

Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026
September 6, 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.

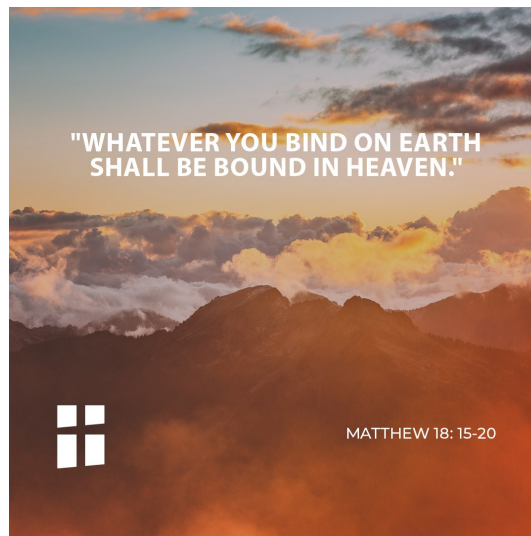
MARRIAGE

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.



"WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH
SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN."

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Forgive
as the Lord
forgave you.*

Christian Forgiveness

Forgiveness is the Christian's constant attitude, since love is the fulfillment of the law. Sometimes, however, love implies the courage to warn those who need warning.

Love is never easy, but one of the hardest implications is the obligation to correct others when this is called for. This is clear not only to parents and teachers, but should be clear to all who love their brothers and sisters.

In the Eucharist we always say the Lord's prayer, asking to be forgiven as we forgive. Yet forgiveness calls for more than a bland attitude. Sometimes it calls for a loving sternness.

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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.

Prayer of Remembrance of 9/11 2026—25th anniversary

God of compassion, we remember the sorrow of this day. We hold in prayer the innocent lives lost.
We honor the courage of first responders. We lift up families who still grieve.

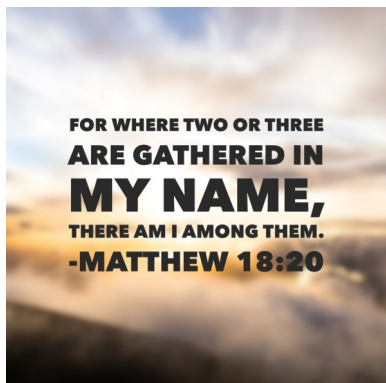
Lord, Jesus, you embraced the Cross of human suffering. You know our fear, our pain, our loss.
Let your mercy bring healing and hope. Let your love overcome hatred and division.

Holy Spirit, breathe peace into our world. Strengthen us to walk the way of compassion.
Make us witnesses of the Cross of Christ. May love be the last word, now and forever.

Amen

COLLECTION DATA FOR AUGUST 29/30, 2026

WEEKLY PARISH DONATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 3,877.00
MISSION CO-OP—DIOC. OF OOTACAMUND	\$ 315.00



*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
— 1 Peter 4:10*

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required?

Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sept. 5/6 Special Diocesan Collection for The Catholic University of America—the community works tirelessly on behalf of its more than 5000 undergraduate & graduate students to help educate them to serve the Church and nation as the Catholic leaders of tomorrow.

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

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

Sept. 20 Catechetical Sunday

Sept. 23 PSR Grades K-8 6:30-7:30p.m. at Parish Center

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

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, Paula Gonzalez, JoAnn Hefer, Stephen Hubbard, Anna Jett, Hayes Johnson, Eugene Kaufman, 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 info.

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!

SAVE THE DATE; We are going back to December for the annual Big Kids' Dinner, being held on Sunday, December 6, 1-3 p.m. at the Parish Center. Watch the bulletin for further information and for the sign-up sheet.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE ... May they rest in peace

Teresa "Joann Kirchgerner"

WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Sat., Sept. 5, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., Sept. 6, 8:15 a.m.**

Servers:	Cayden Bailey	Abigail Seiz Briana Giron
Lector:	Cindy Smith	Rob Staudenmaier
C. Mins:	Shiela Hemberger	Jeanne Harvill
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Bill Bolletta, Jr.	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

Sat., Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., Sept. 13, 8:15 a.m.**

Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Claire Millburg Benjamin Millburg
Angi Evans	Lance Millburg
Ron Waterkotte	Dave Farris
Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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

John Rosentreter (Farley & Annette Cole)
† Gene Maley (Steve & Cindy Baker)
† Mary Louise Catteau (Brian & Lynn Holland)
† Ervin & Norma Shoes (John Norris)

NO MASS

† Mary O'Brien (Pat & Jim Allen Family)
† Linda Neal (Mary VonBehren) (Adoration)
† Charlot Cole (Greg & Beth Smith)
Pro Populo
William Caughlin (Lorraine Hart)
† Jenny Opolka (Mary Maley)
† Carol Rolando (Dennie & Teresa Clem)
† Linda Hacker (George & Jill Murphy)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Sept. 17 Marriage on Tap STL at 6p.m. at Syber's on Dorsett in Maryland Heights, MO, with evening of dinner & marriage enrichment. Dinner \$70 per couple/\$35 per person with cash bar available. For more info., marriageontap-stl@gmail.com or facebook "Marriage on Tap STL". Deadline for registration is 9/11.

Sept. 28-Oct. 9 Sacred Marian Shrines Pilgrimage join Msgr. David Hoefler 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. 9-11 Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at Springfield, IL. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm, 314-649-7317. (There is also a weekend opportunity Dec. 4-6 in St. Peters, MO.)

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.

Upcoming Retreats at National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows for 2026: Nov. 6-8 for men. Women's include: Sept. 11-13; Sept. 18-20; Sept. 22-24; Oct. 2-4; Oct. 9-11; Nov. 13-15. Contact registration team to register. Visit kh.snows.org or call 618-397-0584. **Annual Conference on Mental Health on Aug. 28**, 9a.m.-3p.m. at Shrine Visitors Center. 618-394-6281/snows.org/illness2026.

Volunteers are Needed at the Cathedral in Springfield to help out with the Cathedral Restored Order Sacrament liturgies (Confirmations & First Communions). Go to <https://dio.org/volunteer-to-help-with-sacraments-at-the-cathedral-parishioner/>

*"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 SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION



UNIVERSAL INTENTION: FOR THE CARE OF WATER Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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: _____