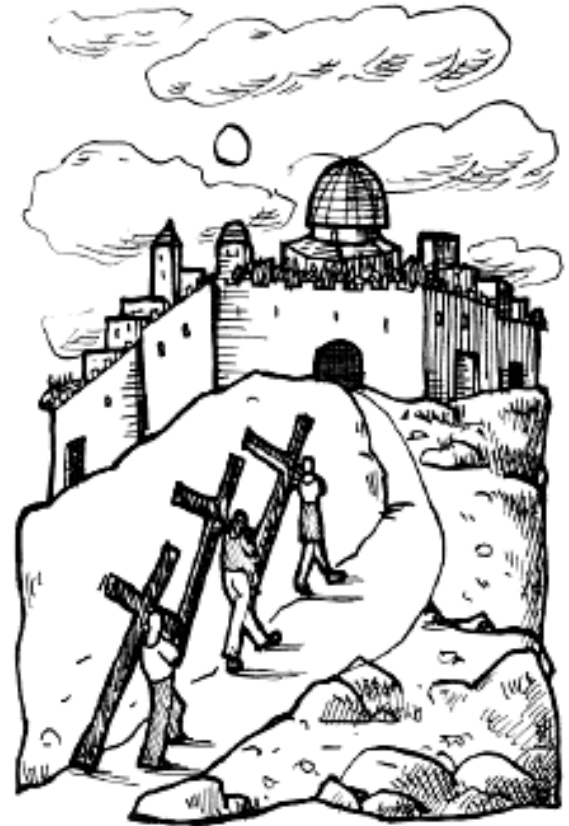


Holy Cross Catholic Church



*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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sep 3, 2023



*Ephesians 1:17-18
May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our
hearts, that we may know what is
the hope that belongs to our call.*

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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Sep 4- Office Closed! Happy Labor day!

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

Tue Sep 5

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

Wed Sep 6

9am- Mass

Thu Sep 7

9am- Mass

Fri Sep 8- Office Closed

9am- Communion Service

Sat Sep 9

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

Sun Sep 10

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

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, I will hold you responsible for his death.

PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfillment of the law.

Matthew 18:15-20

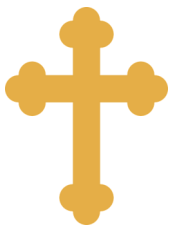
If your brother or sister listens to you, you have won them over.

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

9/3- 8am: People of the Parish

9/10- 8am: People of the Parish



Vocations Cross

We are looking for a family to pray with the vocations cross!

Reflection

The crosses we are called to take up often seem small in comparison to Christ's. But Christ walks with us even in our smallest sufferings. Even mundane moments of irritation and struggle can become moments in which we practice virtue. We can follow Christ by responding to these frustrations with patience, fortitude, and empathy for others who are involved.

God's Love Refracted

There's an aphorism repeated often in the writings of the medieval church: *per crucem ad lucem*, through the cross to the light.

God loves us passionately and wants to bring us joy and flourishing, but this doesn't preclude a cross. God's love is refracted through the cross, which often makes it hard to see or recognize. But if we are to learn to trust—to place the weight of our lives on the love of God—we can only learn this through the cross.

We come to know and trust God's love more deeply through our own crosses, the things that make us feel we cannot go on, the things that make us tired—the job loss, the break up, the sickness, the loneliness, the long struggle with sin, the estrangement from a friend, the disappointment, the deaths of those we love, our own death.

I wish there were some easier way, some way to learn to trust God that was paved with luxury and endless ease, but *per crucem ad lucem*: the way to the light runs smack dab through darkness—or more accurately, we discover the light speeding toward us in these very dark places.

And certainly the reality of the changeless love of God doesn't mean we always feel God's love or God's nearness. Often in seasons of suffering it feels like God is nowhere to be found.

God's love does not extinguish sorrow. Not yet, anyway. His love is steadfast but incalculable, gentle but untamable. It is not bound by our opinions. It shakes us yet sets us free. It slays us and also teaches us how to live. It is as troubling as it is comforting. It takes us as we are but insists on making us whole and vibrantly alive—and that process is long and painful. . . .

In the end, *per crucem ad lucem*, this pilgrimage to the light, does not run only through our own crosses, but through the cross of Jesus.

Tish Harrison Warren, *Prayer in the Night*

Tish Harrison Warren is a priest in the Anglican Church in North America. Her writing has appeared in Christianity Today, The Well, and elsewhere.

