## **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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct 15, 2023

Ephesians 1:17-18
May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our
hearts, so that we may know
what is the hope that belongs to
our call.

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Mass Times Mon-Fri 9am | Sat 5pm | Sun 8am & 11am | Reconciliation Sat 3-4pm or by appt

#### This Week at Holy Cross

#### Mon Oct 16

9am- Mass

1pm- Aspen Creek Service

6:30pm- Liturgical committee Meeting

Tue Oct 17

9am- Mass

7pm-OCIA

Wed Oct 18

9am- Mass

Thu Oct 19

9am- Mass

Fri Oct 20- Office Closed

9am-Mass

Sat Oct 21

1pm- Legion of Mary

3-4pm-Confession

5pm- Mass

Sun Oct 22

8am- Mass

9:15am-Faith Formation

11am- Mass (Rosary to follow)

#### **Mass Readings for Next Sunday**

#### Exodus 22:20-26

If you wrong the widow and the orphan, my wrath will flare up against you.

PSALM 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

#### Thessalonians 1:5c-10

You turned from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven.

#### Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

10/14- 5pm: ROS Lilia Pepaso 10/15- 8am: People of the Parish 10/15- 11am: ROS Luisito Reyes

#### **Vocations Cross**

Sign up just outside the sanctuary.

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

#### Reflection

Many of us hesitate to ask God for too much; we strive to pray for the "right" things so that we will not be too disappointed if our desires aren't met. But God already knows all our needs and all our desires and all our thoughts; bringing them to prayer is a way of growing our knowledge of God, not God's knowledge of us. Our readiness before God is unchangeable and indisputable fact; our acknowledgment of it is simply a way to grow in humility.

#### **Clothed in Christ**

I, God your Father, the eternal Trinity, in my infinite eternal providence, saw to it that humankind was reclothed when you had lost the garment of innocence and were stripped of all virtue and perishing from hunger and dying from the cold in this life of pilgrimage. You were subjected to every sort of misery. . . . But I, supreme providence, saw to [your need]. Constrained not by any justice or virtue of yours but by my own goodness, I clothed you anew in the person of this gentle loving Word, my only-begotten Son. He, by stripping himself of life, clothed you anew in innocence and grace [cf. Gal 3:27]. . . .

My providence provides for this . . . with the gentleness of holy baptism. Thus have you been clothed anew. I made you warm again when my only-begotten Son revealed to you through his pierced body the fire of my charity hidden under the ashes of your humanity. And would this not warm the frozen human heart? . . .

My providence has given you food to strengthen you while you are pilgrim travelers in this life. And I have so weakened your enemies that no one but you yourself can harm you. The road is cemented with the blood of my Truth so that you may reach the end for which I created you.

And what food is this? It is the body and blood of Christ crucified, wholly God, wholly human, the food of angels and the food of life.

St. Catherine of Siena, The Dialogue Catherine of Siena (1347–1380) was a mystic and Dominican tertiary who counseled and challenged popes and rulers. She is known for her many spiritual writings and is a Doctor of the Church.

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

Jesus preaches often about the kingdom of God and what life will be like there. Today's Gospel image of the kingdom is a wedding feast. How do you imagine the kingdom of God? What is it like?



	Ministry Schedule for next week (Oct 21/22)										
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality					
Sat	Ryan Meliton	Manaois Family	Daniel Muldoon	Dave Alzheimer	Thomas Bases	Bell					
5 pm	(walk-ins welcome)		Sebastian Maglaqui	Ted Walker	Duane Roering	Family					
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Joe and Rose Webb	Maureen Retzel	John Hoppe Pam Webb	Karin Hermansen Clara Hoppe Rosa Hoppe					
Sun	Sheila Soukup	Volunteer	Kaosi Morah	Mary Anne Green	Mercy Acheson	Cindy Tutaan					
11 am	(walk-ins welcome)	Needed	William Higgins		Teresa Mitchell	Teresa Cortes					



# SAVE THE DATE! Sat Oct 28 10am Post-Covid: The New Normal and Taking Care of Yourself Talk

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

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!



Alaska Faith Community Nurse Resource Center



Additionally, our parish nurses have been busy equipping the church with a Project Gabe Box which has tools and resources to use in the event of an opioid overdose / misuse emergency.

Start collecting medications you wish to bring in for TAKE BACK DRUG DAY on Oct 28-29!



