



# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 18, 2026

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic adoration is held in Sacred Heart church in Virden after Mass each Wednesday morning and concludes with Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 a.m. each Thursday.

### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Fr. James will hear confessions in the reconciliation room in St. Benedict Church. Sunday 7:40-8:05 a.m. and Tuesday evening before Mass by appointment.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or a loved one is in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for the healing of body and soul, please contact the Pastor.

### BAPTISM

If you wish to have a child baptized, please contact the Pastor.

### CONFIRMATION

If you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to do so, please contact the Pastor. Confirmation is ordinarily received by students in the C.C.D. and P.S.R. programs.

### MARRIAGE

If you wish to be married in one of the three Parishes, please contact the Pastor not less than six months prior to the desired wedding date and prior to reserving a reception hall.

### HOLY ORDERS

If you think you or someone you know might be called to the Diaconate or to the Priesthood, please contact the Pastor.

**Weekly Bulletin Deadline:** Information to be published in the bulletin is due to the parish office by **Noon on Wednesday**. Any exception will be published the week before.



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9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Wednesday  
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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Lamb of God

John the Baptist, the last and greatest of all the prophets, saw and identified Christ as the Lamb of God, the Chosen One of God. Isaiah foresaw him as the light of the nations.

The lamb is a symbol of gentleness and is often depicted as a sacrifice. Christ, while strong, was also very gentle. Paul reminds us that we are called to be holy, in imitation of Christ.

In the Mass we recall that Christ is the Lamb of God. It is through sacrifice and gentleness that sin is taken away. Communion is our pledge of the desire to be Christlike.

*J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*



We welcome Father Jeff Grant to our Masses this weekend. We thank him for celebrating with us. Father James will return to celebrate with us at our Masses on January 24th & 25th.



To sign up for the new online giving platform (Push Pay), you may do so by scanning the QR Code at the left or by going to our parish website: [holycrossauburn.com](http://holycrossauburn.com) and clicking on the “Giving” button.

THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our parish.



### Catholic Times is going monthly in 2026

The *Catholic Times* presents Bishop Paprocki's columns and diocesan-wide announcements, highlighting the inspirational stories of people, parishes and schools that are building up the Kingdom of God, and offering articles that are catechizing people daily. It is time to renew subscriptions.

Beginning in 2026, *Catholic Times* will transition from a biweekly publication to a monthly magazine. This change will allow for expanded coverage and more in-depth storytelling across the diocese. The new monthly format will bring improved paper quality, more consistent production schedule and an enhanced reading experience that better reflects the life and vitality of our Catholic community.

#### COLLECTION DATA FOR JANUARY 10/11, 2026

PARISH ENVELOPES (29 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 1,079.01
ONLINE DONATIONS (12 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 667.00
TITHING (6 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 290.00
ONLINE TITHING (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 20.00
FIRST OFFERING (2 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 6.00
CATHOLIC TIMES (4 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 75.00

#### Special Collection for Latin America

on the weekend of 1/31-2/1/2026

Your support for this collection helps church leaders throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean to fulfill their mission to preach the Word of God and to awaken a love of Scripture in the hearts of those they serve.



*“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” Isaiah 49:5*

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan.

So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Jan. 19 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Jan. 21 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Jan. 21 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.**  
**Jan. 23 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Jan. 25 Free Pancake/Sausage & Donut Breakfast** for parishioners only, serving 8-10a.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Jan. 28 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.**  
**Feb. 2 K of C # 10556 Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Parish Center**  
**Feb. 4 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.**  
**Feb. 11 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.**  
**Feb. 18 NO PSR—Ash Wednesday**  
**Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday Mass at Auburn at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Feb. 25 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.**  
**Mar. 3 K of C #10556 Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center**  
**Mar. 4 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.**

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Julie Atwell, Tom Baker, Barbara Conkrite, Gail Courtney, Lisa Davis, Nancy Davis, Chuck DuBois, Dale Fitzpatrick, Paula Gonzalez, JoAnn Hefer, Stephen Hubbard, Anna Jett, Vince & Barb Kelly, Mark Kirby, Ron Knapp, Mary Maley, Milla Manser, Elizabeth Miczulski, Linda Millburg, Mark Millburg, Ken S. Moorman, Dolores Lopez, Linda Nagel, Rita Nardi, Rachel Baker Noble, Danny Pierson, Breanna Rabacchi, Erin Stiver, Steve Stuckey, Steve Underwood, Michael Verschelden, Pat Verschelden, Bonnie Wagner, Barb Zaccari.

*Please call parish office w/additions to / removals from list. Please notify us of anyone who would welcome a hospital visit. Thanks.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit parish website at: [holycrossauburn.com](http://holycrossauburn.com) to see bulletins, liturgical lists, register your children for PSR, any change in office hours and scheduled events! If you choose to do online giving and don't want envelopes anymore, please contact the parish office so that they may be suspended, saving our parish the cost of unused envelopes. Current Lit Lists are also always available at entry of church.

**Comedy Murder Mystery Dinner** hosted by K of C #10556 will be on Sat., Mar. 7 at Holy Cross Parish Center. Suggested arrival 6-7p.m. There will be a delicious catered meal and amusing entertainment. BYOB to enjoy at your table. It is encouraged to dress as a mystery solver (e.g. Scooby Doo, Charlie's Angels, Columbo, Inspector Clouseau, Jessica Fletcher, Mrs. Matlock) for this "Ladies' Night of Death". Paid reservations of \$55 per person may be sent to St. Benedict's KC, P.O. Box 266, Auburn, 62615, and will be taken until March 2 or until sold out. You may purchase as many seats as you would like. No refunds after reservations have been confirmed. No walk-ins. Questions? Call 217-741-7333.



