



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 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.

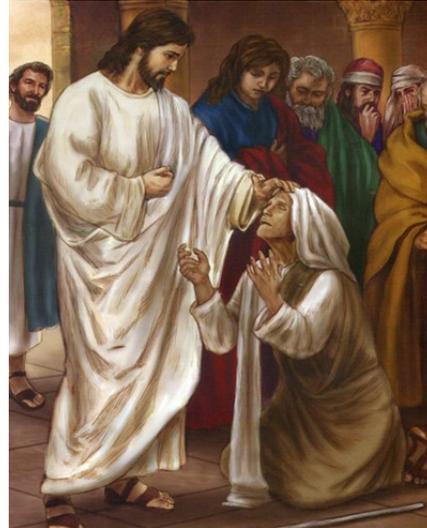
MARRIAGE

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.



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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.— Noon Monday & Tuesday

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 of Lent

The Invitation



Today's readings invite a response of faith. The word "invite" is appropriate because no one, not even Jesus can order faith.

Faith is a gift and a free response to Jesus' invitation. It requires us only to be open and ready to receive what we hear and see.

Jesus has enlightened us, has given us the eyes of faith. Faith-filled eyes see. Faith-filled eyes recognize that there is more to life than meets the eye: winners do not always win; losers do not always lose; beggars can be rich; sinners can be justified; the sightless can see; death can be the gate to life.

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Two marks of a holy person; giving and forgiving.



To sign up for the online giving platform (Push Pay), you may do so by scanning the QR Code at the left or by going to our parish website: holycrossauburn.com and clicking on the "Giving" button.

THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our parish.

Your Greatest Power is the Power to be:

To be more loving. To be more courageous. To be more joyous.
To be more friendly. To be more sensitive. To be more aware.
To be more forgiving. To be more tolerant. To be more humble.
To be more patient. To be more helpful.
To be a greater human being.



We have welcomed Cohen Walker Hess, son of Timothy & Tiffany Hess, through Baptism. May the light of Christ shine brightly in and through him!

COLLECTION DATA FOR MAR. 7/8, 2026

PARISH ENVELOPES (41 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 2,079.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (13 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 722.00
MAINTENANCE (11 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 672.00
ONLINE MAINTENANCE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 50.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES (8 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 116.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF (2 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 30.00
CONSTRUCTION (MEMORY OF AL/HELEN NARDI)	\$ 5,000.00
RICE BOWL (19 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 384.00
ONLINE RICE BOWL (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 20.00
MEMORIAL SHIRLEY DEHEVE (1 CONT.)	\$ 100.00



"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car & other marks of distinction.

But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

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. 16 Office Possibly Closed-Please call ahead
Mar. 17 Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m. at the Church
Mar. 18 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Mar. 18 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Mar. 19 Office Possibly Closed-Please call ahead
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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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.
Mar. 31 Chrism Mass at Cathedral, 6:30 p.m.
Apr. 1 Stations of the Cross 9 a.m. at the Church / **NO PSR**

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, 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 & don't want envelopes anymore, please contact 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 continue on Fridays, March 20 & 27, serving 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 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 disturb 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. Reminder: no ground level are allowed between 3/15-10/15 except 2 weeks before & 2 weeks after Memorial Day.

Knights of Columbus #10556 Scholarship applications are available for graduating seniors. Please contact the parish office to have an application mailed or emailed to you. **Deadline is Friday, April 24.**

WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

Servers:	Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Abigayle Cowan Volunteer
Lector:	Todd Atwell	Amy Phalen
C. Mins:	Cindy Smith	Rob Staudenmaier
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

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

Grifyn Bailey Hannah Barth	Lydia Millburg Andrew Millburg
Cindy Smith	Lance Millburg
Ron Waterkotte	David Dixon
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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

Anna Brennan (Neff Family)
 † Marty Forgas (Jim & Sheryl Spears)
 † Abby Neisler (Jim & Sheryl Spears)
 Aron Scott & Scott Family (Cassandra Hedges)
NO MASS
NO MASS (due to clergy meeting)
NO MASS (due to clergy meeting) (Adoration as usual)
 The DiCarlo Family (Vicky Crye)
 Pro Populo
 Virginia Prosperini Broccardo (George & Lorraine Hart)
 † Mary Louise Catteau (Mrs. Ruth Bernardi)
 † Kenneth Scott Moorman (Sharon & Family)
 † Dorothy Peregrin (Matt & Aryn Peregrin)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

March 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 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 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.

March 28 Lenten Day of Reflection at Villa Maria, Springfield. Arrival at 2p.m. and conclusion is at 7p.m. Day includes conferences, adoration, time for prayer, the Rosary, confession & dinner. Cost is \$25-Register March 15 at dio.org/events.

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.

Looking for fun ways to engage your kids on Sundays? Go to 52sundays.com, with short bios on saints, recipes, activities, prayers & family challenges related to each Sunday's reading. Questions? Contact Gracie at 217-321-1124 or at gortiz@dio.org.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF this 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: _____