

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan 21, 2024

*Mark 1:15
The kingdom of God is
at hand. Repent and believe
in the Gospel.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Jan 22

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service
6pm- Youth Night

Tue Jan 23

9am- Mass
7pm-OCIA

Wed Jan 24

9am- Mass

Thu Jan 25

9am- Mass

Fri Jan 26- Office Closed

9am- Mass
6pm- Socializing with the Saints

Sat Jan 27

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

Sun Jan 28

8am- Mass
9:15am- Faith Formation
11am- Mass followed by Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.

Sun 8am Mass is offered for the People of the Parish
1/22- 9am: ROS- Sr Kathleen Terlau & Kerry Baker
1/28- 11am: ROS- Pedro Jagualing

Vocations Cross

To volunteer to pray with the vocations cross.
Sign up outside the sanctuary.

Del Kolb will pray with the vocations cross this week.

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Corinthians 7:32-35

A virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy.

Mark 1:21-28

He taught them as one having authority.

Reflection

Most of the time, we won't perceive any great message in our interaction with the panhandler who asks us for change or the child who won't let us get anything done around the house. But if we practice responding to them with love and trust, we might just find in them a place of very real encounter with God. After all, the readings make clear that interruptions and inconveniences often hide opportunities for God to speak to us.

The Way of Conversion

The very first words uttered by Jesus in his public ministry are a call to conversion. There is a bedrock wisdom here. We are, all of us, unfinished creatures; none of us is yet who we were created to be. In an individualistic, feel-good culture, it is difficult to hear this message; the way of rationalization and self-justification is wide and appealing. Yet, the hard truth of our human story is that, under the conditions of sin and left to our own devices, we humans are inclined to avoid seeing ourselves as the unfinished, imperfect creatures we really are. It is far too easy to avoid the difficult personal transformations that are necessary for our authentic flourishing as God's precious creatures.

The scope of God's saving mercy is without limits for those willing to receive it. This is the bold message communicated in the book of Jonah. The prophet was sent, not to the children of Israel, but to the pagan people of Nineveh. He warns them of their imminent punishment. But the Ninevites humbly recognize their need for conversion and repent—and in doing so, they find themselves drawn under the mantle of God's great mercy. The extravagance of God's mercy shocked Jonah and, presumably, the Israelites who would later hear this story.

The question for us is whether we will recognize, as the Ninevites did, that now is the hour of decision, the time of our conversion. St. Paul grasped this urgency, warning that "the world in its present form is passing away." Can we accept that genuine repentance is the way that leads to new life?

Richard Gaillardetz

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On the Way Home from Mass...

Simon, Andrew, James, and John all gave up their careers as fishermen to follow Jesus. What helps us to be able to follow Jesus?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Jan 27/28)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Wisdom Marquez Lamar Bases	Ted Walker		Manaois Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Jaime Tran Henry Maes	Maureen Retzel		Garroutte Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Need volunteer	Kaosi Morah William Higgins	Megan Green		Cindy Tutaan Tristan & Eleanor Suralta

Faith Formation Classes

January 28:

Preschool-6 in Family Session
Grade 7-12 in Classroom



February 4:

Grade 7-12 in Family Session
Preschool-6 in Classroom

Faith Formation runs from 9-10:45am.

Registration is on-going at: holycrossalaska.net/register

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

National Eucharistic Congress 2024

The 10th National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to

share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it. The event will occur on July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana. If you are interested in attending this event, please sign up at the Fellowship Hall.



Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

Throughout Lent, we will host a mini-series on Confession. Here's a sneak peek from Formed.org:

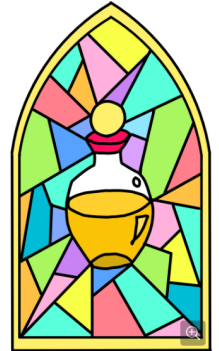
Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm, beginning Wednesday, Feb 21. This event is only for young adults and adults. If you are interested in attending this event, let Jerica know.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CARRY
JONAH



Next weekend Anointing of the Sick will take place at all the Masses scheduled on Jan 27 & 28.



PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaos: 230-9418
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- Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127
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- 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

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:		01/8-14/2024	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	4,383	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:			
Online Giving:	\$	1,891	
Total:	\$	6,274	
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	(1,620)	
Actual vs. Goal (%)		79.5%	
Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period			
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 12/31/2023		
FY24 YTD Complete (%)	50.0%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2024:	\$	443,400	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	242,146	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	221,700	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	20,446	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%)	109.2%		
Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY24 YTD Period			
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 12/31/2023		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	111,039	45.9%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	9,072	3.7%
Online Giving:	\$	75,351	31.1%
2023 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date):	\$	-	0.0%
Stole Fees:	\$	2,342	1.0%
In-Kind Donations:	\$	23,830	9.8%
Investment Income:	\$	9,448	3.9%
Fee Income:	\$	5,412	2.2%
Other:	\$	5,652	2.3%
Total:	\$	242,146	100.0%
Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY24 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period			
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 12/31/2023		
FY24 YTD Complete (%)	50.0%		
Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023:	\$	473,400	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	212,932	
Budget Total Expenses for Period:	\$	236,700	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(23,768)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%)	90.0%		
Actual "Total Net Income" for FY24 YTD Period			
FY24 YTD Period:	7/1/2023 to 12/31/2023		
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	242,146	
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$	212,932	
Actual Total Net Income for Period:	\$	29,214	
Total Net Income "Over /(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%)	13.7%		

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