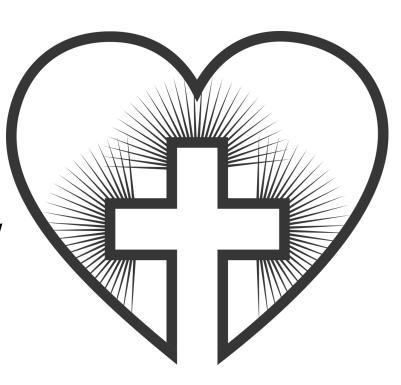
Holy Cross Catholic Church



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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time Feb 19, 2023

1 John 2:5
Whoever keeps the word
of Christ,
the love of God is truly
perfected in him.



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Feb 20

9am-Mass

1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Feb 21

9am- Mass

5:30pm-Confirmation Class Cxl due to Ash Wed.

7pm-OCIA

Wed Feb 22

9am- Ash Wednesday Mass

7pm- Ash Wednesday Mass

Thu Feb 23

9am-Mass

6:30pm- Eucharist Study

Fri Feb 24-Office Closed

9am-Mass

6-12 Grade Retreat

6:30pm- Stations of the Cross

Sat Feb 25

6-12 Grade Retreat

1pm- Legion of Mary

3-4pm-Confession

3:15pm- First Communion Prep

5pm- Mass

Sun Feb 26

8am-Mass

9:15am-Faith Formation

11am- Mass

12pm-Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Mon Feb 20-27	Available!
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Mass Readings for Next Week

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The creation of our first parents, and sin.

PSALM 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Romans 5:12-19

Where sin increased, there grace increased all the more.

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights and was tempted.

Reflection

Like last week, Jesus explains to his disciples that being his followers will ask more of them that a literal reading of the law they have always been taught. They are called not to an approach of compliance with minimum requirements, but to a life of radical generosity that imitates the love of God, whose love spills forth and gives us life. They are called to offer forgiveness and love that is not deserved by the recipients. "Be perfect" is an intimidating instruction, but it may help to think of "perfect" in the sense of whole or complete. The life to which Jesus calls us is one of integrity, one where our hearts and minds and actions are all in alignment with each other. Living as Jesus asks is healing. It brings us to wholeness. It enables us to follow him with our whole hearts.

Mercy Garden

Be perfect, Jesus says. Pray for those who persecute you. I try to pray for the perfectionist who persecuted me, projecting shame on me like violence on a movie screen. But flashes of memory intrude on my prayer: images of eyes shadowy with judgment, and teeth, pointed and bared. I unbow my head instinctively, unfold my hands to shield my vulnerable cheeks. Unprepared to offer prayer for the one who harmed me, I widen my petition:

May the sun rise tomorrow, may the rain fall on us all. Let there be light, indiscriminate and warm. Let there come storms to drench the merciful and cleanse the mean alike, to baptize the seemingly irredeemable as well as the merely imperfect.

Let the scorched earth of persecuted souls be transformed by your gaze into a garden where long-buried seeds of compassion germinate at last, grow and flower, and humankind, driven to persecute our own kind, turns finally in blossoming surrender to you, who give us power, intending it for mercy, only for mercy, like yours toward my persecutor and me. In the clearing after prayer, my mind's eye sees the perfectionist who persecuted me cloaked in a hairshirt inherited from parents who never cared for their child. Now all the meanness I experienced makes sorrowful sense. Now forgiveness like rainfall soaks into my skin and rinses shame

away that was never mine to bear. In your mercy, comes a new prayer,

let your face shine on my enemy through me.

Rachel M. Srubas

Rachel M. Srubas is a Presbyterian clergywoman and Benedictine oblate. She is the author of numerous books, including The Girl Got Up and the recently released The Desert of Compassion: Devotions for the Lenten Journey.

Ministry Schedule for next week (Feb 25/26)									
Mass	Music Sacristan		Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality			
Sat	Ryan Meliton	Matt Williams	Jerica Manaois	Ray Meliton	Julie Spradling	Bell			
5 pm	(walk-ins welcome)		Adelina Dizon			Family			
Sun	Ryan Meliton	Volunteer Needed	Joe & Rose Webb	Julie Kentch	Mike Likar	Dora Castillo			
8 am	(walk-ins welcome)			Maureen Retzel		Matthew Walsh			
Sun	Sheila Soukup	Volunteer Needed	Kaosi Morah	Michelangelo Canale	Janina Chlebowski	Leigh Rivera			
11 am	(walk-ins welcome)		Rowdy Reynoso	Ann Dimatulac		Mary Ann Green			

Vocation Cross Resumes

The Holy Cross Traveling Vocation Cross will resume next week, beginning Saturday 2/18. Please sign up your family week to pray for all vocations in the church, for priests, deacons, sisters and lay persons. The sign-up list is next to the prayer book in the hall.

