



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Third Sunday of Lent
March 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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9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Wednesday

8:00 a.m.— Noon Thursday

8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Friday

Third Sunday of Lent

Water



Water hollows the rock not by its strength but by its constant falling. The life of grace, which water symbolizes, is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

If we open ourselves to the Spirit's flow, we cannot help but to have our hearts hollowed to become a resting place for God's love. We will be filled with hope and can never be disappointed.

During this Lenten season we must heed God's voice and open our hearts, so that the Lord's constant call might wear away our hardness, allowing us an Easter of joy and peace.

The eucharist will always help us open our hearts to the transforming power of the Spirit, and allow us to offer perfect worship to God.

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THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our parish.

YOUR TIME ACCOUNT



Suppose you had a bank that each morning credited your account with \$1,440—with one condition. Whatever part of the \$1,440 you had failed to use during the day would be erased from your account, and no balance would be carried.

What would you do? You'd draw out every cent every day and use it to your best advantage.

Well, you do have such a bank, and it's name is *time*. Every morning this bank credits you with 1,440 minutes. And it writes off as forever lost whatever portion you have failed to invest *to good purpose*.

How have you spent your time?!

COLLECTION DATA FOR FEB. 28/MAR. 1, 2026

PARISH ENVELOPES (35 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	1,874.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (13 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	617.00
MAINTENANCE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$	10.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES (9CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	110.00
ONLINE CATHOLIC CHARITIES (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$	20.00
CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE (2 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	15.00
EASTER FLOWERS (2 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	30.00
RICE BOWL (10 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	128.00
ONLINE RICE BOWL (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$	20.00



"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run.

When we build our lives around material possessions, we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire.

True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus—when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

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. 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. 12 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Mar. 13 K of C Fish Fry 5-7 pm at Parish Center

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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
Mar. 24 Confirmation/1st Communion at Cathedral 7p.m.
Mar. 25 Stations of the Cross 9:00 a.m. at the Church
Mar. 25 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Mar. 28/29 Anointing of the Sick after each Mass—this does
 not have to be for serious or life-threatening situations.

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 Mill-
 burg, 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 any-
 more, please contact the parish office so that they may be suspend-
 ed, 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 continue on Fridays, March 13,20,27, 5
 -7 p.m. Menu: Fried Fish, Baked Fish, Popcorn Shrimp, French
 Fries, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Dessert & Drink.
 Adults /Carry-outs/\$15.00. Ages 5-12/\$6.00.

**Please keep our Confirmation/First Communion Candidates in
 your prayers** in addition to the special blessing they will receive
 at this Saturday evening's Mass.

They will be receiving their sacraments on Tuesday, March 24 at
 the Cathedral. Our candidates are:

Clara Cowan, Maya Gonzalez Nunez & Hank Miller

Pawnee Calvary Cemetery Spring Clean-up Date will be March
 15th & is the removal date of all fall & winter decorations from
 the graves & monuments in the Cemetery. Any decorations not
 removed by March 15 will be removed & disposed of by members
 of the Calvary Cemetery Board. Efforts will be taken to not dis-
 turb newly placed Spring decorations. Your assistance is greatly
 appreciated. This is an ongoing attempt to maintain a beautiful
 cemetery for families & friends of their deceased loved ones. Re-
 minder: no ground level are allowed between 3/15-10/15 except 2
 weeks before & 2 weeks after Memorial Day.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE ... May they rest in peace

Kenneth Scott Moorman

WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

Servers:	Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Xavier Seiz Lucas Seiz
Lector:	Todd Atwell	Rob Staudenmaier
C. Mins:	John Hemberger	Jeanne Harvill
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

Sat., Mar. 14, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., March 15, 8:15 a.m.**

Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Abigayle Cowan Volunteer
Todd Atwell	Amy Phalen
Cindy Smith	Rob Staudenmaier
Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon.		Mar. 9		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Mar. 10	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Mar. 11	Virden	Mass
Wed.	1:00 p.m.	Mar. 11	Courtyard	Est/Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Mar. 12	Virden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Mar. 13	Auburn	Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Mar. 14	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Mar. 14	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mar. 15	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Mar. 15	Virden	Mass

Helen Kroll & Christine Leja (Annette Cole)
 † Hank Charles (Barb & Family)
 † Drew Keown (Paw Paw & Grandma Maley)
 Ed VonBehren & Sherry Flatt (John & Marcella Rosier)
NO MASS
 All Souls (Linda Baer)
 Grandparents of Vicky Crye (Vicky Crye) (Adoration)
 Norman Langheim (Family)
 For an Increase in Vocations to the priesthood & religious life
 (Marty & Georgene Jones)
 Pro Populo
 Anna Brennan (Neff Family)
 † Marty Forgas (Jim & Sheryl Spears)
 † Abby Neisler (Jim & Sheryl Spears)
 Aron Scott & Scott Family (Cassandra Hedges)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

March 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. No reservations required.

March 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 21 Watch (we are the Church) Retreat at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Chatham. Day begins with Mass at 9a.m. and ends at about 3p.m. Lunch around noon is included in this free event and all are welcome! **RSVP by March 13** to Carol at gustcm60@gmail.com or call Peggy at 217-483-2833.

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.

Apr. 10-12 Singles Late 50s & Above RENEW Weekend at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min. from downtown St. Louis). Take a chance and get involved. Visit www.RenewRetreats.org or email renewretreat.stl@gmail.com or call 314-703-1002 for details.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF next weekend

Your support for this collection provides aid to vulnerable people affected by war, natural disasters and exploitation as well as bringing healing to communities affected by poverty and injustice.

*"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 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: _____