



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 28, 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.

ANOIDTING 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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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.— Noon Monday & Tuesday

9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Wednesday

8:00 a.m.— Noon Thursday

8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Friday

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Called to Holiness

The Holy Family is not a standard of comparison that would choose to apply to our own families, no matter how good they are. Joseph, Mary and Jesus are quite an extraordinary family from our point of view.

Perhaps to understand the Holy Family, we need to understand what holiness means. Today's readings give us some guidelines for becoming a holy family. Sirach points to the respect and honor with which the Lord asks us to treat our families; Paul spells out the attitudes we need to develop if our relationships are to be life-giving and Christian; the gospel shows how Jesus, Mary and Joseph protected each other and faced a crisis by listening to God's plan, a plan that calls us to love.

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"*Breaking Bread*" books—We have extra copies in the entry of the Church. If anyone would like to take a copy home, please do not take them from the pews. You are welcome to take one from the entry of the church. Thank you!



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.



Solemnity of Mary—January 1—Holy Day of Obligation

Honoring Mary as the Mother of God

8:00 a.m. Mass at Auburn

Volunteers Needed:

Server/Lector/C.M./Usher

COLLECTION DATA FOR DEC. 20/21, 2025

PARISH ENVELOPES (39 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 2,747.15
ONLINE DONATIONS (15 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 797.00
MAINTENANCE (1 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 25.00
FLOWERS (3 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 45.00
CHRISTMAS (3 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 95.00
CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S HOME (3 CONT.)	\$ 135.00
RETIRED RELIGIOUS (8 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 141.00
JUSTICE & HOPE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 2.00



"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to

God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA.

As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Dec. 31 Early Bulletin Deadline 11:00 a.m.
Jan. 1 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 2 OFFICE HOURS 8:00a.m.—2:30 p.m.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Jan. 5 K of C #10556 Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center
Jan. 7 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2 K of C # 10556 Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Parish Center
Feb. 4 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18 NO PSR—Ash Wednesday
Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday Mass at Auburn at 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 25 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Julie Atwell, Tom Baker, Barbara Conkrite, Gail Courtney, Lisa Davis, Nancy Davis, Chuck DuBois, Dale Fitzpatrick, Paula Gonzalez, JoAnn Hefer, Stephen Hubbard, Anna Jett, Vince & Barb Kelly, Mark Kirby, Ron Knapp, Mary Maley, Milla Manser, Elizabeth Miczulski, Linda Millburg, Mark Millburg, Ken S. Moorman, Linda Nagel, Rita Nardi, Rachel Baker Noble, Danny Pierson, Breanna Rabacchi, Erin Stiver, 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 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.

We thank Father's Pallottine order and Pawnee Monument Co. for their generous donations of 2026 calendars. They are available for pick-up at the back of church.

We pray for Father James to have safe travels and a good time away with his family. **We will welcome Father Sergio Lizama** at our Masses for the Solemnity of Mary and the weekend of January 3/4. **We will welcome Father Zach Samples** at our Masses on January 10 & 11. **We will welcome Father Jeff Grant** to our Masses on January 17/18. We thank them for celebrating with us. **Father James will return** to celebrate with us at our Masses on January 24th & 25th.

Dear Jesus help us to love as you loved—without measure, without conditions, without return—even when our human hearts want to harden.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Sat., Dec. 27, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., Dec. 28, 8:15 a.m.**

Servers:	Grifyn Bailey Hannah Barth	Xavier Seiz Lucas Seiz
Lector:	Cindy Smith	Amy Phalen
C. Mins:	Shiela Hemberger	Jeanne Harvill
Ushers:	Jeannette Forgas Ron Waterkotte	David Dixon Ron Appelt

Sat., Jan. 3, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., Jan. 4, 8:15 a.m.**

Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Abigayle Cowan Volunteer
Todd Atwell	Tim Hemberger
Cindy Smith	Dave Farris
Jeannette Forgas Ron Waterkotte	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Dec. 27	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Dec. 27	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Dec. 28	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Dec. 28	Virden	Mass
Mon.		Dec. 29		
Tues.		Dec. 30	Auburn	
Wed.		Dec. 31	Virden	
Wed.	4:00 p.m.	Dec. 31	Girard	Mass
Thurs.	8:00 a.m.	Jan. 1	Auburn	Mass
Thurs.	9:30 a.m.	Jan. 1	Virden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Jan. 2	Auburn	Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Jan. 3	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Jan. 3	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Jan. 4	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Jan. 4	Virden	Mass

Lynn Weddle (Farley & Annette Cole)
† Mary Louise Catteau (Mr/Mrs Rob Kashmer)
† David King (Bob & Mary Helen Crowe)
† Shaun Snodgrass (Dave & Gail O'Brien)
NO MASS
NO MASS
NO ADORATION
Intention not received
† Jenny Opolka Mary Jabrush & Dorothy Brown)
John & Martha Norris (John Norris)
Pro Populo
Intention not received
† Irene Farris (Dave & Barb Farris & Family)
Birthday Thanksgiving (Sonia Artajo Gonzales)
JoAnn Marsaglia (Joe & Carol McGrath)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Feb. 2/Feb. 9/Feb 16 Interior Freedom Book Study Series (by Fr. Jacques Philippe) each night 6:15p.m.-7:45p.m. at Villa Maria Conference Center on Lake Springfield with Fr. Herman Joseph O. Praem. Copies of the book may be ordered online. Contact events@dio.org and register at dio.org/events.

Feb. 8 World Marriage Day at 12:00 noon at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Fr. Chris Martin will celebrate Mass. A reception, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage.

April 6-14 Pilgrimage to Poland with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki & Fr. Jerome Koutnik a 9-day pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II. Cost \$4250 per person from Chicago. For details or to register, visit pilgrimtravel.info.

Catholic Times is going monthly in 2026 Beginning in 2026, *Catholic Times* will transition from a biweekly publication to a monthly magazine. This change will allow for expanded coverage and more in-depth storytelling across the diocese. The new monthly format will bring improved paper quality, more consistent production schedule and an enhanced reading experience that better reflects the life and vitality of our Catholic community.

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.

St. Anne Residence for seniors needing a place to live. It is wheelchair-accessible, independent-living community with 23 one-bedroom apartments complete with a full kitchen (appliances included) & bathroom. There is a community room for activities and central laundry room, library, and elevator for 2nd floor access. To qualify, the applicants must be 62 or older and living on a moderate to low income. One pet is allowed per apartment with restrictions and a pet deposit. Applicant interviews are conducted at this time. For more information, call Wendy Wessing at the Catholic Charities Admin Office at 217-321-8327 or 1-800-745-5194, ext. 327.

Project Rachel Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance, call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea 2027 If interested, connect with the Diocesan Office. Fr. Zach Samples, St. Agnes Parish, is the lead organizer for the pilgrimage for those 16-35 years of age. Estimated cost: \$6,098, with a \$500 deposit due January 15, 2026 with a quarterly payment schedule. For more information or to express your interest, contact Fr. Zach Samples, Pilgrimage Spiritual Director at 217-698-8500 or at wyd@dio.org.

MassTimes.org for Mass times when you travel or get the app on your iPhone by searching "Mass Times for Travel".

*"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 DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION



UNIVERSAL INTENTION: FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

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: _____