Walking With Moms in Need

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked all parishes, throughout the country, to join in an effort to help pregnant and parenting moms who are in need. These women and families are in our parishes and in our community, and many times they don't know where to go for help.

In response, we at Holy Cross are forming a core team to make an assessment of what services are available in Anchorage, and how we can communicate that information to those in need. We need volunteers to be part of the core team. And, it would be great to get people from all walks of life so that we get different perspectives on what is needed and how we should respond. If you are interested, please contact Alice Garrod at 907-529-1161, or Fr. Pat.

St. Therese's Camp

Invites you to the second-annual young adult (18-35 years old) retreat, May 19-21, 2023. This year's focus is an Ignatian -style preached retreat led by Father James Claver of the Servants of Christ Jesus.

The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola turns men into incredible saints: St Francis Xavier, who converted much of India and Southeast Asia; St Peter Canisius who converted much of Germany back to Catholicism; St Isaac Jogues, who suffered martyrdom in North America. In following Ignatius' exercises, we will seek to know Jesus Christ more, follow Him more closely, and love Him more intimately. Come experience a crash course over this weekend and get set afire for the Kingdom!

Cost is \$104 per person before Easter Sunday (April 9), \$114 after Easter Sunday.

Some financial aid is available; contact Rudy at 907 232 2066 or campdirector@stthereseak.com for more information.

Confirmation Service Projects:

Used Glasses Drive

Olivia will continue collecting used prescription eyewear for her Confirmation Service Project will run through March 11.

Blanket Project

Susie, Nora, and Jack are collecting fleece blankets & fabric: 40x60 inches to 90x100 inches. See flyer in foyer. Thank you!



RSVP THIS SUNDAY: Grades 6-12 Retreat

One overnight male chaperone is still needed! Contact Anna for info!

God desires a personal relationship with us, and we can learn to hear His voice by becoming familiar with the way He has communicated throughout salvation history and

Fri, Feb. 24 (5pm), overnight at St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla, and return Sat, Feb. 25 (late evening). Sledding/tubing included, pending weather. Cost \$80. Financial aid available. Info & RSVP: holycrossalaska.net/retreat

Low Gluten Hosts

For parishioners who need low gluten hosts they are now available at both communion stations.

Looking for Input

Please call or email Fr. Pat or Fr. Dan to let them know if making masks optional at the 8am Sunday Mass would prohibit your attendance. Contact a priest this weekend. Masks are always welcome, but we are considering removing the requirement.

Notice of Interest

The Finance Council is seeking members of Holy Cross who may be interested in serving on the finance council. If you are interested, please call or email Greg Magee (907-575-3197/ glmagee@icloud.com) for more information.

Sacrament Prep resumes for First Communion

Please pray for our First Communion students who will continue their preparation process this Saturday, Feb. 25.

Confirmation Mass: Save the Date

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7pm at Holy Cross Parish. All parishioners are invited to join us for this celebration!

Vacation Bible School

We are tentatively planning a Vacation Bible School week in June or July; this will depend on the next Faith Formation director's plans and preferences. If you'd like to be added to an interest list to help in summer 2023, please contact Anna!



SUN MON TUE **WED** THU FRI SAT **N**CE 20 21 22 23 24 25 FEB. 19 Ash **Eucharist Grades 6-12 Retreat** Wednesday Study for Mass 9am & Young Adults Stations of Confession & Adults, 7pm the Cross 3-4pm 6:30-8pm 6:30pm 26 27 28 **MAR. 01** 02 03 04 **Eucharistic** Stations of **Eucharist** Confession the Cross Adoration & Study for 3-4pm Confession 6:30pm Young Adults 6:30-7:30pm & Adults, 6:30-8pm 05 06 08 09 07 10 **Eucharistic Eucharist** Stations of Confession the Cross Adoration & Study for 3-4pm Confession Young Adults 6:30pm 6:30-7:30pm & Adults, 6:30-8pm 13 15 16 14 17 18 Stations of Eucharistic Confession **No Study** the Cross Adoration & 3-4pm (spring break) 6:30pm Confession 6:30-7:30pm 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 **Eucharistic** Stations of **No Study Eucharist** Adoration & the Cross Retreat 9-3p (see Saturday Confession 6:30pm retreat event) Confess 3-4p, 6:30-7:30pm **Anointing** during Mass 26 27 28 **30** 29 31 **APR. 01** Stations of **Eucharistic Eucharist** Anointing of Confession Adoration & Study for the Cross the Sick 3-4pm 6:30pm Young Adults Confession during both 6:30-7:30pm & Adults, Masses 6:30-8pm 03 07 02 05 08 04 06 **Easter Vigil** Palm Holy **Good Friday** Sunday **Thursday** Faith Walk, 8pm 3pm Stations, 7pm **COLOR CODE:** (no 9am Mass) 7pm Service STUDY (no 9am Mass)

