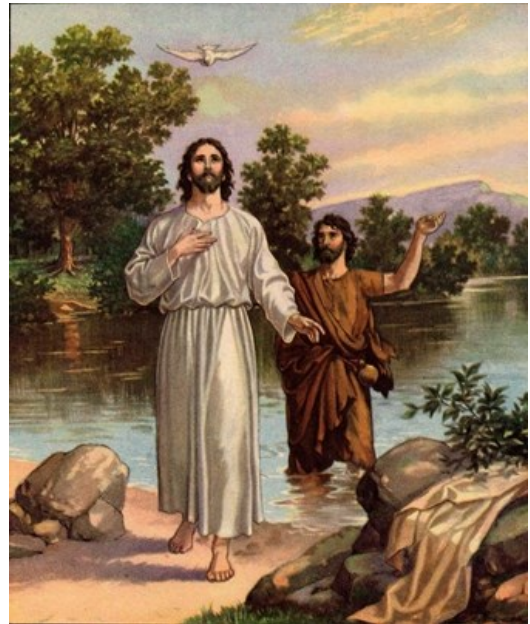
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"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"

– John 1:38

**Pray for
Vocations**



Please pray that those called to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life will respond to a joyful, "Yes!"

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

WEEKLY BULLETIN: January 14, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 • St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated

4:00 p.m., Girard: Gerry Neff (*Linda Radmacher*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: Ryken Bailey (*Todd & Christy*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 • *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: Sue Leahy (B'day 1/9) (*Jim & Sheryl Spears*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: Deacon Rick Schnetzler (*Ron & Becky Swygman*)

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 • *Weekday*

No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 • *Weekday*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: Blanche Catteau (*Ms. Suellyn Miller*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 • St. Anthony, Abbot

7:30 a.m., Virden: Alison Smith (*Taylor & Adrianna Smith*)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 • *Weekday* • *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins*

7:30 a.m., Virden: Dave O'Brien (*Josh, Cara, Elias, & Sophia Weller*)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 • *Weekday*

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 • St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr • St. Sebastian, Martyr

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated

4:00 p.m., Girard: Deacon Rick Schnetzler (*Cindy Dorner*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: Irene Farris (*Dave & Barb Farris & Family*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 • *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: Sheila Menietti (*Jim & Sheryl Spears*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: Lowell & Ann Grigg (*Joe & Carol McGrath*)



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.



JANUARY INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY (JANUARY 13)

4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard

5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn

SUNDAY (JANUARY 14)

8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn

CCD Classes

Rosary before Mass

10:15 a.m., Mass—Virden

MONDAY

No Mass

TUESDAY

2:00—5:00 p.m., Parish Office Open—Virden

6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden

No Adoration

2:00—5:00 p.m., Parish Office Open—Virden

THURSDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden

Parish Office Closed

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn

2:00—5:00 p.m., Parish Office Open—Virden

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn
St. Vincent Pallotti Feast Day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Parish Solemnity:

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Trivia & Lunch after Mass

PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	Trace Baines Lauren Pierce
Reader	Tony Rothering
Greeter	Becky Travis
Ushers	Rick Maguire Volunteers



SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	Jim McGrath Andrew Rosier
Reader	Larry Travis
Greeter	Jane Maguire
Ushers	Rick Maguire Volunteers



CHURCH CLEANERS:

January 18: L. Hacker, S. Pierce, T. Sharp, R. Sexton

January 25: 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.



WEEKLY OFFERING

JANUARY 7	To be reported next week...
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY:

Every month: Parish Tithe, Building & Grounds &
Vocations Builder Collection

January 14: Catholic Times Subscription Renewal

January 28: Church in Latin America

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADORATION ANNOUNCEMENT: Wednesday Adoration will resume soon. Right now, we are looking at a start date of February 14. Stay tuned! In the meantime, if you are a regular adorer and your phone number has changed, please contact the parish office—the church “call” system is used to send announcements about closures for weather.

OFFICE HOURS: Parish Office hours continue to be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. However, if the schools are closed for inclement weather, the parish office will also be closed.

COLD WEATHER IS HERE! Now that we are in the season for wintry weather, it is a good time to check that we have your correct phone number. We use a call system to send announcements to our parish family regarding cancellations or changes to events because of the weather. If you have recently changed numbers or if you did not receive any of the recent messages, it means that we do not have an updated phone number for you. Please contact the parish office with your updates.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE: Ash Wednesday is on February 14!

