

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sep 10, 2023

*2 Corinthians 5:19
God was reconciling the world to
himself in Christ
and entrusting to us the message of
reconciliation.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Sep 11

9am- Mass
 1pm- Aspen Creek Service
 6pm- Finance Council Meeting
 6pm- Youth Retreat Meeting

Tue Sep 12

9am- Mass
 7pm- OCIA

Wed Sep 13

9am- Mass

Thu Sep 14

9am- Mass

Fri Sep 15- Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Sep 16

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

Sun Sep 17

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

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Sirach 27:30–28:7

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

PSALM 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Romans 14:7-9

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Matthew 18:21-35

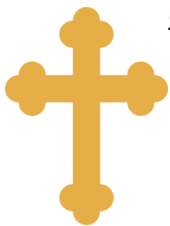
I say to you, forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

9/10- 8am: People of the Parish

9/17- 8am: People of the Parish



Vocations Cross

We are looking for families to pray with the vocations cross! Sign up just outside the sanctuary.

Reflection

This gospel implies the need not only for fraternal correction but also for forgiveness; when we inform another of the ways they have hurt us, we are meant to be truly reconciled with them rather than holding it over them or imagining ourselves morally superior. Jesus's instructions here are a recipe for letting go of grudges and moving on to fuller reconciliation.

"If Today You Hear God's Voice . . ."

That's a pretty big *IF* ! It raises the question: Where do we hear God's voice on any given "today"? We can start with creation—which some theologians call our "first scriptures." *IF* we take time to listen to creation, we might hear the Creator's voice. Where? Take your pick: the chirping of a robin in spring, the weeness of a newborn's fingernails, a whale with a heart as big as a cow, the life-generating mystery called photosynthesis, the newly discovered galaxy that is 13.4 billion light-years away.

We might detect God in the voice of a spouse, friend, or stranger, or in a child's "Please play with me." God may speak to us in the words of a song on the radio, in a news headline, in a Scripture passage we "chance upon," or in the Sacred Bread we are privileged to receive at every Mass. Or we might hear God's voice in the deep yearnings of our hearts for love, goodness, beauty, truth, justice, peace. God speaks in our joys as well as our sorrows.

IF we do hear God's voice, we must *harden not our hearts*. We must not succumb to a cynicism that says, "no better world is possible" or "our problems are too big, too complex to be dealt with" or "I am only one person." No, we respond to God's voice with hearts strong yet soft and tender—willing to bend, to reach out, and to dare to see something in a brand-new way.

How do we nourish such a heart? Psalm 95 tells us: by coming into God's presence every day in prayer.

Sr. Melannie Svoboda

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On the Way Home from Mass...

Have you ever told someone when they were doing something wrong? When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing we should do it with love.



Ministry Schedule for next week (Sept 16/17)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Pat Seidl	Wisdom Marquez Lamar Bases	Dave Alzheimer	Brent & Brenda Lannen	Bell Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Henry & Annalise Maes	Maureen Retzel	Mike Likar Pam Webb	Dora Castillo Jaeden Cabrera
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Volunteer Needed	Lora & JR Rivera	Megan Green	Teresa Mitchell Janina Chlebowski	Cindy Tutaan Julie Thomas

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. Please see the table in the fellowship hall to help us create a spiritual bouquet of prayers, cards, and memories, as well as sign the guest book. Please no gifts, as they are downsizing.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sep 17- Special Collection

This supports the Communications Collection (33% supports each organization: North Star Catholic Newspaper, Catholic Communications Campaign & Catholic University of America. Thank you for your support!

Faith Formation Classes

September 10:

Preschool-6 gr. in Family Session
Grades 7-12 in Classrooms

September 17

Grades 7-12 in Family Session
Preschool-6 gr. in Classrooms

New families, register at:
holycrossalaska.net/register

Interested in becoming Catholic? OCIA will meets Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

Congratulations!

Did you see the article in the North Star Catholic Newspaper? Fr. Pat recently celebrated his 30 year in the priesthood!

GRADES 6-12

YOUTH RETREAT.

OCTOBER 6-8

SAINT THERESE'S CAMP
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HOLYCROSSALASKA.NET/YOUTH-RETREAT

OR CONTACT JERICA FOR MORE INFO:
CALL/TEXT AT (907) 306-9363

CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER!

Grab an ornament from the tree in the Fellowship Hall to donate food and supplies for the Youth Retreat!

Donations are due on October 1st.

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 230-9418
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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- Jerica Manaos: 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:	8/28-9/3/2023		
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	4,776	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,702	
Total:	\$	7,478	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	151	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		102.1%	
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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