



# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 23, 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.



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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

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## The Kingdom of God

Jesus, the descendant of kings, enters his kingdom through dying and conquering death once and for all. We too have been brought into Christ's kingdom. Like the thief on the cross we recognize in Jesus more than a dying man. We see that he can bring us with him into another life.

We live one day at a time, knowing that we may die at any moment. Our lives are not in our own hands. Disease? Accident? Old age? Our lives will end somehow. But our hope is eternal, founded on the Risen Lord.

The death and resurrection of the Lord—that is the message of every Mass. Communion brings us the consolation and hope of that message.

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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](http://holycrossauburn.com) and clicking on the "Giving" button.

THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our parish.



*Thank you! to all who attended the Big Kids' Dinner on Sunday! The more the merrier is such a true statement! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this event each year! Thank you to the wonderful cooks who baked the turkeys (Jackie Gillock and Sandy & Dan Parrish) and made the dressing (Mary Davis)! Also, thank you to the great workers & cooks who peeled potatoes, mashed potatoes, made the green beans & sweet potatoes, cooked/carved hams & made drinks. A special thank you to Renee Miller for making the beautiful arrangements and to Santa for making time in his busy schedule to stop by and visit! We'll plan to gather for our annual holiday dinner again next year!*

### COLLECTION DATA FOR NOV. 15/16, 2025

PARISH ENVELOPES (34 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 1,765.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (4 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 245.00
TITHING (5 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 265.00
MAINTENANCE (8 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 605.00
ONLINE MAINTENANCE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 50.00
ALTAR SOCIETY DONATION TO PARISH	\$ 1,000.00
U. S. MILITARY (3 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 90.00
ST. JOHN'S BREADLINE (9 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 317.00
CALVARY CEMETERY (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 200.00

**Justice & Hope Collection** next weekend addresses the root causes of poverty. Projects bring poor and low-income people together to work for change in their communities. This is a diocesan effort and grants are awarded for local human development programs.



*Stewardship*

*"... giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12*

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life.

Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things.

We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Nov. 25 Early Bulletin Deadline—Tuesday 9:30 a.m.**

**For the November 30 Bulletin—Submit info early**

**Nov. 26 NO PSR—Thanksgiving Break**

**Nov. 27 Parish Office Closed—Thanksgiving**

**Nov. 28 Parish Office Closed—No Daily Mass**

**Nov. 30 Anointing of the Sick** after Mass. Beginning this month Fr. James will be offering anointings on the Fifth Sat/Sun. (every 3 months). Please just stay after Mass. Anointing does not have to be for serious/life-threatening situations.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**No December K of C Meeting**

**Dec. 3 PSR Grades K-8 7:00-8:00 p.m.—Note time change**  
**PSR Christmas Party**

**Dec. 10 NO PSR—Auburn Choir Concert**

**Dec. 17/24/31 NO PSR - Christmas Break**

**Jan. 7 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](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.

**The Pawnee Area Food Pantry** is reaching out to the Catholic community for monetary donations during the month of November. If you wish to donate, send to: Pawnee Food Pantry, Box 304, Pawnee, IL 62558. Thank you in advance.

**St. John's Breadline** We are no longer provided bread to "sell" to support the Breadline. There are envelopes in the pews for your donations to St. John Breadline. This free will offering replaces Breadline Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

*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.*

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

### Funeral Mass Arrangements for Jean Clevenger

Thursday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m.

At St. Benedict Church, 128 E. Washington St., Auburn

Burial will be at Chatham Memorial Cemetery

There will be a funeral luncheon following.

## WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**Sat., Nov. 22, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Nov. 23, 8:15 a.m.**

<b>Servers:</b>	Jacob Barth	Xavier Seiz
	Cayden Bailey	Lucas Seiz
<b>Lector:</b>	Cindy Smith	Tim Hemberger
<b>C. Mins:</b>	Ron Waterkotte	Dave Farris
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini
	Ron Waterkotte	Russell Boehl

**Sat., Nov. 29, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Nov. 30, 8:15 a.m.**

Grifyn Bailey	Abigayle Cowan
Hannah Barth	Volunteer
Todd Atwell	Amy Phalen
Ron Waterkotte	Rob Staudenmaier
Ron Waterkotte	Vince Nadalini
Jim Verschelden	Russell Boehl

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Nov. 22	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Nov. 22	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Nov. 23	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Nov. 23	Viriden	Mass
Mon.		Nov. 24		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Nov. 25	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Nov. 26	Viriden	Mass
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Nov. 26	Eastland	Mass
Thurs.	9:00 a.m.	Nov. 27	Viriden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Nov. 28	Auburn	
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Nov. 29	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Nov. 29	Auburn	Mass
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	10:15 a.m.	Nov. 30	Viriden	Mass

Carolyn Bettis (Greg & Beth Smith)  
† Drew Keown (Paw Paw & Grandma Maley)  
† Abby Neisler (Jim & Sheryl Spears)  
Hilda Jorn (Ron & Becky Swygman)  
**NO MASS**  
Pro Populo  
† Scott Crye (Vita DiCarlo) (**NO** Adoration)  
† Jean Clevenger (Gene & Mary Maley)  
Dave O'Brien (Joe Maynerich)  
**NO MASS**  
Increase in Vocations to religious life (Annette Cole)  
† Ryken Bailey (Todd & Christy)  
† Mary Ann Kuentler (Andy & Donna)  
† JoAnn Marsaglia (Joe & Carol McGrath)

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Dec. 5/6 Country Christmas Events** at Sacred Heart, Virden. Friday (4-7:30 p.m.) enjoy a warm meal of soup, chili & hot dogs. Saturday (starting at 9 a.m.) join for fresh cinnamon rolls 9a.m.-noon, along with a festive Cookie Walk beginning at 9a.m. All canteen items will be available by donation. Come enjoy the holiday spirit and visit local vendors!

**Dec. 13 “Peace in the Womb” Christmas Caroling** at TWO HEARTS PRC offices at 519 N. Bruns Lane, Springfield, 4-5p.m. Song sheets will be provided—with refreshments & open house. Sponsored by Pro-Life Action League, locally by TWO HEARTS PRC Civic Committee.

**Dec. 21-23 Men’s Discernment Retreat** for Catholic men, ages 18-25 at Villa Maria Retreat Center, Springfield. It is free to attend and no commitment is implied by your presence. Go to [dio.org/mdr](http://dio.org/mdr).

**Support Those Who Need Food** That Catholic Charities Hunger Campaign helps fund the Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry Program, which reaches out to feed disadvantaged people facing poverty in rural communities across our 28-county diocese. The 7 Mobile Food Pantry trucks deliver meat, fresh produce, dairy and non-perishable food items all year long to those in need. They ask you to please consider a gift to help them continue to feed God’s children through their mission. Every gift, no matter how small, makes a difference. You can donate at [cc.dio.org](http://cc.dio.org).

**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.

### **Contact Gov. Pritzker asking him to VETO SB 1950**

As you know, life is sacred from conception to natural death and assisted suicide violates that basic tenet of Church teaching, making it morally unacceptable. The Church also calls us to protect the sick, vulnerable and marginalized of our society. In states where this is legal, physician assisted suicide incentivizes insurance companies to deny lifesaving treatment while offering cheaper lethal drugs; marginalized communities fear coercion and abuse of such a system, and suicide promotion and contagion are real. Assisted suicide in practice is also at odds with the physician’s responsibility to care for patients.

When you request a veto for this bill, morally acceptable suggestions include: encouraging & supporting more hospice and palliative care programs & providing education concerning advanced directives and end of life options. Your voice matters on this bipartisan issue! For more information, go to [ilcatholic.org](http://ilcatholic.org).

Phone # for Gov. Pritzker is 217-782-6830 or write: Office of the Governor, 401 S. Spring St., Springfield, IL 62704

*“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 NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**



**UNIVERSAL INTENTION:** FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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