



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 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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9:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Wednesday

8:00 a.m.— Noon Thursday

8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Friday

First Sunday of Advent

The Coming of Christ



Advent is our time of anticipation: We await the two comings of Christ, the one in time, the other at the end of time. Today's second reading and gospel refer to the latter of these, a day of deliverance for the faithful, a day of judgment for others.

The first reading, though, presents the last days differently. All nations have accepted God's rule and obey God's law, therefore weapons disappear and peace reigns. We ought to strive to see this vision of the end realized.

There is no call for fiery judgment when all people walk God's path. The eucharist gives us strength to do this, and also binds us into the unity which is the ultimate end of God's history.

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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.

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns. The circle of the wreath which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ.

The four candles represent the 4 weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time.

The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. This is a Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead. The light signifies Christ, the Light of the world.

COLLECTION DATA FOR NOV. 22/23, 2025

PARISH ENVELOPES (38 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 1,366.25
ONLINE DONATIONS (14 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 797.00
TITHING (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 100.00
MAINTENANCE (4 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 82.00
CONSTRUCTION DONATION (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 1,000.00
U. S. MILITARY (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 20.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 20.00
ONLINE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS (1 CONT.)	\$ 50.00
ST. JOHN'S BREADLINE (7 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 110.00
JUSTICE & HOPE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 10.00

Justice & Hope Collection this 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.



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"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

Matthew 24:42

People who have health issues or near-death experiences generally have a great appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow.

But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life.

You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

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.

No December K of C Meeting

Dec. 2 & 3 Tues. Wed., PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Dec. 10 Wednesday Office Hours will be 9-4 going forward

Dec. 10 NO PSR—Auburn Choir Concert

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

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. 8 Holy Day Masses 7a.m./Auburn;
6p.m./Girard; 7p.m.Virden

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.

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.

Wednesday Office Hours will be 9 a.m.—4 p.m. starting December 10th. Office is closed Tuesday & Wednesday this week. The hours on the other days will remain unchanged.

Mon., Dec. 8 Holy Day—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Volunteer server/lector/C.M. & usher needed at the 7:00 a.m. Mass at Auburn. Will you help?

*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.*

WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

Servers:	Grifyn Bailey Hannah Barth	Abigayle Cowan Volunteer
Lector:	Todd Atwell	Amy Phalen
C. Mins:	Ron Waterkotte	Rob Staudenmaier
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jim Verschelden	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

Sat., Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., Dec. 7, 8:15 a.m.**

Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Lydia Millburg Andrew Millburg
Todd Atwell	Lance Millburg
Cindy Smith	Linda Baer
Ron Waterkotte Jim Verschelden	David Dixon Ron Appelt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Nov. 29	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Nov. 29	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Nov. 30	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Nov. 30	Virden	Mass
Mon.		Dec. 1		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Dec. 2	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Dec. 3	Virden	Mass
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Dec. 3	Arcadia	Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Dec. 4	Virden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Dec. 5	Auburn	Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Dec. 6	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Dec. 6	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Dec. 7	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Dec. 7	Virden	Mass

Increase in Vocations to religious life (Annette Cole)
† Ryken Bailey (Todd & Christy)
† Mary Ann Kuenstler (Andy & Donna)
† JoAnn Marsaglia (Joe & Carol McGrath)
NO MASS
† Richelle & Michael Laughlin
For An Increase in Vocations to the priesthood & religious life
(Jeff & Becca Yemm) (Adoration)
All Souls
† Jim Allen (Pat Allen)
Pro Populo
Bill & Agnes Frank (Mike & Marcia Walter)
† Ruth DuBois (Gene & Mary Maley)
† Travis Clem (Dave & Renee Miller)
† Nickie Maynerich (Pierce Family)

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.

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.

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.

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: _____