

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023

John 10:14

*I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and
mine know me.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon May 1- Office Closed

9am- Mass/ Communion Service
 1pm- Aspen Creek Service
 6pm- Maintenance Meeting

Tue May 2

9am- Mass/ Communion Service
 7:30pm- Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wed May 3

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

Thu May 4

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

Fri May 5-Office Closed

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

Sat May 6

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

Sun May 7

8am- Mass
 9:15am- Faith Formation Last Day!
 11am- Mass
 12pm- Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Sat 4/29- 5pm: ROS Robert Blount

Sun 4/30- 11am: ROS Jackie Childs

Sat 5/6- 5pm: Thanksgiving Manaois Family

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 6:1-7

They chose seven men filled with the Spirit.

PSALM 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Peter 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

John 14:1-12

I am the way and the truth and the life.

Vocations Cross

This week the *Higgins* will pray with the vocations cross.



Reflection

For many of us, baptism was long ago. We take for granted that we are part of God's flock of sheep and do not remember what it was like to ever be outside it. This is an important season to listen to the witness of those more newly initiated into the church; their stories of coming in from the outside are often very powerful and can remind us of what we're about. If you are a newer convert consider ways you might share your story with those around you.

Wounded for Christ

When they heard this, they were cut to the heart.

Life offers ample opportunities for heartbreak. Tragedy befalls families, communities, and countries. Natural disasters, and the effects of environmental degradation and climate change, often seem to strike the poorest of the poor. Mental health suffers and sometimes snaps. Marriages fall apart. People, even family and friends, disappoint us. Woundedness seems built into the nature of reality: there's always a fly in the ointment, always a rub, always a bit more salt for the wounds we carry.

So for a conversion experience to be more than just a passing phase or momentary burst of emotional catharsis, it needs to address the deep suffering we experience. To do so, any true conversion will "cut to the heart," as Peter's preaching did.

His audience would have been familiar with crucifixions. They were the most ghastly and horrendous form of punishment at the hands of the Romans, who used the suffering of the crucified ones to quell rebellion and terrorize the populace into submission. A crucified Christ becomes even more shocking in this context: Imagine Christ killed in a torture chamber or executed by lethal injection. Imagine Christ dead at the border or the victim of gun violence.

Now we're getting closer to the scandal of our salvation in its context. Now we can see why the people in Acts were "cut to the heart."

If only we would allow ourselves to be so wounded for Christ.

Michael J. Sanem

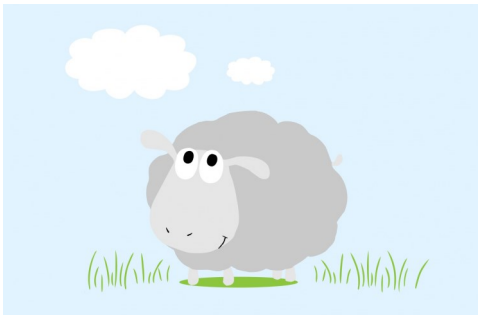
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On the Way Home from Mass...

Why do you think the sheep recognize the Good Shepherd's voice? Do you spend enough time with Jesus to recognize his voice?

Ministry Schedule for next week (May 6/7)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Pat Seidl	Olivia and Sebastian Maglaqui	Cheryl Chapman Ted Walker		Maglaqui Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Joe and Rose Webb	Jason Hlasny		Garrouette Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Volunteer Needed	Lora and JR Rivera	Michelangelo Canale		Julie Thomas Kaira Brooks



Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 RECOGNIZES
 STRANGERS

Parish Picnic & Fond Farewell Wishes

At this year's annual Parish Picnic we will have our last hurrah with Anna and Mark. The picnic will be May 21, from 1-4pm. Knights provide the main course and parishioners are encouraged to bring a side dish and give farewell wishes to the Schulten's as they head off to their next adventure.

Confirmation Service Projects

Clare House Donation Drive

Hello Holy Cross, my name is Jaeden Cabrera, and I will be hosting a drive for Clare House as my Confirmation Service project. The drive will last from April 16th-May 7th. Any donations are welcome, here are some things they are in need of currently:

- Hair spray
 - Nail polish remover
 - Chapstick
 - Nail clippers
 - Paper towels
 - Coffee
 - Tin foil
 - Baby bottles
 - Diapers (sizes 4,5,6)
 - Baby wipes
 - Hats
 - Gloves
 - Boots
- ...Thank You!



Faith Formation

'23-24 Early Birds: Register by May 7

Register or re-register during class or online by May 7 for \$10 off your fee. Learn more: take a handout from the table in the foyer, or visit holycrossalaska.net/formation

Congratulations to our First Communion and Confirmation Students!

Jaeden C.

Nora G.

Rosa H.

Jack J.

Asher K.

Carsten M.

Olivia M.

Aiden M.

Rowdy R.

Lora R.

Joseph S.

Drake W.

Susie W.



Alejandro A.

Mimi A.

Josiah C.-T.

Katness C.

Maevry D.

Marvic D.

Bianca E.

Eric H.

Audrey K.

Maria L.

Aliza M.

Lilly P.

Naelani P.

Reanna R.

Logan S.

Xander V.



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- Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
- Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127
- Lawn & Garden- Looking for help!
- Legion of Mary- Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
- Library- Maureen Retzel: 441-0460
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- Livestream- John Roberts: 317-6808
- Music Ministry- Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
- Prayer Chain- Joan Gillis: 346-3147
- Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
- OCIA- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Sacristan- Matthew Williams: 632-4252
- Snow Plowing- Looking for help!
- Youth/ Young Adult Ministry- Anna Schulten: 306-9363

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Financial Corner

TITHING UPDATE	
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i>	
Weekly Offertory Goal: \$	7,327
Weekly Tithing Period:	04/17-23/2023
Income Sources	
Weekly Collections: \$	3,703
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	
Online Giving: \$	2,692
Total: \$	6,395
Over /(Under) Goal: \$	(932)
Actual vs. Goal (%):	87.3%
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:	
<i>Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period</i>	
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 3/31/2023
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	75.0%
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023: \$	415,600
Actual Total Income for Period: \$	308,139
Budget Total Income for Period: \$	311,700
Over /(Under) Budget for Period: \$	(3,561)
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	98.9%
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period	
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 3/31/2023
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): \$	172,148 55.9%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): \$	5,936 1.9%
Online Giving: \$	115,950 37.6%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date): *	8,175 2.7%
Other: \$	5,930 1.9%
Total: \$	308,139 100.0%
* Pending Rebate Payment = \$4,190	



Online Giving

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