

# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 5, 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.

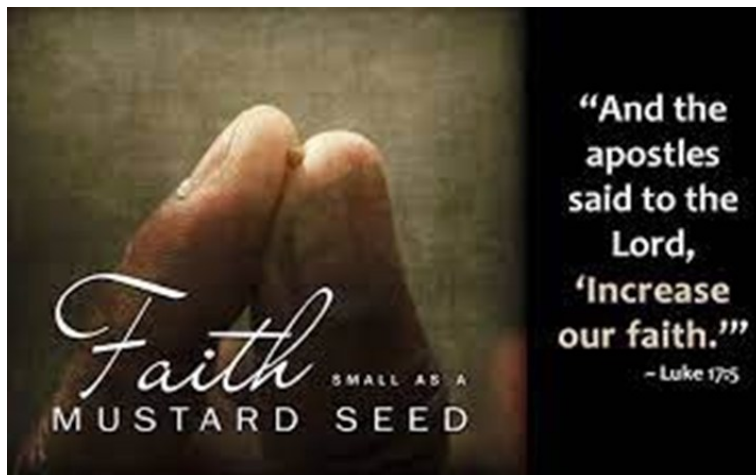
### MARRIAGE

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

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Faith and Duty



Faith and duty—the two go together. We carry our God's will because we believe in the Word. We don't always see clearly. We may cry out to God for courage when we feel very far away from God. But if we remain God's servants, we may be assured a perpetual source of strength.

October means autumn for most of the country. Vacations are past; only shorter days and colder weather lie ahead. Our hearts' flames must remain fueled with faith if we are to avoid discouragement.

Faith begets faith. If I see no faithfulness around me, how can I believe in anything at all? That's one of the reasons we believers gather together at Mass—to share and strengthen our communal faith.

*J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

*Jesus says that with faith we can move mountains.*

*How sad we settle for molehills.*

*Use the truly dynamic gift of faith you have been given, and you will be able to energize and renew the faith of the world.*



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.

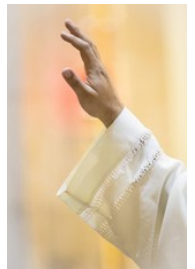
THANK YOU for your generosity in supporting our parish.

### Father James will be offering a Special Blessing

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

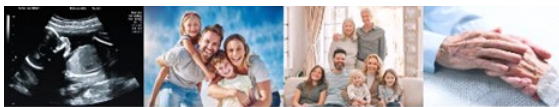
This blessing will take place along with dismissal at both Masses on the weekend of October 25/26

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 (33 CONTRIBUTORS) | \$ | 1,292.00 |
| ONLINE DONATIONS (13 CONTRIBUTORS) | \$ | 552.00   |
| CHURCH IN AFRICA (2 CONTRIBUTORS)  | \$ | 40.00    |
| GAZA COLLECTION (5 CONTRIBUTORS)   | \$ | 105.00   |



**October is  
Respect Life Month**

*At every age & stage life matters*

### Stewardship

*All things are possible with God*



Devote Time Share Talent



Give Treasure A way of life

**"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7**

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith; we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put

God first in everything—all the time.

The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Oct. 4/5 Black & Indian Mission Collection**  
**Oct. 6 K of C #10556 Meeting** 7:00 p.m. at Parish Center  
**Oct. 8 PSR Grades K-8** 6:30 –7:30 p.m.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**Oct. 15 NO PSR** Auburn Band Concert  
**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. 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

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Julie Atwell, Tom Baker, Barbara Conkrite, Gail Courtney, Lorraine Cushing, 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, Owen Moffitt, 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](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.

**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** begins this weekend. Attendance is counted and results are shared with the diocesan office and used for pastoral planning. Your attendance at Holy Cross is important!

