



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026
August 9, 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.

ANOIDTING 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
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Word in a Whisper

Elijah (who would appear with Christ in his transfiguration, symbolizing the prophets) heard God's voice in a tiny whispering sound. Jesus asks us not to falter in faith. Paul is willing to be condemned for the community.

God speaks to us often in a whisper, rather than in spectacular sounds. We must listen if we are to hear. If we falter, Jesus will be there to stretch out his hand.

God's voice to us in the eucharist is not strident or irresistible. But the sacramental signs are clear. Jesus is there, holding out his hand to us.

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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.

WELCOME ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH!!

Please join us for an evening of fun on Thursday, August 27th at 6:30 p. at the Parish Center.

We will be playing bunco and enjoying some delicious appetizers and drinks, provided by the Holy Cross Altar & Rosary Society. Feel free to BYOB also.

Come and meet some of those ladies you see in church, but don't have a clue who they are.

Please **RSVP** to ShIELA Hemberger at 217-652-2851 **by Friday, August 21st**. Also, if you need a ride, let ShIELA know when you RSVP, and transportation will be arranged.

We hope to see you there!

COLLECTION DATA FOR AUGUST 1/2, 2026

WEEKLY PARISH DONATIONS	\$ 2,234.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 242.00
HOLY DAY	\$ 5.00
SCHOOL BACKPACK DONATION	\$ 50.00

Gracious and loving God,
You call your people to rejoice in your presence
and to recognize our love manifest in creation.
Through the gift of your Spirit,
grant us the generosity to hear your call,
the courage to pursue your ways
and the faith to grow in your love.

Bishop Lawrence H. Walsh



"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water!

When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Have a Blessed Week

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Aug. 27 Fun Evening for all Ladies of the Parish 6:30 p.m. at Parish Center, by Holy Cross Altar & Rosary Society. See details at left RSVP by August 21st

Sept. 5/6 Special Diocesan Collection for The Catholic University of America

Sept. 9 PSR Open House/Registration

6:30-7:30 p.m. at Parish Center

Sept. 10 Altar Society Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Parish Center

Sept. 14 K of C #10556 Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Parish Center

Sept. 16 PSR Grades K-8 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Parish Center

Sept. 20 Catechetical Sunday

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Julie Atwell, Tom Baker, Josephine Catteau, Dennis Clem, Barbara Conkrite, Gail Courtney, Bill & Pat Crowe, Lisa Davis, Nancy Davis, David Dixon, Chuck DuBois, Dale Fitzpatrick, Paula Gonzalez, JoAnn Hefer, Stephen Hubbard, Anna Jett, Hayes Johnson, Vince & Barb Kelly, Ron Knapp, Linda Louck, Mary Maley, Milla Manser, Elizabeth Miczulski, Mark Millburg, Linda & Phillip Millburg, Dolores Lopez, Linda Nagel, Rita Nardi, Rachel Baker Noble, Daniel O'Connor, 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 parish news, 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.

Celebrating a birthday? Celebrating a wedding anniversary? Let us know! We want to celebrate each milestone with you! Fr. James will be happy to give a special blessing at Mass!



Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church?

We will be having OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes beginning in the fall. Please contact the parish office, 217-438-6222 or Ron

Waterkotte, 217-722-3583 for more information. **We are also in need of volunteers to teach one or two classes of OCIA beginning in the fall.** Ron Waterkotte will be leading the classes and has the syllabus for the coming year of classes. Please contact Ron to volunteer to help!

Holy Day for the Assumption of Mary—August 15th falls on a weekend this year. Next weekend at Mass we will celebrate the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time and there is no additional obligation for the Assumption Holy Day this Year.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Sat., Aug. 8, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., Aug. 9, 8:15 a.m.**

Servers:	Grifyn Bailey Cayden Bailey	Claire Millburg Benjamin Millburg
Lector:	Cindy Smith	Lance Millburg
C. Mins:	Ron Waterkotte	Dave Farris
Ushers:	Jeannette Forgas Ron Waterkotte	David Dixon Ron Appelt

Sat., Aug. 15, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., Aug. 16, 8:15 a.m.**

Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Briana Giron Abigail Seiz
Cindy Smith	Rob Staudenmaier
Cindy Smith	Linda Baer
Jeannette Forgas Ron Waterkotte	David Dixon Ron Appelt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Aug. 8	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Aug. 8	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Aug. 9	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Aug. 9	Viriden	Mass
Mon.		Aug. 10		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Aug. 11	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Aug. 12	Viriden	Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Aug. 13	Viriden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Aug. 14	Auburn	Mass
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	5:30 p.m.	Aug. 15	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Aug. 16	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Aug. 16	Viriden	Mass

Bill & Agnes Frank (Mike & Marcia Walter)
 † Larry Sallenger (Barb & Family)
 † David King (Jim & Sheryl Spears)
 † John Schultz (Family)
NO MASS
 † Leona Hacker (Her Family)
NO MASS (Adoration)
NO MASS
 Pro Populo
 Lawless & Prose Families (Mark & Lisa Prose)
 † Kim Ladage (Barb Sallenger)
 † Ardith Glandon (K of C #10556)
 † Dcn. Frank & Paul Maynerich (Pierce Family)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Sept. 3 Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention in Quincy. Featured speaker will be Teresa Tomeo. The day includes a Rosary at 8:00 a.m., Mass at 8:30 and 2 presentations at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The day also includes opportunities for fellowship, Q&A, book signing, vendors and a silent auction. **Registration \$70** by August 15. The event concludes around 3:30 p.m. All women of the diocese are invited to attend this inspiring day of faith and fellowship. To register, visit dio.org/events. For more info., contact Susan Asher at 217-653-5074 or Gina Wolf at 217-257-9966.

Sept. 12 Notre Dame vs Rice Football game - Carlinville Catholic Charities Fundraiser offers participants the chance to win 4 game tickets, a parking pass and a special Notre Dame gift basket filled with Notre Dame themed merchandise. It also includes a \$100 American Express gift card. Online raffle tickets are available for \$25 each and may be purchased at cc.dio.org/events/notre-dame-2026. Physical tickets are also available at the Carlinville Catholic Charities office (525 W. Second South Street) in Carlinville or at the Catholic Charities Thrift Shop (20 Carlinville Plaza). Proceeds from the Notre Dame Raffle fundraiser will directly support the programs and services of Carlinville Catholic Charities. **The drawing will take place on August 14** at 3:00 p.m. at the Catholic Charities office.

Sept. 28-Oct. 9 Sacred Marian Shrines Pilgrimage join Msgr. David Hoeffler on a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines in France, Portugal, & Spain. This spiritually rich journey will include visits to some of the most beloved Marian sites of the world. Space is limited. To learn more or to register online, go to go.dio.org/786.

Oct. 4 Have you been married 50+ Years? Time to celebrate! All couples married 50 years or more are invited to attend a special Mass at 2p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, honoring their vocation. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki. A reception will follow after Mass. Please register for the Mass by going to dio.org/events and clicking on the Oct. 4 Mass. The reception will showcase all photos submitted in the last two years. Due to the number of couples attending, please only submit photos if you have not done so in the past years. Any questions? Call Ruth Staab at 217-698-8500.

Oct. 10 Called & Courageous Women's Conference for women 18+ at Christ the King Parish Center. Discover how to trust God in the messy, real moments of everyday life. Even if you are on the fence about God, remember that God is not on the fence about you. For full schedule, speaker information, and registration, visit go.dio.org/cac. Cost is \$30.00

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 AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION



UNIVERSAL INTENTION: FOR EVANGELIZATION IN THE CITY Let us pray that in large cities marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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: _____