

April 21, 2024 • Fourth Sunday of Easter



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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

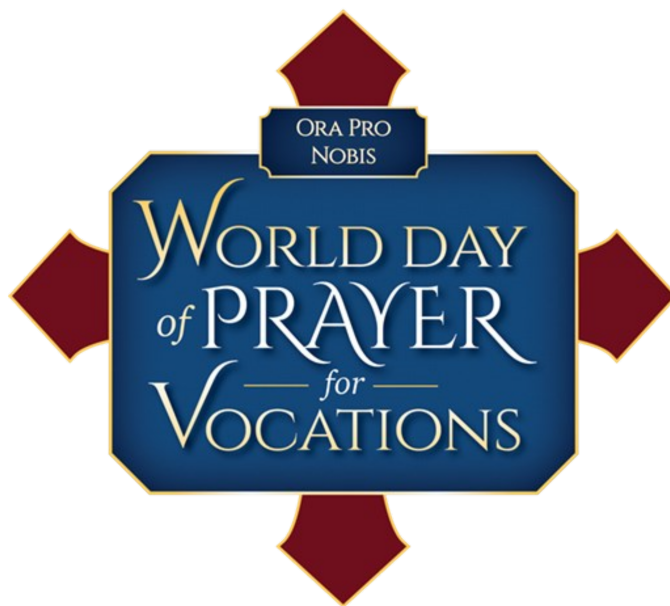
Today, April 21, is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms.

Please take time to read the insert in this week's bulletin. There are some discernment materials available in the vestibule as well.

Pray for
Vocations



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



WEEKLY BULLETIN: April 21, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 • *Fourth Sunday of Easter, Anticipated*

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

5:30 p.m., Auburn: Margaret Underwood (*N. L. "Sapp" Underwood*)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 • *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: David King (*Marsha Cimarusti*)

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22 • *The Annunciation of the Lord (transferred from March 25)*

No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 • *Easter Weekday* • *St. George, Martyr* • *St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: Dolores Landers (*Helen Barlow*)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 • *Easter Weekday* • *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr*

7:30 a.m., Virden: Sal DiCarlo (*Vic & Sara Goeckner*)

10:00 a.m., Eastland in Auburn: All Souls (*Mr/Mrs Ron Appelt*)

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

7:30 a.m., Virden: Health and Intentions of Scott & Vicky Crye (*McGrath Family*)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 • *Easter Weekday*

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 • *Fifth Sunday of Easter, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Helen Burke (*Cindy Dorner*)

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 • *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: Deacon Rick Schnetzler (*Kathy & Deacon Denny Baker*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: Ed Wietekamp (*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.



APRIL INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

For the role of women:
We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY (APRIL 20)

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

SUNDAY (APRIL 21)

8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn
CCD Classes as usual
Rosary before Mass
10:15 a.m., Mass—Viriden
Garage Sale Drop-off: After Mass
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

MONDAY

No Mass

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn
3:30–5:00 p.m., Parish Office Open—Viriden

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Viriden
24 Hour Adoration
10:00 a.m., Mass—Eastland in Auburn
2:00–5:00 p.m., Parish Office Open—Viriden

THURSDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Viriden

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn
2:00–5:00 p.m., Parish Office Open—Viriden
4:00–7:00 p.m., Garage Sale!

SATURDAY (APRIL 27)

8:00 a.m.—Noon, Garage Sale!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, APRIL 29

2:00 p.m., Planning Meeting for First Mass Celebration

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Confirmation/First Communion at Cathedral

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass

PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	Jim McGrath Andrew Rosier
Reader	Linda Hacker
Greeter	Jane Maguire
Ushers	Rick Maguire Volunteers



SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	John Rosier Nicholas Pitchford
Reader	Tony Rothering
Greeter	Beth Smith
Ushers	Marty Jones Steve Maynerich Adam Edwards Volunteer



CHURCH CLEANERS:

April 25: S. Goeckner

May 2: 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.