The Mass times are as follows:
7:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart in Virden
6:00 p.m. at St. Patrick in Girard
7:30 p.m. at St. Benedict in Auburn

Pastor Al®



“This little guy is Billy. He’s the least of my brothers.”

2023 CEILING REPAIR: CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE!

We are so grateful for all who have contributed to our campaign to repair our church ceiling! Your donations and pledges have made a difference! Our project is now complete, but we still need to pay for the repairs!

For our Centennial Campaign,
we are seeking to raise \$240,000.

We humbly ask for your support as we work to reach our campaign goal. Pledge materials were mailed to parish families and are available for pick-up in the vestibule, please take time to prayerfully consider your support. All pledges are payable over three years.

In the vestibule, we have a tree to track our campaign progress—help us fill the tree with ornaments and reach our goal of \$240,000!

To date, we have over \$128,000
in pledges and donations!

Sacred Heart Church, Virden

TRIVIA & LUNCH

HAVE LUNCH & TEASE YOUR BRAIN!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

In the hall after Mass

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

(No cost to join in the fun—
but donations accepted to offset expense)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO SERIES: Now that the *Catholic Times* new website is the one-stop-shop for all the content the communications office has and will continue to put out there (articles, columns, videos, podcasts), there is one section we want to highlight in this Parish Link that can be used by your parish leaders, catechists, school teachers. If you go to the [videos tab](#) and scroll down, you will see seven video series. These are some of our most popular videos that teach and inspire others about the faith. The series includes:

- Hey, Father!
- Dive Deep podcast
- 73 Questions
- Beauty Series
- Behind the Scenes
- The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit explained
- Answering your questions on death, funerals, cremation, and more

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE: Join others from across the country in praying the 9 Days for Life annual novena, January 16-24, 2024. The novena is for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up at: www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup.



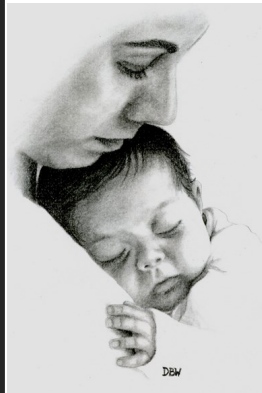
NATIONAL
Eucharistic Congress

**ATTEND THE NATIONAL
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN
INDIANAPOLIS JULY 17-21:**

This summer, join tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will travel from every corner of the U.S. to experience the healing power of Jesus Christ, present in the holy Eucharist at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Soak in the Presence of Jesus alongside people of all walks of life – a vivid image of the universal Church. You will participate in beautiful liturgies, lifting your voice in prayer alongside world-class musicians, hear from the most influential Catholic speakers of our day, and make history as part of the first National Eucharistic Congress in nearly 100 years. This is the beginning of a new chapter of faith in America. Will you be there? Register at eucharisticcongress.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE AND MASS: Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Mass, 10 a.m., Sangamon Auditorium, on the UIS Campus, 1 University Plaza, Springfield. Noon, rally in front of the State Capitol, followed by a march around the State Capitol complex. The Mass, rally and march are intended for 7th-12th graders, college students, and adults. More details coming.

MOMMY, WHY DID GOD MAKE ME?



Your child wants to know what makes him or her special. They may ask a follow-up question like “Why did God make you my parents?” or “Why did God make me a certain way?” Make sure to identify the uniqueness of your child and how they are loved by God. They were put on this earth, with all of their individual gifts and struggles, because God wanted

them to know him and experience life. God wanted their help in particular to spread his message of love and forgiveness.

"God created you out of love. It can sometimes be hard to believe the crazy love that God has for us. Think about a picture you colored recently or something you made for a friend or a family member. Think about the towers you build with your toys or pictures you have painted. You put a lot of hard work into the things you create. It is our love that makes us want to create brand new things and to put all our effort into our ideas and projects. God, who is Love itself, made you because love is creative. He made you, and he made you special. He put all of his effort into making you just the way he wanted you."

The battle to defend the dignity of human life, and truly serve expectant mothers with love, support, and excellent medical care has just begun. We believe that all life is sacred, and that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. We must share the good news that every person is loved by God and that we are called to defend the dignity of life from conception until natural death. Pray for the sanctity of life!



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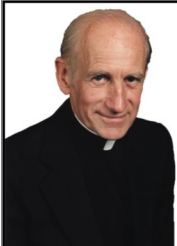
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