

April 26, 2026 • Fourth Sunday of Easter



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*Jesus is the shepherd and guardian of our souls.*

In today's readings, we hear of the many ways Jesus reaches out to us and saves us, tending to us as a shepherd. He is, indeed, as Peter says, *the shepherd and guardian of [our] souls*. If we pray and listen attentively for his voice in our heart, we will hear the call of the Good Shepherd, who is our strength and our salvation.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25** • *St. Mark, Evangelist*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter, anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Patrick & Hadley Grider (*Neff Family*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: Deceased Family (*Kelli Marchizza*)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26** • *Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: David King (*Bob & Helen Crowe*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Brett Maguire (*Jeff & Becca Yemm*)

**MONDAY, APRIL 27** • *Easter Weekday*

No Mass

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28** • *Easter Weekday* • *St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr* • *St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: Family of Linda Carter (*Linda Carter*)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29** • *St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

7:30 a.m., Virden: + Bill Sharp (*Pat Allen*)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30** • *Easter Weekday* • *St. Pius V, Pope*

7:30 a.m., Virden: Family of Roy Carter (*Linda Carter*)

**FRIDAY, MAY 1** • *Easter Weekday* • *St. Joseph the Worker*

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 2** • *St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter, anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Linda Reiher (*Annette Cole*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: Mary Louise Catteau (*James & Bonnie Wagner*)

**SUNDAY, MAY 3** • *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: Kenneth Scott Moorman (*Sharon & Family*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Fr. August Sperl (*Lance & Josephine Hickey*)



## 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.



## APRIL INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

### For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY (April 25)

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

### SUNDAY (April 26)

8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn  
CCD Classes—Viriden  
Rosary before Mass  
10:15 a.m., Mass—Viriden

### MONDAY

No Mass

### TUESDAY

Parish Office Closed  
6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn  
Finance Council Meeting

### WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Viriden  
24 Hour Adoration  
*250 Hours of Adoration Begins*  
*-to be held each Wed. over the next 10 weeks*  
8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open

### THURSDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Viriden  
8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open

### FRIDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn

### SATURDAY, MAY 2

9:00 a.m., Frassati Prayer Circle

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, MAY 3

Last CCD Class & Crowning of Mary  
Coffee & Doughnuts!

### THURSDAY, MAY 7

Noon—National Day of Prayer—Viriden Square

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

Noon—Senior Singles Luncheon

## PARISH MINISTRIES

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

Servers	Jim McGrath Griffin Theel
Readers	Mark McGrath
Greeter	Beth Smith
Ushers	Steve Maynerich Adam Edwards Volunteers



### SUNDAY, MAY 3 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	Nicholas Pitchford Lucy & Rowan George
Readers	Matt Allen
Greeter	Carol McGrath
Ushers	Matt Maynerich Lance Hickey Volunteers



### CHURCH CLEANERS:

April 30: G. Jones

May 7: 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

April 2: Operation Rice Bowl

April 3: Holy Land; April 4/5: Seminarians

April 19: Catholic Home Missions

## WEEKLY OFFERING

APRIL 19	Regular Weekly/Holyday: \$1,505 Building & Grounds: \$113 Vocations Builder: \$14 Parish Tithe: \$238 Special Collections: \$100
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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We extend our belated but prayerful congratulations to **Kenneth Hedges & Katy Hogan** who were welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil. May the Lord send his angels to watch over them, that they will always radiate the light of Christ through their words and actions.

**A BELATED THANK YOU!** Thank you to all who helped in any way to make our Palm Sunday/Triduum/Easter celebrations so meaningful! Thank you Father James and Deacon Greg for their ministry. Thank you to the readers, ushers, & greeters for their assistance. Thank you to our servers who helped at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday—your reverence and service was appreciated! Thank you to the choir for beautifully accompanying our liturgies. Thank you to LuAnn Baines for arranging the altar decoration for Palm Sunday and for all her help during Holy Week. Thank you to Annie Schnetzler for all her assistance! Thank you Gennie & Rose McGrath and Evie Rosier for setting up the Easter Flowers! Thank you all who worked behind the scenes to make this such a beautiful Easter Season! Our Lord has truly blessed us with so many willing to help make our liturgies so beautiful!

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### **MAY 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- May 3 is the last CCD Class of the year for our parish children.
- May is the month of Mary, Our Blessed Mother. It is a custom during this month to crown her with flowers. All children are invited to join the procession at Mass with a flower—please gather in the peace room before Mass to receive a flower and line up.
- Coffee and Doughnuts after Mass—everyone is invited to join us!



### **250 HOURS OF ADORATION**

The United States Bishops are inviting parishes to participate in 250 Hours of Adoration for our country in preparation for the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

**While 250 hours seems like a lot, each person present constitutes an hour prayed...and this 250 Hours will take place over the next 10 weeks at our usual Wednesday Adoration (concluding on Wednesday, July 1).**

Even if you aren't a regular adorer, you are invited to stop in to the church anytime on Wednesdays—even if it is only for ten minutes.

Jesus would love to see you!

**We will have a booklet that will have a different prayer for each Wednesday.**

**This week, our prayers will be for those discerning their vocation**

**A NOTE OF THANKS:** Many thanks for the prayers and loving concerns supporting our Medjugorje pilgrimage April 14-23. Your envelopes with the personal intentions remain sealed and are given to one of the visionaries to be presented to Our Blessed Mother during an apparition and then ultimately burned. Our Lady continues to be present in an apparition to 3 of the visionaries every day individually at 5:40 PM. (She appears to the remaining 3 visionaries on a certain day specified for each one of them once a year and also on special occasions if needed). Besides the individual envelopes of your personal intentions, we as pilgrims included desired intentions of Fr. James and the full list of all parishioners/families. We look forward to presenting a program of our incredible experience at a future date.

*In the love and care of Our Lord and Lady,  
Beth Smith, Martin & Georgene Jones*

# SACRED HEART EASTER FLOWERS MEMORIALS:

## IN MEMORY OF:

Ed VonBehren  
Linda Neal  
Sherry Flatt  
Nancy VonBehren  
Mike Isenhour  
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Frank Mathias  
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Father James Palakudy

Mary & Terry Little

Deacon Greg Maynerich

## AND THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF:

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Jeff & Becca Yemm  
Pat Allen  
Richard O'Brien

Dave Hacker  
Margaret Hays  
Janice Isenhour  
Joe Maynerich  
Vita DiCarlo  
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