09 **Easter Sunday Mass:** 8am & 11am

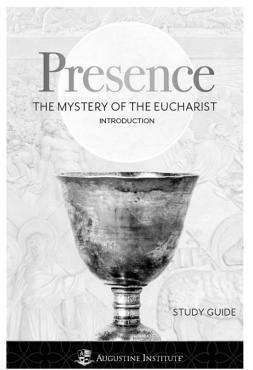
ADORATION

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SPECIAL MASS

*Unless otherwise noted, Monday-Friday Mass 9am. Saturday Mass 5pm. Sunday Mass 8am & 11am. <u>holycrossalaska.net</u>

LENT 2023 LEARN. PRAY. ENCOUNTER.







EUCHARIST VIDEO STUDY

THURSDAYS OR 3/25

Join young adults & adults for 4 **Thursday nights (6:30-8pm)** for videos and discussions. Or, attend the *Presence* retreat on **Saturday, March 25** and explore 4 Eucharistic sessions in one day.

Preview the study at signup.formed.org (search Holy Cross Anchorage & follow prompts).

There is no cost for the study or the retreat!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS

Pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent.

Details about the **Good Friday Faith Walk in downtown Anchorage**will be available in the coming weeks.

ADORATION & CONFESSION

TUESDAYS

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions **every Tuesday (6:30-7:30pm)** instead of a Reconciliation Service.

Build a weekly prayer habit and encounter Christ in a new way!



FREE RESOURCES

Daily videos for **kids** (and adults!) are available online at Formed. You can also pick up a "**Little Black Book**," *Word Among Us*, or **CRS Rice Bowl** from the foyer. Have a blessed Lent!

THIS LENT ©



- 1. signup.formed.org
- 2. Search "Holy Cross Anchorage."
- 3. Follow the prompts.
- 4. Browse videos about Lent:



Return

Fr. John Burns invites you on a pilgrimage this Lent using Return. Fr. John will guide you through the most difficult season of the Church, yet also the most transformative. Are you ready to enter the desert and experience the richness of the Paschal Mystery?





Take a healing journey with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, as she helps you turn away from what wounds you and toward God who heals you and makes you whole. Meet the tenderness of God's mercy, the power of his love, and the restoration of your heart and life.

Restore



Fearless

Time and again, the people of God are called to 'be courageous' and 'be not afraid.' Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series with a special guest each week as we seek to follow Jesus into the wilderness this Lent.



Lent with Brother Francis

Devotions, lessons and more for kids!



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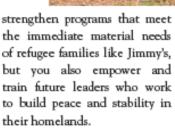
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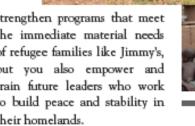
One example is the people of South Sudan, which became an independent country in 2011 when its people overwhelmingly elected to separate from Sudan, making it the world's newest widely recognized sovereign state.

Clashes between rival ethnic groups then resulted in a civil war that lasted from 2013 through 2020, with millions fleeing to neighboring countries. Nearly one million South Sudanese refugees now shelter in neighboring Uganda, with many located in the Bidi Bidi refugee camp in northern Uganda. For Jimmy Luate, his wife, Jackie, and their daughter, Stella, Bidi Bidi has been home since they fled the war in 2016. Catholic Relief Services—through a comprehensive program of home building, training in hygiene practices, and leadership development—

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Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS).

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Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

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Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger . . . through the humanitarian work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

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Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the Holy Father's Relief Fund.



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Administration Promotion & Education Costs Administrative Expenses	\$184,672 \$74,932	4.72% 1.92%	

* USOCB Cutural Diversity in the Church includes Pastoral Cure of Migrants, Refugees & Travelers (\$397,474) and Asian & Pacific Island Affairs (\$210,558).





SPECIAL RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT (SPRED)



Faith Formation and Sacramental Inclusion for Children and Adults with Special Needs

SPRED is a program of religious education specifically designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons with developmental disabilities or learning difficulties. We are currently looking for friends who would like to participate in this ministry at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (SEAS), 2901 Huffman Road.