WEEKLY OFFERING

APRIL 14	Regular Weekly/Holyday: \$1,499 Building & Grounds: \$71 Vocations Builder: \$48 Parish Tithe: \$261
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Every month: Parish Tithe, Building & Grounds & Vocations Builder Collection

April 9: Seminarians

April 28: Catholic Home Missions

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



GARAGE Sale

SAVE THE DATE: LADIES SOCIETY GARAGE SALE:
The Catholic Ladies Society are planning a garage sale!

Sale times are
Friday, April 26 from 4:00–7:00 p.m.
and
Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon

If you have donations, you may drop them off this
Sunday, April 21 after Mass

UPCOMING TRAVELING MADONNA HOST FAMILIES:

April 21: Larry & Rita James

April 28: Catherine Murphy

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TRUST: Are you concerned about the influence of secularism on your child? Are you interested in placing God at the forefront of your child's education? The Caruso-Sperl Charitable Trust provides qualified financial assistance toward Catholic K-12 school tuition or for accredited Catholic home school curricula. To learn more about this trust, we encourage you to look under the Parish Life (Parochial School Education) tab at www.sacredheartvirden.com. To request application materials, contact Larry James (217.725.4473 or larrita@royell.org). Application materials processed from schools need to be postmarked by May 3, 2024.



CONGRATULATIONS! We extend our prayerful congratulations to **Levi James**, son of Steve & Christina Maynerich, who was baptized this Saturday at Sacred Heart. May the Lord send his angels to watch over him, that he will always radiate the light of Christ through his words and actions.

UPCOMING WEDDING: Please offer prayers for **Roger Lanter and Ali Smith** who will be married in our church in May. We praise you, Lord, for your gentle plan draws together your children in love for one another. Strengthen their hearts, so that they will keep faith with each other, please you in all things, and so come to the happiness of celebrating the sacrament of their marriage.

WELCOME TO OUR CONFIRMANDI! This Sunday, we welcome our parish children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield on Tuesday, May 14. Please pray for these children (Cristina, Rose, and Luisa) as they continue to prepare for these Sacraments. On Sunday, May 19, these children will be congratulated at a Coffee & Doughnut reception after Mass. Everyone is invited to attend!

PLANNING MEETING: The next meeting to plan for our parish celebration of the Ordination of Deacon Daniel McGrath to the priesthood will be held on Monday, April 29 at 2 p.m. in the parish hall. All are invited!

MAY CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER: On Sunday, May 5, before Mass, the parish children will be bringing forward flowers and a crown in honor of the Month of the Blessed Mother. All children & teens are invited to participate...babies in their parents arms and young children accompanied by parents as well!

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL COLLECTION is take up on Sunday, April 28. Funds from this appeal, approved by the USCCB in 1997, help expand and strengthen the presence of the Church in the United States and its dependencies through the support of basic pastoral services in areas struggling to provide such necessities on their own. The appeal allows Catholics to help support local communities where Catholics are few, the Church is fragile, and pastors struggle to keep mission parishes afloat.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come and Celebrate

WE ARE PLEASED TO
ANNOUNCE THE UPCOMING
ORDINATION TO THE
PRIESTHOOD OF
DEACON DANIEL MCGRATH!



Ordination: The ordination will take place on Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Everyone is invited to attend the ordination!

First Mass: Father Daniel McGrath will celebrate his First Holy Mass on Sunday, May 26 at 10:15 a.m. here at Sacred Heart Church in Virden. This will be a normal Sunday Mass for our parish and, of course, it is open to everyone! No reservations are needed.

The First Mass of a priest is very special! Please join us to give thanks for this new priest, to pray for the fidelity of his vocation, as well as to gain a plenary indulgence (if all the usual conditions are met).

