



# Holy Cross Parish Bulletin

Auburn • Divernon • Glenarm • Pawnee

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 7, 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.

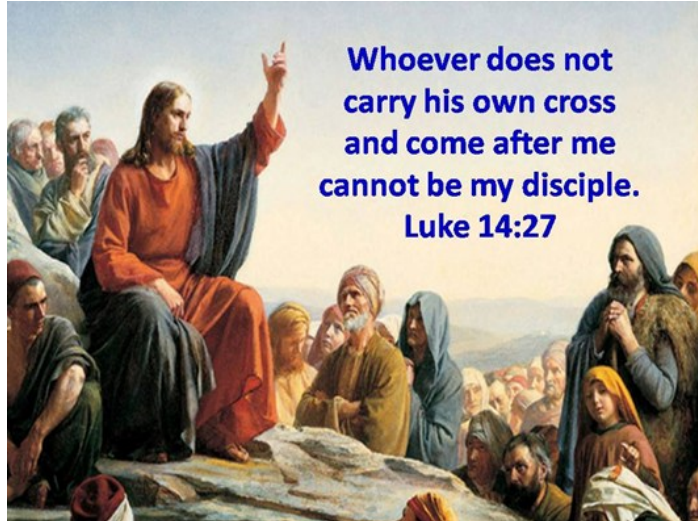
### MARRIAGE

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

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Cost of Discipleship

Today's gospel uncompromisingly demands loyal obedience of any and all who receive the good news and become followers of Jesus. Disciples must be willing to renounce all in their lives, even family relationships, if conflict arises between them and their Christian obligations.

In the parables of the tower and the king, Jesus tells us to calculate carefully whether we have the strength and the determination to carry through—otherwise, it might be better to not begin at all.

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

### HOLINESS

*Holiness does not consist in doing extraordinary things. It consists in accepting, with a smile, what Jesus sends us. It consists in accepting and following the will of God.*

*Mother Teresa*



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.



Dear God,  
Please bless our grandparents.  
Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me.  
For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.  
For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.  
For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful.  
Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life. Let them find peace and rest from their work.  
Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.

And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus, in the love of their children and grandchildren.  
Bless them always until they come to rest in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### COLLECTION DATA FOR AUGUST 30/31, 2025

PARISH ENVELOPES (38 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 1,889.00
ONLINE DONATIONS (15 CONTRIBUTORS)	\$ 732.00
MAINTENANCE (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 50.00
TITHING (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 50.00
ONLINE TITHING (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 15.00
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION (1 CONT.)	\$ 20.00
CHURCH IN AFRICA (1 CONTRIBUTOR)	\$ 50.00

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity  
**YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SUSTAIN OUR PARISH!**



Stewardship

**"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."  
Luke 14:33**

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we can renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sept. 8 Possible Office Closure  
 Sept. 8 K of C #10556 Meeting 7:00 p.m. at Parish Center  
 Sept. 10 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 11 Possible Office Closure

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sept. 17 **NO PSR** PHS Homecoming  
 Sept. 21 Catechetical Sunday  
 Sept. 21 Special Collection for the Church in Africa  
 Sept. 24 PSR Grades K-8 6:30 –7:30 p.m.  
 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

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Julie Atwell, Tom Baker, Julie Codron, Barbara Conkrite, Gail Courtney, Lorraine Cushing, Lisa Davis, Nancy Davis, Chuck DuBois, Dale Fitzpatrick, Don Gibler, Paula Gonzalez, Stephen Hubbard, Anna Jett, Vince & Barb Kelly, Mark Kirby, Ron Knapp, Mary Maley, Milla Manser, Richard Meier, Elizabeth Miczulski, Linda Millburg, Mark Millburg, Owen Moffitt, Crystal Molohon, Ken S. Moorman, Linda Nagel, Rita Nardi, Rachel Baker Noble, Vicki Kazenski Patrick, Danny Pierson, Breanna Rabacchi, Colleen Stevenson, Erin Stiver, Steve Stuckey, Tune Family, Melanie Turner, Michael Verschelden, Pat Verschelden, Bonnie Wagner, Jim Watts.

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.

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.

