



# Sacred Heart

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**Pray for  
Vocations**



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



**So Many Catch Phrases Today.** "The doors were locked." "Peace be with you." "There was no needy person among them." "His mercy endures for ever." "His commandments are not burdensome." Locked doors cannot keep Jesus away. He speaks peace to us, even in these Covid-19 days. Because he is peace among us - no one has need. Because he is full and overflowing with mercy - nothing is a burden.

- How will I manifest peace, be peace this Easter week?
- How will I show mercy, be mercy this week?
- Whose burden will I ease?

# WEEKLY BULLETIN: Sunday, April 11, 2021

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10** • *Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy), Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Donald Tucker (*George & Lorraine Hart*)

5:30 p.m., Auburn: Andrew "Drew" Keown (*Steve & Cindy Baker*)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11** • *Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)*

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

10:15 a.m., Virden: Poor Souls (*Mark & Catherine McGrath*)

**MONDAY, APRIL 12** • *Easter Weekday*

No Mass

**TUESDAY, APRIL 13** • *Easter Weekday • St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr*

6:00 p.m., Auburn: Kathryn Hamblin (*family*)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14** • *Easter Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: Berta Elisa de Herrera (*Scott & Vicky Crye*)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15** • *Easter Weekday*

7:30 a.m., Virden: Frank & Eleanor Barros (*Linda Carter*)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 16** • *Easter Weekday*

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17** • *Third Sunday of Easter, Anticipated*

4:00 p.m., Girard: Barbara Pierson

5:30 p.m., Auburn: Frank & Dorothy Stead (*Ron & Barb Maley*)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18** • *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:15 a.m., Auburn: Therese McWhinnie (*Chuck & Cindy DuBois*)

10:15 a.m., Virden: Kristine (Neighbors) Elmore (*Pat Allen 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.



### APRIL INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY (April 10)

4:00 p.m., Mass—Girard

5:30 p.m., Mass—Auburn

SUNDAY (April 11)

8:15 a.m., Mass—Auburn

CCD Classes —Virden

Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass

10:15 a.m., Mass—Virden

MONDAY

No Mass

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m., Mass—Auburn

7:00 p.m., Ladies Meeting

WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Adoration—Virden

8:00 to 11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open

THURSDAY

7:30 a.m., Mass—Virden

8:00 to 11:00 a.m., Parish Office Open

FRIDAY

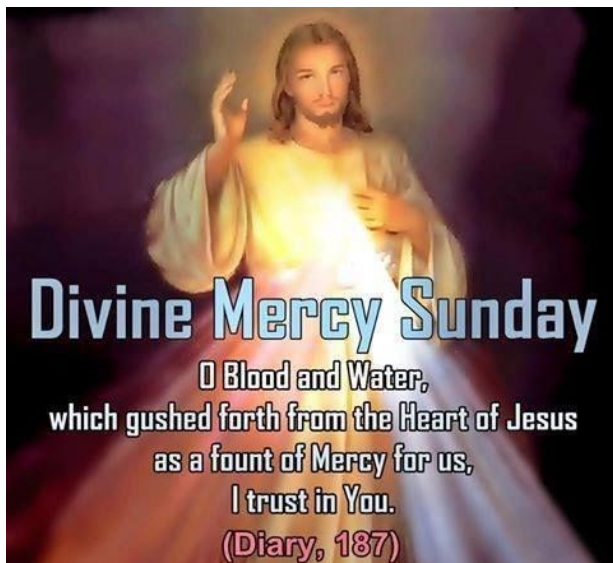
7:30 a.m., Mass—Auburn



## UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 2:

Chicken Dinner!



## PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

11:00 A.M.

Reader	Linda Hacker
Ushers	Marty Jones Volunteer
Greeter	Becky Travis



SUNDAY, APRIL 18

11:00 A.M.

Reader	Tony Rothering
Ushers	Matt Peregrin Tim Goeckner
Greeter	Jane Maguire



CHURCH CLEANERS:

Thursday, April 15: L. Hacker, S. Pierce, T. Sharp

Thursday, April 22: 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.



## WEEKLY OFFERING

APRIL 4	Envelope Donors: 17; Online Donors: 14 Regular Weekly/Holyday: \$1,687.54 CCD/Utilities/Other: \$55.15 Diocesan Special Collections: \$362.00 Vocations Builder: \$10.00
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING

THE MONTHS OF APRIL:

Diocesan Special Collections:

April 2: Holy Land

April 4: Diocesan Seminarians

April 25: Catholic Home Missions

Parish Special Collections:

Easter Flowers (send donations by April 7)

Every month—Vocations Builder Collection:

Support for Pallottine Seminarians

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Welcome Back!

We warmly welcome back  
all those who have been away  
this past year  
because of the pandemic!

