



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 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.

ANOINTING 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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Faith on Earth

Today's gospel ends with a powerful and frightening question: "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"

Looking at the condition of today's world with war, poverty, greed, crime, one might be tempted to answer: "No. The Son of Man will find no faith on earth."

On the other hand, one can look at the efforts for who stand in solidarity with the poor, those who care for victims and work for peace and justice. When these valiant efforts are noted, one might reconsider the gospel question and respond: "Yes, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth!"

Faith, like peace and all virtues, begins in the heart of each person. What if the gospel question were personalized? "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith in you?" The answer to that question is really the one that counts.

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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.

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 OCT. 11/12, 2025

PARISH ENVELOPES (45 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	2,216.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (12 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	637.00
MAINTENANCE (3 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	90.00
TITHE ONLINE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$	10.00
ALTAR SOCIETY FUNERAL DONATIONS (15 CON)	\$	287.00
ALTAR SOCIETY ONLINE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$	50.00
BLACK & INDIAN MISSION (2 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	30.00
GAZA COLLECTION (4 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	105.00
ST. BERNARD CEMETERY (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$	5.00
SEMINARIANS (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$	50.00



Stewardship

All things are possible with God



**"... proclaim the word, be persistent
whether it is convenient or inconvenient
..." 2 Timothy 4:2**

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptation of our busy and materialistic world get in the way.

Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Oct. 18 Rite of Welcome & Acceptance at 5:30 p.m. Mass
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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Oct. 29 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1/2 Lost Loved Ones names will be read before Masses
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
Nov. 12 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 Big Kids' Dinner RSVP due by today
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. **Please Sign Up** on the sheet at the back of church **by Wednesday, Nov. 12** or call the parish office (438-6222) and leave a message with name and number of people attending.

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!

Coffee & Donuts on November 9, after 8:15 a.m. Mass, hosted by KC #10556 members.



World Mission Sunday

We join Catholics around the world in prayer and generosity in support of the missions. This supports the Pope's missions in some of the most vulnerable places on earth. Your gift helps train seminarians, support vowed religious men & women and provides schools & clinics. Be part of this global mission of hope.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

Servers:	Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Xavier Seiz Lucas Seiz
Lector:	Cindy Smith	Tim Hemberger
C. Mins:	Shiela Hemberger	Dave Farris
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	David Dixon Ron Appelt

Sat., Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m. **Sun., Oct. 26, 8:15 a.m.**

Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Abigayle Cowan Volunteer
Todd Atwell	Rob Staudenmaier
John Hemberger	Linda Baer
Jeannette Forgas Ron Waterkotte	David Dixon Ron Appelt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Oct. 18	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Oct. 18	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Oct. 19	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Oct. 19	Viriden	Mass
Mon.		Oct. 20		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Oct. 21	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Oct. 22	Viriden	Mass
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Oct. 22	Eastland	Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Oct. 23	Viriden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Oct. 24	Auburn	Mass
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Oct. 25	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Oct. 25	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Oct. 26	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Oct. 26	Viriden	Mass

Lawless & Prose Families (Lisa & Mark Prose)
† Drew Keown (Paw Paw & Grandma Maley)
† Travis Clem (Steve & Cindy Baker)
† Bob Dodd (Bobbie Berola)
NO MASS
† Ed VonBehren (Mr/Mrs Martin Jones)
† Hilda Jorn (Don Jorn) (Adoration)
† Albert Ferrero (Carol & Joe McGrath)
Brenda Kapila (Linda Carter)
Pro Populo
Carolyn Bettis (Farley & Annette Cole)
† James Joseph Palakudy (K of C # 10556)
† David King (Brad & Wanda Gooden)
† Leona Hacker (Family)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Oct. 19 St. Charbel's First Class Relic & relics of other saints in 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. 2 Fried Chicken Dinner by Sacred Heart Church & Virden Knights of Columbus at the Virden K of C Hall, 11a.m.-2p.m. Menu; fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, rolls & a homemade dessert. Enter for a change to win in basket raffle and 50/50 drawing.

Nov. 8 Springfield Deanery, Council of Catholic Women Meeting at St. Peter's, Petersburg. Lunch will be provided / donations appreciated! Bring your can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. **RSVP Deadline is Oct. 31.** For more info., contact Mary Stewart/217-341-7808. Also see facebook.com/groups/561791791821229/

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.

Nov. 19 Online Open House for the Graduate Theology Program at Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology at 6:30 p.m. CT. Visit saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse.

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.

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.

*"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: _____