

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sep 24, 2023

*Acts 16:14b
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of
your Son.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Sep 25

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Sep 26

9am- Mass
7pm- OCIA

Wed Sep 27

9am- Mass

Thu Sep 28

9am- Mass

Fri Sep 29- Office Closed

9am- Mass
6pm- Drinking with the Saints

Sat Sep 30

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

Sun Oct 1

8am- Mass
9:15am-Faith Formation
11am- Mass (Rosary to follow)

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 18:25-28

By turning from wickedness, a wicked person shall preserve his life.

PSALM 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Philippians 2:1-11

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21:28-32

He changed his mind and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of heaven before you.

Mass Intentions

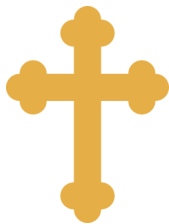
Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

9/23- 5pm: People of the Parish

Vocations Cross

Sign up just outside the sanctuary.

The Webb Family will pray with the vocations cross this week!



Reflection

In many ways, it is fair and just that the world does not operate the divine logic demonstrated in the gospel. Employers should *not* work like the landowner in this parable. A job that paid the same amount for an evening of labor as for a backbreaking dawn-to-dusk day would be what we call a toxic workplace. But the kingdom of heaven does not work like earth; the generosity that awaits us there is beyond our wildest dreams.

He Calls Us Friends

[The landowner] paid them all the same!

Of course, the first ones hired protested. This was impossible; had they not worked ten times as much?

According to human practice, justice did not seem to have been done. . . .

It was, but in a different way. With one word, Jesus changed the whole scene in today's story. The landowner does not treat his workers as servants, not even as sisters or brothers. The landowner addresses them in another way; he calls them *friends*.

We are accustomed to calling one another sisters and brothers in Jesus' name. In Jesus' name, didn't he tell us that we all have one Father, our Father in heaven? And aren't we all formed from the same Mother: God's earth? Aren't we descendants from the same ancestors: Adam and Eve?

Yet Jesus hardly ever calls us brother or sister, only once, maybe twice. He called us, very explicitly, *friends*.

You can have a brother and not be his friend; you can have a sister and not love her at all. To be blood related is no guarantee of love or respect. The Bible is full of that type of relationship: Abel and Cain, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers.

It was not for nothing that Peter had to ask, "How often do I forgive my *brother*?"

He calls us friends!

Of course, he is our brother, but what is nicer than having your brother as a friend or being the friend of your sister?

It is that relationship that changes all, even today's story. *What a friend we have in Jesus!*

As for the rest, aren't we all like workers who started at the very last hour?

Fr. Joseph G. Donders, *Praying and Preaching the Sunday Gospel*
Joseph G. Donders (d. 2013) was a member of the Missionaries of Africa and professor of mission studies at Washington Theological Union.

On the Way Home from Mass...

Why do you think the owner of the vineyard gave the workers who arrived late in the day the same pay as those who arrived early in the day? What does this tell us about God's generosity?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Sept 30/Oct 1)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Leo Gallardo	Wisdom Marquez Adelina Dizon	Ted Walker	Julie Spradling Ninia Dizon	Gallo Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Henry & Annalise Maes	Jason Hlasny Maureen Retzel	Mike Likar Marilyn Kerr	Clara and Rosa Hoppe
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Volunteer Needed	Lora Rivera Lilly Vogt	Mary Anne Green	Janina Chlebowski Elvira Taylor	Theresa Mitchell Kaira Brooks

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.

Deacon Bill & Diane

Prayer for Ministers

Heavenly Father,
 since the time of the Apostles
 you have inspired the Church
 to commission certain members
 to assist in a special way
 in the pastoral mission of Christ.
 Bless all our ministers
 that they may be humble
 and faith-inspired in their service.
 We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.

We need sacristans! Any one can do it!
Contact Matt Williams to learn more!
632-4252

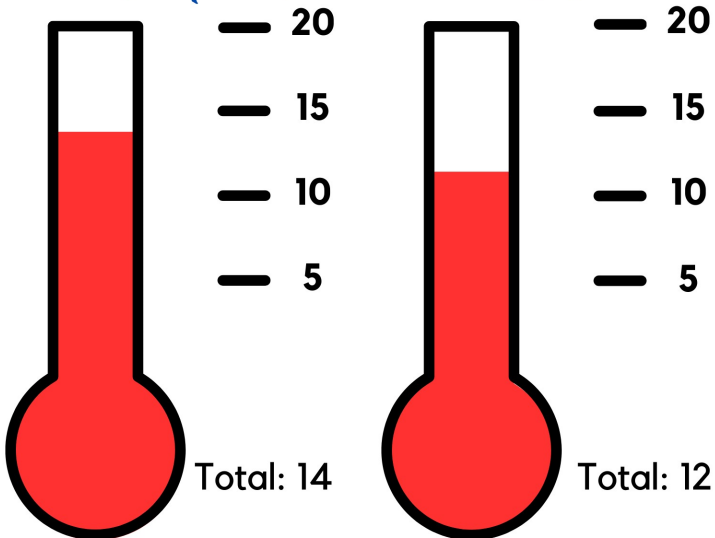
“May every ministry be based
 on this intimacy with the Lord;
 living from him is the measure
 of our ecclesial service
 which is expressed in
 the readiness to obey,
 to humble ourselves,
 as we heard in the Letter
 to the Philippians (2:6-11),
 and for the total gift of self.”
 -Pope Francis, 5/23/2013



