

# 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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct 8, 2023

*John 15:16*

*I have chosen you from the  
world, says the Lord,  
to go and bear fruit that will  
remain.*



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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon Oct 9

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

### Tue Oct 10

9am- Mass  
7pm- OCIA

### Wed Oct 11

9am- Mass

### Thu Oct 12

9am- Mass

### Fri Oct 13- Office Closed

9am- Mass

### Sat Oct 14

1pm- Legion of Mary  
3-4pm-Confession  
5pm- Mass *followed by Sr. Joan Library Blessing!*

### Sun Oct 15

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

### Mass Readings for Next Sunday

#### Isaiah 25:6-10a

*The Lord will prepare a feast and wipe away the tears from every face.*

#### PSALM 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

*I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

#### Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

*I can do all things in him who strengthens me.*

#### Matthew 22:1-14

*Invite to the wedding feast whomever you find.*

### Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

10/7- 5pm: ROS Benigna Kionisala  
10/8- 8am: ROS Encarnacion Quyanca  
10/8- 11am: ROS Pedro Jagualing  
10/9- 9am: People of the Parish  
10/10- 9am: ROS Margaret Mich  
10/11- 9am: Holy Soul in Purgatory

### Vocations Cross

Sign up just outside the sanctuary.

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

## Reflection

This is a parable where it can be hard to identify strongly with any characters. Were it not for Jesus's direct second-person "the kingdom of God will be taken away from you," we might not know what we are supposed to take from it. But yes, even we are prone to rejection of God's messengers and even God's Son. But, God never stops trying to reach us, determined to make us partners in bringing forth life.

### The New Wine of Mercy

[My brothers and sisters,] God's disappointment at the wicked behavior of [humankind] is not the last word! This is the great novelty of Christianity: a God who, even though disappointed by our mistakes and our sins, does not fail to keep his Word, does not give up and, most of all, does not seek vengeance!

... God loves, he does not avenge himself. He waits for us, to forgive us, to embrace us. Through the "rejected stones"—and Christ is the first stone that the builders rejected—through situations of weakness and sin, God continues to circulate "the new wine" of his vineyard, namely mercy. This is the new wine of the Lord's vineyard: mercy. There is only one obstacle to the tenacious and tender will of God: our arrogance and our conceit, which at times also becomes violence! Faced with these attitudes where no fruit is produced, the Word of God retains all its power to reprimand and reproach: "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it."

The urgency of replying with good fruits to the call of the Lord, who asks us to become his vineyard, helps us understand what is new and original about the Christian faith. It is not so much the sum of precepts and moral norms, but rather it is first and foremost a proposal of love which God makes through Jesus and continues to make with [humankind]. It is an invitation to enter into this love story, by becoming a lively and open vine, rich in fruits and hope for everyone.

Pope Francis, *Angelus*, October 8, 2017

*Jorge Mario Bergoglio, SJ, was elected pope in 2013. Pope Francis has proclaimed a Gospel of joy and peace, of care for the poor and for the earth, "our common home."*

### On the Way Home from Mass...

A tenant *is one* who works the land *but* does not own it. How can we be a good tenant in the vineyard this week?



### Ministry Schedule for next week (Oct 14/15)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Pat Seidl	Wisdom Marquez Lamar Bases	Dave Alzheimer	Brent Lannen Pat Seidl	<b>Need Volunteer</b> Matt Williams
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Henry Maes	Paul Clark Jason Hlasny	Mike Likar John Hoppe	Matthew Walsh Jaeden Cabrera
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Maureen Retzel	Lora and JR Rivera	Michelangelo Canale	Janina Chlebowski Elvira Taylor	Richard Degenhardt Mikel Dimatulac

## Faith Formation Classes

October 15:

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

October 22:

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

***Starting on October 15th, Faith Formation will begin at 9 am and end at 10:45 am.***

*New families, register at:  
[holycrossalaska.net/register](http://holycrossalaska.net/register)*

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



## Library Blessing

Next Sat Oct 14 following the 5pm Mass there will be a library blessing honoring Sr. Joan!



