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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sep 17, 2023

John 13:34
I give you a new commandment,
says the Lord;
love one another
as I have loved you.

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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Sep 18

9am- Mass

1pm- Aspen Creek Service

6pm- Youth Retreat Meeting

Tue Sep 19

9am-Mass

7pm-OCIA

Wed Sep 20

9am- Mass

Thu Sep 21

9am- Mass

Fri Sep 22- Office Closed

9am-Mass

Sat Sep 23

10am-Sacristan Training

1pm- Legion of Mary

3-4pm-Confession

5pm- Mass

Sun Sep 24

8am- Mass

9:15am-Faith Formation

11am- Mass (Rosary to follow)

12pm- Fellowship and Farewells for Deacon Bill

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

PSALM 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

For me to live is Christ.

Matthew 20:1-16a

Are you envious because I am generous?

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

9/16- 5pm: People of the Parish 9/17-8am: ROS Richard Gains

9/17- 11am: ROS Joe Soukup & ROS Pianong Almario

9/18- 9am: ROS Gigi Guico 9/19- 9am: ROS Rachel Gottsten

Vocations Cross

Sign up just outside the sanctuary.

The Hiratsuka/ Kallman Family will pray with the vocations cross this week!

Reflection

Even Peter's question is flawed; forgiveness is rarely a discreet, countable act. Granting forgiveness is not always as simple as checking a box to accomplish time number thirteen of the seventy-seven allotted. It can be hard to know when we've "achieved" full forgiveness; old hurts sometimes come back unexpectedly, revealing that they were not as healed as we once thought. More often, it is an ongoing process, one of changing our hearts, embracing humility and compassion, and being willing to be generous with others as God is with us.

The One Great Imperative

As we age, we can progressively slim down our spiritual vocabulary. Ultimately, we need only to do one thing—forgive. Forgive those who have hurt us, forgive ourselves for our shortcomings, and forgive God for those times when life seemed unfair. We need to do this so we do not die angry and bitter—which in the end is the only spiritual imperative there is.

Jesus makes this clear. In today's Gospel, he tells us that if we do not forgive others, God *will not* forgive us. Why not? Isn't God all-merciful? Can't God forgive everything? The issue is not on God's side, but on ours.

John Shea once wrote that the heavenly banquet table is open to everyone who is willing to sit down with everyone. There's the catch! That's why it is so difficult for God to forgive us if we do not forgive others. Simply put, there cannot be segregated tables in heaven where we get to sit down only with those persons with whom we are on good terms. Bitterness and hatred may not carry over into heaven. To be in intimacy, joy, and celebration with everyone, we need to be reconciled with everyone. This is an intrinsic imperative, not something God can change.

A friend of mine likes to say, "I try to be on good terms with everyone, knowing that I will be spending eternity with them." Sound advice.

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, teaches at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, where he served as president for fifteen years. His books are popular throughout the English-speaking world, and his weekly column is carried by more than seventy newspapers worldwide.

On the Way Home from Mass...

How can we bring our experience of conflict to Jesus and ask him for help in our time of need?

Ministry Schedule for next week (Sept 23/24)									
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality			
Sat	Ryan Meliton	Matt Williams	Joseph Salao	Diedre Williams	Jess Manaois	Manaois			
5 pm	(walk-ins welcome)		Daniel Muldoon		Jessie Maglaqui	Family			
Sun	Ryan Meliton	John Hoppe	Joe & Rose Webb	Paul Clark	John Hoppe	Need			
8 am	(walk-ins welcome)				Marilyn Kerr	Volunteers			
Sun	Sheila Soukup	Volunteer Needed	Nikylla & Nathan	Joslyn Childs	Mercy Acheson	Leigh Rivera			
11 am	(walk-ins welcome)		Marcelino		Elvira Taylor	Mary Anne Green			



To the People of Holy Cross Parish FAREWELL



As the termination dust gets lower and lower on the mountains, Diane & I begin to plan for our trip South for the winter. In that sense, this year is no different from the 20+ years that we have been "snow birds", we will leave on September 30th. However, this time it IS different, since we will be leaving Alaska for good. We will not be flying back in the spring as snow birds, but will become permanent residents of Arizona.

It has been our pleasure to serve in this parish for the past 31 years. We arrived in Anchorage in June of 1992, being transferred from Memphis, TN, by Federal Express (FedEx) to fly as a Captain on the MD-11. I was assigned to Holy Cross in October of that year, as a Deacon to assist Fr. Ernie Muellerleile, the founding pastor of the parish. Mass was still being celebrated in the store front in the postal plaza. Soon after, we moved into the church here on Lore Road.