**It's time... welcome back to Mass** - Bishop Thomas John Paprocki announced that, effective April 11, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will be modified to be limited to the following groups: Those 65 years of age or older; Those at risk for severe illness due to underlying medical conditions as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Those who care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed; Those women who are pregnant; Those who cannot be accommodated at Mass because the church was at safe-distancing capacity. Those who are sick or came in contact with someone with COVID-19/flu are obligated to stay home and are therefore excused. All other Catholics not in those categories in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, effective April 11, beginning with the Saturday anticipated Masses the evening before. Answers to questions can be found at [dio.org/backtomass](http://dio.org/backtomass).

### A few notes to help you in your return:

- We have seating in the church and overflow seating in the hall.
- Ushers will be available to help you find a place to sit.
- Please sit at least 6 feet away from people who are not in your same household.
- Please use hand sanitizer as you enter.
- Please wear your mask...
  - \* as you enter and until you are safely seated
  - \* if you are out of your seat and as you go up for Communion
  - \* anytime you are closer than 6 feet to someone outside of your household
  - \* if you wish to sing along with the choir
- In order to minimize movement, Communion will be at the end of Mass—after the Dismissal and the Prayer to St. Michael. You may leave directly after receiving Communion or you may go back to your pew/seat to pray.
- If you are seated in the hall, you will come into the church for Communion.
- The sign of peace is to be exchanged without physical contact.
- There will be no collection of the weekly offering during Mass, you are invited to drop your donations in the basket at the back of the church.
- The restroom occupancy limit is 2 people.
- The kitchen is closed, if you need water, small bottles are provided in the hallway by the restrooms.
- To avoid spreading germs through common-use items, missals are not provided in the pews—we do have a limited number of personal missals that you can take with you to keep.
- Bulletins will be available to pick up as you leave.
- Holy water fonts for blessing yourself as you enter the church are not available at this time—however, next week we will have small holy water bottles available for you to take with you.



### AN IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING SINGING:

With decreasing Covid cases in our area and the better sound support to the overflow to the hall, the choir looks forward to supporting more liturgical song from the choir loft.

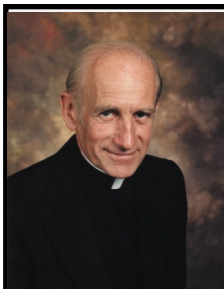
While singing, the choir is masked.

If you know some of the songs and would like to sing along, we ask that you wear your mask anytime you are singing.



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all who helped in any way to make our Palm Sunday/Triduum/Easter celebrations so meaningful! Thank you Father James & Deacon Rick for their ministry. Thank you to the readers, ushers, greeters and servers for their assistance. Thank you to the choir for beautifully accompanying our liturgies. Thank you to Annie Schnetzler for all her assistance & thank you to Linda Hacker for decorating the church for Palm Sunday and Easter—everything looked wonderful!



### CARUSO-SPERL CHARITABLE 501(C)3

**TRUST:** Are you concerned about the influence of secularism on your child? Are you interested in placing God at the forefront of your child's education? The Caruso-Sperl Charitable Trust provides qualified financial assistance toward Catholic K-12 school tuition or for accredited Catholic home school curricula. To receive additional information and application materials, contact Larry James (217.725.4473 or [larrita@royell.org](mailto:larrita@royell.org)). Application materials processed from schools need to be postmarked by May 7, 2021.

### SCHOLARSHIP OFFER FROM THE KNIGHTS OF

**COLUMBUS:** The Virden Knights of Columbus Council 2321 is offering one education scholarship, with a value of up to \$500, to an individual who meets the following qualifications: 1) Current member in good standing of KC Council 2321, or 2) Father is member in good standing of Council 2321, or 3) The or daughter of a deceased member of KC Council 2321 in good standing. Applications available from KC Hall or church office. Completed applications need to be submitted and/or mailed by **May 1** to the Scholarship Committee at Virden KC Council, 1320 N. Dye St., Virden, IL

**LADIES MEETING SCHEDULED IN APRIL:** There will be a Catholic Ladies Society Meeting on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All ladies are welcome to attend! The meeting will cover the following:

- Plans for an upcoming garage sale
- Parish nominee for the Annual Women of Distinction Celebration.

**SPRING CLEANING?** If you are starting to spring clean, keep the church in mind! The Ladies Society is planning a garage sale! More details coming soon...

### PARISH TITHE (FORMERLY ACSA):

This year's assessment: \$13,622

Amount donated so far: \$5,005

Amount we still owe: \$8,617

Number of families donating: 18

Thank you to all who have made donations towards this assessment that we owe to the Diocese.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation.

Contact the parish office for a donation form.

The Lord took his wounds with him to eternity. He is a wounded God; He let himself be injured through his love for us. His wounds are a sign that he understands and allows himself to be wounded out of love for us... Indeed, time and again, he allows himself to be wounded for our sake. What certainty of his mercy, what consolation do his wounds mean for us! ... And what a duty they are for us, the duty to allow ourselves in turn to be wounded for him! *Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*



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