



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17, 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.

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.

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!

Luke 12:49-53

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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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Light a Fire

Jesus, for all his faith in the Father's will and his life of witness to the ideals of peace and forgiveness, love and equality, was a realist.

The Hebrew Scriptures, including today's reading from the book of Jeremiah, were well known by Jesus. Jesus understood, long before he began his own public ministry, that God's prophets never received unanimous welcome. Their messages of repentance, reward, and re-calling to the covenant often backfired and landed them in exile, or, like Jeremiah, in the bottom of the cistern.

The words of Jesus in today's gospel are harsh ones. "I have come to light a fire ... I have come for division." One can perceive these words as threats or view them as a simple statement of truth. The Messiah who brought God's love, peace, justice and forgiveness was himself an object of hatred, revenge, injustice and violence.

Today, no less than in Jesus' time, gospel values can divide people, families and communities. They can still "light a fire."

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THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our parish.

TRUE SIGHT

May the Lord Jesus touch our eyes, as he did those of the blind.

Then we shall begin to see in visible things those which are invisible.

May he open our eyes to gaze, not on present realities, but on the blessings to come.

May He open the eyes of our heart to contemplate God in spirit, through Jesus Christ the Lord,
to whom belong power and glory through all eternity.

COLLECTION DATA FOR AUGUST 9/10, 2025

PARISH ENVELOPES (35 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	1,611.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (12 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	615.00
MAINTENANCE (4 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	97.00
NEEDY/BACKPACKS FOR KIDS (1 CONT.)	\$	50.00



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."
Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil.

However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them.

Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES



As we begin another school year, we pray that students, parents and teachers will experience success and opportunity to use their gifts in the year ahead.

August 18 & 21 Possible Parish Office Closures

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 NO PSR PHS Homecoming
Sept. 21 Catechetical Sunday

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 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-3 are left. If you would like a copy, feel free to pick one up from the entrance

My Parish Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me;
 I help make it what it is.
 The pews will be filled if I help fill them.
 It will do great work, if I work.
 It will make generous gifts to many causes,
 if I am a generous giver.
 It will bring other people into its worship & fellowship,
 if I invite them and bring them.
 It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith,
 a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is,
 am filled with these same things.
 Therefore, with Your help, O God,
 I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I
 want my parish to be. Amen

WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

Servers:	Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Abigayle Cowan Volunteer
Lector:	Todd Atwell	Amy Phalen
C. Mins:	Cindy Smith	Rob Staudenmaier
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt

Sat., Aug. 23, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Aug. 24, 8:15 a.m.

Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Lydia Millburg Andrew Millburg
Cindy Smith	Lance Millburg
Ron Waterkotte	Jeanne Harvill
Jeannette Forgas Ron Waterkotte	David Dixon Ron Appelt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Aug. 16	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Aug. 16	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Aug. 17	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Aug. 17	Viriden	Mass
Mon.		Aug. 18		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Aug. 19	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Aug. 20	Viriden	Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Aug. 21	Viriden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Aug. 22	Auburn	Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Aug. 23	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Aug. 23	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Aug. 24	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Aug. 24	Viriden	Mass

† Christine Leja (Annette Cole)
 † Larry Sallenger (Barb & Family)
 † Stanley Butzow (Jim & Sheryl Spears)
 † Dcn. Frank & Paul Maynerich (Pierce Family)
NO MASS
 Holy Souls in Purgatory (Linda Carter)
 † Jo Ann Marsaglia (Susan Mathias) (Adoration)
 † Dave Smith (Beth & Greg Smith Family)
 Pro Populo
 Randy Upp (Linda Upp)
 † Frank & Dorothy Stead (Ron & Barb Maley)
 † Wayne Baker (Andy & Donna Kuenstler)
 † Dave O'Brien (Jane King)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Aug. 31 Italian Saint Party after Mass at Sacred Heart, Virden. Join in celebration of the upcoming canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. A short video will be shown and Italian desserts will be served. Enter to win a door prize. All are invited!

Sept. 20 One Day Marriage Enrichment Retreat at St. Nicholas Parish, O'Fallon, IL. To register, go to 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 or contact Gracie Ortiz at 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. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Debbie Benz at the diocese at 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.

Oct. 10-12 Marriage Encounter Weekend in Springfield For more information or to sign up, go to 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.

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: _____