Together, Fr. Ernie, Sr. Joan Oberle, Diane & I, formed the first RCIA team and welcomed many new members into the parish community. We have served in the parish under numerous pastors & administrators: Fr. Ernie, Fr. Dan (multiple times), Fr. Ben, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Andrew, and many more, and now Fr. Pat. I have also served in the Tribunal at the pleasure of four archbishops: A/B Francis Hurley, A/B Emeritus Roger Schwietz, A/B Paul Etienne, and Archbishop Andrew Bellissario.

I was blessed to be able to assist at the altar, to preach the Word of God, to baptize many of your children, to witness many of your wedding vows, and, sadly, to assist at many funerals of your loved ones, including Fr. Ernie and Sr. Loretta. But now it is time to move on. Happily for you, Deacon Sandon and Sharlet are here to serve the diaconal needs of the parish as the latest Deacon Couple, as Fr. Ernie would always say. Hopefully more men and women from the parish will follow in their footsteps. Two couples are already in diaconate formation from the parish.

In Arizona, we will continue to be a part of our parish of All Saints in Mesa, and I will continue to function as a Judge in the Tribunal for the Diocese of Phoenix. Our daughter, Cindy, whom many of you have known over the years, will remain in Anchorage, in an assisted living home, near Our Lady of Guadalupe, where she is well established. She will be our ongoing link to Alaska, since we plan to spend time with her on a regular basis throughout the year. We hope to see many of you when we return on those visits.

And so it is with great sadness that we bid farewell to all the many friends that we have made here at Holy Cross over the years. We will keep you, the priests, the deacon couple(s), and all the staff in our prayers. May God continue to Bless Holy Cross Parish.



Farewell Celebration Sep 24

We will be honoring Deacon Bill and Diane Finnegan for more than 30 years of service to our parish on Sep 24. Join us for food, fellowship and fond farewells next weekend after the 11am Mass. 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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Faith Formation Classes

September 17:

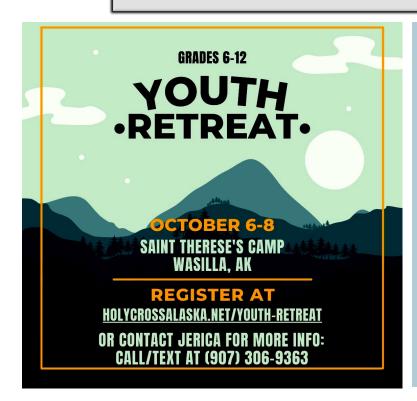
Grades 7-12 in Family Session Preschool-6 gr. in Classrooms

September 24:

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

New families, register at: holycrossalaska.net/register

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



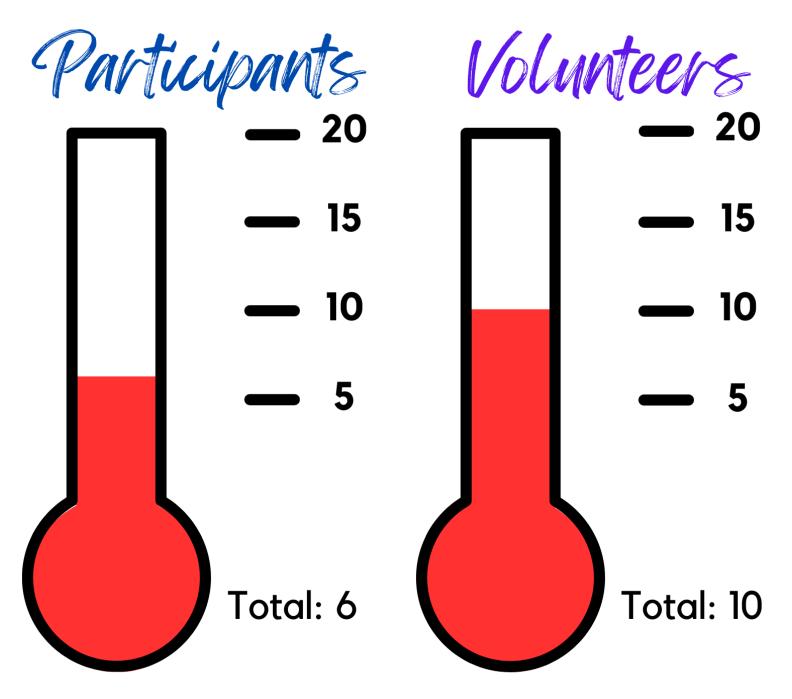
CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER!



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.

YOUTH RETREAT



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL! IF WE HAVE ENOUGH PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THE YOUTH RETREAT, THEN WE WILL NOT CANCEL THE EVENT.

We are not made to live like atoms, but together:

> —Pope Francis, World Communications Day, 2022

Merchant mariners, fishermen, port workers, and others working in the maritime industries have special pastoral needs to remain connected with their faith. For over a century, Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) has served merchant sailors around the world by providing sacraments and spiritual renewal through port chaplaincies, as well as hospitality, recreational opportunities, and communication with loved ones at home.

