

August 17, 2025 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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*"For where your treasure is,  
there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34*

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.



## WE HAVE A PARISH APP!

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16** • *St. Stephen of Hungary*

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: + Christine Leja (*Annette Cole*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Larry Sallenger (*Barb & Family*)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17** • *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Deacon Frank & Paul Maynerich (*Pierce Family*)

**MONDAY, AUGUST 18** • *Weekday*

No Mass

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19** • *Weekday* • *St. John Eudes, Priest*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Linda Carter*)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20** • *St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*

7:30 a.m., Virden: + Jo Ann Marsaglia (*Susan Mathias*)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 21** • *St. Pius X, Pope*

7:30 a.m., Virden: + Dave Smith (*Beth & Greg Smith Family*)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 22** • *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23** • *St. Rose of Lima*

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Randy Upp (*Linda Upp*)

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24** • *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Wayne Baker (*Andy & Donna Kuenstler*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Dave O'Brien (*Jane King*)



## 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.



## AUGUST INTENTION

### OF THE HOLY

### FATHER

### For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY (AUGUST 16)

4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard

5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn

### SUNDAY (AUGUST 17)

8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn

Rosary before Mass

10:15 a.m., Mass—Virden

Student Blessing at Mass

CCD Registration before & after Mass

T-shirt Sales after Mass

### 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

### THURSDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden

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

6:30 p.m., Parish Vitality Ministry Meeting—Virden

### FRIDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST 26

Finance Council Meeting

### AUGUST 31

Italian Saint Party after Mass

### SEPTEMBER 7

Youth Procession at beginning of Mass

### SEPTEMBER 21

CCD Classes begin for Parish Youth

Coffee/Doughnuts, Bake Sale, Open House after Mass

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### AUGUST 17 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	Jim McGrath Nicholas Pitchford
Reader	Mark McGrath
Greeter	Jill Murphy
Ushers	Rick Maguire Volunteers



### AUGUST 24 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	John Rosier Hunter Giller Eli Travis
Reader	Volunteer Needed!
Greeter	Beth Smith
Ushers	Steve Maynerich Adam Edwards Volunteers



### CHURCH CLEANERS:

August 21: S. Pierce, T. Sharp, R. Sexton

August 28: 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

## WEEKLY OFFERING

AUGUST 10	Regular Weekly/Holyday: \$2,194 Building & Grounds: \$63 Vocations Builder: \$24 Parish Tithe: \$28
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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**STUDENT BLESSING:** Father James will be blessing students returning to school on Sunday, August 17. Students are welcome to bring their backpacks if they wish!

**CCD REGISTRATION:** CCD/PSR Classes will be starting soon at Sacred Heart in Virden! Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. beginning on Sunday, September 21. Students in the final year of Pre-K before Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us! Registration will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall before and after the 10:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 17. If you have questions, please contact Becca Yemm at [byemm69@gmail.com](mailto:byemm69@gmail.com) or 217-416-8297.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** is September 21 and is also the first day of CCD/PSR Classes at Sacred Heart in Virden! Join us following the 10:15 a.m. Mass for Coffee and Doughnuts, a bake sale, and an open house of the classrooms with an opportunity to meet the teachers! Everyone is invited.

**NEW "TINY SAINT" CHARMS:** We have new "Tiny Saint" Charms for upcoming St. Pier Giorgio Frassati available in the vestibule. The cost of the charms is \$4 each. There are envelopes where you can place your donation to drop in the collection basket.

**FIRST STEP WOMEN'S CENTER:** First Step Women's Center in Springfield will hold its 18th Annual Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. RSVP by September 18 at [director@firststepwomenscenter.org](mailto:director@firststepwomenscenter.org).

**PURPOSE WITH POPCORN:** Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to a night with Steven Holland on Wednesday, September 24 from 7-9 p.m. at Calvary Church in Springfield. This event is sponsored by First Step Women's Center and Two Hearts Springfield. Check out the card posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule and scan the QR to register!

**THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** This past Friday, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. This Friday, we will celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May our Blessed Mother help us to follow Christ!

Sacred Heart Church, Virden

### Join us for an **ITALIAN** **SAINT PARTY** after Mass on **Sunday, August 31**

to celebrate the upcoming canonization  
of Blessed Carlo Acutis and  
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati!



View a short video  
on the upcoming  
canonizations!  
Feast on Italian desserts!  
Enter to win a door prize!



**DOOR PRIZE!** We will be offering a handmade Rosary as a "door prize" to celebrate the two new saints who had a great devotion to our Blessed Mother. This Rosary is Handmade with Orange Carnelian and Phosphosiderite Beads. It is part of the collection of Rosaries from ViaOrationis Etsy shop and handmade by Matt Peregrin. Entries for the raffle will begin next Sunday and the drawing will take place after Mass on September 7.

**CANONIZATION OF TWO NEW SAINTS!** Sunday, September 7 is the date set for the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati! This is an exciting moment for the Church as, during this Year of Hope, we honor two young saints who were not afraid to give their lives to God! On Sunday, September 7 all children (including infants with parents) and young adults are invited to participate in a procession at the beginning of Mass in honor of this canonization. Please gather in the Peace Room.



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Celebrate the canonization of  
St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis  
and support diocesan vocations!*

**T-shirts celebrating these two young saints are available for order and 100% of profits will support vocations to the priesthood in our diocese!**



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We are so excited to launch this fundraiser to support diocesan vocations!

These t-shirts, featuring the artwork of Fr. Daniel McGrath will be sold throughout our Diocese!

This fundraiser is supported by our parish youth and any youth who would like to help with taking orders at our parish or preparing t-shirts for pick-up and shipping, please contact Claire McGrath or the parish office.

You may place an order online by going to our parish website or scanning the QR code. You may also place an order after Mass on the coming Sundays.

**FIRST PARISH VITALITY MINISTRY MEETING:** Late last year, we announced a new ministry in our parishes - the Parish Vitality Ministry! Parish Vitality Ministry Mission Statement: Informed by the four pillars of hospitality, prayer, formation, and service, the goal of the Parish Vitality Ministry is to identify areas for growth in parish life, so that the individual cells of the body of our parish family will make for a more united and vibrant community of intentional missionary disciples of Jesus Christ who seek to become saints.

Over the past six months, we have held four parish vitality focus sessions based on the four pillars of stewardship - hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. The focus sessions were designed to explore these areas of stewardship and identify areas for growth.

What comes next? Now that these focus sessions have been completed, it is time to begin our new Parish Vitality Ministry. This is an exciting moment for our parishes! We will be looking closely at the results of the focus sessions, pinpointing some key areas for growth, and coming up with solutions! We are seeking dedicated men and women who will commit to serving in this ministry by attending periodic meetings and supporting parish life activities. If you are interested, please contact Annette Cole or Marcella Rosier. At our first meeting, we will be reviewing the results of the focus sessions and taking a close look at the pillar of formation, which stood out as a key area for growth in our parishes. **The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Please join us!**

**OCIA CLASSES TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!** OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the rite by which adults may enter the Catholic Faith. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, this is the class for you! Please contact the parish office if you are interested!

**OFFICE FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE:** Interested in becoming a permanent deacon? Join us after 10am Mass Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Following Mass there will be an informational meeting in the atrium. Wives are welcome and encouraged to attend with their husbands. Please visit <https://dio.org/diaconate/> for more information about the diaconate.

**CHECK IT OUT!** If you visit the Diocese of Springfield Facebook page, you will see a familiar face! Father McGrath was interviewed by Andrew Hansen in a "One Mile Talk". He speaks about his vocation and about prayer—it is very inspiring!



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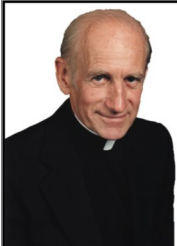
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