

**Saint Patrick's Church Girard**  
**Rev. James Palakudy, S.A.C., Pastor**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**  
**Mar. 29, 2020**

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<p><b>Contact Information</b>  <b>Office Phone: (217) 438-6222</b>  <b>Rectory Phone: (217) 438-6196</b></p> <p><b>Deacon Rick Schnetzler</b>  <b>Cell Phone: (217) 971-5125</b>  <b>E-mail: <a href="mailto:deaconrick2016@gmail.com">deaconrick2016@gmail.com</a></b></p>	<p><b><i>Catholics in China:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.</i></b></p>
<p><b>FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR:</b>  <b><i>St. Patrick's, P.S.R.:</i></b>  <b><i>Terri Joslin, coordinator</i></b>  <b><i>Phone: (217) 416-4271</i></b></p>	<p><b>BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE:</b>  <b>Please contact the parish office. For marriage, please contact the parish office at least six months in advance.</b></p>
<p><b>DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE:</b></p> <p><b>Child abuse reporting and investigation number</b>  <b>(217) 321-1155</b></p>	<p><b>ANOINTING OF THE SICK/HOME VISITS:</b>  <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</b></p>
<p><b>THE SACRAMENT OF PENNANCE</b>  <b>Confessions are heard beginning thirty minutes prior to the weekend Masses ant at 5:30 on Tuesdays. Appointments may also be made.</b></p>	<p><b>RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A)</b>  <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.</b></p>

MASS SCHEDULES/INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday (Vigil)</b>	<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>4:00 pm Girard</b>	<b>Gerry Oxley (Lisa &amp; Mark Prose)</b> 
Saturday	Mar 28	5:30 pm Auburn	Carl Rolando (Family)
Sunday	Mar 29	8:15 am Auburn	Jean Hogan (Brad & Michelle Huggins)
Sunday	Mar 29	10:15 am Virden	Mary Jo Kennedy & Ben Schrock (Marty & Georgene Jones)
Monday	Mar 30	No Mass	
Tuesday	Mar 31	6:00 pm Auburn	All Souls (Bettie Burtle)
Wednesday	Apr 01	7:30am Virden	For priests, religious & consecrated people & for an increase in vocations (Joe & Carol McGrath)
Thursday	Apr 02	7:15 am Virden	For the Seminarieans of our Diocese & the Universal Church (Scott & Vicky Crye)
Friday	Apr 03	7:30 am Auburn	For the People
<b>Saturday (Vigil)</b>	<b>Apr 04</b>	<b>4:00 Girard</b>	<b>Cecelia Lutz (Wilford &amp; Catherine (Rock) McKee)</b> 
Saturday	Apr 04	5:30 pm Auburn	Mary Alice Owens (Holy Cross Parish Choir)
Sunday	Apr 05	8:15 am Auburn	All Souls (Mr. & Mrs. Gene Maley)
Sunday	Apr 05	10:15 am Virden	Peregrin Family (Matt & Amanda Maynerich)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<b>Sat Mar 28</b>	<b>Apr 04</b>
Server: Volunteers	Server: Volunteers
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Reader: Dan Starks	Reader: Mike Walter
E.M.H.C: Marcia & Mike Walter	E.M.H.C: Marcia & Mike Walter
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

General Fund (3 envelopes) ( 7 Online)	\$ 535.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 535.00</b>

Capital Campaign	2020
Running Total as of Mar 05	\$ 1,078.80
As of Mar 14	\$ 260.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,438.80</b>

ACSA

\$7,756.00 - \$6,130.00= \$1,626.00

## **St. Patrick General**

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**

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

You can setup for weekly contributions, or make it a monthly contribution. Also all Special Collections (Second Collections) are online. It's easy just go to our website and click on Donate now, and follow the instructions or come and see me "Cindy" and I will help you out.

### **SUPPORT DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DURING LENT:**

The listing of charitable collections are as follows:

**Good Friday (April 10): Holy Land**

**Easter Sunday (April 12): Seminarians**

**Throughout Lent: Operation Rice Bowl (rice bowls are available in the vestibule)**

**Watch the weekly bulletin for announcements regarding these collections, and others.**

HOLY WEEK/EASTER Chism Mass Tuesday, April 7 6:30 p.m. Cathedral, Springfield

**Holy Thursday, April 9 7:00 p.m. Girard with Adoration until 10:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

Good Friday, April 10 7:00 p.m. Auburn

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 11 8:00 p.m. Virden Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12 8:00 a.m. Auburn

**9:30 a.m. Girard**

11:00 a.m. Virden



State of Illinois  
Illinois Department of Public Health

# COVID-19 Who Should I Call ?

Macoupin County Public Health Hotline  
**217-313-5078**

## I want to know more about COVID-19, who should I call?

For **general** questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH **COVID-19 Hotline** at **1 800 889 3931** or email [DPH.SICK@illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.SICK@illinois.gov). Note the Hotline does not make decisions about who should be tested for COVID-19.



