



# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
March 29, 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.

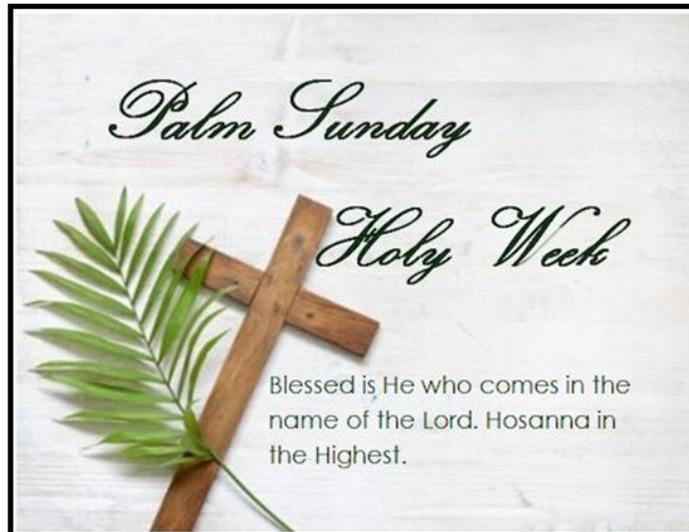
### MARRIAGE

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

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

## Facing Life, Facing Death

The week of the Passion of the Lord begins today. The Procession with Palms recalls how Jesus entered Jerusalem to applause: “Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord!” Jesus knew, though, that public acclaim is a fickle thing. We know it too.

Isaiah’s ancient “Song of the Servant of Yahweh” would soon be the song of Jesus. It is the song of all who consistently stride forward into life, even in the face of scorn.

We listen today to the reading of the suffering of Jesus with the hope that we might emulate our Savior. After accepting praise, he then “humbled himself” obediently accepting even death, “death on a cross.” To face life squarely is to face death.

*J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*



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THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our parish.

## LENTEN REGULATIONS:

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

**FAST:** Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on (Ash Wednesday) and **Good Friday**.

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 should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

### COLLECTION DATA FOR MAR. 21/22, 2026

PARISH ENVELOPES ( 37 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 2,107.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (13 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 762.00
TITHING (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 25.00
MAINTENANCE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 25.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 20.00
CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 25.00
RICE BOWL (13 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 189.00
EASTER FLOWERS (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 25.00

#### Special 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.



*“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.”  
Matthew 27:32*

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross.”

These opportunities aren’t usually big events; they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

**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

**Apr. 1 OFFICE HOURS 1:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Apr. 1 NO PSR** Auburn/Pawnee Spring Break

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Apr. 6 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Apr. 6 KC #10556 Meeting** 7:00 p.m. at Parish Center

**Apr. 8 PSR** Grades K-8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Apr. 15 PSR** Grades K-8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**End of year pizza party**

**Apr. 18/19 Special Collection for Catholic Home Missions**

Which helps expand & strengthen the presence of the Church in the U.S. and its dependencies.

## 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, Erin Stiver, Steve Stuckey, Steve Underwood, Michael Verschelden, Pat Verschelden, Bonnie Wagner, Barb Zaccari.

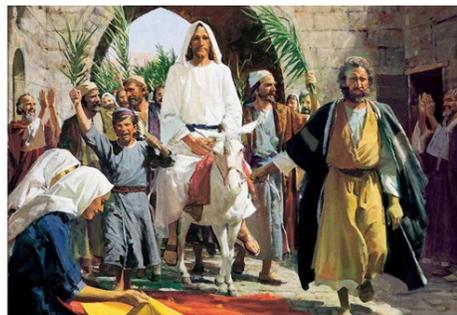
*Please call parish office w/additions to / removals from list. Please notify us of anyone who would welcome a hospital visit. Thanks.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Visit parish website at: [holycrossauburn.com](http://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.

**Congratulations to Clara Cowan, Maya Gonzalez Nunez & Hank Miller for receiving the sacraments of Confirmation/First Communion** Tuesday at the Cathedral in Springfield. They will receive Communion for the first time at our parish Mass on Sunday, March 29. May God continue to bless them!

**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.**



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

**Leon Berkley**

## WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

	<b>Sat., Mar. 28, 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sun., Mar. 29, 8:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Servers:</b>	Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Briana Giron Abigail Seiz
<b>Lector:</b>	Todd Atwell Cindy Smith	Tim Hemberger Rob Staudenmaier
<b>C. Mins:</b>	Shiela Hemberger	Dave Farris
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

**Fri., Apr. 3, 7:00 p.m. Sun., Apr. 5, 8:00 a.m.**

**\*\*\* VOLUNTEER SERVERS NEEDED! \*\*\***

Cindy Smith Jim Spears	Cindy Smith
Sheryl Spears	Linda Baer at Church <u>Ron Waterkotte / P.C. Overflow</u>
Ron Waterkotte Jim Verschelden	David Dixon/Ron Appelt/Church Ron Waterkotte/P.C. Overflow

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Mar. 28	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Mar. 28	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mar. 29	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Mar. 29	Virden	Mass
Mon.		Mar. 30		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Mar. 31	Auburn	
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Apr. 1	Virden	Mass
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Apr. 1	Arcadia	Mass
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Apr. 2	Girard	Mass
Fri.	7:00 p.m.	Apr. 3	Auburn	
Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Apr. 4	Virden	Mass
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Apr. 5	Auburn	Mass
	9:30 a.m.	Apr. 5	Girard	Mass
	11:00 a.m.	Apr. 5	Virden	Mass

Rebbe Family (Diane Rogers)  
 † Connie Schneider (Jeannette Forgas)  
 † Sister Mary Sharon (Aurelia Marie) Schmitz (Dennis & Teresa Clem)  
 † Linda Hacker (Ed Bergschneider)  
**NO MASS**  
**NO MASS 6:30 p.m. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, Springfield**  
 Larry Peregrin (Vic & Sara Goeckner) (**NO Adoration**)  
 All Souls (Mr/Mrs David Dixon)  
**Holy Thursday** Carolyn Bettis (George & Lorraine Hart)  
**Good Friday Service—Passion of the Lord**  
**Holy Saturday** For an increase in vocations (Vicky Crye)  
 † Rosemary Venhaus (1 yr. Anniv.) (Family)  
 Leonard & Gerry Neff (Neff Family)  
 JoAnn Marsaglia (Ron & Becky Swyghan)

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**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](http://www.RenewRetreats.org) or email [renewretreat.stl@gmail.com](mailto:renewretreat.stl@gmail.com) or call 314-703-1002 for details.

**Apr. 18 Catholic Speed Dating Night** hosted by The Forge, Springfield's Young Adult Group, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Christ the King Parish Hall (1930 Barberry Dr., Springfield). Meet and mingle with Catholic singles (ages 21-39) in a casual and fun setting. There will be refreshments, a vocations talk by Fr. Daniel McGrath, a testimony talk by the Schlossers & speed dating. See [TheForgeSpringfield@gmail.com](mailto:TheForgeSpringfield@gmail.com) and RSVP.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

**MassTimes.org** for Mass times when you travel or get the app on your iPhone by searching "Mass Times for Travel".

*"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: \_\_\_\_\_