YOUTH RETREAT

Participants

Volunteers



WE ARE ALMOST THERE! IF WE HAVE
 ENOUGH PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS
 FOR THE YOUTH RETREAT, THEN WE WILL
 NOT CANCEL THE EVENT.



World Mission Sunday 2023

October 22nd



Next weekend we will have the WORLD MISSION SUNDAY collection. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Faith Formation Classes

October 1:

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

October 8:

Preschool-6 gr. In Family Session
 Grades 7-12 at Youth Retreat

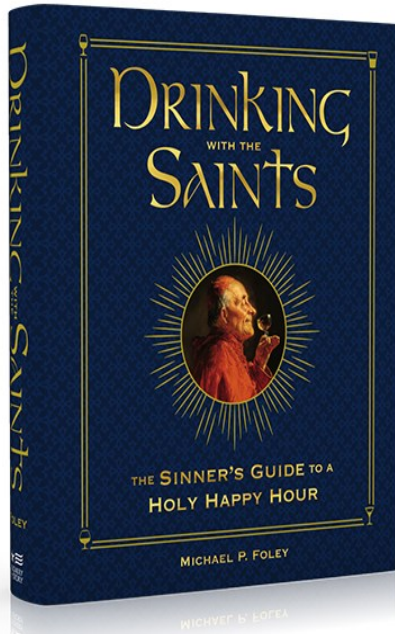
New families, register at:
holycrossalaska.net/register

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



Drinking with the Saints: Fri Sep 29, 6pm

Enjoy learning about inspiring saints, a bit of history, fellowship, food and drinks! This is a potluck-style event, so come with something to share and be prepared to enjoy good company! This month's event will be held at Sheila's house. Reach out to Jerica to get the address! It you can enjoy it as a holy happy hour and/ or come for community building. Here is a snip about the book this event was inspired by:



A LITURGICALLY CORRECT COCKTAIL RECIPE

A Concoction Both Sinner and Saint Will Savor



1 part Bartender's Guide

1 part Lives of the Saints

Shake Well

Garnish with Good Cheer

Raise Your Spirits and Toast the Saints!

Recipe for a liturgically correct cocktail: mix Bartender's Guide and Lives of the Saints, shake well, garnish with good cheer. Drinking with the Saints is a concoction that both sinner and saint will savor.

Michael Foley offers the faithful witty and imaginative instruction on the appropriate libations for the seasons, feasts, and saints' days of the Church year.

“DRINKING WITH THE SAINTS BECOMES AN OCCASION (IF NOT AN EXCUSE) TO SLOW ONE’S PACE, SAVOR A DRINK, AND SLIP NOT INTO INEBRIATION BUT A RELAXED LOOK AT THE SAINTS.”

**—FATHER MITCH PACWA, S.J.,
host of EWTN Live**

Red Mass

IN ANCHORAGE

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.

White Mass

IN ANCHORAGE

The White Mass will take place at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Anchorage, which is located at 3900 Wisconsin Street. The White Mass is a designated day of prayer for health care workers. A reception will follow after the Mass.



Priesthood Discernment **RETREAT**

NOVEMBER 3RD & 4TH

18 YEARS AND OLDER



COST \$65



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 \$45 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



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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:

1. 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.
3. Post the photo to Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #HungerActionMonth. Don't forget to tag Catholic Social Services! We're [@CSSalaska](https://www.facebook.com/CSSalaska) on both Facebook and Instagram.

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 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:	\$	7,894	
Weekly Tithing Period:		9/11-17/2023	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	3,397	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,611	
Total:	\$	6,008	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	(1,886)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		76.1%	
<i>Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</i>			
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%	
<i>Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 YTD Period</i>			
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%
Other:	\$	1,267	1.8%
Total:	\$	71,604	100.0%
<i>Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</i>			
FY24 YTD Period:		7/1/2023 to 8/31/2023	
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%	
<i>Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period</i>			
FY24 YTD Period:		7/1/2023 to 8/31/2023	
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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