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Pray for Vocations

God created each of us in His image with a unique purpose. He calls every person to holiness and gives each of us a vocation—the unique way we are called to love and serve Him. Whether through marriage, religious life, or the diocesan priesthood, He invites us to become saints. Through prayer, a relationship with Christ, and the guidance of His Church, we can discover the vocation He has lovingly prepared for us.

"Let us desire nothing else, let us want nothing else, let nothing else please us and cause us delight except our Creator, Redeemer and Savior."
–St. Francis

The saints remind us that discernment ultimately comes down to desire. When love for Christ becomes the deepest desire of the heart, we become free to ask the essential vocational question: Lord, what do you want of me?



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 31 • *Weekday*
The Solemnity of All Saints, Anticipated
4:00 p.m., Girard: Neff Family *(Neff Family)*
5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Shelby Shanle *(Joe & Pam Caruso)*

Sunday, November 1 • *The Solemnity of All Saints*
8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Jean Clevenger *(Joann Green)*
10:15 a.m., Virden: + Bob Dodd & deceased of the Karaffa Family *(Andrea Dodd)*

Monday, November 2 • *The Commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls' Day)*
7:00 a.m., Virden: All Souls

Tuesday, November 3 • *Weekday*
6:00 p.m., Auburn: All Souls *(Mrs. Donald Gibler)*

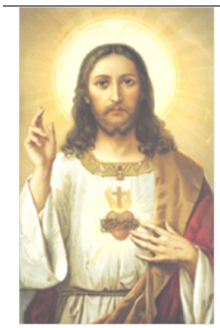
Wednesday, November 4 • *Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles*
7:30 a.m., Virden: For an increase in vocations to the priesthood & religious life *(Gail O'Brien)*
10:00 a.m., Arcadia in Auburn: + Dave O'Brien *(Vic & Sara Goeckner)*

Thursday, November 5 • *Weekday*
7:30 a.m., Virden: Living & Deceased of the Linda Carter Family *(Linda Carter)*

Friday, November 6 • *Weekday*
7:30 a.m., Auburn: *Pro Populo*

Saturday, November 7 • *Weekday*
The Solemnity of All Saints, Anticipated
4:00 p.m., Girard: Mass
5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Patrick Moose *(Jim & Sheryl Spears)*

Sunday, November 8 • *The Solemnity of All Saints*
8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Jean Clevenger & son Frank Besjack *(Carl Corrigan & LouAnn Mack)*
10:15 a.m., Virden: + Jim Hendricks *(Margaret Hendricks)*



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.

November Intention of the Holy Father

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Weekly Calendar

Saturday *(October 31)*
4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard
5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn

Sunday (*November 1)*
8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn
CCD Classes
Rosary before Mass
Litany of the Sacred Heart before Mass
All Souls Remembrance before Mass
10:15 a.m., Mass—Virden
T-shirt Sales After Mass!

Monday
7:00 a.m., All Souls' Day Mass—Virden

Tuesday
8:00—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open
6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn

Wednesday
7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden
24 Hour Adoration
8:00—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open
10:00 a.m., Arcadia in Auburn

Thursday
7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden
8:00—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open
8:30 a.m., Rosary Walk at Virden Cemetery
CHICKEN CLEANING for CHICKEN DINNER!

Friday
7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn

Saturday (*November 7)*
10:00 a.m., Chicken Dinner Setup at KC!
Sunday (*November 8)*
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., CHICKEN DINNER!!!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 10
7:00 p.m., Ladies Society Meeting
Thursday, November 12
Noon, Senior Singles Luncheon
Friday, November 13
Infant of Prague Novena Begins
Sunday, November 15
Parish Meeting after Mass

Parish Ministries

Sunday, November 1 at 10:15 a.m.

Servers	Trace, Wes, & Renee Baines Lorenzo Hickey
Readers	Joe McGrath
Greeter	Carol McGrath
Ushers	Matt Maynerich Lance Hickey Volunteers

Sunday, November 8 at 10:15 a.m.

