



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 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.

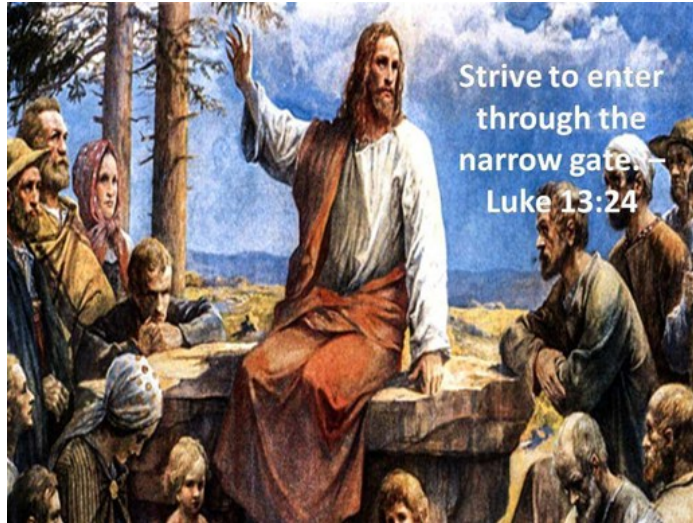
MARRIAGE

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.



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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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

One Redeemed World

The lesson of today's gospel is clear: beware of becoming smug and complacent. Jerusalem and its temple were destroyed. But there is a new Jerusalem (first reading), and to the holy city God is drawing all the dispersed Jews with Gentiles from all parts of the world.

This is the moment of glory that the prophet Isaiah sees when the struggle between good and evil—not Jew and Gentile—is over and won.

Everyone who loves God and does good wins, folks from the strangest places, the entire ancient Gentile world as the Israelites knew it. That means no more broken world and shattered humanity; no greater, no lesser; no first, no last; no Jew, no Gentile; no Catholic, no Baptist; no capitalist, no socialist; just one contrite and cleansed humanity, bathed in the glory of God, together worshipping the one, same loving Lord.

Someday it has to happen. We have God's word on it.

J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



To sign up for the new 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.

Begin to Wonder

When I begin to wonder how I've carried on this far,
and wonder where I'll get the strength to finally cross the bar...
When I begin to wonder where I've yet to journey to,
and wonder with a weary heart what I have yet to do...
When I begin to wonder who will help me on my way,
with no one near to lift me up with cheerful words to say ...
When I draw near to helpless tears and can no longer see,
In suddenness, I realize ...
My Savior's carrying me!

Denise DeWald

COLLECTION DATA FOR AUGUST 16/17, 2025

PARISH ENVELOPES (34 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 1,668.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (14 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 875.00
MAINTENANCE (2 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 40.00
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION (13 CONT.)	\$ 292.00
ONLINE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION (1CONT.)	\$ 20.00

WORRY is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.

PRAYER is a conversation you have with God about things He can change.



STEWARDSHIP
Managing God's Gifts To Us

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards.

We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are.

Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards.

When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you", how will you respond?

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Aug. 25 PARISH OFFICE HOURS 1:00 –5:00 p.m.

Aug. 28 Possible Parish Office closure

"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 we do."

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

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

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

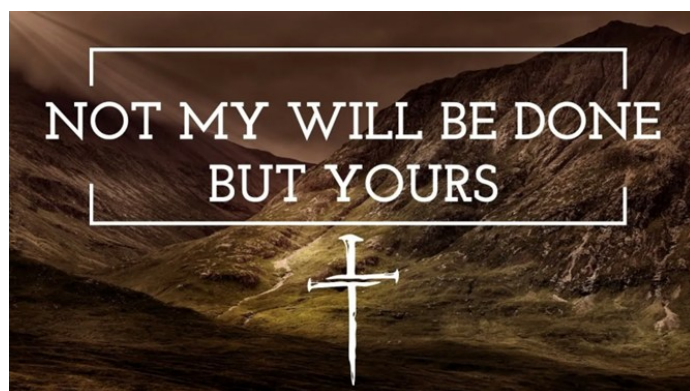
Julie Atwell, Tom Baker, Bettie Burtle, Julie Codron, Barbara Conkrite, Gail Courtney, Lorraine Cushing, Lisa Davis, Nancy Davis, Chuck DuBois, Dale Fitzpatrick, Don Gibler, Paula Gonzalez, Ceci Green, Stephen Hubbard, Anna Jett, Lori Johanson, Vince & Barb Kelly, Mark Kirby, Ron Knapp, Mary Maley, Milla 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 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 of Church.



WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

Servers:	Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Lydia Millburg Andrew Millburg
Lector:	Cindy Smith	Lance Millburg
C. Mins:	Ron Waterkotte	Jeanne Harvill
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt

Sat., Aug. 30, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Aug. 31, 8:15 a.m.

Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Briana Giron Abigail Seiz
Cindy Smith	Tim Hemberger
John Hemberger	Dave Farris
Jeannette Forgas Ron Waterkotte	David Dixon Ron Appelt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon.		Aug. 25		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Aug. 26	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Aug. 27	Viriden	Mass
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Aug. 27	Eastland	Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Aug. 28	Viriden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Aug. 29	Auburn	Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Aug. 30	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Aug. 30	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Aug. 31	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Aug. 31	Viriden	Mass

Randy Upp (Linda Upp)
† Frank & Dorothy Stead (Ron & Barb Maley)
† Wayne Baker (Andy & Donna Kuenstler)
† Dave O'Brien (Jane King)
NO MASS
† Frank Maynerich, Sr. (Mike & Pam Branham)
For the Healing of Mary VonBehren (Marcella Rosier) (Adoration)
All Souls (Mr/Mrs Todd Bailey)
† Pauline Miller (Catherine Murphy)
Pro Populo
Bob Reiher (Farley & Annette Cole)
† Andrew "Drew" Nicholis Ruehlicke (Ron & Barb Maley)
† Velma Millburg (Bobby & Lisa Dowson)
† Jo Ann Marsaglia (George & Jill Murphy)

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. 13 Pregnancy Care Center Hosting GLO-BINGO Fundraiser at KC Columbian Center, 2200 Meadowbrook Road, Springfield. Over \$1000 in prizes. Doors open at 6/Bingo 7-10 p.m. Tickets \$25 in advance / \$30 at door which includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games. \$5 for additional 6 cards. Must be 18 to attend. Cash bar. BYO store bought snacks or food from Casey's Pub available to purchase at bar.

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.

T-shirts Available to order to Celebrate the Canonization of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis & Support Diocesan Vocations 100% of profits will support vocations to the priesthood in the diocese. Art on the front was designed by Fr. Daniel McGrath. To order, go to www.sacredheartvirden.com or contact the Sacred Heart, Virden office.

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.

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: _____