On the Way Home from Mass...

Do we ever act like Peter and stand as an obstacle for others on their journey to follow Jesus?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Sept 9/10)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Olivia & Sebastian Maglaqui	Ray Meliton	Matt Williams Julie Spradling	Maglaqui Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Joe & Rose Webb	Jason Hlasny	Mike Likar John Hoppe	Karin Hermansen Faith Roberts
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Maureen Retzel	Kaosi Morah Rowdy Reynoso	Michelangelo Canale	Mercy Acheson Elvira Taylor	Degenhardt Family

Save the Date: Deacon Bill and Diane Finnegan

We will be honoring Deacon Bill and Diane Finnegan for more than 30 years of service to our parish on Sep 24. At the end of the month we will bid them farewell as they retire to Arizona. Prayers, cards, memories and comments in the guest book are welcomed! Please no gifts, as they are downsizing.

Thank you Isty

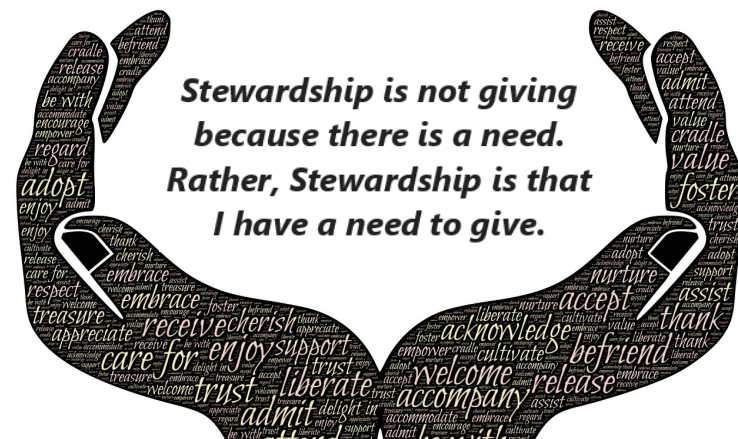
We would like to thank and recognize Isty Hlasny for her sharing her talents with our church on the finance council! Isty's support will be missed.

Faith Formation Classes

September 3: No Classes! Have an amazing Labor Day weekend.

New families, register at:
holycrossalaska.net/formation

Interested in becoming Catholic? OCIA will meet Tuesday evenings at 7pm starting Sep 12!



WE ARE LIKE A PENCIL!

A Pencil Maker, after finishing making a pencil and before he put it into the box to be shipped out into the world, told the pencil that if he wanted to be the BEST PENCIL you need to never forget these 5 things.



So, it is when God-Jesus made us and sent us out into the world he says that if you want to be the BEST PERSON we need to live by the same 5 things that the Pencil Maker said to the pencil.

~1~

You will be able to do many great things ONLY if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand. Put your life in the hands of God.

~2~

You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, to be a better pencil you will need to be sharpened. Our pains from time to time are needed, so we can be a better person. Struggles are great teachers in our life.

~3~

You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make. You have an eraser. God has given us the grace to be forgiven by saying to God, "I am sorry".

~4~

The most important part of you will always be what's inside, namely, the lead. What is in our hearts is what is most important to God.

~5~

On every surface on which you are used, you must leave your mark. If we live the above 4 points, we will make our mark and our marks will make a difference for the good of the world.

GRADES 6-12

YOUTH RETREAT.

OCTOBER 6-8

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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:		8/21-27/2023	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	4,622	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	3,311	
Total:	\$	7,933	
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	606	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		108.3%	
Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY23 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023		
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	100.0%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	434,000	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	474,258	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	434,000	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	40,258	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		109.3%	
Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY23 YTD Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	225,425	47.5%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	6,650	1.4%
Online Giving:	\$	152,780	32.2%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date): *	\$	11,870	2.5%
Stole Fees:	\$	7,086	1.5%
Investment Income:	\$	15,620	3.3%
Fee Income:	\$	7,340	1.5%
Employee Retention Credit:	\$	38,426	8.1%
Other:	\$	9,061	1.9%
Total:	\$	474,258	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 6/30/2023		
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	100.0%		
Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023:	\$	434,000	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	405,267	
Budget Total Expenses for Period:	\$	434,000	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(28,733)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		93.4%	
Actual "Total Net Income" for FY23 YTD Period			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023		
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	474,258	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	405,267	
Actual Total Net Income for Period:	\$	68,991	
Total Net Income "Over /(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%):		17.0%	

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