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*The Lord is kind and forgiving  
to all who call upon his name.*

Today's readings speak of our merciful and patient God – one who teaches the just that they *must be kind*. Let us place ourselves in the field of the Gospel. Although we strive to be the wheat, growing in faith and loving others, the weeds of sin and temptation grow alongside us. Let us always remember that the master sower is kind and merciful, and we must turn to him in repentance.



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# MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, JULY 18** • St. Camillus de Lellis, priest

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Condor & Cicciarelli Families (Frank & Patsy Cicciarelli)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Porter Henry (Birthday 7/23) (Marchizza Family)

**SUNDAY, JULY 19** • *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: Bill & Pat Crowe (Jane King)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Jackie O'Brien (Susan Mathias)

**MONDAY, JULY 20** • Weekday • St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

No Mass

**TUESDAY, JULY 21** • Weekday • St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:00 p.m., Auburn: Carol Rolando (Family)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22** • St. Mary Magdalene

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

10:00 a.m., Eastland in Auburn: + Art Hodalski (Mark & Catherine McGrath)

**THURSDAY, JULY 23** • Weekday • St. Bridget, Religious

7:30 a.m., Virden: Gennie McGrath & her intentions (Claire McGrath)

**FRIDAY, JULY 24** • Weekday • St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

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

**SATURDAY, JULY 25** • St. James, Apostle

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Linda Reiher (Dave Hacker)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: Bob & Mona Davis (Dave & Barb Farris & Family)

**SUNDAY, JULY 26** • *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* • World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

8:15 a.m., Auburn: Travis Clem (Greg Kirchgesner & Family)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Linda Hacker (Dave Hacker)



## 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.



## JULY INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY (July 18)

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

### SUNDAY (July 19)

8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn  
Rosary before Mass  
10:15 a.m., Mass—Virden

### 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  
Parish Office Closed

### THURSDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden  
8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open  
Noon, Senior Singles Luncheon

### FRIDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST 3–7

Parish Office Closed

### AUGUST 9

Coffee & Doughnuts & BINGO! after Mass

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Parish Office will be closed the week of August 3–7 for Marcella's vacation. Regular hours will resume the week of August 10.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### SUNDAY, JULY 19 AT 10:15 A.M.

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Servers</b> | Eli Travis<br>Andrew Rosier |
| <b>Readers</b> | Tracy Bertolino             |
| <b>Greeter</b> | Jill Murphy                 |
| <b>Ushers</b>  | Rick Maguire<br>Volunteers  |



### SUNDAY, JULY 26 AT 10:15 A.M.

|                |                                                                     |
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| <b>Servers</b> | John Rosier<br>Hunter Giller<br>Atreyu Ovington<br>Preston Ovington |
| <b>Readers</b> | Joe McGrath                                                         |
| <b>Greeter</b> | Beth Smith                                                          |
| <b>Ushers</b>  | Steve Maynerich<br>Adam Edwards<br>Volunteers                       |



### CHURCH CLEANERS:

July 23: S. Goeckner

July 30: G. Jones



### 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

*Thank you to all who are so  
generous to our parish!*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Senior Singles Luncheon

THURSDAY, JULY 23

NOON

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL

*Chicken Salad will be served*

*Bring a Salad or Dessert to Share*

ALL WIDOWS, WIDOWERS, AND SINGLE SENIORS

ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT

250 HOURS OF ADORATION:  
COMPLETED!

250 WORKS OF MERCY:  
COMPLETED!



Thank you to everyone who participated in our **250 Hours of Adoration** and **250 Works of Mercy** in celebration of our nation's 250th Anniversary!

In his encyclical *Dilexit Nos*, Pope Francis reminds us to "nourish our lives with the strength of the Eucharist" through Holy Communion and Eucharistic Adoration. As we spend time with Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, we come to understand His love more deeply and are strengthened to share that love with others.

Our time contemplating the Love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus naturally leads us outward in charity and draws us more deeply into the mystery of our salvation and teaches us to recognize Christ in the faces of our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. As Pope Leo XIV writes in *Dilexi Te*, "As we contemplate Christ's love, 'we too are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others, and confirmed in our efforts to share in his work of liberation as instruments for the spread of his love'" (no. 2).

