

# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 10, 2025

## 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.

### ANOIDING 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.

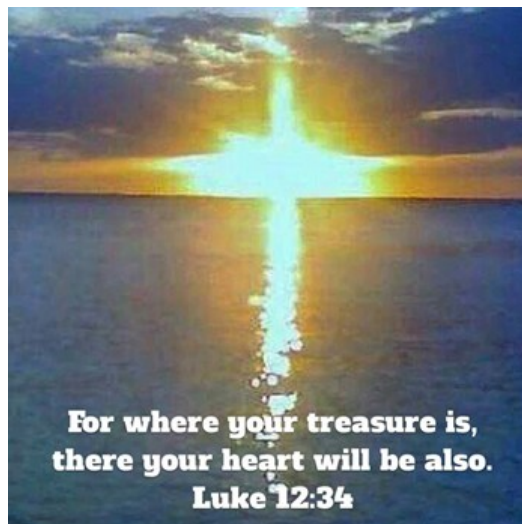
### MARRIAGE

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.



For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.  
**Luke 12:34**

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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

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Do Not Be Afraid

If only the simple reassurances of our childhood could so easily comfort us during adulthood's darkness. What can take away our fears, not the imaginary "bogeymen," but of the realities of disease and death, of loss and loneliness?

Paul reminds us that Abraham went forth, as God had asked, "not knowing where he was going." Wasn't he afraid?

Paul himself, whose journeys brought beatings and imprisonment, says: "Faith is confident assurance concerning what we hope for and conviction about things we do not see." Didn't he feel any fear?

Jesus says: "Do not live in fear, little flock." Was he being naïve about life?

Abraham, Paul and Jesus could live fearlessly for their treasure was a "never failing" one—their God.

We need not fear any darkness if only we learn to treasure what is lasting and to trust the One who says: "I'm here with you."

*J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*



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THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our parish.



This week we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary as she was taken, body & soul, directly to heaven after her life on earth had ended. This is a holy day of obligation and Mass at Auburn will be at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, August 15.

*O Blessed Mother Mary, on this day of your glorious assumption into heaven, we come before you with open hearts, seeking your intercession and guidance. We entrust to you our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears, knowing that you, as our heavenly mother, understand and care for us.*

#### COLLECTION DATA FOR AUGUST 2/3, 2025

PARISH ENVELOPES (37 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 2,842.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (13 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 610.00
ONLINE TITHING (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 15.00
MAINTENANCE (8 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 300.00
ONLINE MAINTENANCE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 50.00
RETIRED PRIESTS (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 5.00
NEEDY (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 5.00
CONSTRUCTION DONATION (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 1,000.00



**STEWARDSHIP**  
*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

**"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."  
Luke 12:34**

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods.

How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure?

To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

**August 11 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

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**Aug. 14 Holy Day Vigil** 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick, Girard  
(No morning Mass at Virden)

**Aug. 15 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Holy Day of Obligation—Mass will be at 7a.m. at Auburn; There will also be a 7p.m. at Sacred Heart, Virden

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Sept. 3 PSR Registration/Open House** 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Sept. 8 K of C #10556 Meeting** 7:00 p.m. at Parish Center

**Sept. 10 PSR Grades K-8** 6:30 –7:30 p.m.

**Sept. 17 PSR Grades K-8** 6:30 –7:30 p.m.

**Sept. 24 PSR Grades K-8** 6:30 –7:30 p.m.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Julie Atwell, Tom Baker, Bettie Burtle, Julie Codron, Barbara Conkrite, Gail Courtney, Lorraine Cushing, Lisa Davis, Nancy Davis, Chuck DuBois, Dale Fitzpatrick, Don Gibler, Paula Gonzalez, Ceci Green, Stephen Hubbard, Anna Jett, Lori Johanson, Vince & Barb Kelly, Mark Kirby, Ron Knapp, Mary Maley, Milla Manser, Dr. James McCumber, Carl McDonald, Richard Meier, Elizabeth Miczulski, Linda Millburg, Mark Millburg, Owen Moffitt, Crystal Molohon, Ken S. Moorman, Linda Nagel, Rita Nardi, Rachel Baker Noble, Fr. James Palakudy, Vicki Kazenski Patrick, Danny Pierson, Breanna Rabacchi, Ryan Schnetzler, Colleen Stevenson, Erin Stiver, Steve Stuckey, Tune Family, Melanie Turner, Michael Verschelden, Jim Verschelden, Pat Verschelden, Bonnie Wagner, Jim Watts.  
*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](http://holycrossauburn.com) to see bulletins, liturgical lists, register your children for PSR, any change in office hours and scheduled events! If you choose to do online giving and don't want envelopes anymore, please contact the 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.

**PSR Registration/Open House** will be on Wednesday, September 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the parish center. Please come by, register your students and meet their teachers.