#### **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

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





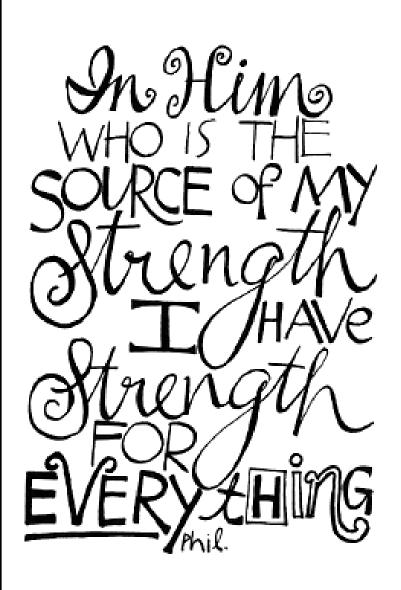
It's that time of the year again when our local Catholic Daughters of the America's are offering (3)
Camperships to St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla for the 2024 summer session; for students currently in 5th, 6th and 7th grade. A 250-300 word essay written or typed on "Who is your favorite Saint and why? 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. 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:

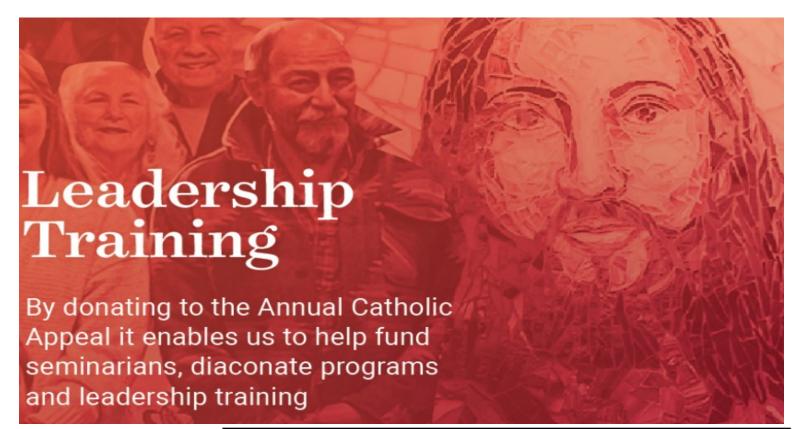
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or emailed directly to

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Please encourage your youth to participate!





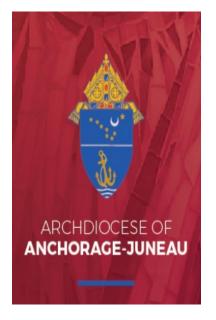
\$39,478 Diocesan Goal +\$14,000 Parish Goal

\$53,478 Total

# Thank you to everyone who has donated!

Prayerfully consider giving to the appeal. <a href="https://aoaj.org/">https://aoaj.org/</a>

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#### 2023 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report As of September 26, 2023

Diocesan Goal for Holy Cross	\$ 39,478	
Parish (Rebate) Goal for Holy Cross*	\$ 14,000	
Diocesan Goal + Parish Goal for Holy Cross	\$ 53,478	
Total Pledged	\$ 19,802	50.2% of Diocesan Goal
		0.0% of Parish Goal
Number of Pledges	48	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal	\$ (19,676)	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal	\$ (37,676)	
Total Pledged Paid	\$ 17,315	
Total Pledged Unpaid	\$ 2,487	
Total Rebate for Holy Cross **	\$ -	

- \* The Parish Goal is the Rebate Goal, which the Finance Council set as \$14,000 in the FY24 Budget.
  This goal amount is added the Diocesan Goal. The Diocesan Goal needs to met first before Parish
  Goal starts.
- \*\* The rebate amount is the paid portion of the "Total Pledged Over Goal" amount. Since the rebate is not taxed by the Archdiocese, unlike income from weekly collections and online giving, the rebate is paid in full at 100% to Holy Cross. That is why It's Important to meet the \$14,000 goal. A 100% return!

#### DONATIONS FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL APPEAL ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED.

HOW TO MAKE AN ANNUAL APPEAL DONATION

There are 2 ways to make a donation. 1) Go to Archdiocese website: <a href="www.aoai.org/appeal">www.aoai.org/appeal</a>
to make a secured donation online or 2) Place your donation (check or cash) in an United in
Mission envelope. These envelopes are available at Holy Cross in the pews and foyer. Please
submit your envelope to Fr Pat or Fr Dan. If paying by check, please make the check payable
to the Archdiocese of Anchorage/Juneau. Also, please indicate when making your donation
online or by envelope that you are a parishioner from Holy Cross.

Thank you for donating and sharing your treasure to the 2023 United in Mission Annual Appeal.

#### 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



#### **Seeking Snow Plowing Coordinator**

Contact Father Pat if you are interested to learn more.









