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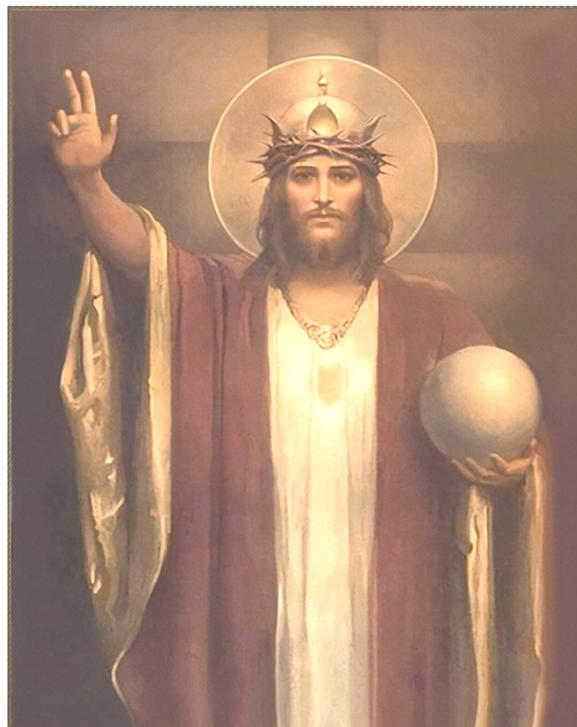


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Jesus is king of all creation.

Today's solemnity, which marks the close of the liturgical year, reminds us that Christ is king, judge, and ruler of all. He is the image of the invisible God and the firstborn of all creation in whom all power and authority have been invested. By our baptism we share in that royal identity so that we might witness to his glory and kingship before the world.



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MASS INTENTIONS

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 Swygan)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 • *St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs*

No Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 • *Weekday* • *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: *Pro Populo*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 • *Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: + Scott Crye (Vita DiCarlo)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 • *Weekday* • *Thanksgiving Day*

9:00 a.m., Virden: + Dave O'Brien (Joe Maynerich)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 • *Weekday*

No Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 • *The First Sunday of Advent, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: For an increase in vocations to religious life (Annette Cole)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 • *The First Sunday of Advent*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Mary Ann Kuenstler (Andy & Donna)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + JoAnn Marsaglia (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.



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 22)

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

SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 23)

8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn
CCD Classes
Rosary before Mass
10:15 a.m., Mass—Viriden
Season of Stewardship: Commitment Sunday

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—Viriden
No Adoration
8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

No Mass

SATURDAY (29)

9:00 a.m., Frassati Prayer Circle

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 30

Season of Stewardship: Celebration Weekend
First Sunday of Advent
No CCD Classes

DECEMBER 5 & 6

Country Christmas Events at our Church

DECEMBER 7

6:00 p.m., Community Hymn Sing—First Christian

DECEMBER 8

Holy Day of Obligation (see schedule)

PARISH MINISTRIES

NOVEMBER 23 AT 10:15 A.M.

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



NOVEMBER 30 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	Nicholas Pitchford Lucy & Rowan George
Reader	Larry Travis
Greeter	Volunteer
Ushers	Volunteers



CHURCH CLEANERS:

November 27: S. Goeckner

December 4: L. Baines, J. Murphy, N. Siudyla



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: \$7,476 Building & Grounds: \$18 Vocations Builder: \$4 Parish Tithe: \$517
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT MATERIALS AVAILABLE: Advent is almost here! As you are preparing for this season, there are materials in the vestibule that you may pick up.

READER NEEDED: We are in need of a reader for the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 a.m. Contact Marcella if you can help.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS THIS MONTH:

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.

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

SHHHHH! SOMEONE IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY SOON! Father James will be celebrating his Birthday on December 10! To help him celebrate, we will be "planting" a Hail Mary flower garden! Beginning next Sunday, there will be a board at the back of the church where you can add a flower sticker for a Hail Mary prayed for Fr. James. Children are invited to add their stickers as well! We will offer this gift to Father on Sunday, December 14.



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!

IT IS ALMOST THE END OF THE YEAR! 2025 is coming to a close soon! If you would like to receive a 2025 tax deduction for your gifts to the church, they need to be post-marked by December 31st, 2025 or dropped in the collection basket before that date as well. Credit card gifts and ACH online donations need to be made online and time-stamped before midnight, December 31st.

Another giving option... Give to Sacred Heart Church from your IRA- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), also known as IRA Charitable Rollovers, are the savviest way for those age 70½ or older to use their IRAs to maximize their charitable impact. And, if you are subject to a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), an IRA gift can help you meet your RMD without increasing your taxable income. Visit dio.org/QCD to learn more about this giving option and to initiate a QCD gift to Sacred Heart. For specific questions about how IRA giving may impact your personal situation, consult a financial or tax advisor.



Commitment Sunday

We are in 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. Last Sunday, we heard witness statements from our parishioners who shared their faith and commitment.

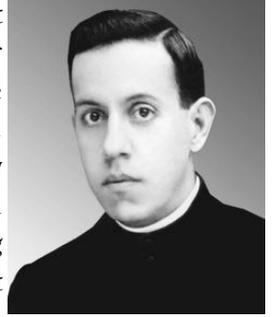
- This Sunday, November 23 is “Commitment Sunday”.

Late this past week all parishioners will have 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.



Blessed Miguel Pro was a Jesuit priest during Mexico’s Cristero War (mid 1920s), a time of severe persecution of the Catholic Church. Despite the danger, he secretly ministered to the faithful, even disguising himself to bring sacraments to prisoners and assist the poor.



He lived with constant hardship, lacking the comforts and respect normally given to priests, yet remained joyful and steadfast in his mission, trusting in God’s care.

After less than three years of priesthood, he and his brother were arrested. Pro was to be an example to Catholics all around Mexico—that efforts on the part of priests and lay people to remain Catholic would be punished. On November 23, 1927, he was executed by firing squad.

In a profoundly Christ-like action, he forgave his executioners and extended his arms cruciform. Blessed Miguel shouted the phrase which became famous as the rally cry of the Catholic rebels, “Viva Christo Rey!”- “Long live Christ the King!” Miguel Pro was faithful and praised God even to the moment of his death.

Newspaper photographers were invited to document the event as a warning, but Father Pro’s final words echoed across Mexico. People who had been neutral saw him in the papers, standing resolute with arms outstretched like a cross, and support for the Catholic cause surged. Forty thousand filled the streets for his funeral, with twenty thousand more at the cemetery. No priest was allowed to speak, so Pro’s father gave the commendation. Public outrage grew, the government faltered, and anticlerical laws were gradually repealed.

Excerpt from an article on the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus website:

It is fitting that the Solemnity of Christ the King should fall on Blessed Miguel Pro’s feastday. The readings for Christ the King show us the Heart of our King, He is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. And in Father Pro, we celebrate a shepherd who followed his King all the way to the cross. So today, let us join our voice to Blessed Miguel Pro’s cry just before he was shot, “Viva, Cristo Rey!” (*Long live Christ the King!*)

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.



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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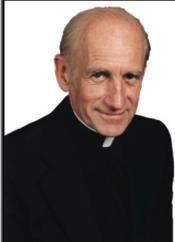
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