



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 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

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Gratitude



Do we today perhaps judge the nine lepers in our gospel too harshly? Were those nine, newly healed, liberated from the terrible isolation and stigma of their leprosy—were they ingrates?

Is it so inconceivable that, freed of illness, they should be taken with the newness of their skin, overjoyed at no longer having to announce themselves “unclean?” Is it so unbelievable that they, in their joy at Jesus’ kindness, might forget to thank him?

Only those of us who have remembered to thank Jesus can pass judgment on those lepers who failed to return. Only those of us who have acknowledged the preciousness of life, whatever its struggles, can be indignant at the lepers’ behavior.

The rest of us, though, must recognize the echo of our own gratitude in the leper’s behavior. Perhaps we’ll all be moved to express some long-overdue gratitude.

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.

Father James will be offering a Special Blessing

For all of those who have lost an infant/child.

This blessing will take place along with dismissal at both Masses on the weekend of October 25/26

If you know of anyone who would appreciate this blessing and who might not see this information, please let them know and invite them to attend.



COLLECTION DATA FOR SEPT. 20/21, 2025

PARISH ENVELOPES (48 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 3,002.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (15 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 757.00
MAINTENANCE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 20.00
TITHE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 50.00
ALTAR SOCIETY FUNERAL DONATIONS (3 CON)	\$ 35.00
BLACK & INDIAN MISSION (11 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 170.00
GAZA COLLECTION (17 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 311.00
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (2 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 25.00
CONSTRUCTION DONATION (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 5,000.00
(IN MEMORY OF AL & HELEN NARDI)	



Stewardship

All things are possible with God



“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Luke 17:18

Most of us live relatively “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, clothing and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted.

Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn’t this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Oct. 15 NO PSR Auburn Band Concert
Oct. 18 Rite of Welcome & Acceptance at 5:30 p.m. Mass

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Oct. 22 NO PSR Auburn & Pawnee NIA, Thursday & Friday
Oct. 25/26 Special Blessing for those who have lost an infant/child—at dismissal at both of our weekend Masses
Oct. 29 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends 2:00 a.m.
Nov. 3 K of C #10556 Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Parish Center
Nov. 5 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9 Coffee & Donuts after 8:15 a.m. Mass
 Hosted by KC #10556 members
Nov. 12 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Nov. 16 46th Annual Big Kids' Dinner 1-3p.m. at Parish Center and celebrating both Thanksgiving and Christmas
Nov. 19 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, Don Gibler, 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, Michael Verschelden, Pat Verschelden, Bonnie Wagner.

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.

Save The Date—for the 46th Annual Big Kids' Dinner on Sunday, November 16 at the parish center, 1-3:00 p.m., hosted by Knights of Columbus #10556. This year we will again have a "Holiday Dinner" celebrating both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

2025 Pawnee Calvary Cemetery Fall Clean-Up October semi-annual clean-up and removal of faded and non-fall decorations from all graves and monuments will be taking place. Please remove your faded and non-fall decorations prior to October 15th. Any decorations not removed by October 15th will be removed and disposed of by the members of the Calvary Cemetery Board. Efforts will be taken to not disturb newly placed fall color decorations. *Thank you, Pawnee Calvary Cemetery Board*

October Count has begun. Attendance is counted and results are shared with the diocesan office and used for pastoral planning. Your attendance at Holy Cross is very important!

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

Timothy Roy Bandy
Richard Halford

WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Sat., Oct. 11, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., Oct. 12 8:15 a.m.**

Servers:	Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Claire Millburg Benjamin Millburg
Lector:	Todd Atwell	Lance Millburg
C. Mins:	Ron Waterkotte	Jeanne Harvill
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt

Sat., Oct. 18, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., Oct. 19, 8:15 a.m.**

Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Xavier Seiz Lucas Seiz
Cindy Smith	Tim Hemberger
Shiela Hemberger	Dave Farris
Jeannette Forgas Ron Waterkotte	David Dixon Ron Appelt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Oct. 11	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Oct. 11	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Oct. 12	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Oct. 12	Viriden	Mass
Mon.		Oct. 13		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Oct. 14	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Oct. 15	Viriden	Mass
Wed.	1:00 p.m.	Oct. 15	Courtyard Estates, Girard	Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Oct. 16	Viriden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Oct. 17	Auburn	Mass
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Christina Leja (Annette Cole)
 † William Bolletta, Sr. (Wedding Anniv. 10/18) (Family)
 Dorothy Peregrin (Matt & Aryn Peregrin)
 Deceased Catholic War Veterans (Bishop J. A. McNicholas Post 1916)
NO MASS
 † Francesco DiCarlo (Mary Ann Vitale)
 † Rosemary Venhaus (Mr/Mrs Marty Jones) (Adoration)
 Margaret Yost (Mr/Mrs Marty Jones)

John Emery Mathias (Jim Mathias)
 Pro Populo
 Lawless & Prose Families (Lisa & Mark Prose)
 † Drew Keown (Paw Paw & Grandma Maley)
 † Travis Clem (Steve & Cindy Baker)
 † Bob Dodd (Bobbie Berola)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Oct. 18 Art & Craft Fair at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Chatham, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more info., contact Nichole at nlkuchar@gmail.com. Complimentary coffee and additional food & drink available for purchase.

Oct. 19 St. Charbel's First Class Relic & relics of other saints coming to Springfield at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. No RSVP required. For more info.: OSMM.org or KeckVanessa7@gmail.com.

Oct. 25 Fall Festival beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Virden. Everyone is invited to join in for hot dogs, chili and smores! There will be activities for kids, including face painting. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy fall weather.

Oct. 26 Red Mass for Legal Professionals at 10:15a.m. at St. Boniface, Edwardsville. Legal Judges are invited to join the entrance procession in judicial robes. Brunch at Bella Milano follows Mass. RSVP by Oct. 18 to Sarah Kreke at skreke@st-boniface.com or call 618-656-6450.

Nov. 9 Youth Night All youth ages 12 and up are invited. Activities are at Sacred Heart, Virden from 4-6:00 p.m. Join Jacob & Emily McGrath and their sidekick, Claire, for Pizza, Prayer and Fun! RSVP (text or call) to Becca at 217-416-8297 with your favorite pizza topping, chips & drink.

Volunteer for the Sacraments! The Office of Education is looking for individuals to volunteer to help with the Sacraments at the Cathedral events throughout the year. Around 1300 students, along with their families, come to the Cathedral each year to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and first Holy Communion. Help is needed for registration, greeters, ushering and hospitality. For more information, contact Sister M. Clementia, FSGM at ctoalson@do.org. You must be Safe Environment trained and background checked. More info is on the sign-up webpage.

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.

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. Go to dio.org/wyd to fill out the interest form. Exact date & cost have not yet been determined. You do not have to be sure you want to go to fill out the interest form.

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

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 OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION



UNIVERSAL INTENTION: FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

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: _____