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TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY!

Jesus was a missionary.

As the Word of God,
he is the light of all nations.

As the Word made flesh,
he brought God's own life into our midst.

Before returning to the Father,
he sent the Church
to continue the mission
given him by the Father
and empowered her with his Spirit:

"As the Father has sent me,
so I send you"
(Jn 20:21).

*Except from To the Ends of the Earth:
A Pastoral Statement on World Mission.*

**Pray for
Vocations**



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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 • *St. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs*

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated

4:00 p.m., Girard: Gerry Neff (*Wayne & Cindy Dorner*)

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 • *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: Travis Clem (*Dave & Barb Farris & Family*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Robert Dodd (*Birthday*) (*Family*)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 • *Weekday*

No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 • *Weekday* • *St. John Paul II, Pope*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: + Angelo DiCarlo (*Joe & Carol McGrath*)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 • *Weekday* • *St. John of Capistrano, Priest*

7:30 a.m., Virden: + Judy Hartley & + Ellen Enrietta (*Vic & Sara Goeckner*)

10:00 a.m., Eastland in Auburn: + Norman Langheim (*Jeff & Barb Beals*)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 • *Weekday* • *St. Anthony Marie Claret, Bishop*

7:30 a.m., Virden: + Scott Crye (*Greg & Beth Smith*)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 • *Weekday*

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 • *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Rebecca Tucker (*JoAnn Barnett*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: Drew Keown (*Paw Paw & Grandma Maley*)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 • *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: Stanley Butzow (*Andy & Donna Kuenstler*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: + Jake Bednar (*Elaine Grundy*)



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 a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY (OCTOBER 19)

4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard
 5:00 p.m., Movie Night—KC Hall
 5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn

SUNDAY (OCTOBER 20)

CCD Classes
 8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn
 9:45 a.m., Rosary—Virden
 10:15 a.m., Mass—Virden
 Remembrance for the Unborn at Mass

MONDAY

No Mass

TUESDAY

Noon, Widow's Luncheon—Virden
 1:00—4:00 p.m., Parish Office Open—Virden
 6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn
 Finance Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 31

6:30 p.m., Holy Day Vigil Mass—Girard

NOVEMBER 1

7:00 a.m., Holy Day Mass—Auburn
 6:30 p.m., Holy Day Mass—Virden

NOVEMBER 3

CHICKEN DINNER!!

NOVEMBER 4

4:00—8:00 p.m., Prayers for our Country—Virden

PARISH MINISTRIES

OCTOBER 20 AT 10:15 A.M.

Servers	Jim McGrath Andrew Rosier
Reader	Larry Travis
Greeter	Jane Maguire
Ushers	Rick Maguire Volunteers



OCTOBER 27 AT 10:15 A.M.

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



CHURCH CLEANERS:

October 24: S. Goeckner
 Oct. 31: G. Jones



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:
 October 20: World Mission Sunday

WEEKLY OFFERING

OCTOBER 13	Regular Weekly/Holyday: \$1,974 Hurricane Helene: \$315 Building & Grounds: \$101 Vocations Builder: \$43 Parish Tithe: \$56
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBERING WITH LOVE BABIES

LOST BEFORE BIRTH: During October, the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, we remember with love the loss of those precious little ones of ours whose coming into being at conception was warmly welcomed but did not come to birth, and the loss of those whose life was all too brief. On Sunday, October 20 we will have a special remembrance at Mass for these babies. *After Mass, you are invited to take the flower(s) for the babies you remember home with you.* All of us join in prayer with you and for you, dear parents, relatives and friends, who mourn, sometimes even after many years, the loss of your child.



UPCOMING TRAVELING MADONNA HOST FAMILIES:

October 20: MaElena Nunez

October 27: Cheryl Knudson

UPCOMING WEDDING: Please offer prayers for Jacob Poorman and Marissa Tate who will be married in our church on Saturday, October 26. 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.

PARISH YOUTH COLLECTING FOR VIRDEN FOOD

PANTRY: During the month of October, the parish youth are collecting cereal for the Virden Food Pantry. If you would like to help them in their efforts, a box is available in the hallway by the restrooms. Thank you for your support!

ALL SAINTS' DAY: A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

The Mass Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 31, Holy Day Vigil Mass

St. Patrick, Girard - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, November 1, Holy Day Mass

St. Benedict Church, HCP, Auburn - 7:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart, Virden - 6:30 p.m.