Thank you for answering this call through your prayers before the Blessed Sacrament and your many acts of mercy. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus continue to transform our hearts so that we may love as He loves.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR MARTIN

MCGRATH: Please pray for Martin McGrath, our parish seminarian. He leaves for Rome this Tuesday and will not return home for two years. Please pray that he will arrive safely and that our



Blessed Mother will keep him under her mantle of care. Martin will be studying at the Pontifical North American College, which is about a 20 minute walk from the Vatican. Martin (left) is pictured with his brother, Father Daniel, who will also be leaving for studies in Rome in September.

### BE PART OF OUR SACRED HEART & ST. PATRICK PARISH FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM!

We're creating a **Sacred Heart & St. Patrick Parish Family Photo Album**—a special keepsake celebrating the people who make up our parish family.



Our last parish directory was published in 2014. Instead of using a traditional directory service, we're producing our own parish photo album. Along with family photos, it will include an updated parish directory with names, addresses, phone numbers, and birthdates (as requested). We hope it will help everyone put names with faces, welcome new parishioners, and strengthen the sense of family we share.

Whether you're a longtime parishioner or have joined us more recently, we'd love to include you. **Even if you aren't officially registered in either parish, if you often attend Mass with us at Sacred Heart or St. Patrick, you're warmly invited to be part of this special keepsake.**

**Family photos, individual photos, and group photos with parish friends are all welcome!**

Please pick up one of the forms available in the vestibule. The deadline to submit your photo and directory information is Sunday, August 9!

We look forward to creating a keepsake our parish family will enjoy for years to come.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BACK TO MAC SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:

Once again, Sacred Heart is participating in the "Back 2 Mac" School event sponsored by the churches of the North Mac School District. Our parish will provide school supplies and backpacks for local needy 2nd grade students. Donations of school supplies or money will be greatly appreciated.



#### How can you help?

- Buy a backpack and fill it with the supplies on the list below.
- Buy any supply item on the list and donate it
- Give a monetary donation (make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church)

#### Supply List:

- Backpack
- 36 #2 pencils
- 2 box of Crayola 24 count crayons
- 2 boxes of markers
- 1 pencil box
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 packages of pencil-top erasers
- 2 solid color plastic pocket folders
- 6 small glue sticks
- 4 Expo dry erase markers
- 1 watercolor paint set
- 1 package colored pencils
- 1 ruler with inches and centimeters
- 2 Composition notebooks

*Donations can be left in the box in the front closet at the church.*

**Please make donations by the July 19.**

## Coffee & Doughnuts

&



Sunday, August 9  
after Mass

**Fun for All! Please join us!**

### CARLINVILLE CATHOLIC CHARITIES NOTRE DAME VS. RICE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER:

Carlinville Catholic Charities is now selling raffle tickets for this year's highly anticipated **Notre Dame vs. Rice football game** to take place at Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, Indiana on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**. The fundraiser offers participants the chance to win 4 game tickets, a parking pass, and a special Notre Dame gift basket filled with Notre Dame themed merchandise. It also includes a \$100 American Express gift card.

Online raffle tickets are available for \$25 each and may be purchased at [cc.dio.org/events/notre-dame-2026](https://cc.dio.org/events/notre-dame-2026). The drawing will take place on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Catholic Charities office.

### JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS



In the midst of Ordinary Time, immediately following the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Precious Blood of Our Lord is offered as July's special devotion and adoration focus. Reminding us of the price Jesus paid for our sin, we realize how much He loves us and how valuable each of our souls are.

By joining these prayers of devotion to the Precious Blood and for respect for the gift of human life, we enter the Paschal Mystery in a way appropriate to Ordinary Time which sees the whole of Salvation History as present here and now for the salvation of each soul. As early as the first century, Pope St. Clement urged the faithful to devotion to the Precious Blood:

*Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world.*

By fixing our gaze, we cannot help but feel the weight of Jesus' sacrifice and desire to respond to each human life we encounter with reverence and hope. In a time when many are not very hopeful about the human condition or the state of the world, we who fix our gazes can see and respond differently, trusting that such a gift as the Precious Blood will not be for naught, despite much evidence to the contrary.

—from an article on Catholic Exchange



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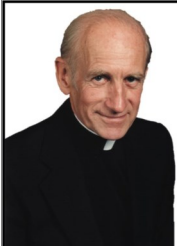
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