

**Saint Patrick's Church Girard**  
**Rev. James Palakudy, S.A.C., Pastor**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Dec. 08, 2019**

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Second Sunday of Advent: the "Candle of Peace," or "Preparation," or in still other traditions the "Candle of Love" candle is lighted, scripture is read, a devotional may be given, and prayer is offered.

Preparation means to 'get ready'.  
 "Help us to be ready to welcome You, O God!"  
 (Luke 3:4-6)

<p><b>Contact Information</b>                  Office Phone: (217) 438-6222                  Rectory Phone: (217) 438-6196</p> <p>Deacon Rick Schnetzler                  Cell Phone: (217) 971-5125                  E-mail: <a href="mailto:deaconrick2016@gmail.com">deaconrick2016@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Universal-The Very Young</b></p> <p><b><i>That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.</i></b></p>
<p><b>FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR:</b>                  St. Patrick's, P.S.R.:                  Terri Joslin, coordinator                  Phone: (217) 416-4271</p>	<p><b>BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE:</b>                  Please contact the parish office. For marriage, please contact the parish office at least six months in advance.</p>
<p><b>DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE:</b></p> <p>Child abuse reporting and investigation number                  (217) 321-1155</p>	<p><b>ANOINTING OF THE SICK/HOME VISITS:</b>                  If you or a loved one is in need of this sacrament or in need of a visit and Holy Communion, please contact Fr. James</p>
<p><b>THE SACRAMENT OF PENNANCE</b>                  Confessions are heard beginning thirty minutes prior to the weekend Masses ant at 5:30 on Tuesdays. Appointments may also be made.</p>	<p><b>RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A)</b>                  If you are a non-Catholic and are interested in being Baptized or you are a Baptized Christian and are interested in coming into full communion with the Church, please contact Fr. James or Dcn. Rick.</p>

MASS SCHEDULES/INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday (Vigil)</b>	<b>Dec 07</b>	<b>4:00 pm Girard</b>	<b>John Brennan (Rita Tranquilli)</b> 
Saturday	Dec 07	5:30 pm Auburn	Marjorie Jorgensen (Mark & Kate Baker)
Sunday	Dec 08	8:15 am Auburn	Stephanie, Parents & Brothers (Sue Sandidge)
Sunday	Dec 08	10:15 am Virden	Nicki Maynerich (M/M Mark McGrath)
Monday	Dec 09	7:00 pm Virden	For priests, religious and consecrated people and an increase in vocations (Vic & Sara Goeckner)
Tuesday	Dec 10	6:00 pm Auburn	All Souls (Mr/Mrs Donald Gibler)
Wednesday	Dec 11	7:30 am Virden	John & Jean VonBehren (Mary VonBehren)
Wednesday	Dec 11	9:30 am Virden Sunrise Nursing Home	Mary Jo Kennedy (Catherine Murphy)
Thursday	Dec 12	7:15 am Virden	Teresa Mansanares (Linda Carter)
Friday	Dec 13	7:00 am Auburn	Pro Populo
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>4:00 pm Girard</b>	<b>Frank Bertinetti (Leona Hacker)</b> 
Saturday	Dec 14	5:30 pm Auburn	Edward Burg (Family)
Sunday	Dec 15	8:15 am Auburn	Beverly Hemberger (Joe Buckles)
Sunday	Dec 15	10:15 am Virden	Harold & JoAnn Yemm (Jeff & Becca Yemm)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat Dec 07	Sat Dec 14
Server: Preston Smith	Server: Volunteers
Server: Payton Smith	Server: Volunteers
Reader: Raymond Schneider	Reader: Mike Walter
E.M.H.C.: Annette Cole & Cindy Dorner	E.M.H.C: Annette Cole & Cindy Dorner
Ushers: Volunteers	Ushers: Volunteers