The Knights of Columbus will host a **FREE pancake/sausage/donut breakfast for parishioners only** on Sunday, January 25, with coffee, orange juice, & milk also offered. Serving will be 8:00-10:00 a.m.

## REQUIESCANT IN PACE ... *May they rest in peace*

Robert J. Gathard

## WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**Sat., Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Jan. 18, 8:15 a.m.**

<b>Servers:</b>	Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Briana Giron Abigail Seiz
<b>Lector:</b>	Todd Atwell	Rob Staudenmaier
<b>C. Mins:</b>	Ron Waterkotte	Barb Farris
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ron Waterkotte Jim Verschelden	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

**Sat., Jan. 24, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Jan. 25, 8:15 a.m.**

Grifyn Bailey Hannah Barth	Claire Millburg Benjamin Millburg
Cindy Smith	Amy Phalen
Shiela Hemberger	Rob Staudenmaier
Ron Waterkotte Jeanette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Jan. 17	Girard	Mass	Randy Upp (Linda Upp)
	5:30 p.m.	Jan. 17	Auburn	Mass	† Ryken Bailey (Todd & Christy)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Jan. 18	Auburn	Mass	Manuelito Gonzales (Sonia Gonzales)
	10:15 a.m.	Jan. 18	Virden	Mass	Lowell & Ann Grigg (Joe & Carol McGrath)
Mon.		Jan. 19			<b>NO MASS</b>
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Jan. 20	Auburn		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Jan. 21	Virden		<b>NO MASS (Adoration as usual)</b>
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Jan. 22	Virden		<b>NO MASS</b>
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Jan. 23	Auburn		<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Jan. 24	Girard	Mass	Kimberly Pappas (Frank & Patsy Cicciarelli)
	5:30 p.m.	Jan. 24	Auburn	Mass	† Jean Clevenger (Barb Sallenger)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Jan. 25	Auburn	Mass	† Caleb Schmitz (Dennis & Teresa Clem)
	10:15 a.m.	Jan. 25	Virden	Mass	† Hilda Jorn (Don Jorn)

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Feb. 2/Feb. 9/Feb 16 Interior Freedom Book Study Series** (by Fr. Jacques Philippe) each night 6:15p.m.-7:45p.m. at Villa Maria Conference Center on Lake Springfield with Fr. Herman Joseph O. Praem. Copies of the book may be ordered online. Contact [events@dio.org](mailto:events@dio.org) and register at [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events).

**Feb. 6-8 Marriage Encounter Weekend** at St. Peters, Missouri. For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**Feb. 8 World Marriage Day** at 12:00 noon at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Fr. Chris Martin will celebrate Mass. A reception, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage.

**April 6-14 Pilgrimage to Poland with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki & Fr. Jerome Koutnik** a 9-day pilgrimage “In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II. Cost \$4250 per person from Chicago. For details or to register, visit [pilgrimtravel.info](http://pilgrimtravel.info).

**March 19 Illinois Pro-Life Mass & Attend Illinois Pro-Life March afterward** Join thousands of pro-life advocates being a joyful witness to life and raising your voice for the voiceless. Mass at 10 a.m. at the Exposition Bldg on the grounds of Illinois State Fairgrounds celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki and concelebrated by bishops & priests across the state. **You must register for the Mass by going to [dio.org](http://dio.org).** After the Mass, there is a rally at the capitol at 1p.m. with guest speakers and a march around the capitol at 2. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be going on at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception from noon –5p.m. Confessions at the Cathedral will be available from 1:30-5:00 p.m.

**World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea 2027** If interested, connect with the Diocesan Office. Fr. Zach Samples, St. Agnes Parish, is the lead organizer for the pilgrimage for those 16-35 years of age. Estimated cost: \$6,098, with a \$500 deposit due May 15, 2026 with a quarterly payment schedule. For more information or to express your interest, contact Fr. Zach Samples, Pilgrimage Spiritual Director at 217-698-8500 or at [wyd@dio.org](mailto:wyd@dio.org).

**Care Manager Job Opening** Do you have a healthcare background? Do you love your Catholic faith and have a desire to help priests set and meet healthy living goals? Our diocese is seeking applications for a unique, mission-driven person dedicated to providing essential healthcare navigation and support for our clergy. This role does not require hands-on clinical care. Please submit your resume to [REC@metacareusa.com](mailto:REC@metacareusa.com).

**Catholic Preschool Program** St. Joseph the Worker Preschool in Chatham is currently enrolling for the 2026-2027 school year. A 4/5 year –old class is offered on M/W/F from 9-11:30a.m. A 3-year-old class is offered on T.Th from 9-11:30 a.m. More information can be found at [stjoschatham.org/preschool-registration](http://stjoschatham.org/preschool-registration).

*“May we go forth in peace, filled with the joy of the Resurrection and may our lives be a testament to Your glory.  
As we leave this place, let us carry the message of Your love and grace into the world,  
reflecting the light of Christ in all that we do.*



### Live Your Faith—Join the Knights of Columbus!

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church.

Auburn Council # 10556

For information, Call 217-741-7333

### HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION



**UNIVERSAL INTENTION: FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD** Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**Welcome to any visitors we may have with us today!** If you would like to register as a member of Holy Cross Parish, please contact the parish office at 217-438-6222 or you may fill out the information below, detach and drop it in the collection basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_