



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 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.

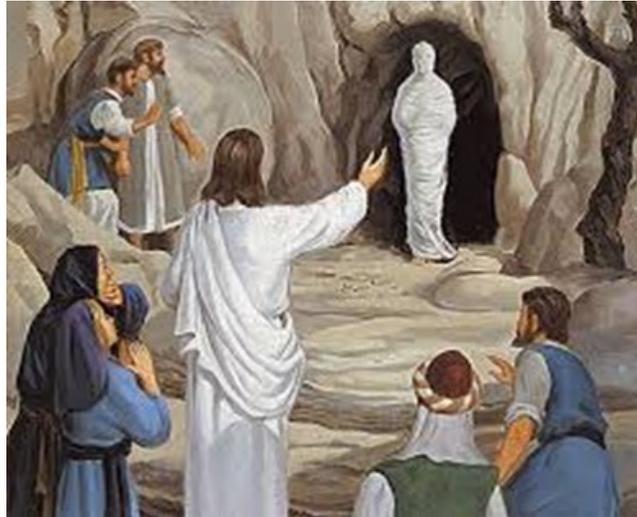
MARRIAGE

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Suffering



In the face of suffering and death, of tragedy and loss, we have so very many questions—and yet so few answers. It is an expected stage of the grieving process to react with anger to these great unanswerable questions. Victims of loss frequently blame someone and, when they run out of people to blame, scream or sob or whisper despairingly: “Why could Jesus not have done something to prevent this?”

The Lenten season offers an opportunity to reflect on suffering in our own lives and in the life of Jesus Christ. Perhaps the question to ask isn't, “Why couldn't Jesus have done something to prevent this,” but “What did Jesus himself do in the face of suffering?”

We can learn much if we study—and then follow—Christ's example.

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THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our parish.

Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass at Auburn

Servers: _____, _____

Lector: Cindy Smith

E. M. at Church: Linda Baer

E.M. at Parish Center Over-flow: _____, _____

Ushers at church: David Dixon, Ron Appelt

Usher at Parish Center Over-flow: Ron Waterkotte

Good Friday:

Servers: _____, _____

Lectors: (need 2) _____, _____

E. M.: _____

Ushers: Ron Waterkotte, _____

**** PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER ****

COLLECTION DATA FOR MAR. 14/15, 2026

PARISH ENVELOPES (31 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 1,135.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (12 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 702.00
MAINTENANCE (2 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 35.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 10.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF (10 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 130.00
ONLINE CATHOLIC RELIEF (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 20.00
RICE BOWL (15 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 206.00
ONLINE RICE BOWL (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 20.00
EASTER FLOWERS (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 5.00

Special Upcoming Collections:

April 3 for the **Holy Land** to assist in the care & maintenance of the Holy Sites, as well as assisting Christians who remain in the lands where Jesus lived.

April 5 for **Seminarians** to help form and educate future priests of the diocese.



“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ ” John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord?

When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become “partakers of the divine nature.”

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mar. 24 Confirmation/1st Communion at Cathedral 7p.m.
Mar. 25 Stations of the Cross 9:00 a.m. at the Church / **NO PSR**
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.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Mar. 31 Chrism Mass at Cathedral, 6:30 p.m.
Apr. 1 Stations of the Cross 9 a.m. at the Church / **NO PSR**
Apr. 2 Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, Girard, with adoration until 10:00 p.m.
Apr. 3 Good Friday-Passion of the Lord 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Church, Auburn
Apr. 4 Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Virden
Apr. 5 Easter-Masses: 8a.m. @ Auburn / 9:30 a.m. @Girard 11:00 a.m. at 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, Mila 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.

Final K of C #10556 Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 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

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

	<u>Sat., Mar. 21, 5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun., Mar. 22, 8:15 a.m.</u>	<u>Sat., Mar. 28, 5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Sun., March 29, 8:15 a.m.</u>
Servers:	Grifyn Bailey Hannah Barth	Lydia Millburg Andrew Millburg	Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Briana Giron Abigail Seiz
Lector:	Cindy Smith	Lance Millburg	Todd Atwell Cindy Smith	Tim Hemberger Rob Staudenmaier
C. Mins:	Ron Waterkotte	David Dixon	Shiela Hemberger	Dave Farris
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Mar. 21	Girard	Mass	Virginia Prosperini Broccardo (George & Lorraine Hart)
	5:30 p.m.	Mar. 21	Auburn	Mass	† Mary Louise Catteau (Mrs. Ruth Bernardi)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mar. 22	Auburn	Mass	† Kenneth Scott Moorman (Sharon & Family)
	10:15 a.m.	Mar. 22	Virden	Mass	† Dorothy Peregrin (Matt & Aryn Peregrin)
Mon.		Mar. 23			NO MASS
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Mar. 24	Auburn		NO MASS Confirmation/1st Communion at the Cathedral
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Mar. 25	Virden	Mass	† Ramona Gabel (Mark & Catherine McGrath) (Adoration as usual)
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Mar. 25	Eastland	Mass	All Souls (Gene & Mary Maley)
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Mar. 26	Virden	Mass	† Scott Crye (Vicky Crye)
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Mar. 27	Auburn		<u>Communion Service</u>
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Mar. 28	Girard	Mass	Rebbe Family (Diane Rogers)
	5:30 p.m.	Mar. 28	Auburn	Mass	† Connie Schneider (Jeannette Forgas)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mar. 29	Auburn	Mass	† Sister Mary Sharon (Aurelia Marie) Schmitz (Dennis & Teresa Clem)
	10:15 a.m.	Mar. 29	Virden	Mass	† Linda Hacker (Ed Bergschneider)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

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.

April 3 Divine Mercy Novena Begins at Sacred Heart Church, Virden Schedule follows: Good Friday, April 3 at 3:00 p.m.; April 4 on Holy Saturday at 10a.m.; April 5-11 (Easter Sunday-Saturday) 6:00 p.m.; April 12 Divine Mercy Sunday at 9:40 a.m.

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.

April 25 K of C #364 Sponsored Fundraiser to support Catholic Charities 70's themed trivia, costume contest & fun photo booth., held at 2200 Meadowbrook Rd., Springfield. To order tickets (\$50 each), call 217-523-4551.

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.

Several Churches in the Diocese Available for Special Year of St. Francis to mark the 800th anniversary of his death, running until January 2027. During this time, the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting Franciscan churches or praying spiritually if unable to travel, following the usual conditions of going to Confession, receiving the Eucharist and praying for the pope's intentions (e.g. 1 Our Father & 1 Hail Mary). In the Diocese of Springfield, one can make a pilgrimage to St. Francis of Assisi Church in Teutopolis, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Springfield or St. Francis Adoration Chapel in Altom (home of the Sisters of St. Francis of Martyr St. George.)

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 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: _____