



Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Bear Witness

When we “bear witness to the cross” we show the world and the people the truth of Jesus’ message. We are called to imitate Jesus—his attitudes and his actions. Jesus’ attitude was that he “did not deem equality with God, something to be grasped at.” He emptied himself “obediently accepting ..., death on a cross!”

Those who follow this difficult path find great joy. Even our ordinary experience can teach us that when we cease to “grasp at” something we thought we needed, life becomes easier.

We struggle to understand this mystery. More important than understanding, we are called to live the mystery in our daily attitudes and actions.

In living it, we experience it. We bring ourselves to life.

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Love’s Labor

Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do things beautifully.

Richard Whately



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.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom.
Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love.
Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war.

We pray for unity amongst nations. We pray for unity amongst all people. We pray for the most vulnerable.
We pray for those suffering. We pray for the fearful. We pray for those most in need.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Amen

COLLECTION DATA FOR SEPT. 6/7, 2025

PARISH ENVELOPES (38 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	1,694.05
ONLINE DONATIONS (13 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	637.00
MAINTENANCE (12 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$	197.00
ONLINE MAINTENANCE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$	50.00
TITHING (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$	20.00
CHURCH IN AFRICA (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$	5.00

*For God so loved the world that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him should not perish
but have everlasting life.*

John 3:16



Stewardship

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” John 3:16

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship.

Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus’ example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven.

These four points are known as the “kerygma” - the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sept. 16-19 No Weekday Masses due to Clergy Convocation
 Sept. 17 **NO PSR** PHS Homecoming
 Sept. 18 **Possible Office Closure**
 Sept. /2021 Special Collection for the Church in Africa
 Sept. 21 Catechetical Sunday

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sept. 24 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 27/28 Collection for Gaza & Surrounding Area
 Oct. 1 **NO PSR** AHS Homecoming
 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.
 Oct. 15 NO PSR Auburn Band Concert
 Oct. 22 NO PSR Auburn & Pawnee NIA, Thursday & Friday
 Oct. 29 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 3 K of C #10556 Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Parish Center

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 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.

Copies of *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*, written by Matthew Kelly were donated by Jane King and are available at the entrance of Church.. Feel free to pick one up.

LOVE THY
NEIGHBOR

Special Collection for Church in Africa at next weekend's Masses. As Catholics we are called to live our faith not only through prayers and devotions, but also by working to build peaceful and just societies. Amid painful divisions, the Catholic Church is a trusted voice among the region's people. The Church in Africa leads the way in healing wounds of division and conflict, preaching the Gospel, and reconciling people in hope for just and lasting peace. Your support of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa empowers the Church to fulfill its mission as peacemakers to those who have most suffered fear and violence.



Special Collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for those in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East will be taken up the weekend of September 27/28. See inserted letter from our Bishop, Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Sat., Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Sept. 14, 8:15 a.m.

Servers:	Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Xavier Seiz Lucas Seiz
Lector:	Cindy Smith	Amy Phalen
C. Mins:	Cindy Smith	Rob Staudenmaier
Ushers:	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

Sat., Sept. 20, 5:30 p.m. Sun., Sept. 21, 8:15 a.m.

Hannah Barth Grifyn Bailey	Abigayle Cowan Volunteer
Todd Atwell	Rob Staudenmaier
Ron Waterkotte	Barb Farris
Jeannette Forgas Ron Waterkotte	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Sept. 13	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Sept. 13	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Sept. 14	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Sept. 14	Viriden	Mass
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Sept. 15	Viriden	Mass
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Sept. 16	Auburn	
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Sept. 17	Viriden	
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Sept. 18	Viriden	
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Sept. 19	Auburn	
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Wanda James (Cathy Davis & Family)
 † Ruth DuBois (Gene & Mary Maley)
 † Mitzi Wilson (Dave & Karen Greifzu)
 † Ervin Shores (Catholic Ladies Society)
 Poor Souls (Norbertine Priest celebrating Mass)
NO MASS
NO MASS (Adoration as usual)
NO MASS
 Larry & Pauline Herron (Frank & Patsy Cicciarelli)
 † Drew Keown (Paw Paw & Grandma Maley)
 † Amy Gudgel (Tom & Mary Davis)
 † Dcn. Rick Schnetzler (Tony & LuAnn Baines)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Sept. 15 Year of Hope Jubilee of Consolation: All are invited to join in the “Year of Hope” celebrating the “Jubilee of Consolation.” In union with the pilgrims in Rome and in celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, there will be a Mass & a reflection by a Norbertine priest at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Virden. Everyone is invited to attend this event—especially those who are experiencing a time of pain and affliction due to illness, bereavement, violence or abuse.

Sept. 20 One Day Marriage Enrichment Retreat at St. Nicholas Parish, O’Fallon, IL. To register, go to stl-wwme.org/communitynews.php.

Sept. 21 Married 50 Years or More? Let Us Celebrate You! Bishop Thomas John Paprocki invites all couples who have been married 50 years or more to a special Anniversary Mass at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield.

Sept. 21 Calling All Men Juniors in High School & Above! Join Bishop Paprocki and Priests of the Diocese for an **Andrew Dinner** at 5p.m. at Little Flower, Springfield. The Andrew Dinner is a simple/low key gathering where all will pray, share a meal and have conversations about Priesthood and how best to discern what vocation God is calling you to. If you would like to attend, sign up at <https://forms.gle/exdi2Jyrpbo3zNrC7> or email Fr. Zach Samples at zsamples@dio.org. Hope to see you there!

Sept. 27-28 Catholic Men’s Overnight Retreat at Villa Maria Retreat Center, Springfield. For detailed schedule or to register, visit dio.org/events. **Deadline to register is September 22.** Contact events@dio.org with questions.

Oct. 1 Springfield in IL Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 2025 Convention at St. Paul’s in Highland. 8-9 Registration & Refreshments; 9a.m.-3:30p.m. Convention with 11 a.m. Mass with Bishop Thomas Paprocki, Main Celebrant. Email sdcccwinil@gmail.com or call President Janet Zimmerman at 217-494-4743.

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. 10-12 Marriage Encounter Weekend in Springfield For more information or to sign up, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric at 314-649-7317.

Oct. 1 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.

Oct. 18 Men’s Leadership Summit at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Edwardsville. Purpose of summit is to bring single and married men together to support one another, get inspired in their faith, gain or enhance leadership skills. Cost is \$30 to register -**Deadline is October 1.** Questions? Contact Gracie Ortiz at gortiz@dio.org or call 217-321-1124.

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.



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 SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION



UNIVERSAL INTENTION: FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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: _____