

# 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-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Nov 5, 2023

*Matthew 23:9b, 10b  
You have but one  
Father in heaven  
and one master, the Christ.*



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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon Nov 6

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

### Tue Nov 7

9am- Mass  
7pm- OCIA

### Wed Nov 8

9am- Mass

### Thu Nov 9

9am- Mass

### Fri Nov 10- Office Closed

9am- Mass

### Sat Nov 11

1pm- Legion of Mary  
3-4pm-Confession  
5pm- Mass With Library Blessing

### Sun Nov 12

8am- Mass  
9:00am-Faith Formation  
11am- Mass (Rosary to follow)

### Mass Readings for Next Sunday

#### Wisdom 6:12-16

*Wisdom is found by those who seek her.*

#### PSALM 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

*My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

#### Thessalonians 4:13-18

*God, through Jesus, will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*

#### Matthew 25:1-13

*Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!*

### Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

11/5- 8am: People of the Parish

11/6: ROS Rosa Velasco

11/7: Special Intention of

Kathy Giafagliore, Gina Vanderloo and Tesalonica Gloria

11/12- 8am: People of the Parish

### Vocations Cross

Sign up on the pedestal outside the sanctuary.

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

## Reflection

We don't always get to see the promise of this gospel played out; too often in this life, it seems that those with power only get more power and those without only fall further and further. Our sinful structures are cyclical by nature, and these cycles can seem insurmountably hard to break. But sometimes cycles are broken: parents can break intergenerational cycles of abuse and trauma, for instance, by sacrificing a power-based relationship for one based on love.

### Sunday Mornings

Before our first child was weaned—and for a long time after—church was an ordeal. Exhausted, we would drag ourselves out of bed, wake up a sleeping baby, wrestle her into the car seat, load up half the nursery into a diaper bag, and make our way to Mass—only to spend an hour bouncing and soothing and trying to shush our daughter's constant cries for attention.

Church was a chore. And yet, we did it. Why?

It wasn't to receive the Gospel of God that St. Paul proclaims. In fact, I would be hard pressed to recall a single sermon from all those years. Rather, we dragged our daughter (and her sisters after her) to church because we knew that we were setting an example. Like eating family dinners together, telling the truth, helping around the house, and showing kindness to strangers, going to Mass modeled a kind of life that my wife and I found meaningful and wanted to share.

Parents offer a model not only for their children, but for all of us. Christ gave himself away in love, and calls us to do the same. Sunday mornings I look around and see all these ordinary saints, with their squirrely kids, teaching me how to imitate Christ. And I am reminded of that time when my wife abandoned any attempt to get something out of Mass for herself, and instead took our screaming daughter out of my arms, carried her to the corner of the cry room, and discretely began to nurse her. In that moment, I heard the words anew: Take. Eat. This is my body. For you.

Edward P. Hahnenberg

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

Who is God Calling you to serve today? How is God's love going to be shared with others through our family today? When we serve others with a humble heart, we give all glory and honor to God!



Ministry Schedule for next week (Nov 11/12)						
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Wisdom Marquez Adelina Dizon	Deb Seidl	Matt Williams Pat Seidl	Maglaqui Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Henry Maes	Julie Kentch	Mike Likar John Hoppe	Karin Hermansen Jaeden Cabrera
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Kaosi Morah Rowdy Reynoso	Mary Anne Green	Mercy Acheson Teresa Mitchell	Richard Degenhardt Mikel Dimatulac

## Faith Formation Classes

November 12:

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

November 19:

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

*Confirmation Forms are due on November 19th.*

**Faith Formation begins  
at 9 am and end at 10:45 am.**

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



**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 you are interested in a

pass to the congress 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**

**Sr. Joan Library Blessing  
Sat Nov 11 Mass after  
5pm Mass!**



## RETROUVAILLE

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A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

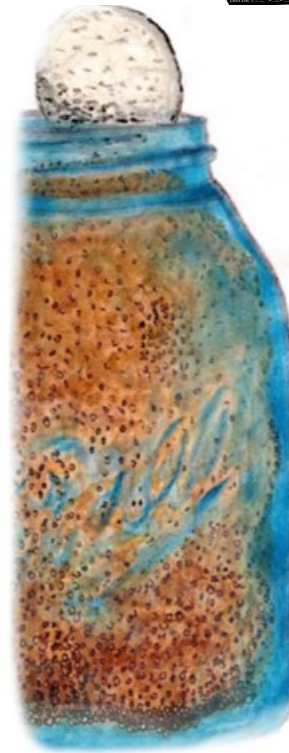
Pronounced re\*tro\*vi', is a faith-based program designed to help all marriages, the union of

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](mailto:anchorage@helpourmarriage.org); or visit the website [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

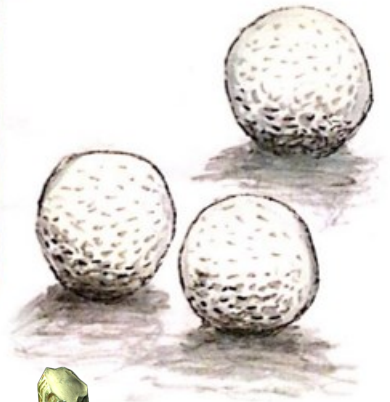
# The perfect way to live is to put God first, love others & love yourself!



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



How we spend  
our days is, of  
course, how we  
spend our lives.  
-Annie Dillard



**Angela was so joyful!**

**Stay tuned for Ministry trainings!**

## PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 230-9418
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- Legion of Mary- Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
- Library- Maureen Retzel: 441-0460
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- 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:		10/23-29/2023	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	3,707	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,539	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,246</b>	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	(1,648)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		79.1%	
<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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