Reserved Dinner after Mass: After the Mass on Sunday, May 26, there will be a reserved dinner at the Virden Knights of Columbus Hall. Invitations went out to everyone on our mailing list—if you aren't on our mailing list and would like to attend the dinner—you are certainly invited—extra invitations are available for pick-up in the vestibule. To help lessen the financial burden on our parish, we are asking parishioners to help cover a portion of cost of their meals for the dinner. Reservations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 5-12). A huge thank you to our Catholic Ladies Society and the Virden Knights of Columbus who are helping to offset the expenses of the dinner to our parishioners.

How do I make a dinner reservation? Dinner reservations may be made by dropping your reservation card in the collection basket, visiting our reservation table in the hallway after Mass on Sundays April 28, May 5, and May 12. Dinner reservations & payments may also be made online by scanning the QR code on the back of the reservation cards. As the dinner is catered, we do

need to let the caterers know our numbers in advance—please make your reservations by Sunday, May 12. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

How can I help? We have been asked by a number of people if we need assistance with the event. We will, of course, need help with the set-up and clean-up of the dinner and folding programs for the Mass. If you can help with any of these projects, please contact the parish office.

We will also have a number of expenses for the day—including flowers, sacramental supplies, and a parish gift for Father Daniel. If you would like to help with these expenses, we welcome donations—envelope are available for pick-up in the vestibule or you may make a donation online. Thank you for all your support!



Come and Pray

As Deacon Daniel and his classmates prepare for their upcoming ordination to the priesthood, we invite all to join us in praying for them. We also pray for the men ordained to the Diaconate on April 12. The following prayer times are offered for this intention.

Rosary Novena

May 16 through 24 at 5:00 p.m. each evening at Sacred Heart.

24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will be held as usual on Wednesday, May 22, but we offer this time of regular prayer particularly for this intention.

Everyone is invited to stop in for prayer anytime on Wednesday, May 22 following 7:30 a.m. Mass until 7:30 a.m. Mass on Thursday, May 23

☪ SACRAMENT MOST HOLY,
O SACRAMENT DIVINE,
ALL PRAISE AND ALL THANKSGIVING
BE EVERY MOMENT THINE.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PILGRIMAGE AND INVITATION TO PRAYER

Article by Claire McGrath

Over the past weekend, I went on a 30 mile pilgrimage with my brother Martin and some friends from Quincy University. We walked from the site of Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton's baptism (St. Peter's Church, Brush Creek, MO) to his tomb (St. Peter's Cemetery, Quincy, IL).



When I started the pilgrimage, I knew very little about Fr. Tolton, but I have since tried to learn as much as I can about him. Fr. Tolton was the first African American from the USA who was ordained as a priest. He was born a slave on April 1, 1854, and became a free person when his mom escaped to Quincy, IL, with him and his sister in 1863. After years of work and study, he was ordained a priest in Rome on April 24, 1886. Fr. Tolton spent his priesthood serving the poor and all who came to him for help in Quincy and Chicago until he died of heat stroke in Chicago on July 9, 1897.

While on this amazing pilgrimage, I offered my joys, sufferings, and prayers for the healing one of our parishioners. He was recently diagnosed with ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease), and he and his family have been suffering greatly.

Fr. Tolton has not yet been declared a Saint, but his cause is up for canonization. He is currently a Venerable, though, which is the step before being declared Blessed.

God can and wants to heal us. While that healing may not always be what we imagine it should be, His healing is exactly what we need. God also provides us with many intercessors in Heaven who want to pray for all of us who are still on Earth. Fr. Tolton has not yet been declared a Saint, but we can still ask him to pray for us and our loved ones.

This Sunday, April 21, 2024, I am going to begin a novena to Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton for the healing of our parishioner. I would like to invite each member of our parish to join me in this novena, not formally at a specific time each day, but whenever you can each day from April 21 to April 29.

VENERABLE AUGUSTINE TOLTON NOVENA PRAYER

O God, we give You thanks for Your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father is Heaven, Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of Your Son's passion and death. If it be Your Will, O God, glorify Your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor I now request through his intercession (mention your request "for the healing of Scott Crye") so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.

