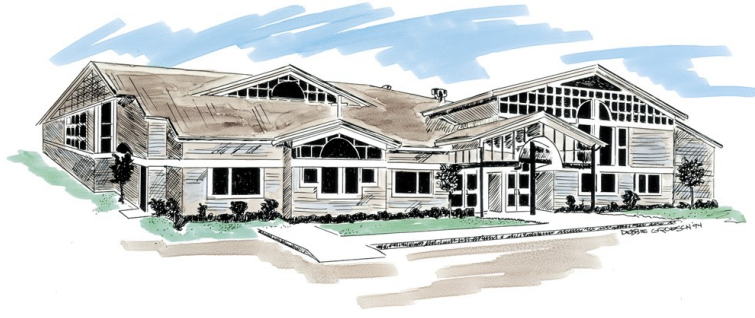


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*There are different ministries,
but the same Lord.
You then are the Body of Christ.
Everyone of you is a member of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

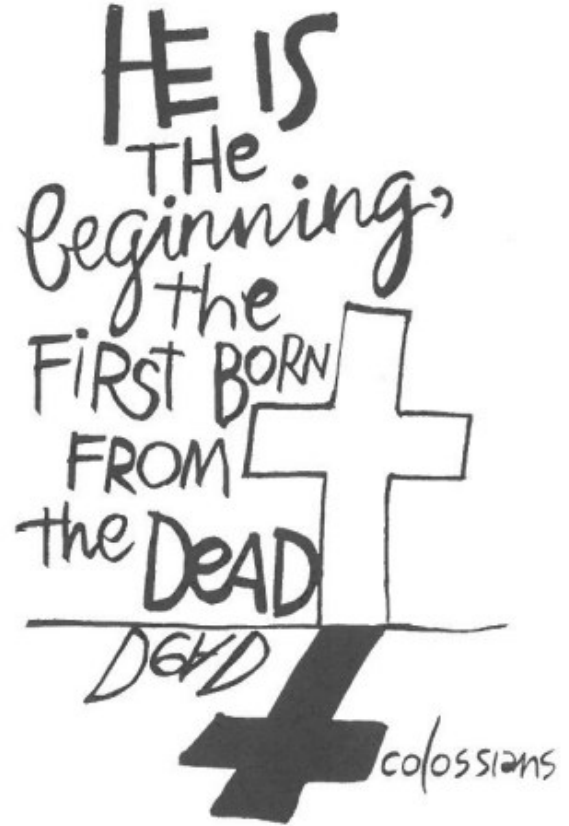
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 20, 2022

Mark 11:9, 10

*Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord!*

*Blessed is the kingdom of our
father David that is to come!*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Nov 21

9am- Mass
 1pm- Aspen Creek Service
 6:30pm- Liturgical Ministry Meeting

Tue Nov 22

9am- Mass
~~Confirmation Class~~
 7pm- OCIA

Wed Nov 23

9am- Mass

Thu Nov 24- Thanksgiving Office Closed

10am- Mass
~~Grandparenting with Grace~~

Fri Nov 25-Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Nov 26

1pm- Legion of Mary
 3-4pm- Confession
 5pm- Mass

Sun Nov 27

8am- Mass
~~Faith Formation~~
 11am- Mass followed by Rosary

Mass Intentions

Email the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

11/19	Special Intentions Carol Stensvad
11/20	8am- People of the Parish 11am- Available
11/21	Special Intentions Carol Stensvad
11/22 to 11/27	Available

Next Sunday's Readings First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord will gather all nations into the eternal peace of the kingdom of God.

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Romans 13:11-14

Our salvation is nearer.

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake, that you may be prepared!

Reflection

The gospel gives a “micro” demonstration of Jesus’s position as King of the Universe, when a criminal condemned to die next to Jesus experiences a turn of heart and asks Jesus, while hanging on a cross next to him, to remember him in Jesus’s kingdom. The second reading gives us a “macro” version of this kingship, as Paul describes the varied and awesome ways in which Jesus is the “firstborn of all creation.” These two readings are paired to give us varied entries into this idea of Jesus as ruler of all that is and all that will be. One is personal, and one is poetic.

The Marginal King

Jesus might have been a more palatable earthly king if he bothered to act like one. Kings and queens, after all, need to make some compromises here and there. King David, for example, reconciles with the elders of Israel in Hebron after a long war of succession, showing some worldly prudence to begin his long reign.

