

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Nov 19, 2023

*John 15:4a, 5b
Remain in me as I remain in
you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me
bears much fruit.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Nov 20

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service
6:30pm- Liturgical Committee Meeting

Tue Nov 21

9am- Mass
7pm- OCIA

Wed Nov 22

9am- Mass

Thu Nov 23- Happy Thanksgiving- Office Closed

10am- Mass

Fri Nov 24- Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Nov 25

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

Sun Nov 26

8am- Mass
No Faith Formation
11am- Mass (Rosary to follow)

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

As for you, my flock, I will judge between one sheep and another.

PSALM 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Christ will hand over the kingdom to his God and Father so that God may be all in all.

Matthew 25:31-46

The Son of Man will sit upon his glorious throne and he will separate them one from another.

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

11/19- 8am: People of the Parish

11/26- 8am: People of the Parish

Vocations Cross

Sign up on the pedestal outside the sanctuary.

The **Salao** Family will pray with the vocations cross this week!

Reflection

Whatever our life circumstances, there are countless opportunities every day to make right or wrong choices. This can seem overwhelming and demanding: why would God ask so much of us? But it can also be seen as an opportunity, one provided by God's endless mercy. We have countless opportunities to do wrong, but we also have boundless chances to correct course, to try again, to participate anew in God's work of making us, holy and whole.

Ready to Risk and to Do

In this parable Jesus has used some tension-arousing material that is quite unusual for him. The stuff he uses in this story is neither religious nor moral. Jesus puts his hearers in a world in which affairs are harsh and predatory. Anyone who doesn't go for broke cannot last.

What a claim underlies this parable! Jesus is talking about God's plan for the world, the new thing that God wants to create in the midst of the old society. In short: he is speaking of the reign of God. This new world of God, says Jesus, will not succeed by cowardice, with people who are immovable, who constantly want to make themselves secure, who would rather delay than act. This new society of God will only succeed with people who are ready to risk, who will wager everything on the turn of a card, who go all out and who, with utter determination, will be "doers."

So in his parables Jesus can say that the reign of God comes as pure grace, as if "by itself" (recall the parable of the seed growing by itself [Mark 4:26-29]). But he can also say that its coming demands utter commitment. Is that a contradiction? Not necessarily. But it is a paradox. Evidently both those things have to be said if one is to speak appropriately about the reign of God.

Gerhard Lohfink, adapted from *The Forty Parables of Jesus*

Gerhard Lohfink was professor of New Testament exegesis at the University of Tübingen. His many books include The Our Father and The Most Important Words of Jesus.

On the Way Home from Mass...

What happens if we do not use our gifts?
What happens when we do use our gifts? To whom do these talents belong?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Nov 25/26)

| Mass | Music | Sacristan | Servers | Readers | EM | Hospitality |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sat 5 pm | Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome) | Leo Gallardo | Wisdom Marquez Lamar Bases | Ted Walker Dave Alzheimer | Jess Manaois Thomas Bases | Susan Gallardo Matt Williams |
| Sun 8 am | Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome) | Mike Webb | Henry Maes | Maureen Retzel | John Hoppe Marilyn Kerr | Dora Castillo Clara and Rosa Hoppe |
| Sun 11 am | Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome) | Volunteer Needed | Kaosi Morah William Higgins | Michelangelo Canale | Teresa Mitchell Elvira Taylor | Mary Ann Green Leigh Rivera |

Faith Formation Classes

November 26:

No classes.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

December 3:

Grades 7-12 in Classroom

Preschool-6 gr. in Family Session



Faith Formation runs from 9-10:45am.

Registration is on-going at: 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.



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

Saints for All @ your Parish Library!



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

* For a look and a book,
stop by the Library before or after Mass

 [HelpOurMarriage.org](https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)
RETRouvaille
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Pronounced re*tro*vi', is a faith-based program designed to help all marriages, the union of

one man and one woman, regardless of faith or creed, rediscover the love and trust that brought them together. Retrouvaille can help couples learn new tools for healthy communication, intimacy, and personal growth. For confidential information or to register for the next Retrouvaille of Alaska program, beginning with a weekend experience on Jan 21, 2024, call 907-863-8000; email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org; or visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.org



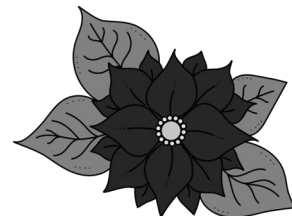
Knights of Columbus®

- There will be a Pancake Breakfast on THIS Sunday after the 11:00 Mass.
- We will have an Exemplification Ceremony to accept new Knights into our ranks also this Sunday at 12:30pm in the church. (This will be after the rosary is completed.)