### Seeking Fresh Floral Arrangement Donations

We are so blessed to have so many parishioners generously donate to our "Flower Fund". You can

sign up on the board just outside the sanctuary, give on-line or place your labeled floral donation in the offering basket.
Arrangements are delivered weekly and cost \$75.



#### HOLY CROSS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR September 2023

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

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

Offertory "Actual" for ME: \$ 28,570 (90.5%)

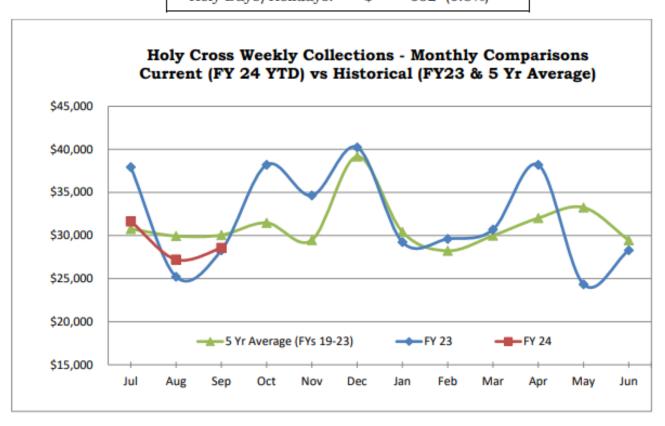
Basket @ Mass/Mail: \$ 16,956 (59.4%)
Online Giving: \$ 11,614 (40.6%)
Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 0 (0.0%)

#### Fiscal Year 2023 - Year to Date (YTD) July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023

Offertory "Goal" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 102,622 (Weekly Average: \$7,894)

Offertory "Actual" for Fiscal YTD: \$87,411 (85.2%) (Weekly Average: \$6,724)

Basket @ Mass/Mail \$ 51,158 (58.5%) Online Giving: \$ 35,601 (40.7%) Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 652 (0.8%)



#### Income Statement – Previous Year Comparison

	FY 24 Budget		FY 24: Jul – Sep Actual		FY 23: Jul – Sep Actual		Previous Year Change	
Total Income	\$	443,400	\$	100,317	\$	101,250	\$	(933)
Total Expense	\$	473,400	\$	96,811	\$	95,774	\$	1,037
Net Income (before depreciation)	\$	(30,000)	\$	3,506	\$	5,476	\$	(1,970)

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



Boys and young men-come spend 24 hours at St. Therese's Camp to consider the priesthood.

Come and See gives men the opportunity to hear from our own Alaskan priests about the great adventure of the priesthood. This retreat will include talks from local priests addressing their calls, living the priesthood, prayer, delicious food, Mass, Reconciliation, and fellowship.

Dates:

18+ year olds: November 3-4, 2023

Retreats begin at 5:30PM Friday and conclude at 1PM Saturday.

Cost: \$65. \$45 scholarships (final price \$20) available for limited registrants. Register soon to get the scholarship rate!

Register at www.stcak.com

Contact Fr. Arthur Roraff (907 694 2170, <a href="mailto:frarthur@roraff.com">frarthur@roraff.com</a>) or Rudy Poglitsh (907) 232 2066, <a href="mailto:campdirector@stthereseak.com">campdirector@stthereseak.com</a>) with questions.

Come and See if the Lord is calling you to be a priest.



#### 28 Sunday in Ordinary Time

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#### Thank you from Deacon Bill and Diane Finnegan

Diane and I would like to thank the staff and the people of Holy Cross parish for the joyful sendoff for us on September 24th and the beautiful Funeral Mass and reception for our daughter Cindy on September 28th. Both "celebrations" meant a lot to us.

The kind words that Fr. Pat said about me at the end of the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday, the 24th, were greatly appreciated. The food was plentiful, as Fr. Dan had promised. It was wonderful to see so many people there to bid us farewell. We also appreciated all the well wishes in the book, the cards and the amazing spiritual bouquets from so many of you - offering Masses, Praying the Rosary or the Chaplet, Novenas, Visiting the Blessed Sacrament, Acts of Penance, Fasting - very meaningful gestures on our behalf. It is so very heartwarming. We are saddened to be leaving Holy Cross, and so grateful for the time we had serving in the parish and getting to know so many wonderful, caring people. We will miss you all.

Even sadder, the very next day, our daughter Cindy died at the age of 56. Cindy, whom many of you know from her often attending Mass at Holy Cross, was born with cerebral palsy and was mentally challenged, but was a delight to be around. Her health began to fail this summer. We had prayed often for her during the Universal Prayers at Mass. At

the Mass for her on Thursday, September 28th, Fr. Dan's homily for Cindy was so moving. He knew her so well and had anointed her in the hospital before she died. The Mass was a true celebration of the life of an "angel", who had never sinned, as Fr. Dan described her. Once again the support of the of the people of Holy Cross at the time of sorrow was greatly appreciated by all our family.