### Words of Life

*Lord, when I drift and fail to read  
 your precious words of Life,  
 My days get cluttered in no time with many forms of strife.*

*Little things soon make me worry,  
 and grow to monstrous heights  
 and joy is dimmed within my heart,  
 Like someone dimmed the lights.*

*But worst of all, I fail to work and use my hands for Thee -  
 For how can I shine forth your light when all is dark in me?*

*So show me my priorities; Oh, let my heart be stirred!  
 May I begin each day with You immersed within Thy Word.*

Denise DeWald

## WEEKEND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

<b>Servers:</b>	Grifyn Bailey Hannah Barth	Claire Millburg Benjamin Millburg
<b>Lector:</b>	Cindy Smith	Lance Millburg
<b>C. Mins:</b>	Shiela Hembergr	Linda Baer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ron Waterkotte Jeannette Forgas	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

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

Jacob Barth Cayden Bailey	Xavier Seiz Lucas Seiz
Todd Atwell	Amy Phalen
Cindy Smith	Rob Staudenmaier
Jeannette Forgas Ron Waterkotte	Vince Nadalini Russell Boehl

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Sept. 6	Girard	Mass
	5:30 p.m.	Sept. 6	Auburn	Mass
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Sept. 7	Auburn	Mass
	10:15 a.m.	Sept. 7	Viriden	Mass
Mon.		Sept. 8		
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Sept. 9	Auburn	Mass
Wed.	7:30 a.m.	Sept. 10	Viriden	Mass
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Sept. 11	Viriden	Mass
Fri.	7:30 a.m.	Sept. 12	Auburn	Mass
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

Lorraine Hines (90th Birthday) (Ike Hines)  
 † Austin DuBois (Dan & Dianne Leonard & Family)  
 † Mary Louise Catteau (Marchizza Family)  
 Pauline Miller (Tony & LuAnn Baines)  
**NO MASS**  
 † Helen Karaffa (Joe & Carol McGrath)  
 † Leona Hacker (Joe & Pat Charles) (Adoration)  
 † Frank Mathias (Tony & LuAnn Baines)  
 Pro Populo  
 Wanda James (Cathy Davis & Family)  
 † Ruth DuBois (Gene & Mary Maley)  
 † Mitzi Wilson (Dave & Karen Greifzu)  
 † Ervin Shores (Catholic Ladies Society)

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Sept. 13 National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children** Annual inter-faith memorial at Two Hearts PRC Building, 519 N. Bruns Lane, Springfield, 10-11 a.m. During the memorial service, all will proceed to the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood abortion facility where roses will be placed at white crosses in memory of aborted children.

**Sept. 13 Pregnancy Care Center Hosting GLO-BINGO Fundraiser** at KC Columbian Center, 2200 Meadowbrook Road, Springfield. Over \$1000 in prizes. Doors open at 6/Bingo 7-10 p.m. Tickets \$25 in advance / \$30 at door which includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games. \$5 for additional 6 cards. Must be 18 to attend. Cash bar. BYO store bought snacks or food from Casey's Pub available to purchase at bar.

**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](http://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. This celebration honors your beautiful witness to the vocation of marriage. A light reception will follow Mass. **RSVP by September 9** at [dio.org/events](http://dio.org/events) or contact Gracie Ortiz at [gortiz@dio.org](mailto:gortiz@dio.org) or call 27-698-8500. Let us honor your milestone of faith and love.!

**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](mailto: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](http://dio.org/events). **Deadline to register is September 22.** Contact [events@dio.org](mailto:events@dio.org) with questions.

**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.

## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Music Trivia Night - Fundraiser Benefit for Auburn Church of the Nazarene on October 10; Doors open at 6 p.m. and trivia starts at 7 p.m. Create your team of up to 6 people; decorate your table; come prepared to have fun. Teams are welcome to bring food & drinks (NO ALCOHOL PLEASE). \$100 per table. Concessions will be available. 217-971-2278 to reserve & register or email [lisasmth64@yahoo.com](mailto:lisasmth64@yahoo.com). Bake Sale/Silent Auction/Raffles/ Heads n' Tails' Prizes for 1st/2nd place & best decorated table.



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_