

# 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 of Lent March 3, 2024

*John 3:16  
God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who  
believes in him might have  
eternal life.*



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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon Mar 4

9am- Mass  
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

### Tue Mar 5

9am- Communion Service (Priest Convocation)  
6pm- Confession & Adoration  
6:30pm- Knights of Columbus Meeting  
7pm-OCIA

### Wed Mar 6

9am- Communion Service (Priest Convocation)  
6:30pm- Transforming Power of Confession

### Thu Mar 7

9am- Communion Service (Priest Convocation)

### Fri Mar 8- Office Closed

9am- Mass  
6pm- Youth Night  
6pm- Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

### Sat Mar 9

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

### Sun Mar 10

8am- Mass  
9am- Knights of Columbus Biscuits and Gravy  
**NO** Faith Formation (Spring Break)  
11am- Mass followed by Rosary  
12pm- Knights of Columbus Biscuits and Gravy

### Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your Mass intentions.  
Sun 8am Mass is offered for the People of the Parish.  
*3/4- 9am: Sick- Dianne Weinzierl*  
*3/9- 5pm: ROS- Trinidad Guillermo*

### Vocations Cross

To volunteer to pray with the vocations cross sign up outside the sanctuary.  
*Blazka Family will pray with the vocations cross this week.*

### Mass Readings for Next Sunday

#### Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.*

#### PSALM 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

*Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*

#### Ephesians 2:4-10

*Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved.*

#### John 3:14-21

*God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through him.*

## Reflection

Jesus's cleansing of the temple is a rather challenging Scripture passage because it describes Jesus's anger. Is he angry at the money changers? Is he frustrated about how the temple is being used by those selling animals and exchanging money? Or is it the way this system of worshipping God has seemed to put a myriad of rules and regulations between the individual and God? We too have moments when we get angry or frustrated. In these moments, we can lean on Jesus, who, being fully human, knows what we are going through.

### Jesus at the Temple

The merchants and money changers that Jesus drives from the temple probably did not think that they were doing anything wrong. They were providing a service for those who came to worship, making the required materials available. But their work was becoming a distraction, taking over a space that should have only belonged to God. This can remind us that many things in our life that are inherently harmless can become problematic when they are prioritized in an unhealthy way. Whenever something takes up space in our heart that ought to belong to God, it is time to work on detaching from it, perhaps even driving it out for a time so that we can reset our priorities.

### Points to Ponder

The passage featured today from John's Gospel lifts up anger as a holy emotion.

Upon finding the temple turned into a shopping center, an angry Jesus overturns the tables and drives out the money changers. One can imagine an exasperated, red-faced Jesus shouting, "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." The Son of God demonstrates a righteous anger in this scene that moves him to act for justice.

Recall times when you felt or saw anger expressed at an injustice. Perhaps you were one of the countless people to take to the streets in protests over the killing of Black people by police officers or the inhumane treatment of refugees. In light of this week's Gospel, consider how individual and collective anger can be expressed for positive change.

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

Today, we heard how Jesus got angry in the temple. He later told the people, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." We know that anything that has been broken, Jesus can restore. What in your life would you like Jesus to heal or restore?



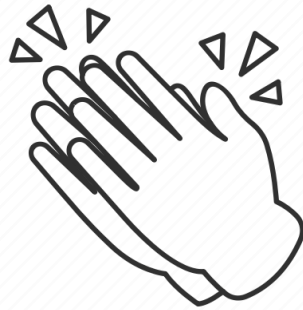
Ministry Schedule for next week (Mar 9/10)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Wisdom Marquez Adelina Dizon	Diedre Williams Deb Seidl	Thomass Bases Ninia Dizon	Jones Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Henry Maes Casen Kallman	Kristin Rehmann Maureen Retzel	Mike Likar Diane Hlasny	Garroutte Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Lora & JR Rivera	Leslie Holland Mary Ann Green	Carol Blazka	Leigh & JR Rivera Mary Anne Green

# Thanks

The Volunteer Maintenance Team worked hard getting our pews and sanctuary carpet cleaned this past week.

Special shout out to Greg Magee and Mike Likar for coordinating the effort.



## FORGIVEN:

*The Transforming Power of Confession*

LET'S ENCOUNTER GOD'S MERCY IN THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, AND DISCOVER THAT GOD SEEKS US OUT WHEN WE HAVE SINNED AND CALLS US BACK TO HIMSELF.

