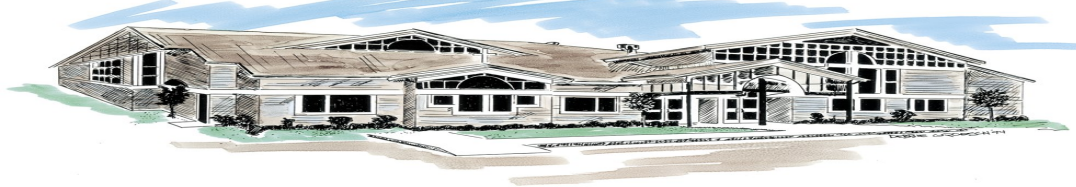


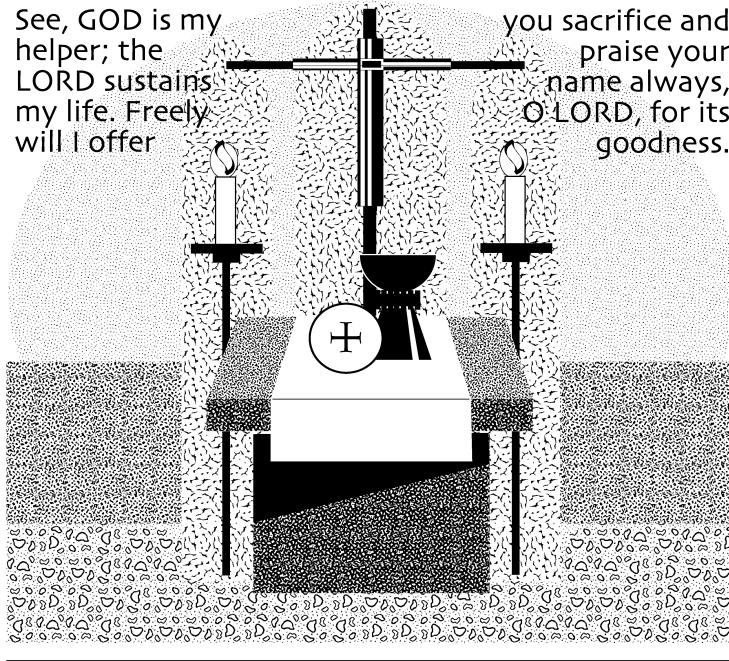
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Of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau



See, GOD is my
helper; the
LORD sustains
my life. Freely
will I offer

you sacrifice and
praise your
name always,
O LORD, for its
goodness.



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Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

The Lord upholds my life!

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Holy Mass

Mon- Fri, 9 am
Sat, 5 pm
Sun, 8:30 am & 11 am



Mass is livestreamed on Facebook
weekdays, Sat 5 pm, & Sun 11 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 3- 4 pm or by appointment.

Mission Statement

*There are different ministries, but the same Lord.
You then are the Body of Christ.
Everyone of you is a member of it.*
1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Sep 20

9 am- Mass

Tue Sep 21

9 am- Mass

6:30-8 pm Young Adult Night

Wed Sep 22

9 am- Mass

Thu Sep 23

9 am- Mass

5:30-7pm Youth Ministry Service Night

Fri Sep 24

Parish Office Closed

9 am- Mass

Sat Sep 25

1 pm- Legion of Mary- Conference Room

3- 4 pm - Confessions

5 pm- Mass (masks requested)

6- 6:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

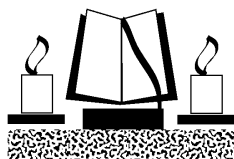
Sun Sep 26

8:30 am- Mass (masks REQUIRED)

9:45 Faith Formation

11 am- Mass (masks requested)

12- 12:15 pm- Dist. of Holy Communion



His word is life

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Readings for Sep 26, 2021

Twenty-six Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29

Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!

Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

James 5:1-6

Your wealth has rotted away.

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Whoever is not against us is for us. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

Reflection

When our lives become centered on personal gain and prestige, our interest turns inward. Others become competitors to be bested rather than brothers and sisters in Christ to be served and cared for. Cardinal Merry del Val wrote a beautiful prayer called the Litany of Humility. The last line resonates with Jesus's message to the disciples and St. James's letter to the early church: "That others become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it." May this be our prayer too.

Children of All Ages

He placed a child in their midst . . . And as he did, he embraced that child. Then he spoke these two important words to his disciples. Become like children. Welcome the children.

Why a child? A child is one who lacks things. Like what? Experience . . . command of language . . . knowledge . . . power . . . independence . . . legal rights. As such, every child is at a distinct disadvantage in society. Easily victimized. In order to survive and grow, a child needs to trust in the care and tenderness of others. We adults may think we have little in common with a child. But we do. A sudden illness, a fire or flood, the loss of a steady income, the natural aging process—each can reduce us to the plight of a child. We too need trust to survive—trust in others and in the One who sent Jesus.

Welcome the children. Some in our midst do this in exceptional ways: parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, pediatricians, caregivers. But who else in our midst, besides children, are easily preyed upon because they lack experience, command of language, power, independence, legal rights? What about the elderly, the ill, immigrants, the homeless, the lonely, the voiceless, the economically poor, or those victimized because of race, age, gender?

Jesus is placing individuals in our midst today, asking us to emulate and earn their trust, asking us to welcome them with our love.

Sr. Melannie Svoboda

Melannie Svoboda, a Sister of Notre Dame from Chardon, Ohio, writes and gives talks and retreats. Her latest book is The Grace of Beauty: Its Mystery, Power, and Delight in Daily Life. Visit her blog, "Sunflower Seeds," at www.melanniesvobodasnd.org.

