



# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 1, 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.



## THE BEATITUDES

Matthew 5:1-12

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9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Wednesday

8:00 a.m.— Noon Thursday

8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Friday

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Grateful Response

The beatitudes describe the grateful response of those who have received the gospel and have been made children of God. Today's other readings also emphasize God's initiative in saving the lowly, those who have nothing of their own to boast about.

This is the "remnant" theme: from the mass of humanity headed for destruction, God has rescued and sanctified a small group. Recognizing that we are saved by God's grace alone, we are called to live in gratitude and fidelity.

But God is not content with a remnant. From Jesus the call has come to us and with it the power of his Eucharist. From us the message must go forth to others, so that all may be included in the glory of the saved.

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THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our parish.



#### **"Ladies' Night of Death"**

Comedy Murder Mystery Dinner  
The world's greatest female detectives are attending the annual ladies night dinner at the Mystery Detectives Social Club when a mystery killer is targeting men.  
Who will solve the mystery? Jessica Fletcher, Mrs. Matlock, Velma from Scooby Doo, Kelly from Charlie's Angels or you?

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.

#### COLLECTION DATA FOR JANUARY 24/25, 2026

PARISH ENVELOPES (15 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 711.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (6 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 350.00
CATHOLIC TIMES (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 15.00



*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

*Matthew 5:3*

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense—poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance.

Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Feb. 1** Free pancake/sausage/donut breakfast provided for all PARISHIONERS, serving 8:00-10:00 a.m.  
**Feb. 2** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**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. 5** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**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.  
**Mar. 7** Comedy Murder Mystery Dinner at Parish Center  
**Mar. 11** 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, 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.



The Knights of Columbus **FREE** pancake/sausage/donut breakfast was cancelled last week due to inclement weather. It is for parishioners only and has been re-scheduled for this Sunday, February 1, with coffee, orange juice, & milk also offered. Serving will be 8:00-10:00 a.m. in the parish center. Come over for good food and good fellowship!!

**Special Collection for Latin America** this weekend. 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.

"so that,  
**as it is written**

"Whoever boasts,  
 should boast **in the Lord.**"

-1 Corinthians 1:31

## WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Sat., Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 1, 8:15 a.m.

<b>Servers:</b>	Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Xavier Seiz Lucas Seiz
<b>Lector:</b>	Todd Atwell	Tim Hemberger
<b>C. Mins:</b>	Cindy Smith	Jeanne Harvill
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt

### Sat., Feb. 7, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 8, 8:15 a.m.

Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Abigayle Cowan Volunteer
Cindy Smith	Rob Staudenmaier
John Hemberger	Dave Farris
Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Jan. 31	Girard	Mass	Veryl Reier (Farley & Annette Cole)
	5:30 p.m.	Jan. 31	Auburn	Mass	† Austin DuBois (Tom & Marty Leonard & Family)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Feb. 1	Auburn	Mass	† Abby Neisler (Jerry, Dayna, Noah, Mia)
	10:15 a.m.	Feb. 1	Virden	Mass	Sharon Gaffney Meyer (Hasara Family)
Mon.		Feb. 2			<b>NO MASS</b>
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Feb. 3	Auburn	Mass	All Souls (Linda Baer)
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Feb. 4	Virden	Mass	For an increase in vocations and religious life (Annie Schnetzler) (Adoration as usual)
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Feb. 4	Arcadia	Mass	All Souls (Mr/Mrs Robert Sandoval)
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Feb. 5	Virden	Mass	Leona Hacker (Family)
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Feb. 6	Auburn	Mass	Pro Populo
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Feb. 7	Girard	Mass	Bill & Agnes Frank (Mike & Marcia Walter)
	5:30 p.m.	Feb. 7	Auburn	Mass	† Sharon Miller (Ron & Barb Maley)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Feb. 8	Auburn	Mass	† James Phalen (Jim & Sheryl Spears)
	10:15 a.m.	Feb. 8	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.

**Feb. 24-25 SDCCW Lenten Retreat: Heaven Meets Earth-A Journey through the Holy Mass** at Villa Maria Conference Center on Lake Springfield. **Deadline to Register is Feb. 14.** All women are welcome. Registration forms with cost and further information are available at [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events). For more information, you may also contact Mary Ann Sullivan at 217-822-1928 or Janet Zimmerman at 217-494-4743 and watch for updates on the SDCCW Facebook page.

**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.

**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 FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION



**UNIVERSAL INTENTION: FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES** Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_