We would especially like to thank Chelsea, Jerica, and Marilyn Kerr, for all the arrangements they made for the reception that followed the Funeral Mass. We are sure that many others assisted, and we thank them as well. It was a lovely reception.

Again, we are doubly saddened to be leaving the parish and Alaska, but will return and visit you all soon. I continue to be assigned at All Saints parish in Mesa, AZ. If you are ever in the area on vacation, please stop by and visit. We look forward to seeing you all

again. Thank you all for your love and support over the years.

Please keep us in your prayers, as we will continue to pray for all of you.





Since April, nearly 500 individuals have come to Alaska from around the world as refugees. Can you help us keep everyone warm this winter with the gift of a gently used coat?

Join us with your coats of all sizes at the Welcome Center at 4135 San Roberto Ave in Anchorage on Oct 20 from 11am-4pm to deliver your coats.

So far RAIS has been able to collect winter gear for 75 of our newest neighbors, our goal is to make sure that we have coats, hats, and boots for 424 more!

#### **Catholic Social Services Client Art Show**

We invite you to come celebrate works of art submitted by guests of CSS Shelter programs, Fri, Oct 27, 4-8pm!

Join us to be a part of the conversation on art, self-expression, and connection with our neighbors. The event is free to attend at Akela Space located at 5th Ave Mall at #132F, 320 W 6th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501. The show will also be available for viewing Oct 24- 29, 12-5pm (except for Fri Oct 27 the show will start at 4pm).



#### **In-kind Needs for CSS Programs**

St. Francis House Food Pantry: drop off donations at 3710 E 20th Ave, Mon-Thur, 1-4pm & Fri, 9am-4pm. Please drop items off at the grey double doors on the north side of the building.

- ♦ Toilet Paper
- ♦ Size 5&6 Diapers

Brother Francis Shelter: drop off donations at 1021 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 7 days/week 9am-6pm

- ♦ Books
- ♦ Coats
- Boots

Clare House: drop off donations at 4110 Spenard Rd, 7 days a week from 10am-6pm

- Size 5&6 diapers
- ♦ 4T-5T Pull Ups
- ♦ Conditioner



Stewardship Fair Next Weekend in the sanctuary following Mass. There are so many ways to help and all are welcome!



**Altar Servers** 



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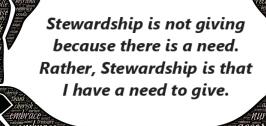
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**Music Ministry** 



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Altar Servers- Jerica Manaois: 230-9418

Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624

Baked Goods & Funerals- Looking for help!

Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-9168

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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**

TITHING UPDATE		
How did we do last week in meeting our weekly of	ffertory goal?	
Weekly Offertory Goal:	: \$ 7,894	
Weekly Tithing Period:	10/2-8/2023	
Income Sources		
Weekly Collections:	: \$ 4,715	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	:\$ -	
Online Giving:	: \$ 3,036	
Total:	: \$ 7,751	
Over /(Under) Goal:	: \$ (143)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):	98.2%	
Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Da	ate (YTD) Period	
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 9/30/	2023
FY24 YTD Complete (%):	25.0%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2024:	\$ 443,400	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$ 100,317	
Budget Total Income for Period:	: \$ 110,850	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	: \$ (10,533)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	90.5%	
Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 Y	TD Period	
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 9/30/	2023
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$ 51,158	51.0%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	: \$ 652	0.6%
Online Giving:	: \$ 35,601	35.5%
2023 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date):	: \$ -	0.0%
Stole Fees:	: \$ 1,335	1.3%
In-Kind Donations:	: \$ 11,915	11.9%
	ć /r. cool	-5.6%
Investment Income:	: \$ (5,629)	
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#### Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period

FY24 YTD Period: 7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023
FY24 YTD Complete (%): 25.0%

Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023: \$ 473,400

Actual Total Expenses for Period: \$ 96,811

Budget Total Expenses for Period: \$ 118,350

Over /(Under) Budget for Period: \$ (21,539)

Actual vs. Budget for Period (%): 81.8%

Total: \$

100,317 100.0%

#### Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period

Total Net Income "Over / (Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%):

FY24 YTD Period: 7/1/2023 to 9/30/2023

Actual Total Income for Period: \$ 100,317

Actual Total Expenses for Period: \$ 96,811

Actual Total Net Income for Period: \$ 3,506

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