Our Finance council members are **Annette Cole, Kris Eldridge, Bill Hart, George Hart, Taurie Jones, Terri Joslin, Tom Reinhart, Diane Rogers, Amy Smith, Jim Walker, and Mike Walter.** Any concerns or Ideas please let them know. Our meetings are the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise announced, at 7pm.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Bishop Approved Cptl Campaign (2)	\$ 175.00
Christmas Flowers ( 12 )	\$ 240.00
General Fund (22 envelopes) (4 online)	\$ 838.00
Utilities ( )	\$ 135.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,388.00</b>

## Capital Campaign running totals.

Capital Campaign	Running Total
As of Dec 02	\$ 16,908.80
To start the roof project	\$ -11,258.00
Total	\$ 5,650.80

ACSA

\$7,756.00 - \$1,870.00 = 5,886.00

Church Cleaners:

Dec 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK Katie Prose

If you cannot clean on the week you are scheduled you may contact Katie Prose at 217-313-0915 for a fee she will clean for you.

***Please be advised that we now have a key to the dumpster, just one it is located in the cleaning closet  
Please make sure it is returned for the next cleaning crew, Thank you***

### From the Diocese

**A Changed Mind Fosters a Changed Life.** Who would want to be accused of being part of a brood of vipers? Appearing to be good is not good enough. When the Lord comes again, justice and faithfulness will reign supreme from top to bottom. Won't that be grand? We don't have to wait. Though there will be a Second Coming, Christ is also with us now! Justice and faithfulness, hope and harmony are part of our lives already. Saint Paul, in the Romans reading, urges three things:

- Heed the instruction: Everyday, how will I let Scripture guide me?
- Pray in one voice: Everyday, how will I pray alone and with others?
- Welcome each other: Everyday, how will I live in harmony with others as the Lord does with me?

The fear of God frees us from the fear of men. A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope. Right is right if nobody is right, wrong is wrong if everybody is wrong. Once abolish the God, and the government becomes the god. Abortion is the assassination of hope. It's the murder of a society's future. Our public lives should be a witness to the justice and mercy of God. The truth is that we do not judge the truth, the truth judges us.

Experience the incarnation of the Word through the eyes (and hearts!) of artisans and craftspeople from around the world! Visit the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kirkwood to view a collection of more than 275 unique nativity displays. You are invited to Tau Center at 335 S Kirkwood Rd, (behind the PNC Bank Bldg) from Mon, Dec 9 through Sun, Dec 15, between the hours of 10am and 4pm each day. Suggested admission is either a \$5 donation, a package of diapers, or a new or gently used baby supply item, all to benefit St Louis-area pregnancy care centers (go to [www.fsolph.org](http://www.fsolph.org) for a list of their needs). New this year, we have a large Fontanini village. Join the Sisters in celebrating a Franciscan Christmas while helping babies and expectant mothers in need. Contact or (314)965-3700 to arrange for a group tour.

The pain and sorrow of a past abortion need not endure for a lifetime. Call Project Rachel for a confidential, non-judgmental referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

## **Sacred Heart**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH, VIRDEN:**

### **COUNTRY CHRISTMAS EVENT**

In conjunction with the Virden Community Country Christmas, the Catholic Ladies Society of Sacred Heart Church (722 N. Springfield Street) in Virden will be hosting a Christmas event (which includes a Virden Hall of Trees, a Cookie Walk, and Food) on Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7. Friday's event will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. and will include the Virden Hall of Trees, Food: vegetable-beef soup/ pasta e faggioli soup/chili/hot dogs/hot chocolate, and a Christmas Village Display. Saturday's event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include a morning Cookie Walk, the Virden Hall of Trees, Food: home-baked cinnamon rolls/beverage, a Christmas Village Display and Christmas Caroling & Mrs. Clause visiting periodically throughout the day. All food is by donation and available while supplies last. The public is invited!

