

May 7, 2023 • Fifth Sunday of Easter



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May's saintly monthly mentor is Our Blessed Mother, the Queen of All the Saints. The Catholic Church dedicates this month every year to Our Lady.

Our Blessed Mother's unique

and holy experience and profound wisdom are a perfect compass for our journey on this earth. Let us allow her to lead us to Jesus and to our longed-for destination: heaven.

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word." (Lk 1:38)."

Contemplate how you can be the handmaid, or servant, of the Lord.

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy will be a great guide for you here. To serve Our Lord well, begin in your own home by resolving not to resent the labors (both physical and emotional) that can sometimes make you feel like a servant in your own house. One more meal to cook, item to repair, complaint to solve ... one more moment of patience, one more kind word returned when your instinct might be to grumble ... offer each of these moments as an act of love to the Lord.

**Pray for
Vocations**



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

WEEKLY BULLETIN: May 7, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 6 • *Easter Weekday*

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Anticipated

4:00 p.m., Girard: Jeff Jennings (*Magan Jennings*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: Drew Keown (*Paw Paw & Grandma Maley*)

SUNDAY, MAY 7 • *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: Suzy Hartung (*Bettie Burtle*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: Phil & Della Starks (*Pat & Jim Allen Family*)

MONDAY, MAY 8 • *Easter Weekday*

No Mass

TUESDAY, MAY 9 • *Easter Weekday*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: Dolores Landers (*Norma J. Bourland*)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 • *Easter Weekday* • *St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Ch.* • *St. Damien de Veuster, Priest*

7:30 a.m., Virden: Special Intention (*Janice Isenhour & Mary VonBehren*)

THURSDAY, MAY 11 • *Easter Weekday*

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

FRIDAY, MAY 12 • *Easter Weekday* • *Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs* • *St. Pancras, Martyr*

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

SATURDAY, MAY 13 • *Easter Weekday* • *Our Lady of Fatima*

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Anticipated

4:00 p.m., Girard: Ed & Pauline Gilmore Anniversary (*Joseph & Pat Charles*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: Shaun Snodgrass (*Jeannette Forgas*)

SUNDAY, MAY 14 • *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: Abby Neisler (*Jerry, Dayna & Noah Neisler*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: Living & Deceased of the Linda Carter Family (*Linda Carter*)



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.



MAY INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY (MAY 6)

4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard

5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn

SUNDAY (MAY 7)

Baby Bottle Campaign Begins

8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn

Last CCD Class of the Year

Rosary before Mass

May Crowning of Mary before Mass

10:15 a.m., Mass—Virden

Coffee and Doughnuts after Mass

MONDAY

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

TUESDAY

2:00–5:00 p.m., Parish Office Open

6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn

7:00 p.m. Ladies Society Meeting

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden

8:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m., Adoration—Virden

2:00–5:00 p.m., Parish Office Open

THURSDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden

Parish Office Closed

6:00 p.m., Hall Table Unboxing/Setup—Help needed!

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn

2:00–5:00 p.m., Parish Office Open

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

24 Hour Adoration

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Parish Celebration for Daniel McGrath's
Ordination to the Diaconate

PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, MAY 7 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	John Rosier Hunter Giller Eli Travis
Readers	Mary McGrath, Max Allen Jackson Pierce
Greeter	Carol McGrath
Ushers	Parish Children Assisting Matt Maynerich Lance Hickey



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

Servers	Jackson Pierce Lauren Pierce
Reader	Jacob McGrath
Greeter	Becky Travis
Ushers	Matt Peregrin Tim Goeckner Jacob McGrath Volunteer



CHURCH CLEANERS:

May 11: A. Schnetzler

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



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

APRIL 30	Envelope Donors: 17; Online Donors: 14 Regular Weekly/Holyday: \$1,245.14 Building & Grounds: \$36.00 Diocesan Special Collections: \$220.00 Vocations Builder: \$33.00 Parish Tithe: \$126.00
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN MAY:

May 21: Catholic Communications Campaign

May 28: Retired Diocesan Priests

Every month:

Parish Tithe, Building & Grounds &
Vocations Builder Collection

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

TODAY!

Everyone is invited to join us!



TUESDAY, MAY 9: LADIES SOCIETY MEETING: The next meeting of the Ladies Society will be on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All ladies are invited!

TABLE UNBOXING AND SET-UP: We have an anonymous donor who has purchased new, lighter-weight tables for our parish hall (thank you to our donor!). The tables are set to arrive on Wednesday. On Thursday evening at 6 p.m. we will be unboxing the tables and setting them up. Help is needed to make light work! Everyone is welcome to join us!

SACRED HEART PARISH 2023 WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

SELECTED: The S.D.C.C.W. (Springfield Diocese Council of Catholic Women) is pleased to announce the Eleventh Annual “Women of Distinction Celebration” on Saturday, June 24, 2023. This event honors one woman from each parish in the Springfield Diocese for her service to God, Parish and Community. **This year, Linda Hacker was selected by our Catholic Ladies Society as our parish Woman of Distinction. Congratulations, Linda!** The Mass for the celebration is on Saturday, June 24 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral in Springfield. No reservation is needed for the Mass. Following Mass, there will be a reserved luncheon at the Crowne Plaza at noon. The lunch is \$35 and registration for is due by Tuesday, June 6. If you would like to attend the luncheon, please contact the parish office for a registration form.

