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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.

Love for others flows from God's love.

The readings today emphasize that the Christian life is orientated toward others. God gives us specific instructions for how we are to treat others: to love them as we love ourselves. This is possible only after we learn to allow God to love us. The love we receive from God will naturally overflow into how we treat others.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 24 • *St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated
4:00 p.m., Girard: Veryl & Linda Reiher *(Mike Neff Family)*
5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Edward J. Burg *(Family)*

Sunday, October 25 • *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Hank Bork & Logan Spears *(Jim & Sheryl Spears)*
10:15 a.m., Virden: + Jake Bednar *(Elaine Grundy)*

Monday, October 26 • *Weekday*
No Mass

Tuesday, October 27 • *Weekday*
No Mass

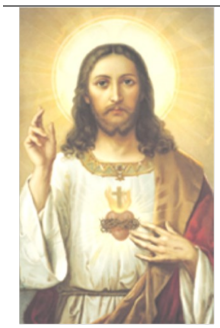
Wednesday, October 28 • *Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles*
7:30 a.m., Virden: + Judy Hartley & + Ellen Enrietta *(Vic & Sara Goeckner)*
10:00 a.m., Eastland in Auburn: + Jean Clevenger *(Dennis Besjak)*

Thursday, October 29 • *Weekday*
7:30 a.m., Virden: + Lisa Nerone *(Susan Mathias)*

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

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)*



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.



October Intention of the Holy Father

For mental health ministry:

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Weekly Calendar

Saturday *(October 24)*
4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard
5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn

Sunday (*October 25)*
8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn
CCD Classes
Rosary before Mass
10:15 a.m., Mass—Virden
T-shirt Sales After Mass!
Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass

Monday
No Mass

Tuesday
8:00—11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open
No Mass
Finance Council Meeting

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

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

Friday
7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 1
Rosary & Litany of the Sacred Heart
All Souls Remembrance before Mass

Monday, November 2
7:00 a.m., All Souls Day Mass—Virden

Thursday, November 5
8:30 a.m., Rosary Walk at Virden Cemetery
Chicken Cleaning for Chicken Dinner!

Saturday, November 7
10:00 a.m., Chicken Dinner Setup at KC!

Parish Ministries

Sunday, October 25 at 10:15 a.m.

Servers	Nicholas Pitchford Lucy & Rowan George
Readers	Larry Travis
Greeter	Beth Smith
Ushers	Steve Maynerich Adam Edwards Volunteers

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

Church Cleaners:
October 29: G. Jones
November 5: 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
October 18: World Mission Sunday

Weekly Offering

October 18	Regular Weekly/Holyday: $1,423 Building & Grounds: $31 Vocations Builder: $14 Parish Tithe: $238 World Mission Sunday: $149

Parish Announcements

Congratulations! We extend our prayerful congratulations to **Everett Peter**, son Andrew & Katelyn George, who was baptized this Sunday 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.

Welcome, Father Jeff Grant! This Sunday, we welcome Fr. Jeff Grant who will be celebrating Mass!

Upcoming Masses: There will be no Mass on Tuesday, October 27. Mass will be held as usual beginning Wednesday, October 28.

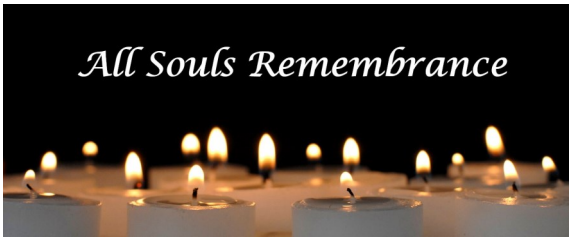
All Saint's Day & All Souls Day: This year, the Solemnity of All Saints falls on Sunday, November 1. Because All Saints Day coincides with Sunday, the obligation to attend Mass is fulfilled by attending the regularly scheduled weekend Masses. No additional Masses will be celebrated for All Saints Day. All Souls Day falls on Monday, November 2. Mass will be celebrated at 7 a.m. at Sacred Heart.

Remembering All Souls before Mass on Sunday, November 1: November 2 is All Souls Day and we will be remembering our deceased loved ones before Mass on Sunday, November 1. The names of all those from our parish who have died in the past year will be read. In addition, all names submitted for this remembrance will also be read.

If you have loved ones who you would like to be part of this remembrance, please submit names in the following ways:

- Your envelope packet contains an "All Souls' Day" envelope—fill out the back of the envelope and drop it in the collection basket.
- Contact the parish office by email or phone to submit the names.

All donations to offset the cost of the candles are appreciated!



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.

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.



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!

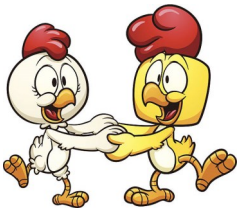
Basket & 50/50 Raffle Drawings at 2 p.m. the day of the dinner– you need not be present to win!

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.

Parish Announcements



All-Parish Meeting — Sunday, November 15

There will be an All-Parish Meeting on Sunday, November 15, following the 10:15 a.m. Mass. The Annual Financial/Stewardship Report will be presented. We will also share information about the proposed parish school that was announced last month.

Some may be wondering…what school? The initial announcement appeared in the September 27 bulletin, which is available on the parish website.

Where do things stand right now? Father James has written to Bishop Paprocki requesting permission to conduct a feasibility study for a parish school. At this point, we are still in the very early stages. We all have lots of questions and not too many answers! We will have more information to share by November 15.