Servers	Lauren Pierce Allison Bejster Quin Goeckner Inara Ovington
Readers	Mark McGrath
Greeter	Annie Schnetzler
Ushers	Dave Hacker Volunteers

Church Cleaners:
November 5: L. Baines, J. Murphy, N. Siudyla
November 12: A. Schnetzler

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
October 18: World Mission Sunday

Weekly Offering

October 25	Regular Weekly/Holyday: $1,667 Building & Grounds: $8 Vocations Builder: $54 Parish Tithe: $640 World Mission Sunday: $25

Parish Announcements

Next Ladies Society Meeting: The next meeting of the Catholic Ladies Society will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend! At this coming meeting, the ladies will be discussing the upcoming "Country Christmas" events scheduled for December.

COR Men's Group: The next COR Men's Group meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All men are invited to attend for prayer, formation, and fraternity!

Frassati Prayer Circle: The Frassati Prayer Circle would normally meet on Saturday, November 7. With the set up for the Chicken Dinner that day, the prayer circle is cancelled. The next meeting will be Saturday, November 21.

Attention Ladies: The Jerseyville Deanery of the Springfield Diocesan Counsel of Catholic Women will meet for our Fall Meeting on Friday November 6th at St. Agnes Parish, 216 E. Tremont St., Hillsboro, IL. Mass will be at 9:00 am with the Rosary before Mass at 8:30am. We will also be remembering those we have lost in the past year. The meeting follow in the parish hall.

Mostaccioli & Sausage Dinner & Bake Sale: On Sunday, November 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Chatham will hold a Mostaccioli & Sausage Dinner & Bake Sale.

Tuesday is Election Day: **Fr. Seth Brown, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, reminded readers of the following in his October 18 column**: "We vote to protect the unborn. With well over a million deaths, abortion is the largest cause of death in this country and it isn't even close, surpassing heart disease by more than 400,000 deaths every year. Every innocent person has the right to life, and to take it from them is a grave moral evil. We don't kill someone because they are inconvenient or "unwanted".
We also vote to protect the sick and elderly. Living in Illinois, we are especially aware of the dangers of Euthanasia, an action or omission which of itself and by intention causes death, with the purpose of eliminating all suffering. We don't kill someone, or help them kill themselves, because they suffer. They should be cared for, not disposed of."





Parish Announcements

All Parish Meeting and Parish School Update:

Our All-Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15, following the 10:15 a.m. Mass.
The Annual Financial/Stewardship Report will be presented, along with an update on the possibility of establishing a parish school.

Parish School Information & Survey:

This weekend, we are distributing an information sheet addressing some common questions about the proposed parish school, along with a survey for parishioners to complete. So please pick up your envelope when you walk in today!

We encourage every parishioner to read the information and complete the survey. Your input is an important part of this discernment process. Beginning Monday, the survey will also be shared with area churches and made available on our parish website and Facebook page. We hope to learn more about the interest in Catholic education among families in Virden and the surrounding communities.

Extra copies of the survey are also available for pickup in the church vestibule. You are welcome to pick up a copy of the survey for anyone who might be interested! The survey may also be completed online…just scan the QR code:

Please plan to attend the November 15 meeting! We want everyone to be informed and involved as we prayerfully consider this possibility for our parish.

We need your prayers! Included with your survey is a prayer pamphlet—please pray these prayers everyday if you can as we rely on God's guidance!

At the heart of this effort is a simple desire: to help more children come to know and love Jesus Christ.

Whether or not you have school-age children, your prayers, thoughts, and participation in the survey are important as we consider what the future may hold for our parish.

O Little King, Guide Our Parish



Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague
November 13–21
"The more you honor Me, the more I will bless you."

As we prepare for the Solemnity of Christ the King, we invite our parish family to join in a nine-day novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague, our Little King, seeking His guidance as we discern the possibility of establishing a Catholic school.
Together, we ask for **wisdom to discern God's will for our parish and the grace to trust that He will provide for every good work.**

Novena Schedule
Sacred Heart Church, Virden

Friday, November 13:
5:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, November 14–15: 10:00 a.m.

Monday–Friday, November 16–20:
5:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 21:
10:00 a.m.

And to conclude our days of prayer, we will offer thanksgiving to Our Little King for His many blessings:
Sunday, November 22:
10:00 a.m.

Unable to join us in person?
Prayer booklets will be available to take home so that everyone may participate.

Infant Jesus of Prague, our Little King, we place our trust in Thee!