Widow's Luncheon

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

NOON

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL

Soup and Sandwiches will be served

Bring a Salad or Dessert to Share

ALL WIDOWS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

FOR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT



WE HAVE LAUNCHED A NEW ONLINE GIVING SITE!

We are excited to announce that our parish has started using Pushpay as our new online giving solution. Pushpay is an industry leader known for creating an easy, secure way to manage your own giving from the convenience of a computer or mobile device.



Everyone is invited to check it out at our parish website:

sacredheartvirden.com

Sign up to give the NEW way with PUSHPAY!

For our current recurring online donors, check out how to switch your recurring donations to the new system! We hope to have all current recurring donors switched to the new system by November 1.

Have you thought about online giving?

It is a way you can give easily, quickly, and securely. If you don't want to think about bringing your checkbook or envelopes to Mass--this is a great solution! You can easily set up recurring donations.

If you need help setting up an online gift,
just contact Marcella at the parish office.

We're excited about this easy way to give, and
think you'll love it too!

CHICKEN DINNER!

SACRED HEART CHURCH, VIRDEN
AND VIRDEN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #2321

Fried Chicken Dinner

Sunday, November 3, 2024

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 \$13	Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Cole Slaw Roll Beverage	Children 5-12 \$6
Desserts available separately		50/50 Drawing at 2 p.m.

In the Family of God we continually meet and encounter Christ.

In our personal families, we learn to confront difficulties and face the realities of life, enlightened by His Presence.

In family life, we encounter Christ in each other.

In both our individual families and parish families,

our companionship comes together, in our daily living and working together, on a common journey with a common goal: **building the Kingdom of Heaven.**

Our Chicken Dinner is more than just a fundraiser—it is an opportunity to work together as a family. It is an opportunity to get to know one another better. It is an opportunity to spend time at the table together and to be welcoming to the community.

We are so grateful for all who are part of this effort—by working or by coming to the dinner!

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

★ ★ MANY WORKERS ARE NEEDED: Call Annie Schnetzler at 801-8148 if you can help! *Reminder to helpers:* Food handlers should wear a cap and all workers are asked to park away from the building.

★ ★ CHICKEN CLEANING: Chicken cleaning has been moved to THURSDAY afternoon 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!

★ ★ 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, October 27. *We will be praying for the success of our Chicken Dinner* and for the financial/spiritual health of our parish, and for the continued support of our Capital Campaign for the repair of our church ceiling.

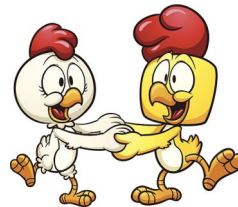
Volunteer to help at the dinner!



Bake a dessert...or two...or three!



Bring a friend to the dinner!



Pray for the success of our dinner!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HURRICANE HELENE DISASTER RELIEF: We sent a check from our parish collection for Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief this past week. Thank you to all who supported this effort! If you would still like to give, you are welcome to do so, we can send out another check again soon.

REMEMBERING ALL SOULS BEFORE MASS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10: November 2 is All Souls Day. Normally, we would have our parish All Souls Remembrance on the Sunday closest to that day. However, that Sunday also happens to be the Sunday of the Chicken Dinner! **We will be remembering all our deceased loved ones in a special way before Mass on Sunday, November 10.** 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.
- You may also fill out the remembrance form on our website.

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

ROSARY WALK AT VIRDEN CEMETERY: On Thursday, November 7 at 10:00 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. You may obtain the indulgence for yourself or offer it for a departed soul.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK IS COMING SOON! National Vocations Awareness Week is November 3-9. Thank you to all who Adopted a Seminarian! Thank you for your promise of prayer for the seminarians throughout this year. We were given some extra cards for Martin McGrath so those will be available for pick-up in the vestibule.

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY:

The elections are quickly approaching (November 5)! In his recent column in the Catholic Times, Bishop Paprocki closed with the following comment,

...please pray for our country. Mary is the patroness of our country and our diocese. Turning to her intercession as our country faces this important election is something we should all do. May God give us this grace. Amen.

With this thought in mind, we will be holding a time of prayer for the election on Monday, November 4 from 4 to 8 p.m. The church will remain open during this time for anyone wishing to drop in for prayer. We will also offer a Rosary on each hour.