In 2013, Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America developed Stella Maris, the only smartphone app for Catholic merchant sailors. As technology and code systems advanced, the original app became obsolete. In 2022, AOS-USA, using a grant from the Catholic Communication Campaign, rebuilt the app to work on iOS and Android phones. The updated app keeps Catholic seafarers close to their faith by including a directory of AOS chaplains across the United States and around the world, daily prayers and reflections, a feature that allows sailors to submit their own prayer requests, news, and a cruise ship feature that lets cruise passengers know which ships have Catholic priests on board.

Your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign helps AOS-USA engage and build community among Catholic seafarers and their families.

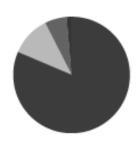


2021 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS: \$3,171,159

■ News & Information Services*	\$1,253,159	39.52%
Media Evangelization**	\$1,169,024	36.86%
■ Web-Based Communications Resources	\$327,400	10.32%
■ Preserving Church History	\$198,179	6.25%
■ Developing Nations	\$103,000	3.25%
Documentaries and Videos	\$75,000	2.37%
■ Building Media Capacity	\$45.397	1.43%

EXPENSES

Allocations-Internal Grants***	81.64%
Grants and Donations	11.12%
Promotion and Fundraising Expenses	5.94%
■ Program Costs	1.30%
Total Expenses	\$3,601,453



- * Includes funding to support Catholic News Services' coverage of Pope Francis and his global ministry to share the mercy of God.
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Half of the collected funds remain in your diocese to support local communications projects. The other half supports the collective communication work of the bishops of the United States as well as other national projects in the United States and around the world.

To learn more about the CCC and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.



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Red Mass

PRAY FOR
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The Red Mass will take place at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Anchorage, which is located at 3900 Wisconsin Street. The Red Mass is a designated day of prayer for judges, lawyers, and politicians. A reception will follow after the Mass.







SEPTEMBER 22ND & 23RD

FOR AGES 17 AND BELOW

NOVEMBER 3RD & 4TH

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RETREAT TAKES PLACE AT ST. THERESE'S CAMP 7180 TWIN LAKES DR, WASILLA, AK 99654



This retreat will include talks from local priests addressing their calls, living the priesthood, prayer, delicious food, Mass, Reconciliation, and fellowship. Any man interested in learning more about the priesthood is encouraged to attend. The Retreat is offering S45 scholarships to the first 25 people who register.



For more information, contact Fr. Arthur Roraff at (907) 694-2170 or frarthur@roraff.com. Register at stcak.com, or call or text Rudy at (907) 232-2066

HOLY CROSS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR August 2023

Month Ending (ME): Aug 2023 (4 wkends)

Offertory "Goal" for ME: \$31,576

Offertory "Actual" for ME: \$ 27,206 (86.2%)

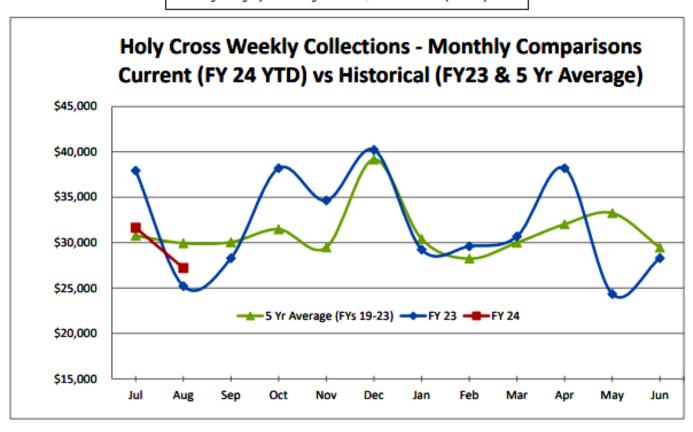
Basket @ Mass/Mail: \$ 15,160 (55.7%) Online Giving: \$ 11,394 (41.9%) Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 652 (2.4%)

Fiscal Year 2023 - Year to Date (YTD) July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Offertory "Goal" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 71,046 (Weekly Average: \$7,894)

Offertory "Actual" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 58,840 (82.8%) (Weekly Average: \$6,538)

Basket @ Mass/Mail \$ 34,201 (58.1%)
Online Giving: \$ 23,987 (40.8%)
Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 652 (1.1%)



Income Statement – Previous Year Comparison

	FY 24 Budget		FY 24: Jul – Aug Actual		FY	23: Jul – Aug Actual	Previous Year Change	
Total Income	\$	443,400	\$	71,604	\$	70,854	\$	750
Total Expense	\$	473,400	\$	62,328	\$	66,734	\$	(4,406)
Net Income (before depreciation)	\$	(30,000)	\$	9,276	\$	4,120	\$	5,156

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





Hunger Action Month

Every September, people all over the nation recognize Hunger Action Month, a time to take a stand against hunger in America. **This year the need is higher than ever, and St. Francis House Food Pantry is serving an average of 116 households each day.** By raising awareness about hunger, donating food, and supporting local food pantries like St. Francis House, you can help fight hunger and make sure that every person has access to the food they need.