Advent/Christmas Schedule 2026



Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 26 — 9:00 a.m., Sacred Heart, Virden

Community Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing
Sunday, December 6 — 6:00 p.m., First Christian Church, Virden

Adoration Announcements
No Adoration on Wednesday, November 25
No Adoration on Wednesday, December 23
No Adoration on Wednesday, December 30

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception *(A Holy Day of Obligation)*
Monday, December 7 — 6:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Girard
Tuesday, December 8 — 7:00 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, Virden
6:00 p.m., St. Benedict Church, HCP, Auburn

Extra Confession Times

Saturday, December 12 from	3:00 - 3:45 p.m.	St. Patrick, Girard
	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	St. Benedict Church, HCP, Auburn
Sunday, December 13 from	7:30 - 8:10 a.m.	St. Benedict Church, HCP, Auburn
	11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Sacred Heart, Virden

Advent Mass by Candlelight
Mass will be celebrated in the dark, only illuminated by candlelight. This speaks of the general theme of Advent, a time of expectation eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Son of God, the Light of the World. Fr. Jayke White will be the celebrant.
Wednesday, December 16 — 6:30 p.m., Sacred Heart, Virden

Christmas Novena
This Novena (9 consecutive days of prayer before Christmas) will be held at Sacred Heart in Virden each evening.
First Night: Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. *(followed by Mass by Candlelight)*
Remaining Nights: December 17 – 24 at 5:00 p.m.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) *(A Holy Day of Obligation)*
Thursday, December 24 — 4:00 p.m., St. Benedict Church, HCP, Auburn
6:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Virden *(music begins at 5:30 p.m.)*
Friday, December 25 — 9:00 a.m., St. Patrick Church, Girard

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God *(A Holy Day of Obligation)*
Thursday, December 31 — 4:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Girard
Friday, January 1 — 8:00 a.m., St. Benedict Church, HCP, Auburn
9:30 a.m., Sacred Heart Church, Virden

Christmas Nativity Display & the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary *(At Sacred Heart Church, Virden)*
Sunday, January 10 — Before the 10:15 a.m. Mass – Pray the Rosary among the Nativity sets
After Mass – Blessing of the Nativity sets, desserts & Christmas Carols

Parish Announcements

Sacred Heart Church, Virden
& Virden Knights of Columbus Council #2321

Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday, November 8, 2026
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

K of C Hall • 1320 N. Dye St. • Virden

Dine-in or Carry-out!

(Carry-outs at rear door)

Adults & Carry-outs $16

Children 5-10 $7

Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Roll
Beverage
Dessert



Basket Raffle & 50/50 Raffle!
Themed baskets filled with goodies!

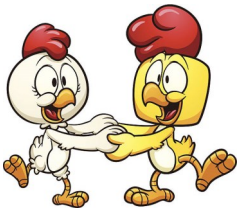
Basket & 50/50 Raffle Drawings at 2 p.m. the day of the dinner– you need not be present to win!

Volunteer to help at the dinner!



Bake a dessert!

Bring a friend to the dinner!



Pray for the success of our dinner!

We are so excited to be partnering with the Virden Knights of Columbus to host a Fried Chicken Dinner again this year!

Many Workers are Neeeded: Call Annie Schnetzler at 801-8148 if you can help! Or you can sign up on the board in the vestibule! *Reminder to helpers:* Food handlers should wear a cap and all workers are asked to park away from the building.

Chicken Cleaning: Chicken cleaning will take place on the afternoon Thursday, November 5 at the KC Hall. Anyone is welcome—if you have cutting tools or scissors, please bring them. Please contact Annie Schnetzler in advance of that day if you will be able to help.

Desserts: Please consider baking two desserts this year and dropping them off the day of the dinner. The desserts are always a big hit, so we need your support in this area!

Young People Needed!! Our young folks are always appreciated and receive many compliments on their respectful service while busing tables and carrying trays. Once again, we need their help! Please consider adding your family to the list of workers to bus the tables!

Pray for Our Parish: All are invited to join us in praying the Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus directly after the Rosary on Sunday, November 1. *We will be praying for the success of our Chicken Dinner* and for the financial/spiritual health of our parish and our local Knights of Columbus.

National Vocations Awareness Week: November 1-7

Called to Become Saints!

