



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

Sacramental Information

Eucharistic 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 7:30-8:00 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.

FORGIVE
as you've been
FORGIVEN

Matthew 18:21-35

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8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Wednesday
8:00 a.m.— Noon Thursday
8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Friday

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Forgive As We Forgive

Just as the Lord is beyond measure in all things, so is the Creator's kindness. Paul tells us we are servants of the Lord. Therefore, we respond to the Lord's kindness by showing compassion and generosity to others.

Sirach emphasizes the need for genuine forgiveness. We must forgive others if we expect forgiveness.

As we pray the "Our Father" let us remember that in the Eucharist we experience peace and forgiveness as we "forgive those who trespass against 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.

We have ordered a few books by Fr. Mike Schmitz titled "Face to Face, Preparing to meet God Through the Four Last Things." These are available at the back of church (first come, first serve). We ask that if you take one, that you will please read it and return it to the church for someone else to read.

"Preparing for death is a serious matter, but we need not be afraid. Fr. Mike unpacks the Church's teaching on the four last things in everyday terms with compassion and humor. Whether you meet the Lord tomorrow or eighty years from now, it's never too early to start preparing. Follow along to discover how the Lord is inviting you to get ready for the day you meet him face-to-face." - *Ascension Press*

COLLECTION DATA FOR SEPT. 5/6, 2026

All Weekly Parish Donations	\$ 2,912.74
Diocesan Collections	\$ 160.00
Mission Co-Op	\$ 303.00



**THY
WILL BE
DONE**

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God.

We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives.

Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

Weekly Parish Activities

Sept. 14 K of C #10556 Meeting 7:00 pm. At Parish Center
Sept. 16 PSR Grades K-8 6:30-7:30 p.m.at Parish Center
Sept. 20 Catechetical Sunday

Upcoming Parish Events

Sept. 23 PSR Grades K-8 6:30-7:30 p.m.at Parish Center
Sept. 30 PSR Grades K-8 6:30-7:30 p.m.at Parish Center
Oct. 5 K of C #10556 Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Parish Center
Oct. 7 PSR Grades K-8 6:30-7:30 p.m.at Parish Center
Oct. 14 PSR Grades K-8 6:30-7:30 p.m.at Parish Center
Dec. 6 Big Kids' Dinner 1-3 p.m. at Parish Center
SAVE THE DATE! Watch the bulletin for further details and about sign-up

Pray for our Sick

Julie Atwell, Tom Baker, Josephine Catteau, Dennis Clem, Barbara Cronkrite, Gail Courtney, 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?

Classes will begin on Sunday, Oct. 4. Please contact the parish office, 217-438-6222 or Ron Waterkotte, 217-722-3583 for more info. **We are in need of volunteers to teach one or two classes of OCIA beginning in the fall.** Please contact Ron to volunteer to help!

REQUIESCANT IN PACE ... May they rest in peace

William J. Crowe

Weekend Liturgical Ministries

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

Servers:	Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Claire Millburg Benjamin Millburg
Lector:	Angi Evans	Lance Millburg
C. Mins:	Ron Waterkotte	Dave Farris
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

Sat., Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Sept. 20, 8:15 a.m.

Cayden Bailey	Xavier Seiz Lucas Seiz
Todd Atwell	Tim Hemberger
John Hemberger	Linda Baer
Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat.	4:00p.m.	Sept. 12	Girard	Mass	William Caughlin (Lorraine Hart)
Sat.	5:30 p.m.	Sept. 12	Auburn	Mass	+ Jenny Opolka (Mary Maley)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Sept. 13	Auburn	Mass	+ Carol Rolando (Dennis & Teresa Clem)
Sun.	10:15 a.m.	Sept. 13	Viriden	Mass	+ Linda Hacker (George & Jill Murphy)
Mon.		Sept. 14			NO MASS
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Sept. 15	Auburn	Mass	+ Jim Hendricks (DiCarlo Family)
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Sept. 16	Viriden	Mass	John Youreck (Matt & Anna Allen Family)
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Sept. 17	Viriden	Mass	+ Scott Crye (Vicky Crye)
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Sept. 18	Auburn	Mass	Pro Populo
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Sept. 19	Girard	Mass	Lawless & Prose Families (Lisa & Mark Prose)
Sat.	5:30 p.m.	Sept. 19	Auburn	Mass	+ Drew Keown (Paw Paw & Grandma Maley)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Sept. 20	Auburn	Mass	+ Jean Clevenger (Dcn. Ben & Leona Hoefler)
Sun.	10:15 a.m.	Sept. 20	Viriden	Mass	+ Dcn. Rick Schnetzler (Dave & Cheryl Knudson)

Around the Diocese

Sept. 20 Special Collection for the Church in Africa Malian young people – especially those personally exposed to the violence of war & anxiety of political and personal insecurity – urgently need to experience Christ's love as found in the Bible and in the Catholic Church's teachings on human dignity so that they can grow into future leaders working toward peace. Your support helps young people encounter the teachings of the Church and grow as disciples who are eager to share Christ's peace where so many have experienced conflict and war.

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 2 p.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 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, & registration, visit 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.

Volunteers are Needed at the Cathedral in Springfield to help with the 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 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: _____