Jesus, on the other hand, is utterly rejected by the elders; they “sneer” at him as he writhes in pain on the cross. The Roman soldiers, their bitter enemies, are even inspired to join in with them. Jesus’ execution ironically unites them, and “all things hold together” in the almost uniform mockery he receives, even from a fellow convict.

The lone outlier is the repentant criminal. Think of that.

At the crucifixion, beyond a small group of ever-loyal women and one apostle, the only one who recognizes Jesus as savior is a criminal, most likely a murderer. In death as in life, the Kingship of Christ—what he called the Kingdom of God—is often overlooked, and very often mocked, by those with power.

This reality continues to this day. We can gild images of Jesus in gold, we can proclaim his Kingship from the pulpit. But until we see the face of our King in the least of our sisters and brothers—until we recognize the crucified Christ in the broken, abused, and suffering people in our family, our Church, and our world—we remain a long way from his Kingdom.

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On the Way Home from Mass...

How do you think Jesus felt as the rulers, soldiers, and one of the criminals sneered and mocked him? Do you think it was difficult for him? What kind of king does this story tell us Jesus is?



Faith Formation Classes

Nov 20	K-5	Classrooms
	Gr. 6-12	Family Session
Nov 27	NO CLASS	
Dec 4	K-5	Family Session
	Gr. 6-12	Classrooms

New families,
info online:
[holycrossalaska.net/
formation](http://holycrossalaska.net/formation)



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Knight's Pancake Breakfast is Sun Nov 20 after the 11am Mass, donations are greatly appreciated. If you are a Knight please come volunteer.

OCIA/RCIA: Sacraments for Adults

To learn more about the faith, or receive sacraments as an adult, meets Tuesdays at 7pm. Call Deacon Sandon: 947-9168

Liturgical Ministries Meeting

Liturgical ministries meeting has been rescheduled for Mon Nov 21 at 6:30pm. Contact Julie Thomas for information.



Forming a Library Volunteer Team

We're looking for 2 additional part-time volunteers to help maintain our library. Contact Debbie at 952-1879.

Priesthood Discernment Retreat: Dec 9-10

Any man (age 18+) who is interested in learning about the priesthood is invited to the Dec 9-10 retreat at St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla. Contact Fr. Arthur for more info: 694-2170 or frarthur@roraff.com



Thanksgiving Mass

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be held at 10am.

Advent

The First Sunday of Advent is November 27, 2022. Fun fact: this year is the longest Advent can possibly be, because Christmas falls on a Sunday!

Immaculate Conception

December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be offered at 9am and 7pm.

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament will be offered during all Masses the weekend of December 10 & 11. For an alternate time, please contact the office or one of the priests.

Advent Reconciliation Service

The service will be held on December 14 at 6:30pm.

Job Opening At Holy Cross

Director of Faith Formation

Anna is leaving in May 2023, and we are looking for her successor to lead our Faith Formation ministry. Download the description at holycrossalaska.net/apply

To apply, and for more information, contact Fr. Pat Travers at pitravers@att.net.



Take a Peek: Red Bulletin Board

This week's Eucharistic Revival bulletin board features miracles from Austria that occurred in the 1300-1400s. Visit miracolieucaaristici.org for more info.

Ministry Schedule for next week (Nov 26/27)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Wisdom Marquez Daniel Muldoon	Deb Seidl Diedra Williams	Matt Williams	Bell Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	2 Needed	Maureen Retzel	Marilyn Kerr	Dora Castillo Henry Maes
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	N/A	Lora Rivera Lilly Vogt	Mary Ann Green	Ninia Dizon	Leigh Rivera Mary Anne Green

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TITHING UPDATE			
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i>			
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	7,077	
Weekly Tithing Period:		11/7-13/2022	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	2,199	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,527	
Total:	\$	4,726	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	(2,351)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		66.8%	
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:			
Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period			
FY23 YTD Period: 7/1/2022 to 10/31/2022			
FY23 YTD Complete (%):		33.3%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	397,600	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	129,646	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	132,533	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(2,887)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		97.8%	
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period			
FY23 YTD Period: 7/1/2022 to 9/30/2022			
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	77,290	59.6%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	210	0.2%
Online Giving:	\$	52,146	40.2%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Total:	\$	129,646	100.0%



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