



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 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.

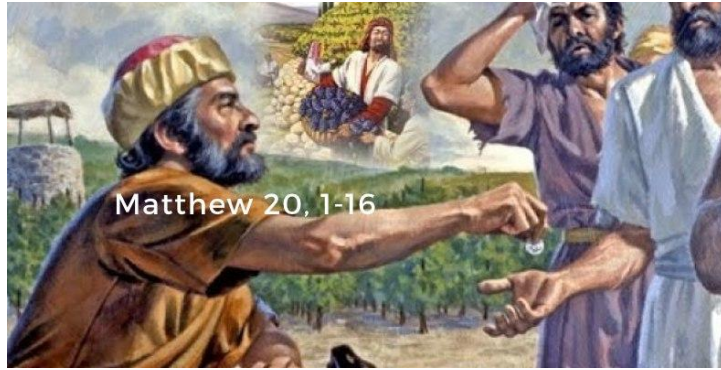
Marriage

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.



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

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God's Mysterious Goodness

We are reminded occasionally that God's thoughts are far above ours. In the parable, God's goodness goes beyond our concepts of justice. To live is Christ, even when the ways are mysterious and beyond our understanding.

Jealousy is found in all humans, as though our neighbor's blessing meant a loss to us. We need to remember that all we have is a gift from God. If some appear more blessed than we, our attitude should be not jealousy but gratitude.

Sharing in the eucharist, we all share in the same Christ. When we receive Him we recall that this is not a consequence of our goodness but of His goodness, extended to all.

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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. 12/13, 2026

All Weekly Parish Donations	\$ 2,538.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 40.00
Mission Co-Op	\$ 20.00



We thank our PSR teachers and ask God to bless them!



"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have the responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Weekly Parish Activities

Sept. 20 Catechetical Sunday

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

Sept. 21-24 No Weekday Masses due to clergy convocation

Upcoming Parish Events

Sept. 26-27 K of C will be holding their annual Tootsie Roll drive fund after Masses. Proceeds will go to the

Auburn Special Education group at the high school

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

Oct. 4 OCIA First Session – All are welcome!

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

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!

OCIA -- 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!

Come Light a Candle with us – ALL parishioners are invited to participate in a Living Rosary on Wed., Oct. 7 at 6:30p.m. in the church, hosted by Altar & Rosary Society. PSR children will participate in this. Refreshments will be served afterward in the Parish Center. Hope to see you there!

REQUIESCANT IN PACE ... May they rest in peace

Bernadine Burg

Weekend Liturgical Ministries

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

Servers: Cayden Bailey

Xavier Seiz
Lucas Seiz

Lector: Todd Atwell

Tim Hemberger

C. Mins: John Hemberger

Linda Baer

Ushers: Ron Waterkotte
Jeannette Forgas

Vince Nadalini
Russell Boehl

Sat., Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Sept. 27, 8:15 a.m.

Grifyn Bailey
Hannah Barth

Lydia Millburg
Andrew Millburg

Cindy Smith

Amy Phalen

Cindy Smith

Lance Millburg

Ron Waterkotte
Jeannette Forgas

Vince Nadalini
Russell Boehl

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Sept. 19	Girard	Mass
Sat.	5:30 p.m.	Sept. 19	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Sept. 20	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	10:15 a.m.	Sept. 20	Viriden	Mass
Mon.		Sept. 21		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Sept. 22	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Sept. 23	Viriden	Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Sept. 24	Viriden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Sept. 25	Auburn	Mass
Sat.	4:00p.m.	Sept. 26	Girard	Mass
Sat.	5:30 p.m.	Sept. 26	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Sept. 27	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	10:15 a.m.	Sept. 27	Viriden	Mass

Lawless & Prose Families (Lisa & Mark Prose)
+ Drew Keown (Paw Paw & Grandma Maley)
+ Jean Clevenger (Dcn. Ben & Leona Hoefler)
+ Dcn. Rick Schnetzler (Dave & Cheryl Knudson)
NO MASS
NO MASS
NO MASS (Adoration)
NO MASS
Pro Populo
John "Jack" Brennan (Neff Family)
+ Deceased Family (Jeannette Forgas)
+ Joe & Mary Kay Sandoval (Dor' Lisa & Robert Sandoval)
+ Brett Maguire (Rick & Jane Maguire)

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 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: _____