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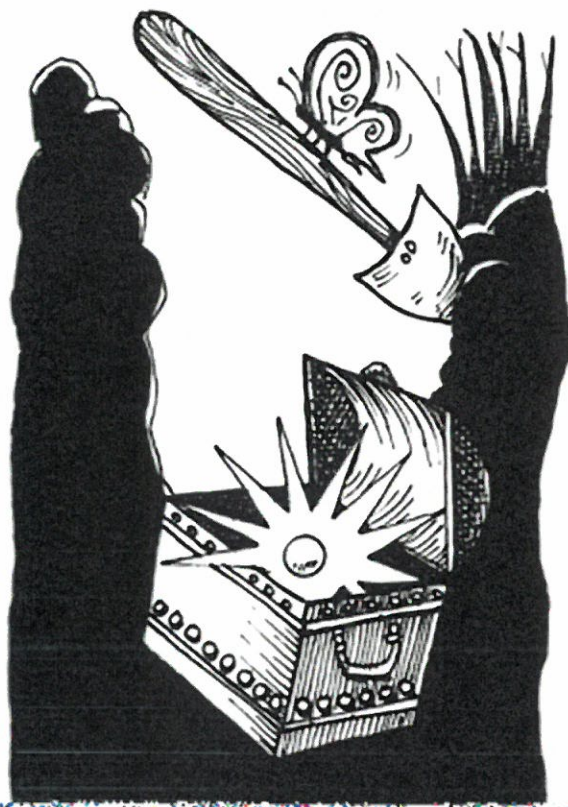
*There are different ministries,
but the same Lord.
You then are the Body of Christ.
Everyone of you is a member of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 30, 2023

Matthew 11:25

*Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
for you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon July 31

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Aug 1

9am- Mass
7:30pm- Knights of Columbus

Wed Aug 2

9am- Mass

Thu Aug 3

9am- Mass

Fri Aug 4- Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Aug 5

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

Sun Aug 6

8am- Mass
11am- Mass
12pm- Rosary

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

His clothing was snow bright.

PSALM 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Peter 1:16-19

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven.

Matthew 17:1-9

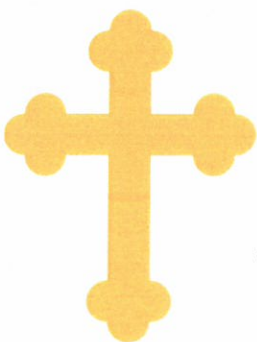
His face shone like the sun.

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Vocations Cross

We are looking for a family to pray with the vocations cross this week. You can sign up at the pedestal outside the sanctuary.



Reflection

Many of us have some experience of encountering God and responding with the kind of wonder and joy and love that causes the person of the parable to sell all he has in pursuit of it. But the long slog of Christian life in a sinful world often causes these feelings to wear off. Love is not measured by our emotional response to the beloved but by our commitment to living out its demands, with consistency and integrity.

Unspeakable Joy

Jesus possesses unheard-of freedom. He is not a model of one who is tormented, grim, dissatisfied, or who has fallen short of his goal. He is no fanatic, utterly convinced that he must force others to adopt his own position. . . . He remains to the end a free person, despite the radicality with which he goes his way. He remains to the end a man full of generosity and humanity.

The double parable of the treasure and the pearl gives the hearer or reader the key to that inner freedom and unbrokenness that Jesus had: indeed, Jesus gave up everything and goes on giving everything to the end; in the end he has to die. But he does it all like the day-laborer [finding a treasure] and the wholesaler [searching for pearls], who did not waste a second on regret over the loss of their former property but acted, both of them, in unspeakable joy and fascination. Everything else pales before the splendor of the "find."

Evidently what Jesus speaks of in the parable of the treasure and the pearl is something he himself had experienced: he was seized and overcome by the joy of the reign of God—and not a reign of God that will come sometime but the one already beginning, the one that can be attained now, the one that anybody can barter and exchange today.

The reign of God is already happening here, in this world—today. It is reality wherever people believe the Gospel, accept the reign of God, let their lives be changed by its fascination—when they turn from their own life projects to the new one that God wants to create.