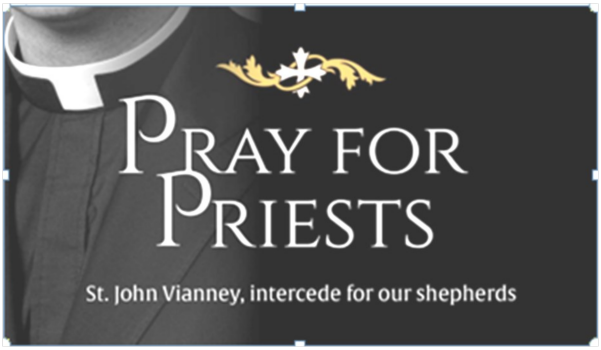
Today, on the Solemnity of All Saints, we begin National Vocation Awareness Week—a special time to focus on vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, and to help young people listen for God's call.

This year we also celebrate the Year of St. Francis, whose life reminds us that holiness begins by listening to Christ and responding generously. Francis wrote, "Incline the ear of your heart and obey the voice of the Son of God." That invitation is meant for every Christian.

God calls each of us to holiness, but He leads us there along different paths: marriage, priesthood, religious life, the diaconate, or generous single life. Our vocation is more than what we do; it is the particular way God calls us to love, serve, and ultimately become saints.

During Vocation Awareness Week, ask the Lord to help you live your own vocation more faithfully—and encourage the young people in your life to ask a simple question with an open heart: "Lord, how are you calling me to become a saint?"

Offer Masses for Priests in 2027: During the year of 2027, we will have monthly Masses offered for priests—For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, for the priests who faithfully serve us, and for those priests who have died.
There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule to offer the monthly Mass. The suggested donation per Mass is $10 (checks payable to Sacred Heart Church).



Lord, how are you calling me to become a saint?

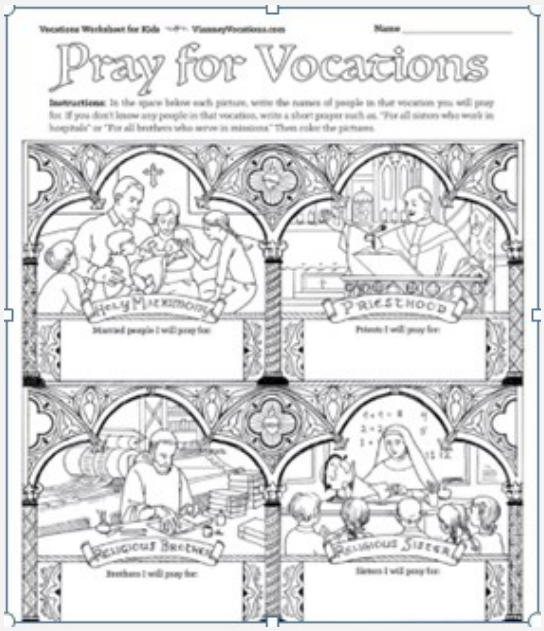
Attention Kids & Teens!

As part of our activities for National Vocations Awareness week, we have a special project for the younger generation—kids & teens are invited to pick up a vocations worksheet to color and complete.

Prayer for your vocation
as you are completing your worksheet!
We have different worksheets
available for different ages.

Turn in your colored sheet and receive a small wall crucifix for your bedside as well as a bookmark!

We will be displaying your completed sheets!





