

January 12, 2025 • The Baptism of the Lord



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“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” – Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 • *The Baptism of the Lord, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: James "Jim" White (*Wayne & Cindy Dorner*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Ryken Bailey (*Todd & Chrissy*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 • *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Logan Spears (*Jim & Sheryl Spears*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Ed VonBehren (*Matt & Aryn Peregrin*)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13 • *Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)*

No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 • *Weekday*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: + Gerald "Bud" Knudson (*Jim & Pat Allen Family*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 • *Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: + Al Trutter (*Mary VonBehren*)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 • *Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: + Rosella Adams (*Pat Allen & Family*)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 • *St. Anthony, Abbot*

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 • *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Lawless & Prose Families (*Mark & Lisa Prose*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: Drew Keown and Jim & Dorothy Maley (*Ron & Barb Maley*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 • *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: Sue Leahy (*Family*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Ervin Shores (*Tony Baines Family*)



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.



JANUARY INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

**For the right to an
education**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY (JANUARY 11)

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

SUNDAY (JANUARY 12)

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

MONDAY

No Mass

TUESDAY

12:00 (noon), Widow's Luncheon
Parish Office Closed
6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn
6:00 p.m., Pastoral Visit Planning Meeting

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. Mass—Auburn

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, JANUARY 25/26

Bishop Paprocki Pastoral Visit
Mass Time Changes:

SATURDAY: JANUARY 25:

4:00 p.m. Mass in Girard
NO evening Mass in Auburn

SUNDAY: JANUARY 26:

8:00 a.m. Mass in Auburn
10:30 a.m. Mass in Virden

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Coffee & Doughnuts & Our Lady of Guadalupe

PARISH MINISTRIES

JANUARY 12 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	Jim McGrath Andrew Rosier
Reader	Linda Hacker
Greeter	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Volunteers



JANUARY 19 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	John Rosier Nicholas Pitchford
Reader	Tony Rothering
Greeter	Jane Maguire
Ushers	Rick Maguire Volunteers



CHURCH CLEANERS:

Jan. 16: L. Hacker, S. Pierce, T. Sharp, R. Sexton
Jan. 23: S. Goeckner



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

January 12: Catholic Times

January 26: Church in Latin America

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

In conjunction with the Bishop's Pastoral visit, we will have changes to the Mass Schedule for the weekend of January 25/26.

SATURDAY: JANUARY 25:

4:00 p.m. Mass in Girard
NO evening Mass in Auburn

SUNDAY: JANUARY 26:

8:00 a.m. Mass in Auburn
10:30 a.m. Mass in Virden

WE HAVE A PARISH APP!

We have exciting news! We have launched our Parish App for your mobile device!

This app will be a place where you can locate announcements, upcoming events schedules, parish & diocesan news, and more!

To download, go to the app store and search "SPI Catholic" or scan the QR code. ("SPI" stands for Springfield Diocese.)

- When you log in the first time, you will be prompted to provide a Keyword. Enter "Virden".
- You will have the option to create a profile or skip. If you create a profile you will enter your mobile number and email to continue to set up your personal profile.



Widow's Luncheon

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

NOON

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL

Soup and Chili will be served

Bring a Salad or Dessert to Share

ALL WIDOWS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT



NOTE DATE CHANGE! COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

On Sunday, February 2 we will have Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass. We apologize that this date has changed so many times! Weather and cancelations have delayed the student's practicing for their presentation. At this event, the upper grades of our Parish Faith Formation Program will present a play about Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are invited! You won't want to miss it!



CCD CLASSES ANNOUNCEMENTS: We will not have CCD Classes on Sunday, January 26 because of preparations for the Bishop's visit.

THE BISHOP IS COMING FOR A PASTORAL VISIT!

On the weekend of January 25/26, Bishop Paprocki will be coming to our Parishes for a Pastoral Visit! The Bishop will celebrate Mass in Auburn, Virden, & Girard.

After the Sunday Mass in Virden, there will be a Business Meeting with the

Bishop when he will meet with the Finance Council, parish leaders, and staff from all three parishes to discuss the parish's implementation of the directives from the Diocesan Synod. This will not be a meeting for the general parish because of its formal, business nature but we do ask for prayers for all who are preparing for the meeting. We will have some slight changes to the regular schedule of Masses for that weekend, so please watch the bulletins for the announcement. We hope to have a full house to welcome him; please make plans to join us for our Sunday Mass!



A LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

My dear Friends in Christ,

Catholic Times, the magazine of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, has always been a key communication tool for our diocese. Whether it is important announcements, teaching the faith, or inspirational stories, the magazine provides tremendous value to readers. For example, that was apparent this past year with special coverage of the historic National Eucharistic Pilgrimage procession that stopped in seven cities in our diocese.

Catholic Times continues to hear from readers across the diocese that they read it from "cover to cover." In fact, two people specifically told us they "finally understand purgatory" and why we must pray for the dead after Catholic Times offered several pages in a November edition educating people about this aspect of our faith.

For another consecutive year, Catholic Times received national awards from the Catholic Media Association's national awards program. Catholic Times' new website offers a much better user experience that features podcasts, videos, articles, my column, and an easy search tool.

Catholic Times is committed to deepening readers' understanding of the Catholic faith through its Hey, Father! series, tackling complex topics in bioethics, and illuminating the meaning of sacraments, the Mass, and Church teachings. At the heart of the magazine is its feature reporting, which highlights inspiring stories of individuals, parishes, and schools working to advance the Kingdom of God within the diocese. With a strong focus on local coverage, each issue delivers stories that resonate with readers, featuring contributions from both laity and clergy who are integral to the community.

My column, "Lex Cordis Caritas," is one of the best ways I can speak about the issues we face as Catholics and update readers on important decisions I make that impact the faithful...

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki

Every parishioner is to be receiving the Catholic Times—if you are not receiving a copy, please contact Marcella at the parish office. The annual collection for the Catholic Times occurs this month—this donation helps to offset the expense of the Catholic Times to the parish. Please make your donations payable to the parish. Thank you for your support!

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

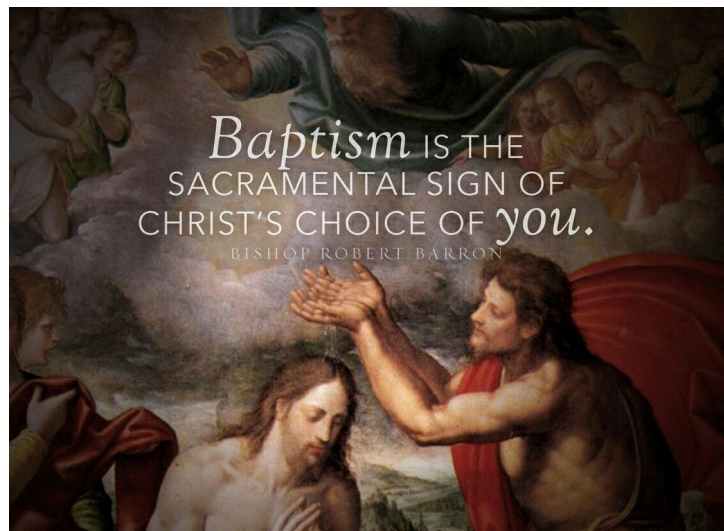
This holy year of Jubilee invites the faithful to embrace the spirit of hope. A Jubilee Year is an important occasion in the tradition of our Church, focused on promoting spiritual renewal through reconciliation and unity among believers. The Jubilee Year of 2025 will provide opportunities to experience grace, including by participating in special Jubilee Masses or joining a pilgrimage. **Stay tuned for information on local events celebrating this Jubilee Year!**



LOOKING FOR A GOOD WAY TO ENHANCE YOUR LENTEN SEASON? Attend the Catholic Women Prayer Breakfast March 22! - Are you looking to grow in holiness during Lent? Are you wanting to spend time with the Lord and receive Him in holy Communion? What about becoming more inspired to becoming an authentic disciple of Christ? Then women, we have an experience for you. You are invited to attend the Catholic Women's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 22 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland (1411 Main St.). Adoration begins at 7 a.m., then praying of the *Rosary* at 7:30 a.m., then Mass at 8 a.m. with breakfast afterward, and then a talk by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. Pre-registration is required for the breakfast meal. The cost is \$30. Register before March 1 to reserve your spot and meal ticket. Proceeds benefit our seminarians.

For more information, email: womensbreakfast2025@gmail.com or text Rose Wascher at 847-274-3916.

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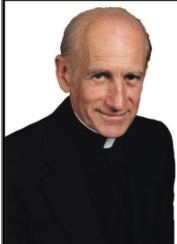
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