On the way home from Mass...

Why would the person who wishes to be first be last? Why would that person serve others? What qualities do you think a leader should have? What do you think Jesus would say is the definition of greatness?





Currently we are in week 17 of the campaign.
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The Word Among Us Devotional Gift

The Word Among Us is daily devotional gift provided to parishioners and is available on a first come first serve basis. Pick up a copy on the table by the entrance to the church.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for Catholics and non-Catholics who want to learn about the faith. To join, contact Sandon Broek at 947-9168.

Youth & Young Adult Service Night

Service Night: Thurs, Sept. 23. 5:30-7pm. Stations of the Cross cleanup (weather permitting) and/or rock painting (an inspirational service project). For JH, HS, and young adults.

There will be NO youth night Sept. 28 or 29; Anna is traveling to Kansas for the funeral of Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun. Read his amazing story at frkapaun.org

See also: Mission Trip. holycrossalaska.net/mission
World Youth Day. Learn more at holycrossalaska.net/wyd

Celebrate St. Francis: Help Anchorage Pets!

Next week, there will be a bin in the foyer to collect the following items for the Animal Control Shelter: Clean towels (old, frayed, secondhand are ok), pet toys, pet treats, and fleece cat beds (craft patterns online). A Holy Cross youth organizing the effort will deliver the items on October 4, St. Francis of Assisi's feast day. Thank you for your donations! Woof! Meow! Squeak-squeak!

Liturgical Ministry Trainings

ALL are invited to this Sunday's trainings from 9:45-10:45am:

Music/Choir Ministry- Augustine, the great fifth-century bishop of North Africa, said, "Those who sing pray twice." So, if you can sing or play an instrument, and love to help others praise the Lord, consider joining the this ministry!

Eucharistic Ministry- This ministry assists the priest and deacons in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. Consider helping in this important ministry of bringing Christ to our community: contact John at 350-7580.

Art & Environment Ministry- We highlight God's presence in the liturgy through color, light, and symbols. We work 'behind the scenes' and bring the liturgical seasons to life with flowers, banners, candles, appropriate furnishings, and coverings. Sign up or contact Marilyn Kerr at 907-441-3082.

Altar Servers- Other than the priest and deacon, only altar servers have the opportunity to participate so closely in the preparation of the Eucharist. Everything they do is a witness to their love of Jesus in the celebration of the Mass. Students in 4th grade and older are invited to this ministry.

Sacristan- this ministry is responsible for preparation of the worship space for Mass, including the sacred vessels, and for clean-up after the Mass. In addition, Sacristans act as coordinator for the other liturgical ministries prior to Mass, making sure that ministers are in place for those duties.

Lector- These ministers have the special opportunity to personally and prayerfully proclaim the Word of God. If you are interested in serving as a church community storyteller who brings life and flesh to the Word of God, please contact Jason Hlasny at (907) 242-6655 or hlasny.jason@gmail.com

Faith Formation Register: holycrossalaska.net/formation

Sept. 19	9:45-10:45	K-5 & parents Family Session Grades 6+ Classroom Session Adult classes with Susan G.
Sept. 26	9:45-10:45	K-5 Classroom Session 6+ & parents Family Session Adult classes with Susan G.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK (SEPT 25/26)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	E M of Communion	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm (masks requested)	Anna Schulten (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Ted Walker Shannon Moorhead	Jerika Manaos	Susan Gallardo Matt Williams Uju Morah
Sun 8:30 am (masks REQUIRED)	Lead instrumentalist needed. To volunteer, call Sheila: 250-6234	N/A	N/A	Alice Garrod Pam Webb	Pam Webb	John Hoppe Jason Hlasny
Sun 11 am (masks requested)	Sheila Soukup (musicians & choir walk-ins welcome)	N/A	N/A	Megan Green	Janina Chlebowski	Theresa Mitchell Teresa Cortes Anne Gore Mercy Acheson

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers** - Jess Manaos: 230-9418
- Art & Environment** - Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
- Baked Goods** - Joan Karcz: 344-0168
- Blessed Sacrament Monastery** - Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Clare House** - Leslie Holland: 770-0847
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- Hospitality** - Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
- Knights of Columbus** - James Hogins: 229-3163
- Lawn and Garden** - Kirsten Hoppe: 248-1653
- Legion of Mary** - Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
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- Music Ministry** - Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
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- Readers** - Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
- RCIA** - Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Sacristan** - Matthew Williams: 562-0188
- Snow Plowing** - Vince Garrouette: 522-3647
- Vocations** - Sister Joan Oberle: 349-8388



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TITHING UPDATE		
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our offertory goal?</i>		
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	6,546
Weekly Tithing Period:		9/6-12/2021
Income Sources		
Weekly Collections:	\$	5,431
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-
Online Giving:	\$	2,165
Total:	\$	7,596
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	1,050
Actual vs. Goal (%):		116.0%
<i>How well did Holy Cross do in meeting the annual income goals for FY 21 (Basket/Online/Rebates from OBOB Appeal)?</i>		
Year To Date (YTD) Period:		7/1/2020 to 06/30/2021
FY21 YTD Complete (%):		100.0%
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2021:	\$	349,000
Actual Total Income:	\$	357,796
Budget Total Income:	\$	349,000
Over /(Under) Budget:	\$	8,796
Actual vs. Budget (%):		102.5%
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY21		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	164,391 45.9%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	10,128 2.8%
Online Giving:	\$	161,437 45.1%
2020 One Bread One Body Rebate(s):	\$	21,840 6.1%
Total:	\$	357,796 100.0%

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