

# 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

## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Nov 26, 2023

*Mark 11:9, 10*

*Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord!*

*Blessed is the kingdom of our  
father David that is to come!*



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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon Nov 27

9am- Mass  
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

### Tue Nov 28

9am- Mass  
7pm-OCIA

### Wed Nov 29

9am- Mass  
6pm- Lector Training

### Thu Nov 30

9am- Mass

### Fri Dec 1- Office Closed

9am- Mass

### Sat Dec 2

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

### Sun Dec 3

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

### Mass Readings for Next Sunday

**Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7**

*Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down!*

**PSALM 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

**Corinthians 1:3-9**

*We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Mark 13:33-37**

*Be watchful! You do not know when the lord of the house is coming.*

### Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

*11/26- 8am: People of the Parish*

*12/2- 5pm: ROS Loraine Lopez*

*12/3- 8am: People of the Parish*

### Vocations Cross

We are looking for more families to volunteer to pray with the vocations cross. Sign up outside the sanctuary.

## Reflection

Even when we know better, we often seek to exert power over those with whom we have been placed in relationship. This can be especially true of the children in our lives, who we often seek to control. But they, too, can bear Christ to us, and as “least ones” in our midst give us an opportunity to enact compassion and justice toward our very King.

### Not Called to Be the GOAT

Jesus doles out some tough love in today’s Gospel, which echoes the equally tough love offered by the prophet Ezekiel. Don’t get me wrong, Christ the King coming to lead his sheep into the eternal kingdom is both a powerful and comforting message. But then the other shoe drops: Am I a sheep or a goat? Because as it turns out, according to Scripture, the goats are not going to fare so well. We can “baaaaaa” all we want, but at the end of the day if we have not lived up to the challenges God has put before us—caring for those who are hungry and naked and sick, loving God first—we will “go off to eternal punishment.” Our world these days is too often about being a GOAT (Greatest of All Time), but Jesus turns that idea on its head. We are not called to be the GOAT among family or coworkers or neighbors, flaunting our success and power to the envy of all. No, we are called to be like the lost sheep, pulled back from the perilous edge of a rocky crag by the Master’s voice. Jesus does not ask us to perform feats of strength or earn piles of money or rise to the highest level of our profession to earn his love. He asks us to let go of the need for all of that and turn back to him with all the tenderness and love we can muster, to follow where he leads.

Mary DeTurrís Poust

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

Who are the “least among us” and why should we show them kindness?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Dec 2/3)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Olivia & Sebastian Maglaqui	Diedre Williams Cheryl Chapman	TBD	Maglaqui Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Joe and Rose Webb	Jason Hlasny	TBD	Karin Hermansen Henry Maes
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Nikylla & Nathan Marcelino	Mary Anne Green	TBD	Landicho Family

## Faith Formation Classes

December 3:

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

December 10:

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

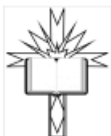


**Faith Formation runs from 9-10:45am.**

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

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

## 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

**CHRISTMAS  
GIVING TREE**

Donations accepted from:  
Nov. 25 to Dec. 17

Please help us donate  
items for Clare House.

You can find the items that are  
needed on the tree.

## Advent

Reconciliation Service: TBD

4th Sunday of Advent Mass Times

Sat 12/23 at 5pm & Sun 12/24 at 10am

Christmas Eve Mass Times

Sun 12/24 at 5pm and Midnight

Christmas Day Mass Times

Mon 12/25 at 8am and 11am



## Attention Eucharistic Ministers!

Eucharistic Ministry training will be 4pm on  
December 9!

## Warmth for the Poor

Casen Kallman, who is  
preparing for Confirmation, is  
asking for donations of socks  
and gloves for the homeless.

They will be distributed by  
Urban Hearts in their Christmas  
bags. A blue bin is in the  
Fellowship Hall for collection. Please bring  
them by December 10th. Thank you for  
your generosity.



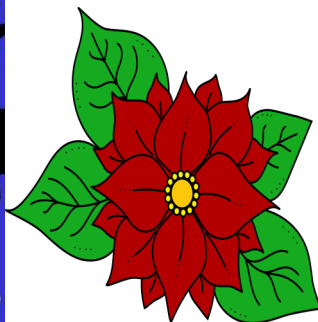
## Childrens Christmas Choir

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.



## 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](mailto:office@holycrossalaska.net) with your  
photo and information!



## PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 230-9418
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- Baked Goods & Funerals- Looking for help!
- Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Clare House- Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852
- Faith Formation- Jerica Manaos: 306-9363
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- 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			
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i>			
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	7,894	
Weekly Tithing Period:	11/13-19/2023		
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	3,516	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,772	
Total:	\$	6,288	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	(1,606)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):	79.7%		
<i>Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</i>			
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%		
<i>Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 YTD Period</i>			
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%
<i>Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period</i>			
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%		
<i>Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period</i>			
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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