## What happens when we see Christ in others?

Seeing Christ in Others helps us focus on our responsibility as people of faith to help those in the broader Archdiocese.

GIVE SECURELY ONLINE

[aoaj.org/appeal](http://aoaj.org/appeal)



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**Our 6-week  
United in Mission  
Campaign has officially  
begun! Our goal is to raise**

**\$39,477**

**Already, we have the  
support of**

**48 parishioners**

**generously donate**

**\$19,802!**

**THANK YOU!**

## St. Francis of Assisi's

### *Blessing of Pets*



**THIS Sunday Oct 8 at 1:30pm**

Pets of all kinds welcome  
(on a leash or in a carrier).

Fresh floral arrangements greatly enhance our Liturgical Services. We are so blessed to have had many parishioners support the church by generously donating to our "Flower Fund". But we are in need of more financial support in this area. Bouquets/ Arrangements are delivered weekly and each delivery cost \$75. Pray and see if this is an area God is calling you to give in. You can sign up on the board just outside the sanctuary. You can give on-line or bring in money and send it through the offering basket but please make sure to label your gift as a floral donation.



It's that time of the year again when our local Catholic Daughters of the America's are offering (3) Camperships to St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla for the 2024 summer session; for students currently in 5th, 6th and 7th grade. A 250-300 word essay written or typed on "Who is your favorite Saint and why? What virtues did they possess that inspire you"? Applications and more information are available at your Parish or Catholic School office or can be emailed to you by contacting [kewhitney14@gmail.com](mailto:kewhitney14@gmail.com). You can also call Kerry at 907-230-4726. Application and essay must be entirely completed and postmarked no later than January 3, 2024 and sent to:

**CDA Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 243953  
Anchorage, Alaska 99524-3953**

or emailed directly to  
[kewhitney14@gmail.com](mailto:kewhitney14@gmail.com)

**Please encourage your youth to participate!**

**We are looking for a coordinator for the Snow Plowing ministry. Contact Father Pat if you are interested to learn more.**



**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



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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](mailto:frarthur@roraff.com). Register at [stcak.com](http://stcak.com), or call or text Rudy at (907) 232-2066



RETREAT TAKES PLACE AT ST. THERESE'S CAMP  
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# Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FRUIT  
TRANSPLANTED  
RESIST  
PARABLE  
HONORABLE  
CIRCLE  
SEIZED  
TENANTS  
STONED  
PHILIPPIANS  
PRODUCE  
INHERITANCE



You raised \$35,000 to feed our neighbors!

Your support, coupled with a generous match provided by the Gottstein Foundation, will provide food to thousands of families over the coming months.

Together, we...

- Collected 2,249 pounds of food for St. Francis House Food Pantry
- Hosted food drives across the community- a special thank you to St. Andrew's Catholic Church, St. Patrick's Parish, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Lumen Christi High School, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for helping to fill the shelves with food at St. Francis House!
- Spread awareness on food insecurity in Anchorage.
- And so much more!

## In-kind Needs for CSS Programs

**Brother Francis Shelter:** Donations can be dropped off at 1021 E 3rd Avenue, 7 days a week 9am-6pm

- Crockpots of all sizes!
- Small bottles of lotion
- Soap
- Towels
- Toothbrushes

**3rd Ave Resource & Navigation Ctr:** Donations can be dropped off at 3710 E 20th Ave, Mon-Fri from 9am-4pm.

- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Shampoo/body wash (large size)
- Combs
- Period products
- Disposable razors

## PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 230-9418
- Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624
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- 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:	9/25-10/1/2023		
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	4,553	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,717	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,270</b>	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	(624)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):	92.1%		
<b>Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</b>			
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%		
<b>Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 YTD Period</b>			
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%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>71,604</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</b>			
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%		
<b>Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period</b>			
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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