

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct 1, 2023

*John 10:27
My sheep hear my voice,
says the Lord;
I know them, and they
follow me.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Oct 2

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

Tue Oct 3

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

Wed Oct 4

9am- Mass

Thu Oct 5

9am- Mass

Fri Oct 6- Office Closed

9am- Mass
 5:30pm- Youth Retreat Meet at Church

Sat Oct 7

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

Sun Oct 8

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.

10/1- 8am: People of the Parish

10/1- 11am: ROS Gertrude Halloran

Vocations Cross

Sign up just outside the sanctuary.

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

Reflection

In the gospel, neither brother acts with complete honesty or integrity; it would be nice if there were a son who obeyed his father in both word and deed. Perhaps this is pointing to the fact that none of us is perfect, that all of us are in need of God's generous mercy. We don't always think of ourselves as being needy before God; we would like to believe we have merited the good things God gives us. But this gospel challenges us to remember to receive them all as gifts given freely.

Blessedly Backward Logic

As children we complained, "That's not fair!" Exasperated adults likely retorted, "Life's not fair!" Jesus gives this earthly cliché an eternal twist: heaven will also be unfair by human standards. Those who have sinned seriously and publicly can enter the kingdom first. But rather than stomping our feet like jealous children, we can find great hope in this promise of abundant mercy.

Jesus confronts the chief priests and elders—the honored holy ones—with a pointed parable about sin and second chances. It's striking that Jesus uses a family to prove his point; many of his parables draw from landowners and servants, which could make the same case. Instead, he tells of a father and his two sons, reminding us we have at times acted like both of them. Jesus underscores the power of changing our minds, turning from sin to God: the transformation of conversion. This surrender will open the door to the kingdom.

Those with the most to lose (in wealth, power, or privilege) often find it hardest to imagine that the last could be first. Yet such is the blessedly backward logic of God's love. This promise extends the nudge we need to turn our initial no into a yes, to overcome our internal protests—even our temper tantrums at the feet of God.

We are all given the same command, to go out and work in the vineyard. It's never too late to change our minds and turn back.

God's ways are not our ways. Thank God for that.

Laura Kelly Fanucci

Laura Kelly Fanucci is a writer, speaker, and founder of Mothering Spirit, an online gathering place on parenting and spirituality. She is author of Everyday Sacramento, Grieving Together, and To Bless Our Callings.

On the Way Home from Mass...

Do you think actions speak louder than words? Why?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Oct 7/8)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Olivia Maglaqui Joseph Salao	Cheryl Chapman Diedre Williams	Julie Spradling Matt Williams	Maglaqui Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Need Volunteers	Kristin Rehmann	Pam Webb Marilyn Kerr	Karin Hermansen Dora Castillo
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Volunteer Needed	Need Volunteers	Megan Green	Mercy Acheson Teresa Mitchell	Mary Ann Green Leigh Rivera

Faith Formation Classes

October 8:
 Grades 7-12 at Youth Retreat
 Preschool-6 gr. in Family Session

October 15:
 Preschool-6 gr. in Classroom
 Grades 7-12 in Family Session

New families, register at:
holycrossalaska.net/register

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

 **World Mission Sunday 2023**
 October 22nd

Were not our hearts burning within us?
Luke 24:17-32



 26M
 18,141
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BE THE SPARK THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES. GIVE NOW.

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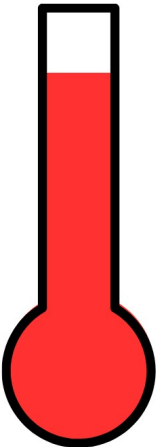
This weekend the second collection is for WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please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



YOUTH RETREAT

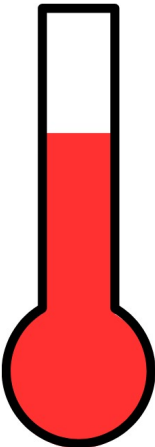
Participants

Volunteers



— 20
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Total: 15



— 20
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Total: 12

WE ARE ALMOST THERE! IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER OR VOLUNTEER.

