

# 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

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Nov 12, 2023

*Matthew 24:42a, 44  
Stay awake and be ready!  
For you do not know on what  
day your Lord will come.*



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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon Nov 13

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

### Tue Nov 14

9am- Mass  
6:30pm- Knights of Columbus  
7pm- OCIA

### Wed Nov 15

9am- Mass

### Thu Nov 16

9am- Mass

### Fri Nov 17- Office Closed

9am- Mass

### Sat Nov 18

10:30am- Sacristan Training  
11am- Altar Server Training  
1pm- Legion of Mary  
1pm- Hospitality Training  
3-4pm-Confession  
5pm- Mass

### Sun Nov 19

8am- Mass  
9:00am-Faith Formation  
11am- Mass (Rosary to follow)  
12pm- Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

### Mass Readings for Next Sunday

#### Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

*She works with loving hands.*

#### PSALM 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

#### Thessalonians 5:1-6

*Let the day of the Lord not overtake you like a thief.*

#### Matthew 25:14-30

*Since you were faithful in small matters, come, share your master's joy.*

### Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

11/12- 8am: People of the Parish

11/19- 8am: People of the Parish

### Vocations Cross

Sign up on the pedestal outside the sanctuary.

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

## Reflection

These eschatological November readings are fitting for the month Catholics dedicate to remembrance of the dead. Even as we grieve our losses, this week offers us a reminder to live in hope, not just for ourselves but for all our departed loved ones.

### No Scarcity with God

Ironically enough, the “wise” bridesmaids in Jesus’s parable distrust the sufficiency, generosity, and love of the bridegroom as much as the “foolish” bridesmaids do. Operating on the basis of scarcity and fear, they refuse to share their oil. Smug in their own preparedness and “wisdom,” they forget all about mercy, empathy, kinship, and hospitality. They forget that the point of a wedding celebration is *celebration*. Gathering. Communing. Joining. Sharing. It doesn’t occur to them that their stinginess has consequences. That it sends their five companions stumbling into the midnight darkness. That it diminishes the wedding, depriving the bridal couple and their remaining guests of five lively, caring companions.

I’m not sure what it will take for us Christians to live fully into the abundance of God. But it’s clear that our assumptions about scarcity are killing us. We’re so afraid of emptiness, we idolize excess. We’re so worried about opening our doors too wide, we shut them tight. We’re so obsessed with our own rightness before God, we forget that “rightness” divorced from love is always wrong. We live in dread that there won’t be enough to spare. Enough grace. Enough freedom. Enough forgiveness. Enough mercy. Somehow, we would rather shove people into the night than give up the illusion of our own brightness.

What would it be like to stop? What would it be like to care more about the emptiness in our neighbor’s flask than the brimming fullness of our own?

Debie Thomas, *Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories*  
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### On the Way Home from Mass...

What do you think Jesus meant when he talked about keeping our light burning? How can we make sure we are ready to meet him when he comes?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Nov 18/19)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Pat Seidl	Joseph Salao Daniel Muldoon	Ray Meliton	Brent Lannen Brenda Lannen	Bell Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Joe and Rose Webb	Kristin Rehmann	Mike Likar Pam Webb	Garroutte Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Maureen Retzel	Lora and JR Rivera	Megan Green	Mercy Acheson Janina Chlebowski	Theresa Mitchell Teresa Cortes

## Faith Formation Classes

November 19:

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

November 26:

No classes.  
Have a great Thanksgiving!

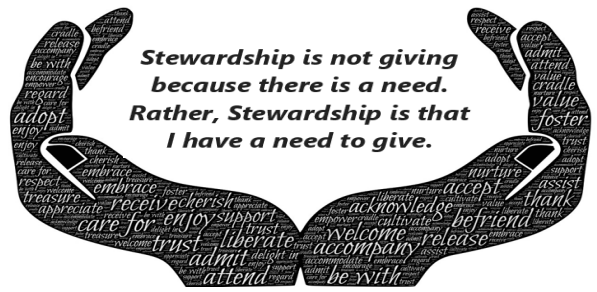


**Faith Formation runs from 9-10:45am.**

**Registration is on-going at: [holycrossalaska.net/register](https://holycrossalaska.net/register)**

**Confirmation Forms are due Nov 19.**

**Interested in becoming Catholic? Learn more at an OCIA meeting happening on Tue evenings at 7pm.**



**Stewardship is not giving because there is a need. Rather, Stewardship is that I have a need to give.**

## Ministry Trainings

Please Check "This Week At Holy Cross" on the second page of the bulletin for Ministry Trainings that are scheduled this upcoming week or you can contact the ministry coordinator for your ministry on the back page of the bulletin.



**Knights of Columbus®**

- Knights of Columbus meeting is Nov 14 at 6:30pm. (Please note that this is our new meeting time.) This month we are having the meeting on the second Tuesday, but usually it is on the **first** Tuesday.
- There will be a Pancake Breakfast on Nov 19 after the 11:00 Mass.
- We will have an Exemplification Ceremony to accept new Knights into our ranks on Nov 19 at 12:30 PM in the church. (This will be after the rosary is completed.)



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic Congress**

The AOAJ has a limited number of passes available to attend the National Eucharistic Congress. See Fr. Pat if your are interested in and check out the website for details.

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule>

**When:** July 17-21, 2024

**Where:** Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana

**Who:** Laypeople (all ages), Clergy, & Religious

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Journey with the Saints this November  
See the **Biography** section for their amazing stories of faith and courage...

\* For a look and a book,  
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[www.HelpOurMarriage.org](https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

**Holy Spirit Center**

Seeking Vendors/Artist

Friday  
December  
15, 2023

6pm to 9pm



**Merry Christmas  
Holiday Arts and  
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- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 230-9418
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- Baked Goods & Funerals- Looking for help!
- Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
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- Faith Formation- Jerica Manaos: 306-9363
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- 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 Spralading: 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:	10/30-11/5/2023		
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	5,275	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	1,042	
Online Giving:	\$	3,672	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,989</b>	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	2,095	
Actual vs. Goal (%):	126.5%		
<b>Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</b>			
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%		
<b>Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 YTD Period</b>			
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%
Investment Income:	\$	(5,629)	-5.6%
Fee Income:	\$	3,457	3.4%
Other:	\$	1,828	1.8%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>100,317</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 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%		
<b>Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period</b>			
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	
Total Net Income "Over/(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%):	3.6%		

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