

Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 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.

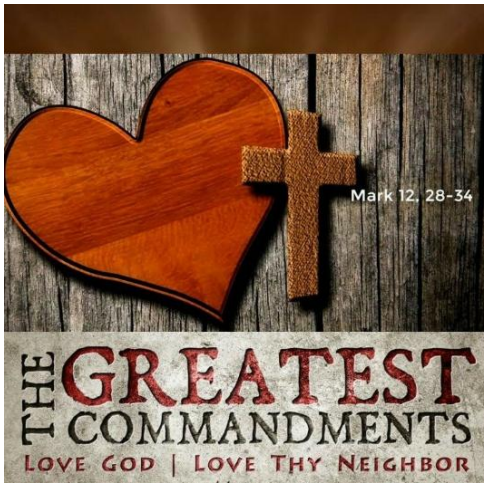
Baptism
If you wish to have a child baptized, please contact the Pastor.

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Headline?

Today's gospel reading, like last week's, entails another trapping question posed to Jesus by the Pharisees, "which commandment of the law is the greatest?" He identifies the "greatest and first commandment" to be loving God with your whole heart, soul and mind. Without pause he states the "second commandment" is like the first " … love your neighbor as yourself."

The Pharisees are struck since they knew Moses had stated the same commandments at God's directive. Jesus asks us: "How do you love, and trust the immigrant? the poor person? the powerless? Do we love these as we love ourselves, treat them as we would want to be treated?

We know what the truth is. The hard part is living it.

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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. 17/18, 2026

All Weekly Parish Donations	$ 3,658.00
Diocesan Collections	$ 250.00
Altar Society Funeral Donations	$ 10.00
Memorials for Margaret Codron	$ 390.00

November 12th Altar Society Mtg at 6:30p.m. at the parish center will host a speaker from the Springfield Inner Mission. This former resident will share her struggles that brought her to the Mission and talk about how the Mission helped her get back on her feet. Scott Payne, Exec. Director of Mission will also speak. Women of parish interested in joining our group are always welcome!



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God?

Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possession and to our pride.

Weekly Parish Activities

Oct. 28 PSR Grades K-8 6:30-7:30 p.m.at Parish Center
Nov 1 OCIA Session

Upcoming Parish Events

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
SAVE THE DATE! Watch the bulletin for further details

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, 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! **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 & need to be addressed. You will not be expected to do the maintenance/repairs, just notice what needs to be done & let us know. Please call the parish office/217-438-6222 if you are willing to help with the inspections!

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.

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

REQUIESCANT IN PACE … May they rest in peace

Bill Forgas

Weekend Liturgical Ministries

	Sat., Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m.	Sun., Oct. 25, 8:15a.m.	Sat., Oct. 31, 5:30 p.m.	Sun., Nov. 1. 25. 8:15 a.m.
Servers:	Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Lydia Millburg Andrew Millburg	Cayden Bailey	Abigail Seiz Briana Giron
Lector:	Cindy Smith	Lance Millburg	Todd Atwell	Rob Staudenmaier
C. Mins:	Cindy Smith	Linda Baer	Shiela Hemberger	Jeanne Harvill
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

(*Readings will be for All Saints Day)*

Weekly Mass Intentions

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)
Mon.		Oct. 26			**NO MASS**
Tues.	6:00p.m.	Oct. 27	Auburn		**NO MASS**
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Oct. 28	Virden	Mass	+ Judy Hartley & + Ellen Enrietta (Vic & Sara Goeckner) (Adoration)
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Oct. 28	Eastland	Mass	Jean Clevenger (Dennis Besjak)
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Oct. 29	Virden	Mass	+ Lisa Nerone (Susan Mathias)
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Oct. 30	Auburn	Mass	Pro Populo
Sat.	4:00p.m.	Oct. 31	Girard	Mass	Neff Family (Neff Family)
Sat.	5:30 p.m.	Oct. 31	Auburn	Mass	+ Shelby Shanle (Joe & Pam Caruso)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Nov. 1	Auburn	Mass	+Jean Clevenger (Joann Green)
Sun.	10:15 a.m.	Nov. 1	Virden	Mass	+ Bob Dodd & deceased of Karaffa Family (Andrea Dodd)

Around the Diocese

Nov. 1 Those involved in Law invited to Red Mass in Edwardsville Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki invites Legal Professionals and their families to attend at 10:15a.m. at St. Boniface, 110 N. Buchanan St., Edwardsville. Judges are invited to be part of the entrance procession and attend the Mass wearing their judicial robes. Luncheon to follow Mass at Bella Milano. Luncheon/Speaker: $20 Adult and Children 12 & under/$10. Mail checks payable to St. Boniface, pay via Venmo (@stbchurch) or at the door.

Nov. 1 Mostaccioli & Sausage Dinner & Bake Sale at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Chatham, 11:30 a.m.-5:00p.m. Adults/$10; Children 4-11)/$5; children under 4/free. Carry-outs will be available.

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.

Nov. 15 Koinonia of Springfield Celebrates 50th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Worker parish, Chatham, at 2 p.m., followed by refreshments, fellowship and historical exhibits in the parish hall. There is abundant parking and no stairs to navigate. A free-will donation will be accepted to cover costs. Please join in & invite a friend!

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.

Next weekend – 5th Sat./Sun. Fr. James will offer "Anointing of the Sick." Just stay after Mass.
Anointing does not have to be for serious/life threatening situations.

"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: _____