## REQUIESCENT IN PACE ... May they rest in peace

**James Joseph Palakudy** (Nephew of Fr. James)  
**Gary A. Sandidge**

## WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**Sat., Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m.**

**Sun., Oct. 5 8:15 a.m.**

|                 |                                    |                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Servers:</b> | Grifyn Bailey<br>Hannah Barth      | Abigail Seiz<br>Briana Giron |
| <b>Lector:</b>  | Cindy Smith                        | Amy Phalen                   |
| <b>C. Mins:</b> | Cindy Smith                        | Rob Staudenmaier             |
| <b>Ushers:</b>  | Ron Waterkotte<br>Jeannette Forgas | David Dixon<br>Ron Appelt    |

**Sat., Oct. 11, 5:30 p.m.**

**Sun., Oct. 12, 8:15 a.m.**

|                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jacob Barth<br>Cayden Bailey       | Claire Millburg<br>Benjamin Millburg |
| Todd Atwell                        | Lance Millburg                       |
| Ron Waterkotte                     | Jeanne Harvill                       |
| Jeannette Forgas<br>Ron Waterkotte | David Dixon<br>Ron Appelt            |

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

|        |            |         |         |      |
|--------|------------|---------|---------|------|
| Sat.   | 4:00 p.m.  | Oct. 4  | Girard  | Mass |
|        | 5:30 p.m.  | Oct. 4  | Auburn  | Mass |
| Sun.   | 8:15 a.m.  | Oct. 5  | Auburn  | Mass |
|        | 10:15 a.m. | Oct. 5  | Viriden | Mass |
| Mon.   |            | Oct. 6  |         |      |
| Tues.  | 6:00 p.m.  | Oct. 7  | Auburn  | Mass |
| Wed.   | 7:30 a.m.  | Oct. 8  | Viriden | Mass |
| Thurs. | 6:00 p.m.  | Oct. 9  | Viriden | Mass |
| Fri.   | 7:30 a.m.  | Oct. 10 | Auburn  | Mass |
|        | 6:30 p.m.  | Oct. 10 | Viriden | Mass |
| Sat.   | 9:00 a.m.  | Oct. 11 | Viriden | Mass |
|        | 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 |

Carolyn Bettis (St. Patrick Altar & Rosary)  
† Marty Forgas (David & Susan Dixon)  
† Rosemary Venhaus (Family)  
† Linda Hacker (Catholic Ladies Society)  
**NO MASS**  
† Art Hodalski (Mr/Mrs Mark McGrath)  
† Jim Hendricks (Joe & Carol McGrath) (**NO ADORATION**)  
Scott Crye (Lisa Crye) **Begins 40 Hours of Adoration**  
Pro Populo  
Poor Souls (Mr/Mrs John Rosier)  
For Increase in vocations to the priesthood **Adoration concluded**  
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)

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Oct. 5 Life Chain Sunday** Pro-Life Warriors will gather in quiet prayer as a public witness to the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. For locations & more information, call the office at 217-523-2700.

**Oct. 9-11 40 Hours Devotion** at Sacred Heart Church, Virden. 10/9 Mass at 6p.m. with confessions following; 10/10 Mass at 6:30p.m. with confessions following; 10/11 Closing Mass 9 a.m.

**Oct. 10-12 Marriage Encounter Weekend in Springfield** For more information or to sign up, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Terry & Eric at 314-649-7317.

**Oct. 11 Respect Life Mass, Rosary Walk & Luncheon** Day begins with 9a.m. Mass at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2606 Washington Ave., Granite City. For more information, contact Michael Carlson at [mcarlson@dio.org](mailto:mcarlson@dio.org).

**Oct. 11 Explore Graduate Theology at Saint Meinrad** Laity and deacons are invited to an Open House for the Graduate Theology Program of Seminary and School of Theology. **Oct. 11 in person or online on Wed., Nov. 19 at 6:30 p. CT** Visit [saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse](http://saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse).

**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](mailto:skreke@st-boniface.com) or call 618-656-6450.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

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