All Saints and All Souls

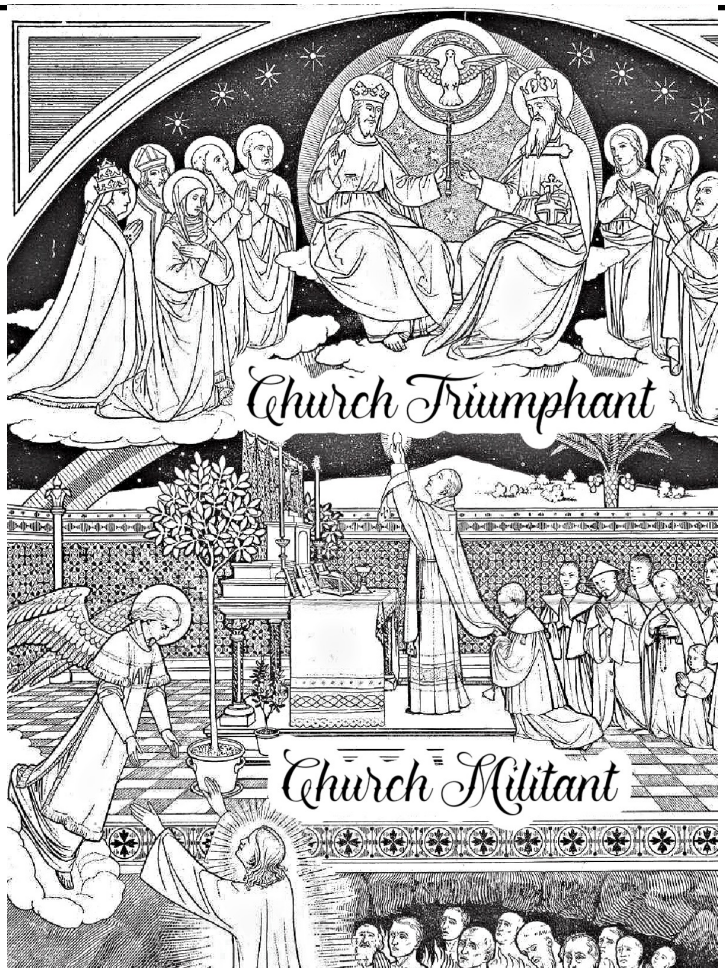
What is the Solemnity of All Saints? The solemnity of All Saints celebrates all Christian saints — those formally canonized by the Church and those who are not but have attained heaven. All Saints is followed by All Souls' Day, a day in which the entire Church prays for all of the dead.

All Souls' Day: All Souls Day falls on Monday, November 2. Mass will be celebrated at 7 a.m. at Sacred Heart.

November — The Month of the Holy Souls: Throughout November, the Church remembers and prays for all the faithful departed, especially the Holy Souls in Purgatory. **As an act of charity and love for those who have gone before us, we invite everyone to pray the Prayer of St. Gertrude each day during November**, remembering not only our departed family and friends, but also those who have no one to pray for them. You may pick up a holy card with the prayer at the back of the church. Through our prayers, we entrust these souls to God's infinite mercy and ask that they may soon share in the joy of eternal life with Him.

The Book of the Names of the Dead During November: The Book of the Names of the Dead will be displayed from the solemnity of All Saints until the beginning of Advent. It will be left open for people to write the names of their deceased loved ones and for others to read the names, remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. We start a new section in the book each year, so you are welcome to write the names of your deceased loved ones again, even if you had listed them last year.

Rosary Walk at Virden Cemetery: **On Thursday, November 5 at 8:30 a.m. everyone is invited to a Rosary Walk at Virden Cemetery.** This Rosary will be offered for the faithful departed. Come prepared for the weather as it is usually windy and cold. You may gain indulgences for first 9 days of November when you visit a cemetery and pray for the faithful departed. All the usual conditions required to gain a plenary indulgence apply. If you attend Mass that morning, we will have a light refreshment and coffee available for you before you depart for the cemetery.



The Church Triumphant is the saints in heaven.
The Church Militant is the faithful still living on earth, striving for holiness and working to establish Christ's Kingdom in the world.
The Church Suffering is the faithful departed, suffering in purgatory.

"November 1st…is the Solemnity of All Saints, recalling to our minds and hearts the grace for holiness of life, which we received through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, destining us for eternal life in Heaven. On the following day, All Souls Day, we remember all of the faithful departed – the Church Suffering or in Purgatory – praying that all temporal punishment due to sins which they may have committed may be remitted and that they may be joined to the Saints in Heaven – the Church Triumphant"

On November 22, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King: "honoring Our Lord under His title of King of Heaven and Earth, we are deeply conscious of our vocation and mission to be His co-workers, His soldiers, in the establishment of His Kingdom in the world. We – the Church Militant – are one with the Church Suffering and the Church Triumphant. In fact, we depend on the prayers of the Saints in Heaven and of our brothers and sisters in Purgatory to help us in carrying out the mission of Christ the King in the world."

–Cardinal Raymond Burke

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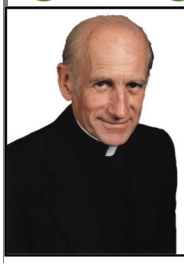
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