Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 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.

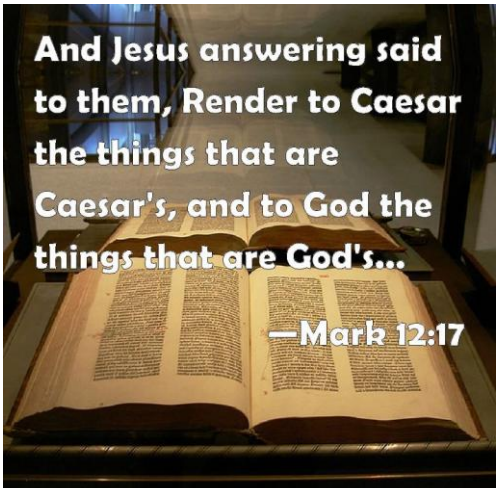
Baptism
If you wish to have a child baptized, please contact the Pastor.

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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Today's Decisions

It is not easy to be a member of the Church in today's society. As Church, we are called to give both Caesar and God what is theirs. But the gospel does not give us a simple answer as to what their due is. Discovering what society needs, realizing what God deserves, happen only with hard work.

The gospel calls us to make difficult decisions, to reach out to all those in need, to engage in loving service that does not seek reciprocity.

Being a Christian in our world, requires a life of decision-making, a life of learning. But such, after all, is the life of the full human being, the life of the person who dwells in and longs for the fulfillment of the reign of God.

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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.

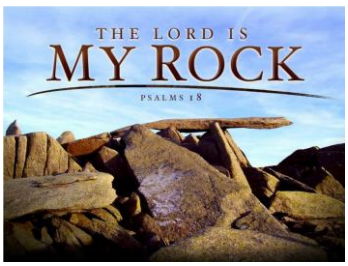
THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our parish.

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 OCT. 10/11, 2026

All Weekly Parish Donations	$ 4,337.00
Diocesan Collections	$ 60.00
Altar Society Funeral Donations	$ 344.00
Memorials for Margaret Codron	$ 800.00





"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Matthewe 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything. We are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us.

This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Weekly Parish Activities

Oct. 21 PSR Grades K-8 6:30-7:30 p.m.at Parish Center
Oct. 23 Fr. James' 48th Anniversary of Ordination

Upcoming Parish Events

Oct. 28 PSR Grades K-8 6:30-7:30 p.m.at Parish Center
Nov. 1 OCIA Session / Nov. 2 KC #10556 Mtg. 7p.m.
Nov. 4 PSR Grades K-8 6:30-7:30 p.m.at Parish Center
Nov. 8 KC Coffee & Donuts after 8:15 a.m. Mass
Nov. 8 OCIA Session
Nov. 11 NO PSR – Veteran's Day
Nov. 12 Altar Society Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Parish Center
Dec. 6 Big Kids' Dinner 1-3 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, Beth Hopkins, 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 Stivers, 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!

Pawnee Area Food Pantry is requesting donations from Pawnee area Catholics from October 15 to November 15. Address is: 704 7th Street, Box 304, Pawnee, IL 62558. Food Pantry is open every Monday, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Maintenance Inspector Needed! Would you be able to help your parish in this way? We need our buildings inspected once a month for any needed maintenance/repair issues that arise and need to be addressed. You will not be expected to do the maintenance/repairs, just notice what needs to be done and let us know. Please call the parish office (217-438-6222) if you are willing to help with the inspections!

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting **coffee and donuts** after the 8:15a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 8.

Weekend Liturgical Ministries

	Sat., Oct. 17, 5:30 p.m.	Sun., Oct. 18, 8:15a.m.	Sat., Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m.	Sun., Oct. 25. 8:15 a.m.
Servers:	Cayden Bailey	Xavier Seiz Lucas Seiz	Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Lydia Millburg Andrew Millburg
Lector:	Todd Atwell	Amy Phalen	Cindy Smith	Lance Millburg
C. Mins:	Ron Waterkotte	Rob Staudenmaier	Cindy Smith	Linda Baer
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Oct. 17	Girard	Mass	Lawless & Prose Families (Mark & Lisa Prose)
Sat.	5:30 p.m.	Oct. 17	Auburn	Mass	+ Bill Bolletta, Sr. (Family)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Oct. 18	Auburn	Mass	+ Esley Sisson (Mike & Mary Glandon)
Sun.	10:15 a.m.	Oct. 18	Virden	Mass	Special Needs (Virden Knights of Columbus)
Mon.		Oct. 19			**NO MASS**
Tues.	**5:30 p.m.**	Oct. 20	**Virden**	Mass	+ Scott Crye (Vicky Crye)
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Oct. 21	Virden	Mass	Brenda Kapila (Linda Carter) (Adoration)
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Oct. 22	Virden		**NO MASS**
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Oct. 23	Auburn		**NO MASS**
Sat.	4:00p.m.	Oct. 24	Girard	Mass	Veryl & Linda Reiher (Mike Neff Family)
Sat.	5:30 p.m.	Oct. 24	Auburn	Mass	+ Edward J. Burg (Family)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Oct. 25	Auburn	Mass	+ Hank Bork & Logan Spears (Jim & Sheryl Spears)
Sun.	10:15 a.m.	Oct. 25	Virden	Mass	+ Jake Bednar (Elaine Grundy)

Around the Diocese

Oct. 18 World Mission Sunday Collection Before becoming Pope, Leo XIV served as a missionary in Peru. In the following special video message, he reflects on how the prayers and generosity of Catholics around the world, helped sustain that mission. You are invited to watch at: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2026/10/7/videomessaggio-gmm.html

Oct. 20 Funeral Seminar held at Sacred Heart Church, Virden, at 6 p.m. following 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Oct. 24 Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Rosary Walk in Metro East Join in for a morning of prayer, witness and fellowship. The day begins with the Respect Life Mass at 9 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, celebrated by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, followed by Rosary March; 11:30 a.m. luncheon at Englebert Hall in Madison. Free-will offering benefitting Project Rachel will be taken up. No registration required. All are invited.

Nov. 7 Are You Interested in Promoting Vocations in Our Parish? Please join parishioners from other parishes who have the same passion about supporting vocation efforts at a workshop at Christ the King, Springfield, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Link to register is https://go.dio.org/k8s.

Abortion Pill Reversal If you have taken the first abortion pill and have changed your mind, it may not be too late. Abortion Pill Reversal uses progesterone to support the pregnancy and is most effective when started as soon as possible. Call 1-877-588-0333 or visit AbortionPillReversal.com for help.

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.

Diocese of Springfield has launched new Vocations Special Media Accounts on Facebook & Instagram @spivocations. Follow & Share!

"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 October Prayer Intention

UNIVERSAL INTENTION: F OR MENTAL HEALTH Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

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: _____