

January 5, 2025 • The Epiphany of the Lord



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God has revealed a great light in the darkness.

As we celebrate Epiphany, our readings today remind us of the power of God's revelation.

Throughout history, God has promised salvation. Today we celebrate some of the first witnesses of this great event, the Magi. May we deepen our faith as we, too, journey to be closer to Christ.



# MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4** • *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

*The Epiphany of the Lord, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Gerry Tucker (Greg & Beth Smith)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: + Bill Bolletta, Sr. (Birthday) (Family)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5** • *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: + Travis Clem (Ron & Barb Maley)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Hilda Jorn (Pat Allen)

**Sunday Masses Canceled because of  
Weather—intentions will be rescheduled**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6** • *Christmas Weekday* • *St. Andre Bessette, Religious*

No Mass

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7** • *Christmas Weekday* • *St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: + Norman Langheim (Phil & Carol Graham)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8** • *Christmas Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: For an increase in vocations to the priesthood & religious life (Vicky Crye & Kathleen Walden)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9** • *Christmas Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: Jones Family (Vicky Crye)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10** • *Christmas Weekday*

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

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

10:30 a.m., Virden: Tom Garber Funeral

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)



## 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.



## DECEMBER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER

**For pilgrims of hope**  
We pray that this Jubilee

Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY (JANUARY 4)

4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard

5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn

### SUNDAY (JANUARY 5)

Sunday Masses canceled because of weather!

### MONDAY

No Mass

### TUESDAY

6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn

### WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Mass—Virden

No Adoration because of Cold Temperatures

### THURSDAY

7:30 a.m. Mass—Virden

### FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. Mass—Auburn

### SATURDAY

10:30 a.m., Funeral Mass for Garber—Virden

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

12:00 (noon), Widow's Luncheon

6:00 p.m., Pastoral Visit Planning Meeting

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 (NOTE DATE CHANGE!)

Coffee & Doughnuts &

Our Lady of Guadalupe Presentation by youth

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Bishop Paprocki Pastoral Visit

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### JANUARY 5 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	Trace Baines Lauren Pierce
Reader	Mark McGrath
Greeter	Carol McGrath
Ushers	Matt Maynerich Lance Hickey



### JANUARY 12 AT 10:15 A.M.

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



### CHURCH CLEANERS:

Jan. 9: A. Schmetzler

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



### 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

## WEEKLY OFFERING

DECEMBER 26	Regular Weekly/Holyday: \$5,017 Building & Grounds: \$81 Vocations Builder: \$113 Parish Tithe: \$687 Diocesan Special Collections: \$340
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# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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

**NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST:** We will begin a new liturgical ministry list soon. If you would like to be a reader at Mass, an usher, greeter, or altar server, please contact Marcella at the parish office.

**SNOW SHOVELS NEEDED!** Anticipating the snow and ice of the winter season, we are looking for volunteers to help with clearing sidewalks before Masses and other events. If you can assist—even it is just occasionally, please contact Marcella at the office.

**NOTE DATE CHANGE! COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** On Sunday, January 19 we will have Coffee & Doughnuts after Mass. 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!

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!**



### 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.



### 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!





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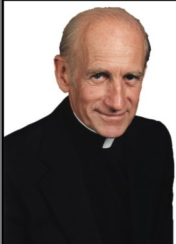
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