We will serve up to 6 individuals in one of the following age groups:

Children: 6-10
Adolescents: 11-16
Young Adults: 17-21
Adults: 22+

We will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6-8 pm September-May at SEAS. There will be 3 months during September-May when we will meet twice in order to participate in the 12 lessons created by the SPRED ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

To learn more about this ministry and/or to refer someone who is interested in participating, contact Amber Ellis, SEAS parish chairperson. Call or Text: 501-328-3753 Email: AMBERLELLIS@ATT.NET

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In Alaska, 1 in 8 adults and 1 in 6 children experience hunger daily. At Catholic Social Services, our St. Francis House Food Pantry provides food for those in need, distributing 819,978 lbs. to an average of 116 families a day in 2022.

During this season of **Lent** (February 22- April 8), we are asking for your help in meeting the need by gathering **12,000 lbs of food** to give to hungry families!

WHAT WE NEED MOST:

- Pasta & rice
- Canned proteins
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit

To help drive us toward our 12,000 lbs goal,
WE ARE HOSTING A FRIENDLY COMPETITION
to see which group can gather 40lbs a day for the 40 days of lent!

The winners who donate the most over Lent will receive a shoutout on social media, Parish Announcements, and the Catholic Social Services Summer Newsletter!

Drop donations off at 3710 E 20th Ave, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. (You can still donate even if you don't want to participate in the competition.)

Each week we will update the status of the drive on social media so look out for our posts!

To join the competition or if you have any questions, reach out to Kelly Mullin at kmullin@cssalaska.org or at 907-717-3093.



HOLY CROSS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JAN 2023

Month Ending (ME): Jan 2023 (4 weekends)

Offertory "Goal" for ME: \$29,308

Offertory "Actual" for ME: \$29,233 (99.7%)

Basket @ Mass/Mail: \$ 17,032 (58.3%) Online Giving: \$ 11,936 (40.8%) Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 265 (0.9%)

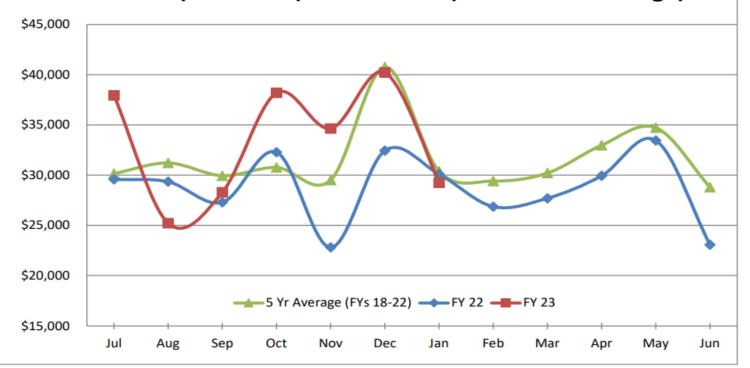
• Fiscal Year 2023 - Year to Date (YTD) July 1, 2022 - January 31, 2023

Offertory "Goal" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 227,137 (Weekly Average: \$7,327)

Offertory "Actual" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 233,750 (102.9%) (Weekly Average: \$7,540)

Basket @ Mass/Mail \$ 138,102 (59.1%)
Online Giving: \$ 91,015 (38.9%)
Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 4,633 (2.0%)

Holy Cross Weekly Collections - Monthly Comparisons Current (FY 23 YTD) vs Historical (FY22 & 5 Yr Average)



Income Statement – Previous Year Comparison

	F	Y 23 Budget	FY 23: Jul – Jan Actual		FY 22: Jul – Jan Actual		Previous Year Change	
Total Income	\$	434,000	\$	260,134	\$	214,884	\$	45,250
Total Expense	\$	434,000	\$	236,415	\$	220,894	\$	15,521
Net Income	\$	0.00	\$	23,719	\$	(6,010)	\$	29,729

Thank you for donating and sharing your treasure with Holy Cross.

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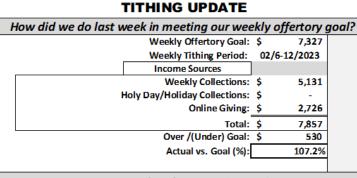
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Youth/ Young Adult Ministry- Anna Schulten: 306-9363

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Financial Corner



Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison: Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period

FY23 YTD Period: 7/1/2022 to 01/31/2023

FY23 YTD Complete (%): 58.3%

Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023: \$ 397,600

Actual Total Income for Period: \$ 238,735

Budget Total Income for Period: \$ 231,933

Over / (Under) Budget for Period: \$ 6,802

Actual vs. Budget for Period (%): 102.9%

Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period

FY23 YTD Period: 7/1/2022 to 01/31/2023 138,102 57.89 Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): \$ 4,633 Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): \$ 1.9% Online Giving: \$ 91,015 38.1% 2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates): \$ 0.0% 4,985 2.19 Total: \$ 238,735 100.0%



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