Jane King has graciously donated Copies of **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory**, written by Matthew Kelly. If you would like a copy, feel free to pick one up from the entrance of Church.

**Volunteers Needed for Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day Mass** at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, August 15. Server \_\_\_\_\_, Lector \_\_\_\_\_, C.M.: Linda Baer; Usher: Ron Waterkotte



## REQUIESCANT IN PACE ... May they rest in peace

Mary Lou "Mitzi" Wilson

## WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**Sat., Aug. 9, 5:30 p.m.** **Sun., Aug. 10, 8:15 a.m.**

<b>Servers:</b>	Grifyn Bailey Hannah Barth	Xavier Seiz Lucas Seiz
<b>Lector:</b>	Todd Atwell	Rob Staudenmaier
<b>C. Mins:</b>	Shiela Hemberger	Barb Farris
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt

**Sat., Aug. 16, 5:30 p.m.** **Sun., Aug. 17, 8:15 a.m.**

Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Abigayle Cowan Volunteer
Todd Atwell	Amy Phalen
Cindy Smith	Rob Staudenmaier
Jeannette Forgas Ron Waterkotte	David Dixon Ron Appelt

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Aug. 9	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Aug. 9	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Aug. 10	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Aug. 10	Virden	Mass
Mon.		Aug. 11		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Aug. 12	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Aug. 13	Virden	Mass
Thurs.	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Aug. 14	Girard	Mass
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Bill & Agnes Frank (Mike & Marcia Walter)  
† Drew Keown (Paw Paw & Grandma Maley)  
† Amy Gudgel (Tom & Mary Davis)  
† Robert Dodd (Wedding Anniversary) (Andrea Dodd)  
**NO MASS**  
Pro Populo  
† Rosella Adams (Marty & Georgene Jones) (Adoration)  
Mothers of St. Patrick Parish (Annette Cole)  
† Jenny Opolka (Gene & Mary Maley)  
† Giuseppa Evola (John & Marcella Rosier)  
† Christine Leja (Annette Cole)  
† Larry Sallenger (Barb & Family)  
† Stanley Butzow (Jim & Sheryl Spears)  
† Dcn. Frank & Paul Maynerich (Pierce Family)

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Aug. 15-17 REFLECT Catholic Singles Retreat** at the Pallottine Renewal Center in Florissant, MO (30 min. from downtown St. Louis). Cost is \$290 including meals. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com) or email [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com) or call 630-222-8303 for details.

**Sept. 20 One Day Marriage Enrichment Retreat** at St. Nicholas Parish, O'Fallon, IL. To register, go to [stl-wwme.org/communitynews.php](http://stl-wwme.org/communitynews.php).

**Sept. 21 Married 50 Years or More? Let Us Celebrate You!** Bishop Thomas John Paprocki invites all couples who have been married 50 years or more to a special Anniversary Mass at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. This celebration honors your beautiful witness to the vocation of marriage. A light reception will follow Mass. **RSVP by September 9** at [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events) or contact Gracie Ortiz at [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org) or call 27-698-8500. Let us honor your milestone of faith and love.!

**Sept. 21-24 Come Be Renewed at the ICSC Stewardship Conference** at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your understanding of stewardship, connect with fellow parish leaders and be inspired by practical ideas to bring home to your parish. For more information or to register, go to [catholicstewardship.com](http://catholicstewardship.com). If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Debbie Benz at the diocese at [dbenz@dio.org](mailto:dbenz@dio.org) or 217-398-8500.

**Sept. 24 Marriage on Tap STL** Evening of dinner & marriage enrichment at Syberg's on Dorsett in Maryland Heights, MO. Guest speaker will be Father Charlie Archer. Evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Dinner is \$66 per couple/\$33 per person. Cash bar will be available. **Advance registration is required and must be postmarked by Sept. 15 & received by Sept. 17.** For more information, check out Marriage on Tap STL on Facebook or email [marriageontap-stl@gmail.com](mailto:marriageontap-stl@gmail.com).

**Oct. 10-12 Marriage Encounter Weekend in Springfield** For more information or to sign up, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric at 314-649-7317.

**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.

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois** has launched its annual Summer Hunger campaign to support its Mobile Food Pantry Program. Serving rural communities across the 28-county diocese, the program provides year-round deliveries of meat, fresh produce, dairy and non-perishable items to those facing poverty. Every gift, big or small, helps feed a neighbor in need. Donate today at [cc.dio.org](http://cc.dio.org).

## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Attention Bakers: Donations of baked items are being accepted for the Auburn Labor Day Picnic Cake Walk on Aug. 30-31 at Union (East) Park. Auburn area Scouts will run the cake walk & receive the proceeds. Drop off at Union Park on Saturday, Aug. 30, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Additional information will be available on the Auburn Labor Day Picnic Facebook page.



### 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 MUTUAL COEXISTENCE** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_