



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Second Sunday of Lent
March 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.



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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

Second Sunday of Lent

Roots and Wings

A popular aphorism tells us there are two lasting gifts we can give our children, roots and wings. All of our significant relationships, not only parenthood, offer us gifts of belonging and freedom, intimacy and independence.

Our relationship with God offers the same gifts and the same conflicts. God's love offers us not only security and belonging, but freedom as well. God has entered into an intimate relationship with every one of us, yet we are each unique individuals.

Today's first reading tells of Abraham being called from his home to another land; the gospel presents the disciples anxious to "root" on the mountain, but Jesus leads them back down.

When are we to root and when are we to fly? Lent calls us to examine both our roots and our wings. Are the roots of our faith strong enough, deep enough? Are our flights of fancy faithful to our rootedness in God, or are they efforts to escape our responsibilities as disciples?

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"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 FEBRUARY 14/15, 2026

PARISH ENVELOPES (35 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 1,819.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (14 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 787.00
MAINTENANCE (3 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 70.00
ONLINE MAINTENANCE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 50.00
TITHING (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 20.00
ONLINE TITHE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 25.00
CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE (7 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 217.00
ONLINE CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE (1 CONT.)	\$ 25.00
EASTER FLOWERS (14 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 312.00
RICE BOWL (11 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 215.00
ONLINE RICE BOWL (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 20.00



"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls each of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him,

placing our complete trust in Him.

Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live.

Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

Please note change of email addresses shown on front page. They have replaced our previous office email addresses. Going forward, please use the new ones to send messages to Donna, general office or to Lola. Thanks!

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mar. 2 K of C #10556 Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center
Mar. 3 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Mar. 4 NO Stations of the Cross—due to funeral
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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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. 12 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Mar. 13 K of C Fish Fry 5-7 pm at Parish Center
Mar. 17 Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m. at the Church
Mar. 18 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Mar. 20 K of C Fish Fry 5-7 pm at Parish Center
Mar. 20 Tri-Parish Penance Service 6:30 p.m.,
 at Sacred Heart Church, Virden

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, 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.

K of C #10556 Fish Fries will continue on Fridays, March 6,13,20,27, 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 bulletin

Please keep our Confirmation/First Communion Candidates in your prayers. They will be receiving their sacraments on Tuesday, March 24 at the Cathedral. They are:
 Clara Cowan, Maya Gonzalez Nunez & Hank Miller

Through Baptism we have welcomed **Dorothy Elaine Rabacchi**, daughter of Brad & Jackie Rabacchi into our parish family. May God continue to bless her and her parents.

No Stations Wednesday 9a.m. due to funeral.

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

**Shirley Deheve
 Wanda Goodin**

WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Sat., Feb. 28, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Mar. 1, 8:15 a.m.

Servers:	Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Claire Millburg Benjamin Millburg
Lector:	Todd Atwell	Tim Hemberger
C. Mins:	Cindy Smith	Lance Millburg
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

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

Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Xavier Seiz Lucas Seiz
Cindy Smith	Rob Staudenmaier
John Hemberger	Jeanne Harvill
Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Feb. 28	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Feb. 28	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mar. 1	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Mar. 1	Virden	Mass
Mon.		Mar. 2		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Mar. 3	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Mar. 4	Virden	Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Mar. 5	Virden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Mar. 6	Auburn	Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Mar. 7	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Mar. 7	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mar. 8	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Mar. 8	Virden	Mass

Carolyn Bettis (Diana Rogers)
 † Austin DuBois (Ceasar & Judy Gianasi & Family)
 † Margaret "Margo" Kaufman (Family)
 † Fr. Daren Zehnle (Jeff & Becca Yemm)
NO MASS
 † Art Hodalski (Mark & Catherine McGrath)
 Pauline Miller (George & Jill Murphy) (Adoration)
 Goeckner Family (Vicky Crye)
 Pro Populo
 Helen Kroll & Christine Leja (Annette Cole)
 † Hank Charles (Barb & Family)
 † Drew Keown (Paw Paw & Grandma Maley)
 Ed VonBehren & Sherry Flatt (John & Marcella Rosier)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Lenten Journey: Stations of the Cross with EWTN's Mother Angelica DVD Series being held at Sacred Heart Church, Virden each Sunday 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.

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

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.

March 22 Lenten Day of Recollection in Springfield at the Villa Maria Retreat Center. Arrival time 2p.m. and concluding at 7p.m. The day includes conferences, adoration, time for prayer, the Rosary, confession & dinner. Cost is \$25. **Register by March 15** at dio.org/events.

March 25 Women's faith, wine & chocolate night evening of prayer, fellowship and faith at the Villa Maria Retreat Center. (Lenten penances are not obligatory on solemnities) Night begins with Mass at 6p.m. and ends at 9p.m. Cost is \$10. Register by March 20 at: go.dio.org/786.

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.

*"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.*

Area Events

Auburn American Legion has a Pancake/Sausage Brunch on Sunday, March 1, serving 8a.m.-noon.
At 412 W. Adams St. Tickets available from Legion members or at the door. \$10/adults; kids 7 & under/free (dine-in only)

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner by Pawnee & Divernon Methodist Church, Saturday, March 7, serving 4-7p.m.
At Pawnee UMC Fellowship Hall, 402 6th St., Pawnee
Adults/\$12. Kids Meal is free with offering. Dine-in or Carry-out



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 MARCH PRAYER INTENTION



UNIVERSAL INTENTION: FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, and the world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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: _____