

Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13, 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.

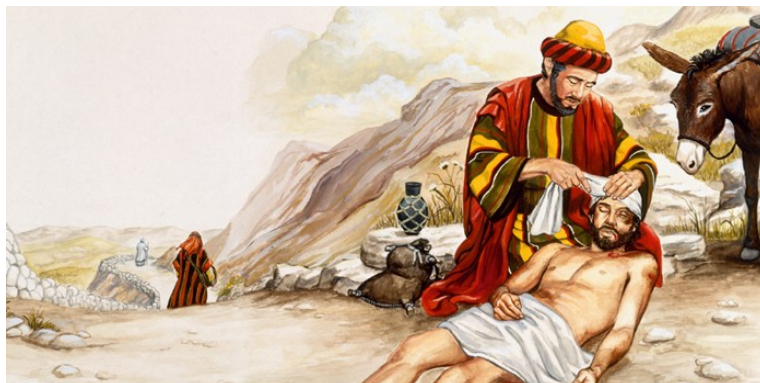
MARRIAGE

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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8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Wednesday

8:00 a.m.— Noon Thursday

8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Friday

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Law

Sometimes we play dumb; sometimes we simply pretend not to know what we are supposed to do. Ignorance of responsibilities—even feigned ignorance—can be fleetingly blissful.

In today's first reading, Moses calls the Israelites' corporate bluff. No one can plead ignorance of God's commandments, for they are "in your mouths and in your hearts." We, like the Israelites, "have only to carry them out." How simple it sounds!

The lawyer in today's gospel admits knowledge of the law and Jesus commends him for his answer. Surely no one who can so well quote the commands can excuse himself. Or can he?

Perhaps it is human nature to acknowledge the law, yet search for the loophole. The lawyer finds one! "I know the law and I'd like to carry it out. I just don't know who my neighbor is."

We are ignorant neither of the law nor of the identity of our neighbor. Are we busy building the Kingdom or consumed by a search for loopholes?

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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.

GARAGE CLEAN OUT

The KCs will be cleaning out the detached garage on Saturday, July 19 If you are interested in any of the items remaining, you may come by between 9a.m.-Noon that morning. First come, first serve! KC members will assist with any loading of items. Any donations will go to the rectory building fund. A few items included: Gas range, Side-by-side refrigerator, Dishwasher, Above-range microwave, Couch with matching ottoman, Bookcase, 2" Wood Levolor blinds (including brackets & screws), and more.

COLLECTION DATA FOR JULY 5/6, 2025

PARISH ENVELOPES (39 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 2,160.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (14 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 710.00
MAINTENANCE (3 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 75.00
ONLINE TITHING (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 15.00
AUBURN SCHOOLS—BACKPACK FOR KIDS (5)	\$ 90.00



If someone were to pay you ten cents for every kind word that you have spoken about people and collect five cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor?

Treat your neighbor with compassion!

STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

*"Jesus said to them, 'Go and do likewise.'"
Luke 10:37*

This was Jesus's command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

July 15 Lunch in the Park 11:00 a.m.—Noon
July 17 Lunch in the Park 11:00 a.m.—Noon
July 19 Clean out rectory detached garage 9-Noon

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

July 22 Lunch in the Park 11:00 a.m.—Noon
July 24 Lunch in the Park 11:00 a.m.—Noon
July 25 Total Donations for Backpacks for Kids will be sent
July 29 Lunch in the Park 11:00 a.m.—Noon
July 29 Server Training 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Church
July 31 Lunch in the Park 11:00 a.m.—Noon
Aug. 4 KC #10556 Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Parish Center
Aug. 5 Lunch in the Park 11:00 a.m.—Noon
Aug. 7 Lunch in the Park 11:00 a.m.—Noon

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, 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.

Envelopes are in the pews for **Auburn Schools—Backpacks for Kids** to help with school supplies. Please make checks payable to "Holy Cross Parish." We will forward total amount given on Friday, July 25. **THANK YOU** in advance for your generosity.

