

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.*

Corinthians 12:5 & 27

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 23, 2023

*Matthew 11:25
Blessed are you, Father, Lord
of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon July 24

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue July 25

9am- Mass

Wed July 26

9am- Mass

Thu July 27

9am- Mass

Fri July 28- Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat July 29

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

Sun July 30

8am- Mass
11am- Mass
12pm- Rosary

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Kings 3:5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

PSALM 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Lord, I love your commands.

Romans 8:28-30

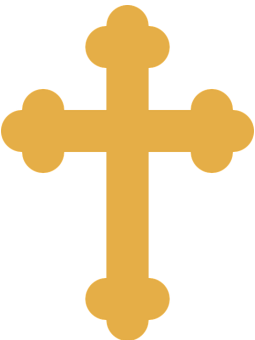
God predestined us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Matthew 13:44-52

He sells all that he has and buys the field.

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.



Vocations Cross

Sign up at the pedestal outside the sanctuary.

The Walsh Family will pray with the vocations cross this week.

Reflection

We who are adults know that the moral life is not as cut-and-dry as it is in this parable. None of us is fully good or fully evil; judging our hearts is much more complicated than separating us into “children of the kingdom” and “children of the evil one.” This is where God’s mercy comes in. God knows our hearts deeply and intimately. God knows all of our motivations and our struggles. Still, God is prepared to offer us the utmost generosity in judgment.

Adding Leaven to Our Prayer

A friend and I were discussing the problem of letting our faith remain in our heads rather than letting it settle into our hearts and lives. When we remain too much in our heads, grounded in the news of the day rather than the Word of God, for example, our faith can become reduced to a set of beliefs to which we respond with a yea or nay, rather than expanding into a relationship of complete trust built on a practice of prayer.

“But I don’t know how to pray anymore,” my friend said. Today’s second reading reminds us that we are not the first to struggle with this reality: “. . . we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.”

St. Paul’s description is so vivid. We can imagine the Spirit gently working to redirect our daily efforts to sidestep God’s will. With “inexpressible groanings,” the Spirit quietly accomplishes what Jesus describes in the Gospel: pulling away the weeds that threaten to devour us, nourishing the mustard seed of our faith, adding leaven to the yeast of our prayer.

Even if we do not know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will come to our aid if we are willing to trust in the movement of God in our lives and get out of our own way.

Mary DeTurrís Poust

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On the Way Home from Mass...

What happened to the mustard seed? What happens to bread when you add yeast? How is this like the Kingdom of heaven?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Jul 29/30)

| Mass | Music | Sacristan | Servers | Readers | EM | Hospitality |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sat 5 pm | Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome) | Leo Gallardo | Henry & Annalise Maes | Cheryl Chapman | Matt Williams Jerica Manaiois | Gallo Family |
| Sun 8 am | Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome) | John Hoppe | Joe & Rose Webb | Julie Kentch | John Hoppe Pam Webb | Need Volunteers |
| Sun 11 am | Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome) | Volunteer Needed | Nikylla & Nathan Marcelino | Josyln Childs | Elvira Taylor Mercy Acheson | Reynoso Family |

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Save the Date: Golf Tournament!

Archbishop's Golf Tournament is back! It will be Aug 10 at Moose Run. Sign up at aoaj.org/archbishops-golf-tournament Deadline to sign up is Aug 1!



Save the Date; Aug 25-27, 2023

Native Ministry Weekend Retreat at Holy Spirit Center, Anch, AK. The speakers are Sr. Kathy Radich, OSF and Mrs. Lala Hunt, Director of Native Ministry Training Program, Diocese of Fairbanks. Retreat is sponsored by Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau Catholic Native Ministry. Cost is \$75 for the whole weekend, includes retreat, food, and lodging. Please email Sister Frances, DC at fvista@aoaj.org or call 907-297-7777 to register. Space is limited! To reserve your spot for better planning, a non-refundable \$25 fee is required by Aug 8, 2023, which will go toward the total \$75 payment.

LET'S PLAN EVENTS FOR...

LATE SUMMER:

- TEENS (GRADES 6-12)
- YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-35)

SCHOOL YEAR:

- YOUTH MINISTRY (GRADES 6-12)
- ADULTS (AGES 18+)

If you are interested, contact Jerica:

- call/text at (907) 306-9363
- or email formation@holycrossalaska.net

Reminder

Register for Faith Formation and Sacrament Prep



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Faith Formation Classes start on August 20th

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaois: 230-9418
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- Livestream- John Roberts: 317-6808
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- Prayer Chain- Joan Gillis: 346-3147
- Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
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- Sacristan- Matthew Williams: 632-4252
- Snow Plowing- Looking for help!
- Youth/Young Adult- Jerica Manaois: 306-9363

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Financial Corner

| TITHING UPDATE | |
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| <i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i> | |
| Weekly Offertory Goal: | \$ 7,327 |
| Weekly Tithing Period: | 7/10-16/2023 |
| Income Sources | |
| Weekly Collections: | \$ 3,675 |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections: | \$ - |
| Online Giving: | \$ 2,947 |
| Total: | \$ 6,622 |
| Over /(Under) Goal: | \$ (705) |
| Actual vs. Goal (%): | 90.4% |
| Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY23 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period | |
| FY23 YTD Period: 7/1/2022 to 5/31/2023 | |
| FY23 YTD Complete (%): | 91.7% |
| Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023: | \$ 434,000 |
| Actual Total Income for Period: | \$ 401,140 |
| Budget Total Income for Period: | \$ 397,833 |
| Over /(Under) Budget for Period: | \$ 3,307 |
| Actual vs. Budget for Period (%): | 100.8% |
| Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY23 YTD Period | |
| FY23 YTD Period: 7/1/2022 to 5/31/2023 | |
| Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): | \$ 208,400 52.0% |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): | \$ 6,650 1.7% |
| Online Giving: | \$ 141,520 35.3% |
| 2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date): * | \$ 11,870 3.0% |
| Stole Fees: | \$ 6,985 1.7% |
| Investment Income: | \$ 10,305 2.6% |
| Fee Income: | \$ 7,065 1.8% |
| Other: | \$ 8,345 2.1% |
| Total: | \$ 401,140 100.0% |
| * Pending Rebate Payment = \$1,275 | |
| Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY23 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period | |
| FY23 YTD Period: 7/1/2022 to 5/31/2023 | |
| FY23 YTD Complete (%): | 91.7% |
| Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023: | \$ 434,000 |
| Actual Total Expenses for Period: | \$ 379,148 |
| Budget Total Expenses for Period: | \$ 397,833 |
| Over /(Under) Budget for Period: | \$ (18,685) |
| Actual vs. Budget for Period (%): | 95.3% |
| Actual "Total Net Income" for FY23 YTD Period | |
| FY23 YTD Period: 7/1/2022 to 5/31/2023 | |
| Actual Total Income for Period: | \$ 401,140 |
| Actual Total Expenses for Period: | \$ 379,148 |
| Actual Total Net Income for Period: | \$ 21,992 |
| Total Net Income "Over /(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%): | 5.8% |

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