Gerhard Lohfink, *The Forty Parables of Jesus*
Gerhard Lohfink was professor of New Testament at Tübingen and is author of *The Our Father and Jesus of Nazareth*.

On the Way Home from Mass...

Jesus compared the Kingdom of heaven to treasure, fine pearls, a great catch of fish that will be sorted, and an inventory of old and new items. Think about the words you use to describe the Kingdom of heaven. Are they similar or different from the words Jesus uses to describe it?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Aug 5/6)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Wisdom Marquez Adelina Dizon	Cheryl Chapman Deb Seidl		Manaois Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	2 Volunteers needed	Jason Hlasny		Need Volunteers
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Volunteer Needed	Lora Rivera Lilly Vogt	Mary Anne Gree		Julie Thomas Kaira Brooks

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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COMPASSION
PEARLS
CONFORMED
SOLOMON
REQUESTED
GRINDING
SEPARATE
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UNDERSTANDING
FIELD
PREDESTINED
ACCORDING
VAST
JUDGE
MYSTERIES



Pray that during this celebration of World Youth Day that young people everywhere share the love of Christ by their words and actions. May they hear the call of Pope Francis to live the Beatitudes. May they serve those in need and tend to the "poor in spirit."



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

The National Eucharistic Revival continues! There are some amazing resources and information at the website! Take some time to check it out!

<http://eucharisticrevival.org/>

LET'S PLAN EVENTS FOR...

LATE SUMMER:

- TEENS (GRADES 6-12)
- YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-35)

SCHOOL YEAR:

- YOUTH MINISTRY (GRADES 6-12)
- ADULTS (AGES 18+)

If you are interested, contact Jerica:

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- or email

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Golf Tournament!

Archbishop's Golf Tournament will be Aug 10 at Moose Run. Sign up at aoaj.org/archbishops-golf-tournament Deadline to sign up is Aug 1!



Save the Date; Aug 25-27, 2023

Native Ministry Weekend Retreat at Holy Spirit Center, Anch, AK. The speakers are Sr. Kathy Radich, OSF and Mrs. Lala Hunt, Director of Native Ministry Training Program, Diocese of Fairbanks. Retreat is sponsored by Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau Catholic Native Ministry. Cost is \$75 for the whole weekend, includes retreat, food, and lodging. Please email Sister Frances, DC at fvista@aoaj.org or call 907-297-7777 to register. Space is limited! To reserve your spot for better planning, a non-refundable \$25 fee is required by Aug 8, 2023, which will go toward the total \$75 payment.

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

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 Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
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 Snow Plowing- Looking for help!
 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:	\$ 7,327
Weekly Tithing Period:	7/17-23/2023
Income Sources	
Weekly Collections:	\$ 4,311
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$ -
Online Giving:	\$ 2,498
Total:	\$ 6,809
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$ (518)
Actual vs. Goal (%):	92.9%
Actual vs. Budget "Total Income" for FY23 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period	
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	100.0%
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$ 434,000
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$ 474,258
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$ 434,000
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$ 40,258
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	109.3%
Breakdown of Actual "Total Income" for FY23 YTD Period	
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$ 225,425 47.5%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$ 6,650 1.4%
Online Giving:	\$ 152,780 32.2%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date): *	\$ 11,870 2.5%
Stole Fees:	\$ 7,086 1.5%
Investment Income:	\$ 15,620 3.3%
Fee Income:	\$ 7,340 1.5%
Employee Retention Credit:	\$ 38,426 8.1%
Other:	\$ 9,061 1.9%
Total:	\$ 474,258 100.0%
* Pending Rebate Payment = \$1,275	
Actual vs. Budget "Total Expenses" for FY23 Year-To-Date (YTD) Period	
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	100.0%
Annual Budget Total Expenses FY 2023:	\$ 434,000
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$ 405,267
Budget Total Expenses for Period:	\$ 434,000
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$ (28,733)
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	93.4%
Actual "Total Net Income" for FY23 YTD Period	
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$ 474,258
Actual Total Expenses for Period:	\$ 405,267
Actual Total Net Income for Period:	\$ 68,991
Total Net Income "Over/(Under)" Total Expenses for Period (%):	17.0%

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