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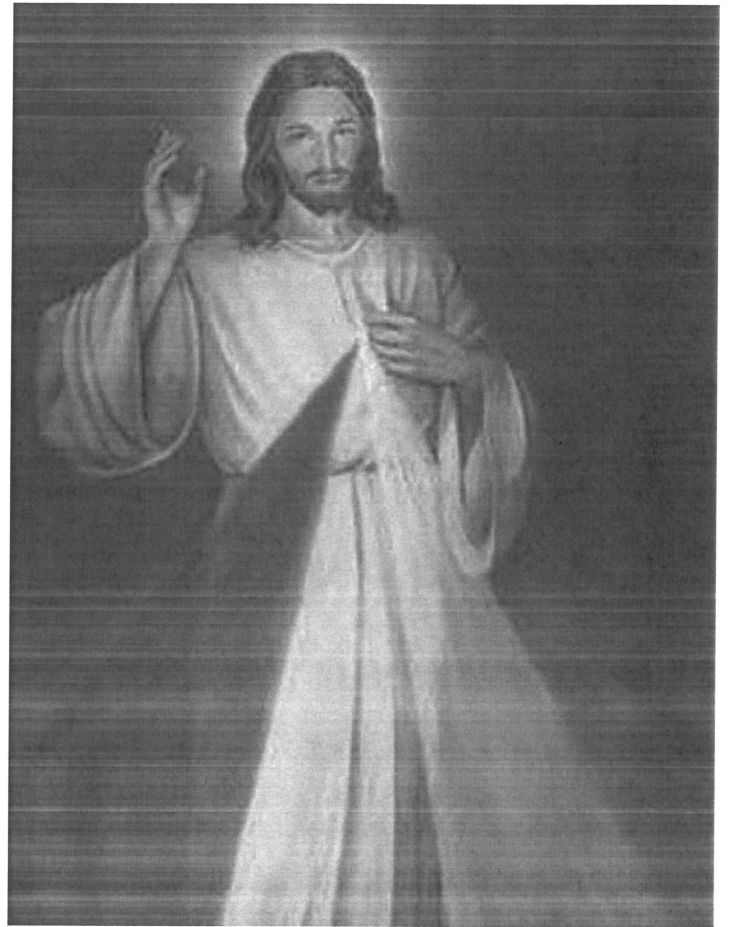
*There are different ministries,
but the same Lord.
You then are the Body of Christ.
Everyone of you is a member of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

**Second Sunday of Easter,
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 16, 2023**

John 20:29

*You believe in me,
Thomas, because you have
seen me, says the Lord;
blessed are they who have
not seen me, but still
believe!*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon April 17- Office Closed

9am- Mass/ Communion Service
 1pm- Aspen Creek Service
 6:30pm- Liturgical Ministries Meeting

Tue April 18

9am- Mass/ Communion Service
 5:30pm- Confirmation Class

Wed April 19

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

Thu April 20

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

Fri April 21-Office Closed

9am- Mass/ Communion Service

Sat April 22

1pm- Legion of Mary
 3-4pm-Confession
 3:15pm- First Communion Prep
 5pm- Mass
 6pm- Confession

Sun April 23- Pancake Breakfast!

8am- Mass
 9:15am- Faith Formation
 11am- Mass
 12pm- Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

Sun 4/16- 8am ROS Leandro Gallardo

Sat 4/22- ROS Robert Blount

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Apostles 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death.

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Peter 1:17-21

You were saved with the precious Blood of Christ, as with that of a spotless, unblemished lamb.

Luke 24:13-35

They recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread.

Vocations Cross

This week *Teresa Cortes* will pray with the vocations cross.



Seeing Invisible Blessings

In this world so full of Christ, so full of blessings, so full of things for which to be grateful, how often I focus on the evil that surrounds me rather than the good! How often I allow the moment of sacramentality to pass me by! How often I moan and groan about something that has been taken away from me, failing to notice that I am utterly surrounded with gifts given. So often I do not see what is at my side, in my midst, in my heart! Sometimes it is a person that I fail to see. Sometimes it is the power of an experience that could be a healing force in my life if I would look at it with new eyes and allow it to be a moment of grace. There is much that I miss because I'm not present with authenticity. My body is there but my mind is distracted. Thus I miss the time of grace. I am very much like the disciples on the road to Emmaus. My companions on the road are numerous. They walk beside me like invisible blessings. They are vessels overflowing with gifts. Yet so often I miss the gift of the person in my midst. I forget to look into his eyes. I forget to invite her into my space. I keep rushing through my days. Something prevents me from recognizing the very ones who share my daily life. I miss the Christ figure standing beside me.

What is it that blocks my heart? What prevents me from seeing? What are the obstacles in my life that serve to extinguish my moments of recognition? . . .