Every Wednesdays from  
6:30pm to 8pm  
throughout Lent



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### 2023 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report As of February 28, 2024

Diocesan Goal for Holy Cross	\$ 39,478	
Parish (Rebate) Goal for Holy Cross	\$ 14,000	
Diocesan Goal + Parish Goal for Holy Cross	\$ 53,478	
<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$ 60,885</b>	<b>100.0% of Diocesan Goal</b>
		<b>152.9% of Parish Goal</b>
Number of Pledges	131	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal	\$ 21,407	
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal	\$ 7,407	
<b>Total Pledged Paid</b>	<b>\$ 59,200</b>	
Total Pledged Unpaid	\$ 1,685	(Diocesan Goal - Total Pledged Paid)
<b>Total Rebate for Holy Cross</b>	<b>\$ 19,722</b>	(Total Pledged Paid - Diocesan Goal)

Well done! Thank you for supporting the 2023 United in Mission Annual Appeal.





# HOLY CROSS

## YOUTH

# LOCK-IN



**GRADES 6-12**

Sunday, March 10th at 9 pm until

Monday, March 11th at 9 pm

Parents and teens need  
to complete forms!

**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED  
OR HAVE QUESTIONS...**

**please see Jerica!**

Food donations  
are needed.



# WHAT IS A LOCK-IN?

**A LOCK-IN IS WHERE THE TEENS WILL SLEEPOVER AT THE CHURCH AND BOND WITH EACH OTHER. IT IS LIKE A COMBINATION OF YOUTH NIGHT AND RETREAT FOR A DAY.**

## **Donations needed:**

- Wheat/White bread
- Ham
- Turkey
- Hot dogs and buns
- Condiments (ketchup, mayo, etc.)
- Cereal
- Milk

Once you completed the forms, please drop off your teen(s) at Holy Cross on March 10th at 8:45pm.



# REVEAL Christ's LOVE



After years of tension between Ukraine and the Russian Federation, Russian forces began a devastating war in February 2022 by invading Ukraine. In addition to killing and wounding many, the conflict has forced millions of Ukrainians to flee the country. Many refugees went to neighboring countries in Europe, but many others came to the United States. For decades, the Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) department of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has assisted refugees fleeing wars and persecution, and in 2022 it responded to the Ukrainian refugee crisis with two initiatives to help local communities welcome refugees.

The first initiative, Welcome Circles, is a community-led program that helps local groups work together to provide financial support and connect refugees to services such as health care and education. Although Welcome Circles are locally led, they are certified, vetted, and given ongoing guidance by MRS staff or local affiliate experts. MRS's support and guidance help each Welcome Circle accompany refugees effectively during the resettlement process. As of early 2023, the Welcome Circles program already had 25 circles engaging more than 200 volunteers and had expanded to welcome refugees from Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela in addition to Ukraine.

Since 2010, MRS has led the second initiative, Parishes Organized to Welcome Immigrants and Refugees (POWIR), a program that works with select diocesan resettlement programs to empower parishes and local Catholic institutions so they can welcome and assist immigrants and refugees at the diocesan level. From May 2021 to January 2023, this diocesan support helped nearly 10,000 local volunteers, working in Catholic communities in 23 active POWIR

programs nationwide, to spend more than 100,000 volunteer hours working with and on behalf of about 24,000 clients.

Funds received through The Catholic Relief Services Collection allow MRS to help victims of war and oppression begin new lives in welcoming, supportive communities through innovative initiatives like Welcome Circles and POWIR. In addition to MRS, the collection supports other Catholic organizations that aid victims of persecution and natural disasters, provide legal services to poor immigrants, and advocate for the powerless.

## Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . . In the United States

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

## And Around the World

Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Kenya and Zambia . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.



## The Catholic Relief Services Collection

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# LENT FOOD DRIVE

Feb 14 – Mar 30



Catholic  
Social Services

## What They Need Most

- Pasta & rice
- Canned proteins
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit

Drop donations off in the church foyer.

Holy Cross Contribution: 330 pounds so far.



## Third Sunday of Lent

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- TRUST
- MORALS
- DESTROY
- MARKETPLACE
- PRIORITIES
- SANCTITY
- MERCHANTS
- DISTRACTION
- TEMPLE
- MONEY CHANGERS
- PASSOVER
- ZEAL
- FEAST



## PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

- Altar Servers- Jerica Manaois: 230-9418
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- Baked Goods & Funerals- Looking for help!
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- Faith Formation- Jerica Manaois: 306-9363
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- Finance- Greg Magee: 575-3197
- Parish Nurse Program- Deb Seidl: 301-4180
- Hospitality- Joy Maglaqui: 360-5133
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- 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 Manaois: 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:		02/19-25/2024
<b>Income Sources</b>		
Weekly Collections:	\$	2,591
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-
Online Giving:	\$	2,947
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,538</b>
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	(2,356)
Actual vs. Goal (%):		70.2%

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### Faith Formation Classes

March 10 and 17:

No Faith Formation Classes!  
Have a wonderful Spring Break :)

**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.**

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