## I am not feeling well and have respiratory symptoms, what should I do?



- Stay home for at least 7 days after you first became ill, or 72 hours after your fever has resolved and symptoms are improving, **whichever is longer**.

### You should consult with your doctor if you have:

- Fever, cough, trouble breathing, or other flu like symptoms that are not better or are worsening after 24-48 hours.
- Mild symptoms and are pregnant, have a weakened immune system, have chronic health conditions or are an older adult (60+).

### Don't call the health department about getting testing

- Your health care provider will determine if you should be tested and, if necessary, contact the health department.
- Health departments do not collect specimens for COVID-19

## I think I need immediate medical attention, who should I call?

- If you need immediate medical attention, and you think you may have COVID-19, call ahead to your health care provider before going in for care. This will allow them to take the right steps to protect themselves and other patients
- If you think you are having a medical emergency, call 911; if you have been exposed to COVID-19, notify dispatch personnel so emergency medical services personnel are prepared.



**Questions about COVID-19?**  
Call 1-800-889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov)  
Illinois Department of Public Health - [www.dph.illinois.gov](http://www.dph.illinois.gov)





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Good day all, Just a little information for you all. Fr. James will still be celebrating the Masses that are scheduled and at the scheduled time. Please be assured that our loved ones are still being remembered. Any Mass Intentions that have been published, or any that will be published, they will be celebrated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office at 217-299-3007 or email at [stpat-sec@royell.org](mailto:stpat-sec@royell.org), or my personal email is [cjdorner@royell.org](mailto:cjdorner@royell.org). The office is still opened just not to walk-ins. I will keep my regular hours are M-TH 9:30 – noon.

Confessions: Fr. James will set up appointments for individual Confession. Please contact the Holy Cross parish office 217-438-6222 or rectory 217-438-6196 (please leave a message), or email [hcp@royell.org](mailto:hcp@royell.org).

These restrictions will remain until the state lifts the stay at home order and or the Bishops lifts the suspension of Holy Mass and Sacraments.

**Fr. James will celebrate all Masses at St. Benedict Church, Holy Cross Parish, Auburn**

**Please continue to support our church, by on-line giving at [www.stpatgirard.com](http://www.stpatgirard.com) or sending a check to the office at P.O. Box 105**

**Girard IL. 62640**

We will survive this

God Bless and keep you one and all

Cindy

**From: Very Reverend Christopher House, Chancellor Date: March 23, 2020 Re: Masses and Confessions**

During the COVID-19 Pandemic Over the weekend, some questions were asked regarding the offering of Masses at this time and concerning the celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation. As Bishop Paprocki has previously indicated, for the time being Masses are to be celebrated without a congregation present. Such Masses should be celebrated according to the Roman Missal, Third Typical Edition, using the section, “Order of Mass with the Participation of a Single Minister.”

The General Instruction on the Roman Missal (nos. 252- 254) provides that the “single minister” may be a deacon or one of the faithful. When offering a vigil Mass, as is normative, the Mass may not begin before 4:00PM. This norm applies to all livestreamed Vigil Masses. Concerning the sacrament of Reconciliation, as mentioned in previous communication from Bishop Paprocki, you are asked to maintain individual opportunities for the celebration of Reconciliation if you are able to do so safely according to the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention while also protecting privacy and the sacramental seal.

Considering the concerns for privacy and the sacramental seal, priests are asked not to engage in the recent social phenomenon of “drive-thru confessions” at this time. Due to concerns for proper health precautions and anxiety among some of the faithful, individual celebrations of Reconciliation may not be possible at this time. In light of this, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have provided pastoral guidance from the Apostolic Penitentiary at the Holy See.

First, “where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by *votum confessionis*, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (cf. CCC, no. 1452).” Second, “the gift of special Indulgences is granted to the faithful suffering from COVID-19 disease, commonly known as Coronavirus, as well as to health care workers, family members and all those who in any capacity, including through prayer, care for them.

This is a time of suffering, especially for those who have contracted COVID-19. As such, it may be a time for us to ‘rediscover ‘the same redemptive suffering of Christ’ (Salvifici doloris, 30).’

A Plenary indulgence is ‘granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible. • Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: ‘Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends’ (Jn 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions.’”

Very Reverend Christopher A. House, S.T.L., J.C.L.  
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Rector - Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
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