Poinsettia Season!

Poinsettia coupons from Bell's Nursery are available for \$10 each. They will be for sell following the Masses. The proceeds will help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. After purchasing your coupon visit the Bell's store to choose your plants.



Parish Directory

If you would like to be in our parish directory please submit a picture with name/s by Sun Dec 10. Let us know any corrections or changes to our current directory. Thank you for your interest in getting to know our Holy Cross Community. Email the office at office@holycrossalaska.net with your photo and information!



With Gratitude!

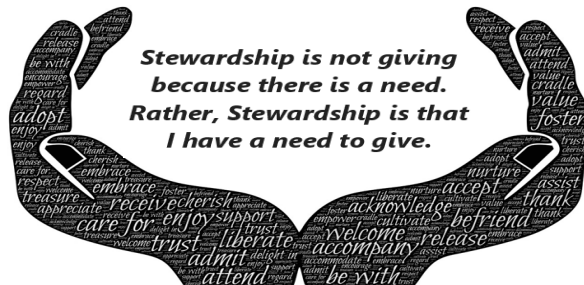
Thank you to the parishioner for the anonymous donation to the choir!

Childrens Christmas Choir

We would like to have a Childrens Choir for Christmas Eve. If you are interested please sign up on the clipboard in the hall. We would have about four evening rehearsals. If you have questions call Sheila Soukup at 250-6234.



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



PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 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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- 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
- Youth/Young Adult- Jerica Manaos: 306-9363

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Financial Corner

| TITHING UPDATE | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal? | | | |
| Weekly Offertory Goal: | \$ | 7,894 | |
| Weekly Tithing Period: | | 11/16-12/2023 | |
| Income Sources | | | |
| Weekly Collections: | \$ | 3,033 | |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections: | \$ | - | |
| Online Giving: | \$ | 2,011 | |
| Total: | \$ | 5,044 | |
| Over/(Under) Goal: | \$ | (2,850) | |
| Actual vs. Goal (%): | | 63.9% | |
| Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period | | | |
| FY24 YTD Period: | 7/1/2023 to 10/31/2023 | | |
| FY24 YTD Complete (%): | 33.3% | | |
| Annual Budget Total Income FY 2024: | \$ | 443,400 | |
| Actual Total Income for Period: | \$ | 138,181 | |
| Budget Total Income for Period: | \$ | 147,800 | |
| Over/(Under) Budget for Period: | \$ | (9,619) | |
| Actual vs. Budget for Period (%): | | 93.5% | |
| Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 YTD Period | | | |
| FY24 YTD Period: | 7/1/2023 to 10/31/2023 | | |
| Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): | \$ | 73,298 | 53.0% |
| Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): | \$ | 652 | 0.5% |
| Online Giving: | \$ | 48,150 | 34.8% |
| 2023 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date): | \$ | - | 0.0% |
| Stole Fees: | \$ | 2,595 | 1.9% |
| In-Kind Donations: | \$ | 15,887 | 11.5% |
| Investment Income: | \$ | (9,676) | -7.0% |
| Fee Income: | \$ | 4,317 | 3.1% |
| Other: | \$ | 2,958 | 2.1% |
| Total: | \$ | 138,181 | 100.0% |
| Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period | | | |
| FY24 YTD Period: | 7/1/2023 to 10/31/2023 | | |
| FY24 YTD Complete (%): | 33.3% | | |
| Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023: | \$ | 473,400 | |
| Actual Total Expenses for Period: | \$ | 131,354 | |
| Budget Total Expenses for Period: | \$ | 157,800 | |
| Over/(Under) Budget for Period: | \$ | (26,446) | |
| Actual vs. Budget for Period (%): | | 83.2% | |
| Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period | | | |
| FY24 YTD Period: | 7/1/2023 to 10/31/2023 | | |
| Actual Total Income for Period: | \$ | 138,181 | |
| Actual Total Expenses for Period: | \$ | 131,354 | |
| Actual Total Net Income for Period: | \$ | 6,827 | |
| Total Net Income "Over/(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%): | | 5.2% | |

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