CARLINVILLE CATHOLIC CHARITIES will be hosting its 7th Annual Fun Run annual fundraiser at Beaver Dam State Park on Saturday, May 20, 2023. The Fun Run will include a 5K run and a one-mile fun walk. The advanced registration fee due by May 8, 2023 for the 5K run is \$30 and \$20 for the fun walk. The registration fee for the day of the event is \$35 for the 5K and \$25 for the fun walk. T-shirts included for advanced registration with limited availability of t-shirts for day of event registration.

Tickets may be purchased online at: <https://cc.dio.org/events/carlinville-fun-run-annual-fundraiser>. If you are unable to attend the fun run event, but you would still like to make a donation you may do so at our website: https://cc.dio.org/ways_to_give/donate/.

Registration forms are available on the shelf outside of the parish office.

MAY 7: CROWNING OF MARY: During the entrance procession today, Sunday, May 7, the parish children will be crowning Mary. All children are invited to participate—please meet in the Peace Room before Mass.

PARISH CHILDREN ASSISTING AT MASS TODAY: Today, our parish children will be assisting at Mass in various roles such as reading and ushering. We thank them for their help!

LAST CCD CLASS TODAY AND HONORING OUR

TEACHERS: Today is the last CCD class of the school year. We thank our students for attending classes this year and we pray for a safe, happy and holy summer break for you. We thank all our teachers who have shared their time and talent to instruct the children in the faith. We thank parents who have brought their children to classes and have been their first teachers in the faith.

Today at Mass, in a special way,

we honor those teachers

who have reached milestone years of service in

Catholic Discipleship Formation:

Becca Yemm—30 years

Sara Goeckner—30 years

Claire McGrath—5 years

THANK YOU! At the close of this CCD year, the parish youth wish to thank all those who helped to support their Lenten Cereal Drive for the local food pantry. Many boxes were collected! A photo of the children with the cereal boxes is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

NAMES OF GRADUATES & GRADUATE BLESSING: We will soon run the names of our graduates in the bulletin to congratulate them for their accomplishments! If you or your son/daughter is graduating, please contact the parish office with his/her/your name by Wednesday, May 17. We will be planning a blessing at Mass for graduates—stay tuned!

ROME PILGRIMAGE PHOTOS: Daniel McGrath, our parish seminarian, recently took an Easter pilgrimage to Rome. He shared some photos of his trip and they have been posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Daniel thanks everyone for their prayers for his trip!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR OCTOBER 28: YOU ARE INVITED TO A HISTORICAL DIOCESAN-WIDE CELEBRATION AT THE BOS CENTER IN SPRINGFIELD:

To celebrate the Year of the Eucharist going on in our diocese right now and the 100th anniversary of the transfer of the See city of our diocese from Alton to Springfield, a Eucharistic Congress is taking place Saturday, October 28 at the BOS Center in Springfield. This major event will include talks from nationally recognized Catholic speakers—including Scott Hahn, Sister M. Carolyn Nunes, Father Chase Hilgenbrink and Father Denis Robinson, OSB. Also included in the day will be adoration, confession, and Mass where the arena will be packed with thousands of Catholics from across the diocese. You are invited! Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the first speaker starting at 1 p.m., and Mass begins at 4 p.m.

How do I sign up to attend? To attend, you must contact your parish office as each parish in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will be designated a specific number of available seats. Our parish was allotted 22 seats. Beginning July 1, please call or e-mail the parish office with your reservation—this will ensure the equitable distribution of the tickets. No reservations will be taken before July 1. If our parish has all available seats reserved when you inquire, the public release of any more seats will be September 1, if they become available.

Can I volunteer to help? Yes! Go to <https://dio.org/eucharistic-congress-volunteer-signup/>
If you are selected as a volunteer you do not need a ticket to attend the event!

There will be no Masses at parishes on Saturday, Oct. 28. We want you in Springfield!

CELEBRATING THE ORDINATION OF DANIEL MCGRATH TO THE SACRED ORDER OF THE DIACONATE: Sacred Heart Parish in Virden welcomes everyone to join us in praying for and congratulating Daniel McGrath on his May 26th Ordination to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate.

Everyone is invited to join in the following:

Wednesday, May 24: We will have 24 Hours of Adoration to pray for the men to be ordained. Adoration begins after 7:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday and concludes with 7:30 a.m. Mass on Thursday. We will be hosting the Diocesan traveling monstrance for this occasion. Everyone is invited to sign up for an hour of adoration—please see the display in the vestibule. Even if you do not sign up you are welcome to stop by to pray!

Friday, May 26: Daniel McGrath's Ordination at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral in Springfield.

Sunday, May 28: The 10:15 a.m. Mass will begin our parish celebration for Daniel. In his new role as a deacon, Daniel will deliver the homily at the Mass. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch in the parish hall following the Mass - please make a lunch reservation by May 21 by contacting the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 965-4545 or by scanning the QR code. We will also be taking reservations after Masses beginning this Sunday.



All are welcome to join us for this time of celebration and prayer!

TRAVELING MONSTRANCE COMING TO OUR PARISH!

During this Year of the Eucharist, we are pleased to announce that our parish will be hosting the Diocesan Traveling Monstrance for use during Adoration. The monstrance was dedicated to the Right Reverend H.D. Junker, D.D. Bishop of Alton, IL by the German Catholics of Quincy, IL.

On May 24 we will be holding 24 Hour Adoration as a time of prayer for the men who will be ordained to the diaconate (including our Daniel McGrath)!





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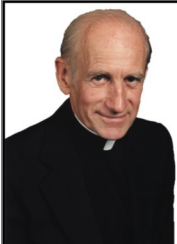
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