4 p.m.: Joyful Mysteries

5 p.m.: Luminous Mysteries

6 p.m.: Sorrowful Mysteries

7 p.m.: Glorious Mysteries

We are in need of volunteers to help lead the Rosary—please contact the parish office.

OCTOBER COUNT: During the month of October, the Diocese asks that all parishes count the number of people attending each weekend Mass. Why? They use these figures for pastoral planning—deciding where to send priests and deacons and deciding what resources may be needed in a particular area. Not only is this useful for Diocesan reporting, but it is an important time for those in leadership of our parish to take stock of who is in regular attendance and who might need ministry. So if you are wavering about where to go to Mass on a Sunday in October, consider coming “home to Sacred Heart”!



BIBLE STUDY IN AUBURN! Father Edward Ruane (the priest for the sisters at the Girard Monastery) continues to hold a weekly Bible Study in Auburn. This bible study is open to all three parishes and will be held on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., from September 11 through November 20. Each person will be asked to bring their own bible. Reservation is not required and everyone is invited.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

AROUND THE AREA

**World Mission
Sunday 2024
October 20th**

**GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE
to the banquet**
(MT 22:9)

YOUR GIFT
HELPS SUPPORT:

 **38,140**
Seminarians

 **8,750**
Shelters and
Orphanages

 **12,000**
Health Centers

 **844,000**
Catechists

 **258,540**
Religious sisters



**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:
OCTOBER 20, 2024**

In his 2024 World Mission Sunday message, which celebrates missionaries and their work, Pope Francis reflects on the Gospel parable of the Wedding Banquet, where the king tells his servants “Go therefore to the thoroughfares and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find”.

The invitation to the banquet is linked to the Eucharistic table, where believers share the Body and Blood of Christ, anticipating the final banquet.

As Pope Benedict XVI pointed out: “We cannot keep to ourselves the love we celebrate in the Sacrament [of the Eucharist]. By its very nature, it asks to be communicated to everyone. What the world needs is the love of God, to encounter Christ and believe in him. For this reason the Eucharist is not only the source and summit of the life of the Church; it is also the source and summit of her mission:

‘An authentically Eucharistic Church
is a missionary Church’
(Sacramentum Caritatis, 84).

**4TH SUNDAY MARKET AT THE KC
HALL IN VIRDEN! NEXT SUNDAY!**

This Sunday the Virden Knights of Columbus will hold their 4th Sunday Market next Sunday, October 27 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The hall will be full of vendors and there will even be some outside! Food and drinks will be available for both breakfast and lunch! Come and browse for a treasure or just come for the food. All are welcome!



ST. MARY SCHOOL FISH FRY: St. Mary School in Taylorville will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, November 1st from 5:00–7:00 p.m. at the St. Mary School Cafeteria. Dine-in or Carry-out. Servin: Fried Fish, Fries, Applesauce, Cole Slaw, Bread, Dessert, & Drink for \$15. Kids Meal: Hot Dog, French Fries, Applesauce, Dessert, & Drink for \$6. Everyone is welcome!



**ATTEND SPECIAL HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS IN
SPRINGFIELD NOV. 10:**

Come pray for holy vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and marriage during a holy hour at Christ the King Church in Springfield on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. There will be adoration before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and confession will be available. You can pray vocation-specific prayers, a *Rosary*, or whatever you like. *Benediction* will close the Holy Hour. A short homily on discerning vocations will also be given.

ATTENTION LADIES: The Jerseyville Deanery CCW will meet on Wednesday, November 6th at St. Raymond, Raymond, IL. 9 a.m. Mass for deceased members followed by the Rosary. Registration after the Mass in the parish center (\$6).

WHEREVER
PEOPLE ARE
SUFFERING
MAKE IT
YOUR TASK
TO SERVE
THEM

Joannes Paulus II



ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

On April 2, 2005, the vigil of the feast of Divine Mercy, John Paul II died. His last words were whispered, “Let me go to my Father’s house.” Some 3 million people came to Rome for his funeral, and millions more followed on television. They had heard when this Pope had told them not to be afraid, and they understood that in those last years and months, he had told them this in the most profound way possible. In 2011, Pope Benedict XVI beatified his predecessor, and in 2013, Pope Francis declared him a saint.



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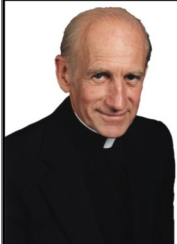
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