



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15, 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.

DO not think that I came to abolish
the LAW or the PROPHETS



I did not come to abolish but to Fulfill.

Matthew 5:17

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Listening

Selective listening has become a highly developed skill among human beings. Ours is a noisy world! It is seldom that we are not bombarded with the sound of traffic, machinery, music, etc. We tune out for survival; we also tune out to escape responsibility.

Jesus repeats several times in today's gospel: "You have heard the commandment." He then goes on to explain how the new covenant is not about mere external observance of law, but interior conversion of heart.

The Letter to the Corinthians reminds us that "ear has not heard ... what God has prepared for those who love Him."

If we are to inherit what God has prepared, we need to listen up!

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Never do anything you wouldn't be willing to explain to God.



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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 (39 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 2,448.65
MAINTENANCE (2 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 22.00
TITHING (4 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 80.00
CATHOLIC TIMES (3 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 60.00
CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 5.00
EASTER FLOWERS (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 35.00

COLLECTION DATA FOR FEBRUARY 7/8, 2026

PARISH ENVELOPES (27 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 1,113.00
TITHING (9 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 355.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (27 DONATIONS)	
FOR BOTH WEEKS—FEB. 1 & 8	\$ 1,426.00

Collection for Central/Eastern Europe supports the Church in Ukraine & over 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former Communist rule. Your contribution restores the Church & helps to witness Christ's mercy in the midst of terrible hardship.

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LOVE GOD
LOVE OTHERS

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear—it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven.

Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Feb. 18 NO PSR—Ash Wednesday
Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday Mass at Auburn at 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 19 Parish Office possibly closed—(call ahead)

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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
Mar. 11 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Mar. 13 K of C Fish Fry 5-7 pm at Parish Center
Mar. 18 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Julie Atwell, Tom Baker, Josephine Catteau, 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, Mil-la Manser, Elizabeth Miczulski, Linda Millburg, Mark Millburg, Ken S. Moorman, Dolores Lopez, Linda Nagel, Rita Nardi, Rachel Baker Noble, Breanna Rabacchi, Connie Schneider, 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.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence: Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18) and all the Fridays in Lent.

Fast: Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (April 3). On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two meals should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted but liquids (including milk & juices) are allowed. To disregard completely the laws of fast & abstinence is seriously sinful.

K of C #10556 Fish Fries will begin Friday, February 27, 5-7 p.m. Menu consists of Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Popcorn Shrimp, French Fries, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Dessert & Drink. Adults / Carryouts/\$15.00. Ages 5-12/\$6.00.

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

Servers:	Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Lydia Millburg Andrew Millburg
Lector:	Todd Atwell	Lance Millburg
C. Mins:	Ron Waterkotte	Linda Baer
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt

Sat., Feb. 21, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 22, 8:15 a.m.

Grifyn Bailey Hannah Barth	Abigail Seiz Briana Giron
Cindy Smith	Amy Phalen
Shiela Hemberger	Barb Farris
Ron Waterkotte Volunteer	David Dixon Ron Appelt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon.		Feb. 16		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Feb. 17	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:00 a.m.	Feb. 18	Virden	Mass
Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Feb. 18	Girard	Mass
Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 18	Auburn	Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Feb. 19	Virden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Feb. 20	Auburn	Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Feb. 21	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Feb. 21	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Feb. 22	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Feb. 22	Virden	Mass

Kimberly Pappas (Frank & Patsy Ciccirelli)
† Rosemary Barton (Ron & Barb Maley)
† David King (Bob & Mary Helen Crowe)
† Jim Allen & Allen Family (Pat Allen)
NO MASS
All Souls (Mr/Mrs David Dixon)
Living & Deceased of the Knudson Family (Greg & Beth Smith)
Leonard & Gerry Neff (Neff Family)
† Jenny Opolka (Holy Cross Altar Society)
The Jones Family (Vicky Crye)
Pro Populo
Lawless & Prose Family (Lisa & Mark Prose)
† Velma Millburg (Kelli Marchizza & Family)
† Bill & Mary Garner (David & Susan Dixon)
Alyse Engel (Susan Mathias)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Feb. 18 Lenten Journey: Stations of the Cross with EWTN's Mother Angelica DVD Series at St. Patrick Church Hall following 6:00 p.m. Mass. Succeeding sessions will be at Sacred Heart Church, Virden each Sunday beginning **Feb. 21** at approximately 11:30 a.m. The Stations of the Cross is a devotion and reflection in which we walk alongside Jesus on His way to Calvary. Her talks will take us into the depths of Christ's agony, and back out again into the joy of what His sacrifice means for us. No reservations required.

Feb. 20 Souper Bowl Fundraiser benefiting Catholic Charities St. John's Breadline will be serving up soups to go. These made-from-scratch soups will be available at the Catholic Pastoral Center circle driveway, 1615 W. Washington St., Springfield, 3:30-5:30p.m. or until sold out. Soup options include: chicken noodle soup, vegetable, and steak chili. The suggested donation is \$10 for 32 oz of soup. All proceeds go to benefit St. John's Breadline.

Feb. 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 Stations of the Cross At Sacred Heart Church, Virden, at 6:00 p.m.

March 2, 3, 4 Lenten Mission at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Taylorville, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Please bring your bibles. All are welcome!

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.

Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) Scholarships \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to four 2026 High School Girl graduates who exemplify the SDCCW Catholic values of Leadership, Faith and Service. Application documents must be received by April 15, 2026. More information can be obtained at parish office.

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.

*"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: _____