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.

 ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

St. Francis of Assisi's

PET BLESSING

Sunday Oct 8 at 1:30pm

Pets of all kinds welcome (on a leach or in a carrier). Humans need not be Catholic to attend!



SAVE THE DATE! Oct 28 10am

Post-Covid: The New Normal and Taking Care of Yourself Talk

by Rev. Beverly R. Bateman, MSN, RN, BCMMHHC

Our wonderful Parish Nurses have arranged to have a speaker come here to Holy Cross and give a talk about the new normal post-covid and taking care of yourself. This is a free event with light refreshments. Please come! Bring a friend! Rev. Beverly Bateman will be giving the talk and is truly a wealth of information. Fall is in the air! Start this new season with her expertise in mind. You won't want to miss it!

Beverly Bateman is a registered nurse for over 30 years, and an ordained elder and pastor for over 10 years. Her education and experience cover a broad view of whole-person wellness. Her formal education includes a Master of Nursing with a specialty in Nursing Informatics. Bev was blessed to arrive in Alaska to serve as the Program Coordinator for the Alaska Faith Community Nurse Resource Center at Providence Alaska Medical Center. Now utilizing her training as a Faith Community Nurse Coordinator and Educator, she is striving to support and grow the Alaska network of faith community nurses and health ministers.

Bev is married to Keith, also an ordained elder who has pastored for over 30 years. They have five children in their blended family with nine grandchildren to enjoy. Sophie, their six-year-old Papillon, keeps them from experiencing a truly empty nest!



Pray for the Synod

Pope Francis has called together the first session of the Synod on Synodality during the month of October. Throughout the month, the Synod will focus on three main themes: Communion, Participation, and Mission. These three dimensions are profoundly interrelated. They are the vital pillars of a Synodal Church. All the faithful are asked to pray for Pope Francis and the Synod delegates from around the world as they discuss, discern and shape the Church's understanding of these important topics.

Synod Prayer

O God,
who care for your people with gentleness
and rule them with love
hear our prayers this day.
Watch over the members of the Synod
and endow them with a spirit of wisdom
that your people may be led to know your truth
and grow in holiness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen





Priesthood Discernment **RETREAT**



ARCHDIOCESE OF
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NOVEMBER 3RD & 4TH

18 YEARS AND OLDER



COST \$65



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. A \$45-scholarships are being offered 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



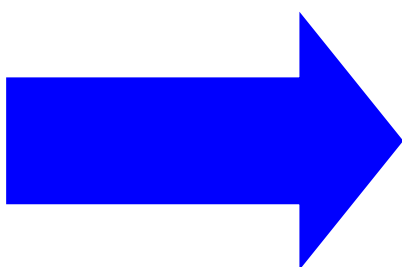
RETREAT TAKES PLACE AT ST. THERESE'S CAMP
7180 TWIN LAKES DR, WASILLA, AK 99654

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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KINGDOM
 BELIEVE
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 CHANGED
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 RIGHTEOUSNESS
 JOHN
 VINEYARD
 ELDERS
 MINDS
 FIRST

**Happening
 THIS
 WEEKEND!!**



**ST. THERESE'S
 CHILI
 COOK-OFF**

Sunday, October 1st
 3:30pm-6:30pm

Activities:

- Mass
- Chili cook off (winner gets a campership)
- Picnic
- Camp activities

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 230-9418
 Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
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 Faith Formation- Jerica Manaos: 306-9363
 Church Maintenance- Mike Likar: 529-9015
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 Parish Nurse Program- Deb Seidl: 301-4180
 Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
 Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127
 Lawn & Garden- Julie Spralting: 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 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:		9/18-24/2023	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	3,715	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,398	
Total:	\$	6,113	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	(1,781)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		77.4%	
Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period			
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%	
Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 YTD 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%
Other:	\$	1,267	1.8%
Total:	\$	71,604	100.0%
Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period			
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%	
Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period			
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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