Here Are 3 Ways You Can Help:

1. Make a Gift to St. Francis House Food Pantry

You can support our work and help us continue to feed hungry Alaskans by donating money or packaged food. To give online, visit **cssalaska.org/donate.** Food donations can be dropped off at 3710 E. 20th Ave, Monday-Thursday 1p.m. to 4p.m. and Fridays 9a.m. to 4p.m.

2. Host a Donation Drive

Host a donation drive at your workplace, church, or place of meeting! Contact Kelly at kmullin@cssalaska.org for details.

3. Spread the Word!

Help your friends and neighbors understand the importance of Hunger Action Month by sharing what YOU can do with a healthy meal:

- Go to cssalaska.org/HAM and print out the HAM can sticker. Fill in the blank to share what a healthy meal allows you to do each day to raise awareness around hunger in Anchorage.
- 2. Tape the sticker on a can of food and take a photo with it.
- Post the photo to Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #HungerActionMonth.
 Don't forget to tag Catholic Social Services! We're @CSSalaska on both Facebook and Instagram.





September is Hunger Action Month!

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For more information and to find out how you can help, go to cssalaska.org/ham.

Cooking with Crockpots!

Brother Francis Shelter Medical Respite guests have been working hard to grow produce in the garden and now they are enjoying the fruits of labor! Guests have been participating in cooking sessions to help prepare for their transition to housing. They are using fresh veggies from their garden to make dishes like Collard Greens!

Brother Francis Shelter would love to send a crockpot home with each guest when they move into housing! Please drop off crock pots at BFS at 12021 E 3rd Ave, 7 days a week 9am-6pm.



In-kind Needs

Brother Francis Shelter: Donations can be dropped off at 1021 E 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, 7 days a week 9am-6pm Crockpots of all sizes!

Small bottles of lotion

Soap

Towels

Toothbrushes

3rd Avenue Resource & Navigation Center: Donations can be dropped off at Donations can be dropped off at 3710 E 20th AVE, Anchorage Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.

Toothbrushes/toothpaste

Shampoo/body wash (large size)

Combs

Period products

Disposable razors

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

Altar Servers- Jerica Manaois: 230-9418

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Blessed Sacrament Monastery-Sandon Broek: 947-9168

Clare House- Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852
Faith Formation- Jerica Manaois: 306-9363
Church Maintenance- Mike Likar: 529-9015
Eucharistic Ministers- John Hoppe: 350-7580

Finance- Greg Magee: 575-3197

Parish Nurse Program- Deb Seidl: 301-4180

Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133

Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127

Lawn & Garden-Julie Spralding: 636-399-0892

Legion of Mary- Mercy Acheson: 223-4822

Library- Maureen Retzel: 441-0460

Liturgical Ministries Coordinator- Julie Thomas: 538-1109

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 Manaois: 306-9363

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Financial Corner

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How did we do last week in meeting our weekly of	fer	tory goal?	
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	7,894	
Weekly Tithing Period:	9	/4-10/2023	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	5,076	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,588	
Total:	\$	7,664	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	(230)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		97.1%	
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Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Da	ıte	(YTD) Perio	d
FY24 YTD Period:	7/	1/2023 to 8/31	/2023
FY24 YTD Complete (%):		16.7%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2024:	\$	443,400	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	71,604	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	73,900	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(2,296)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		96.9%	
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Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 Y	TD	Period	
FY24 YTD Period:	7/	1/2023 to 8/31	/2023
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	34,201	47.8
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	652	0.9
Online Giving:	\$	23,987	33.5
2023 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date):	\$	-	0.0
Stole Fees:	\$	1,115	1.6
In-Kind Donation (Fr Pat's excess salary contribution of 1 yr):	\$	7,943	11.1
Investment Income:	\$	744	1.0
Fee Income:	\$	1,695	2.4
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Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period							
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FY24 YTD Complete (%):	16.7%						
Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2024:	\$ 473,400						
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$ 62,328						
Budget Total Expenses for Period:	\$ 78,900						
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$ (16,572)						
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	79.0%						
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Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period							
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 8/31/2023						

FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 8/31/2
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$ 71,604
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$ 62,328
Actual Total Net Income for Period:	\$ 9,276
Total Net Income "Over / (Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%): 14.9%	

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