



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 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.

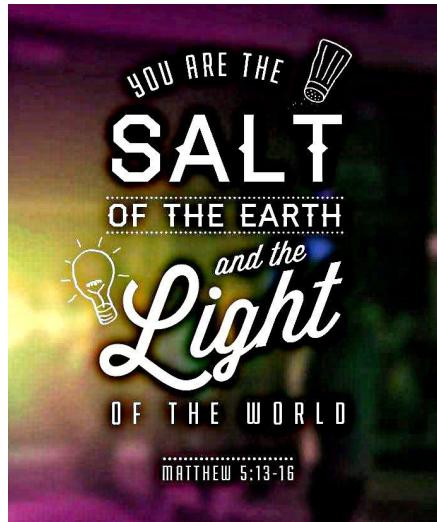
MARRIAGE

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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8:00 a.m.— Noon Thursday
8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Friday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALLED AND CHOSEN

This Sunday's scriptural message carries on the theme of being called and chosen. Only this Sunday, the call becomes much more specific, even though it is couched in metaphorical language. Jesus tells us that God has chosen us to flavor and brighten the lives of those around us. That flavor is the flavor of justice. That light is the light that reveals God in our midst. To be flavor and light means more than giving good example. As salt of the earth, we are called to flavor the earth with the taste of God. As light of the world, we are chosen to participate in the light and life of God, and thus **be** the light that leads others to God. This is no small inheritance and no small responsibility. You see, even though Jesus often spoke in metaphors or parables, he was no puny pundit, no fickle philosopher. Jesus did not come to urge us to live by slogans. Jesus did not come to teach us how to remove ourselves from the world and its passions and cares. Jesus came as a fiery prophet, calling us to jump headfirst into the world and urging us to prepare ourselves and the world for a more just social order. Jesus did not come to preach lackluster love of the status quo. Rather, Jesus came demanding a burning energy of will in order to create all things new. For this we have been called and chosen.

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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 31/FEBRUARY 1, 2026

PARISH ENVELOPES (CONTRIBUTORS)	\$
ONLINE DONATIONS (CONTRIBUTORS)	\$
CATHOLIC TIMES (CONTRIBUTOR)	\$



"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
Matthew 5:16



The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Feb. 9 PARISH OFFICE Possibly Closed (Call Ahead)
Feb. 11 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12 PARISH OFFICE Possibly Closed (Call Ahead)

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Feb. 18 NO PSR—Ash Wednesday
Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday Mass at Auburn at 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 25 Stations of the Cross, 9:00 a.m. at the Church
Feb. 25 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Feb. 27 K of C Fish Fry 5-7 pm at Parish Center
Mar. 3 K of C #10556 Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center
Mar. 4 Stations of the Cross, 9:00 a.m. at the Church
Mar. 4 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Mar. 6 K of C Fish Fry 5-7 pm at Parish Center
Mar. 7 Comedy Murder Mystery Dinner at Parish Center
Mar. 10 Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m. at the Church

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, 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 to see bulletins, liturgical lists, 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.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule—Feb. 18

Sacred Heart Church, Virden - 7:00 a.m.
St. Patrick Church, Girard - 6:00 p.m.
St. Benedict Church, HCP, Auburn - 7:30 p.m.

See the insert in this weekend's bulletin for Stations of the Cross, Triduum and Easter Schedules.

K of C #10556 Fish Fries will begin Friday, February 27, 5-7 p.m. Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin.

K of C #10556 Comedy Murder Mystery Dinner, Saturday, March 7, at the Parish Center. Reservations required. See details on page 2 of this week's bulletin.



WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

Servers:	Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Abigayle Cowan Volunteer
Lector:	Cindy Smith	Rob Staudenmaier
C. Mins:	John Hemberger	Dave Farris
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt

Sat., Feb. 14, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 15, 8:15 a.m.

Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Lydia Millburg Andrew Millburg
Todd Atwell	Lance Millburg
Ron Waterkotte	Linda Baer
Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Feb. 7	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Feb. 7	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Feb. 8	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Feb. 8	Virden	Mass
Mon.		Feb. 9		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Feb. 10	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Feb. 11	Virden	Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Feb. 12	Virden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Feb. 13	Auburn	Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Feb. 14	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Feb. 14	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Feb. 15	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Feb. 15	Virden	Mass

Bill & Agnes Frank (Mike & Marcia Walter)
† Sharon Miller (Ron & Barb Maley)
† James Phalen (Jim & Sheryl Spears)
Hilda Jorn (Don Jorn)
NO MASS
All Souls (Ron Appelt)
(Adoration as usual)

Pro Populo
Kimberly Pappas (Frank & Patsy Cicciarelli)
† Rosemary Barton (Ron & Barb Maley)
† David King (Bob & Mary Helen Crowe)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Feb. 9/Fe 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 and register at dio.org/events.

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. 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.

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.** 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.

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.

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.

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.

Victim Assistance Contact To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy, even if it is in the past, individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation number (217)321-1155. Individuals may also contact the Ill. Dept. of Children & Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-ABUSE, or contact your local police.

Project Rachel Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance, call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

MassTimes.org for Mass times when you travel or get the app on your iPhone by searching “Mass Times for Travel”.

*“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: _____