Server Training will be held at 7:00 p.m. in St. Benedict Church on Tuesday, July 29. All who are interested in being added to the server's schedule are invited to attend.

Open House in Honor of Jim Wagner, Sr.'s 90th Birthday will be held at the Holy Cross Parish Center on Saturday, August 2nd, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

Rectory Special Blessing & Open House with light reception following Mass on Saturday, August 9th. All parishioners are welcome to come to Mass and to see the new rectory!

Lunch In The Park Runs Thru August 7. Hosts include the churches of Auburn, Springfield Plastics & Trojan Food4Kids. This program is free to those attending and will be held at the newly renovated park in Auburn, 11 a.m.—Noon on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Sat., July 12, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., July 13, 8:15 a.m.**

Servers:	Volunteer	Xavier Seiz Lucas Seiz
Lector:	Cindy Smith	Rob Staudenmaier
C. Mins:	Shiela Hemberger	David Dixon
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

Sat., July 19, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., July 20, 8:15 a.m.**

Jacob Barth	Abigail Seiz Briana Giron
Todd Atwell	Amy Phalen
Ron Waterkotte	Rob Staudenmaier
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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	July 12	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	July 12	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	July 13	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	July 13	Viriden	Mass
Mon.		July 14		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	July 15	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	July 16	Viriden	Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	July 17	Viriden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	July 18	Auburn	Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	July 19	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	July 19	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	July 20	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	July 20	Viriden	Mass

Christine Leja (Cindy Dorner)
† Drew Keown (Paw Paw & Grandma Maley)
† Irene Farris (Jim & Sheryl Spears)
Frank Pierce (Pat Allen Family)
NO MASS
† Jenny Opolka (Holy Cross Altar Society)
Deceased of VonBehren Family (Mary VonBehren) (Adoration)
Scott Crye (Tony & LuAnn Baines)
Pro Populo
Pauline Herron (Frank & Patsy Cicciarelli)
† Wayne Baker (K. C. # 10556)
Jim Wagner, Sr. (90th Bday on 7/19) (Family)
John & Betty Yourek (Schultz Family)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

July 18 Biking for Babies is a pro-life organization that sends young adults as “missionaries on wheels” across the country on a 6-day, 600 mile bicycle ride, sacrificing their time and bodies to raise funds and awareness for our nation’s pregnancy resource centers. The Ann Arbor team of 10 cyclists (1 of 6 teams) are traveling to a St. Louis destination on July 19. They will be eating and over-knighting in Virden at Sacred Heart Church on **July 18** and are available to greet supporters for a dessert reception in the church hall at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this reception.

July 19-23 Called & Sent Retreat hosted by The Office for Vocations, at the Villa Maria Retreat Center, Springfield. Called & Sent is open to all high school students, including those who have just graduated, and offers an opportunity for prayer, fellowship, and formation. Register at: [//. go.dio.org/cas](http://go.dio.org/cas).

July 26 Pro-Life Bridges Day 9:30-11:30 a.m. at West Lake Shore Drive overpass (over I-55/I-72) Springfield. Springfield area pro-lifers will erect a pro-life banner and hold signs on the West Lake Shore Drive Overpass. There is plenty of parking space on the side street immediately north of the overpass. For more information or to help set up, call 217-523-2700.

Aug. 2 Springfield Deanery, Council of Catholic Women Meeting at K of C Hall, 320 E. State St., Jacksonville. Meeting begins at 10a.m. Lunch will be served with \$5.00 suggested donation. **RSVP by July 26th** to Springfield Deanery President, Deborah Pilail at 217-361-7165, voice or text.

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 or email reflect.stlouis@gmail.com or call 630-222-8303 for details.

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.

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.



Download the *iBreviary* App—The order of the Mass, readings, prayers and rites are available!



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 JULY PRAYER INTENTION



UNIVERSAL INTENTION: FOR FORMATION IN DISCERNMENT Let us pray that we might again learn to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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: _____