Complete what You have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of Your kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to You O God, through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE: Throughout the National Eucharistic Revival, local communities are gathering tinder in response to God's invitation for renewal, calling on the Holy Spirit to bring the flame. In keeping with this vision, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way. Then, at the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024, all these flames will blaze together. **We are excited to announce that on Wednesday, July 10 around 1:00 p.m., the Pilgrimage will be stopping at the Monastery of Mary the Queen in Girard and our parishes have been asked to participate!** There will be a Eucharistic Procession around the monastery grounds. **Our parishes in Auburn, Girard, and Virden have been asked to gather some special helpers: we need 4 Canopy Carriers and 10 Altar Servers. Those children who recently made their First Holy Communion are also invited to participate** (and wear their 1st Communion dresses/clothes). If you would like to participate in any of these roles, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish Office at 217-965-4545 or secretary@sacredheart.dio.org.

AROUND THE AREA



**THE KNIGHTS OF
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9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 28

*Feel free to come in for food
even if not interested in the market.*

- Also check out our 2nd Wednesday meal from 5-7 at the KC hall in Virden. Menu includes fried fish, hamburger, cheeseburger, all beef hot dog, fried pork chop, chili, fries, baked potato, onion rings, cheese sticks and more.
- Check out the Virden Knights of Columbus “Luck of the Draw” Steel Tip Dart Tournaments. Doors open at 6:30 each Friday through May 24.

IN CONCERT! The Rivers of Life Clergy Band will be performing on Sunday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Virden United Methodist Church (203 S. Church Street). For more information, please contact Pastor Mark at 217-965-3674.

OUR LADY OF THE HIGHWAY: On Saturday, May 4 at 11 a.m. there will be a “Crowning of the Queen of the Mother Road” in honor of the Month of Mary. Everyone is invited to attend at 22353 W. Frontage Road (Old Rt. 66) in Raymond, IL. The event will be followed by a picnic (bring your own sack lunch and lawn chair). All are welcome!



ADULT CONFIRMATION: Bishop Paprocki will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been catechized but have not yet been Confirmed on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Details, including suggested formation programs, are posted on the diocesan website at <https://dio.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/>. Confirmandi must register for this event by May 9. For more information, contact Kyle Holtgrave in the Office for Catholic Education at (217) 698-8500, ext. 154, or email kholtgrave@dio.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE: SPRINGFIELD: The Springfield March for Life was held on Wednesday, April 17—it included a Mass and march to the Capital. Andrew Hansen of the Diocese has put together a summary video of the day. It is very inspiring! Check out the link on our parish website.

PROJECT RACHEL: Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: Springfield Catholic Charities will be hosting its Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, May 4 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Knight of Columbus Hall, 2200 Meadowbrook Rd. in Springfield. Event tickets are \$50 per person and include hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Tickets may be purchased on our website at: cc.dio.org/events/springfield-annual-2024-fundraiser or by calling 217.523.4551, ext. 114.

WEBINAR ABOUT ASSISTED SUICIDE: Learn more about why legalization of assisted suicide is not good for Illinois. Join a weekly, 30-minute, informational webinar every Thursday, 12:30 pm starting March 14th. Email dmoore@dio.org to get a link to join the webinar.

VERY LIMITED NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR NEARLY HALF PRICE: The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has pre-purchased weeklong passes to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this July at a discounted rate, and we'd like to offer the opportunity to the people of our diocese. Passes are \$200 (a savings of \$160) and can be purchased at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=XebMKt>. Confirmation of this purchase will come in an email in which you will receive a payment code. After you receive that payment code, you will then need to register for the Eucharistic Congress itself by going here: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register>. When checking out after clicking a “full event pass,” you will then put in your code during the payment option so the price becomes \$0. Lodging, meals, and travel will need to be booked and paid for separately.



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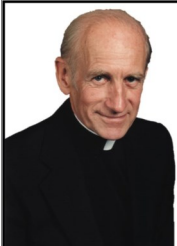
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