## **St. Patrick General**

**They are working on our new roof, please pardon the mess and extra vehicles hopefully it won't take that long.**

**THERE ARE ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH THERE FREE TAKE ONE!!!**

**THE NEW 2020 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE THERE FREE TAKE ONE OR TWO!!**

### **St. Patrick Catholic Church to Host Chili & Soup Supper**



Fall is the time for cool temps and your favorite chili and soups! Share a delicious meal and fellowship at the St. Patrick Catholic Church Chili & Soup Supper on Saturday, Dec. 7, 5:00-6:30 pm at the church hall. The meal will include chili, three kinds of soups, peanut butter and cheese sandwiches, desserts and drinks. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12 years old 4 and under free and tickets will be available at the door. Carry outs available.

**North Mac Senior Citizens'  
Christmas Luncheon  
December 11<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am – 12:30pm  
North Mac South Campus  
New Gym  
RSVP Beginning 12/2 through 12/9  
To Unit Office at 217-627-2915  
FREE Valet Parking will be available**

## Next Bible Study Session – The Promised Mother

“Because the virgin Mary was raised to such a lofty dignity as to be the mother of the King of kings, it is deservedly and by every right that the Church has honored her with the title of ‘Queen’.” St. Alphonsus Ligouri

Our next session of “*The Bible and the Virgin Mary*” will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 8, 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Virden**. Titled “*The Promised Mother*” this session will examine the role played by the Queen Mothers of the Davidic Kingdom in the Old Testament and how they point forward to Mary’s role as Queen Mother. All are welcome!

## PSR

Dec. 07 Jesse Tree

Dec. 11 (Caroling) All students meet at 6:00 at the Retirement Home—Each Family is asked to bring 1 doz. Cookies to share.

Decorating the church Middle & High School TBD

Dec. 18 No Class, Break until Jan. 08

## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

[www.stpatgirard.com](http://www.stpatgirard.com) online giving is now available!!!



## Saint Patrick’s Church, Girard 2019 Advent/Christmas Schedule

### 2019 Advent/Christmas

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION\*:

Monday, December 9: 7:00 p.m. Mass in Virden

\*Note: Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

#### EXTENDED CONFESSION HOURS:

Saturday, December 14: 3:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. in Girard  
6:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. in Auburn  
Sunday, December 15: 7:45 a.m. -8:10 a.m. in Auburn  
11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. in Virden





**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS): A Holy Day of Obligation:**

Tuesday, December 24: 4:00 p.m. Mass in Auburn  
5:00 p.m. Mass in Virden, **With Fr. Teddy**

**Wednesday, December 25: 9:00 a.m. Mass in Girard**

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA: December 16-24**

This Novena (9 consecutive days of prayer before Christmas) will be held in Virden each evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. The final night, Christmas Eve, the prayers will begin at 4:15 p.m. Each evening's prayers will last around 15 minutes.

**CHRISTMAS EVE AT SACRED HEART:**

4:15 p.m. – Christmas Novena  
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Christmas Music  
5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Mass

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (FOR NORMAL SUNDAY OBLIGATION):**

Saturday/Sunday, December 28/29: Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S): A Holy Day of Obligation**

Tuesday, December 31: 4:00 p.m. Mass in Girard  
5:30 p.m. Mass in Auburn  
Wednesday, January 1: 9:00 a.m. Mass in Virden

**WEEKDAY MASSES & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Wednesday, December 11: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Sunrise Nursing in Virden  
Wednesday, December 18: 9:30 a.m. Mass at Eastland in Auburn  
Wednesday, December 25: No Adoration  
Thursday, December 26: No Mass  
Friday, December 27: No Mass  
Wednesday, January 1: No Adoration



The Virden K of C Council #2321, has a Wednesday night dinner at the KC Hall in Virden doors open at 5pm  
Food served 5:30-8pm  
Menu varies weekly

**Queen of Hearts Drawing**

Tickets 6 for \$5.00, 30 tickets for \$20.00. Tickets sold until 7:30 pm

Drawing is at 8pm Come join the fun!

Jackpot increases weekly

50-50 tickets 6 for \$5.00, 30 for \$20.00 sold until 7:30 pm drawing at around 7:35 pm