What is my role as a parishioner? When Bishop Paprocki grants permission to proceed with a feasibility study, one of our first major steps will be a written survey for our parishioners to complete.

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

***While we await a response from Bishop Paprocki** regarding the proposed parish school, we have a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the purpose and mission of Catholic education and the important role it plays in the life of the Church.

In his 2023 pastoral letter, *Higher Calling, Higher Standards*, Bishop Paprocki shares his vision for Catholic education in our diocese, emphasizing that its ultimate purpose is to form faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We all share in the important responsibility of passing on the Catholic faith to future generations. Taking time to read and reflect on this document can help us better understand the Church's mission of forming faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and appreciate the important role each of us plays in carrying out that mission.

Copies of *Higher Calling, Higher Standards* are available for pickup in the church vestibule.



Basket Raffle at the Chicken Dinner! Once again, we're adding a little extra fun to our Chicken Dinner with a Basket Raffle! Purchase raffle tickets at the dinner and drop them into the containers for the baskets you'd love to win. A winner for each basket will be drawn at the end of the day!

We need your help! Would you consider donating a themed basket?

Get creative and have fun! The possibilities are endless! Just be sure all items are non-perishable and appropriate for a church event.

Here are a couple of ideas to get your creativity flowing:

- **Cozy Autumn Basket:** Hot cocoa, flavored teas, a cozy throw blanket, a fall-scented candle, and a favorite book for a relaxing autumn evening!
- **Family Game Night Basket:** Board games, playing cards, puzzles, popcorn, candy, and tasty snacks for an evening of family fun!

Who can donate a basket? Anyone! Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome to join in the fun. Have a business or side hustle? Feel free to tuck your business card into your basket for a little extra publicity!

Please donate your baskets by November 1!

Thank you for helping make our Chicken Dinner a fun and successful parish event!

Parish Announcements

Vocations Ministry Workshop: Have you ever considered joining the prayer and promotion efforts to raise up more vocations throughout our diocese?
It begins with prayer—and with Catholics who are willing to encourage, support, and promote vocations in their own parishes and families. For those interested in helping with parish efforts to promote vocations, there is an all-day Vocations Ministry Workshop at Christ the King Parish in Springfield on Saturday, November 7. If you are interested in attending, contact the parish office for more information.

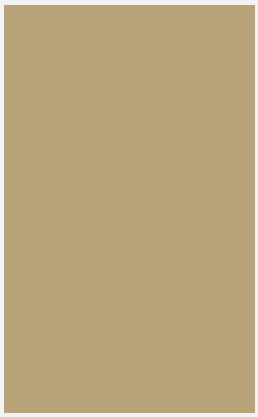
Virden Knights of Columbus 4th Sunday Market: The Virden Knights of Columbus will be holding their 4th Sunday Market from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 25. There will be indoor and outdoor vendors! KC Breakfast Menu will be available at 8 a.m. and the Lunch Menu will be available at 11 a.m. (Dine in or carry out). Free Admission for Shoppers!

Koinonia Celebrates 50 Years: Koinonia has been sharing The Paschal Mystery with over 400 weekends in Springfield, IL and nearby cities alone. Join fellow participants from Koinonia and TEC weekends in the celebration on Sunday, November 15 at St. Joseph the Worker in Chatham. We will be celebrating with a Mass at 2 p.m. and following with a social gathering with refreshments. A freewill donation will be collected for the refreshments.

Follow Springfield Illinois Vocations! – The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has launched new Vocations social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram at **@spivocations**.
These accounts are designed especially to reach young men who may be discerning a call to the priesthood, while also sharing stories, encouragement, events, and resources that help foster a culture of vocations throughout our diocese. You can help! Follow **@spivocations** on Facebook and Instagram, and share the accounts with young men, parents, teachers, coaches, youth ministers, and others who may know someone asking where God is calling him. Sometimes a simple share can help put the right message in front of the right person at the right time.

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. We will also have a little fun seeing how well we all know our saints.

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. The menu will include mostaccioli, sausage, salad, bread, & a drink. Adults are $10, children (4-11) are $5, and children under 4 are free. Carry-outs will be available.



St. John Leonardi was born in 1541 in Diecimo, Italy. Trained as a pharmacist, he later discerned a call to the priesthood and was ordained in 1572. Deeply devoted to renewing the faith of the people, he founded the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God, a community dedicated to preaching, teaching, and reform. He also established a group of young laymen who promoted Christian doctrine among children, anticipating modern catechism classes. St. John worked tirelessly to spread devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to promote frequent reception of the Sacraments.
Practical Lessons

- **Use Your Skills for God's Glory:** John began as a pharmacist and used his training to help others, later serving God more directly as a priest. We, too, can dedicate our talents and professions to serving God and others.
- **Teach the Faith Clearly:** John recognized the need for children and adults to know the truths of the faith. In our daily lives, this can mean teaching children at home, sharing faith with friends, or simply living as a witness to Christ.
- **Persevere in Service:** John faced resistance to his reforms, but he continued his mission with patience and determination. We can apply this by staying committed to what is right, even when our efforts are misunderstood or opposed. *-from Catholic Exchange*

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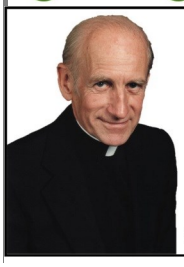
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