The disciples who walked along with Jesus did not have closed hearts. Perhaps they were so full of sorrow that it was their grief preventing them from knowing him. Their hearts were obviously touched by this stranger who walked with them. Gradually, a new openness made its way into their hearts. They invited him to eat with them. When he broke the bread and handed it to them, *"their eyes were opened and they recognized him"* (Luke 24:31).

I am grateful that this recognition took place around a table while sharing a meal. Amazing things can happen when we meet around a table. Miracles take place when we begin to feed each other. Barriers fall away. Eyes open. We see Jesus and one another in a new way and with a deeper insight.

Macrina Wiederkehr, Abide

Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB (d. April 2020), was well known for her creative spiritual writings and retreat ministry. She made her home with the Sisters of St. Scholastica in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

On the Way Home from Mass...

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Who are those that have believed without seeing? Is this hard or easy to do?

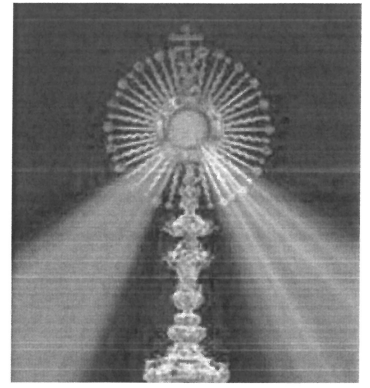
Ministry Schedule for next week (Apr 29/30)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Leo Gallardo	Wisdom Marquez Adelina Dizon	Ted Walker Ray Meliton	Brent Lannen Brenda Lannen	Bell Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Henry and Annalise Maes	Kristin Rehman Julie Kentch	John Hoppe Mike Likar	Jaquelyn Cabrera Jaeden Cabrera Karin Hermansen
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Volunteer Needed	Kaosi Morah Rowdy Reynoso	Michelangelo Canale Joslyn Childs	Mercy Acheson Teresa Mitchell	Reynoso Family



This Weekend: Divine Mercy!

- Additional confession times:
 - Sat Apr 15, 6-7pm
 - Sun Apr 16, 9-10am & 12-1pm
- Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 12-1pm this Sunday!



Save the Date: Special Masses

Confirmation Mass

Tuesday, April 26 at 7pm.

First Communion Mass

Saturday, April 29 at 5pm.

Liturgical Ministries Meeting

Liturgical ministry leaders should plan to meet at the church this Mon Apr 17 at 6:30pm.

Altar Server Training

Altar Server training will happen next Sat Apr 29 at 10:30am.

Confirmation Service Projects

Animal Shelter Drive

There is a dog supply drive being held by Holy Cross Confirmation students (Rosa, Drake, and Carsten) for any and all dog supplies, such as beds, toys, food, or collars. Please put any items in the box in the foyer. All donations will go to Alaska Animal Rescue Friends. Drive ends April 23. Thank you!

Clare House Donation Drive

Hello Holy Cross, my name is Jaeden Cabrera, and I will be hosting a drive for Clare House as my Confirmation Service project. The drive will last from April 16th-May 7th. Any donations are welcome, here are some things they are in need of currently:

- Nail polish remover
- Chapstick
- Nail clippers
- Paper towels
- Coffee
- Tin foil
- Baby bottles
- Diapers (sizes 4,5,6)
- Baby wipes
- Hats
- Gloves
- Boots



...Thank You!

- Women's pajamas
- Hand sanitizer
- Pillows
- Comforter sets
- Shampoo + conditioner
- Hair spray

Faith Formation

'23-24 Early Birds: Register by May 7

Register or re-register during class or online by May 7 for \$10 off your fee. Learn more: take a handout from the table in the foyer, or visit holycrossalaska.net/formation

This Sunday: VBS Come-and-See

When do YOU think we should have VBS this summer? Help us decide! Join a come-and-see meeting THIS Sunday, April 16 after the 11am Mass to help us finalize details. This year's theme is "Stellar: Shine Jesus's Light," for students entering grades K-6. Contact Anna for info.

Holy Cross Directory

The Holy Cross Directory is now available only \$5 each!

Next Week: Pancake Breakfast

Knights of Columbus are hosting their famous pancake breakfast Sun Apr 23! Join us & donations are welcome!

Lawn & Garden Volunteer Needed

If you have a green thumb and a giving heart we would love to have your help contact the office to learn more!

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MAY 21

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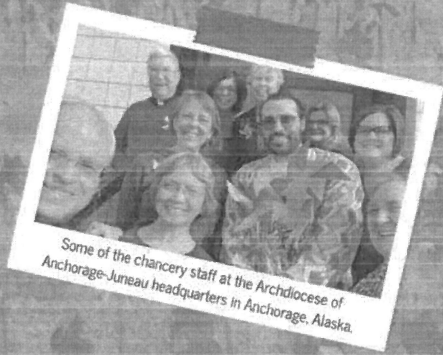
1:00 - 4:00PM

- Lunch (bring a side or dessert)
- Bouncy House & Dunk Tank
- Car Blessing (plus RVs, bikes, etc.)

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

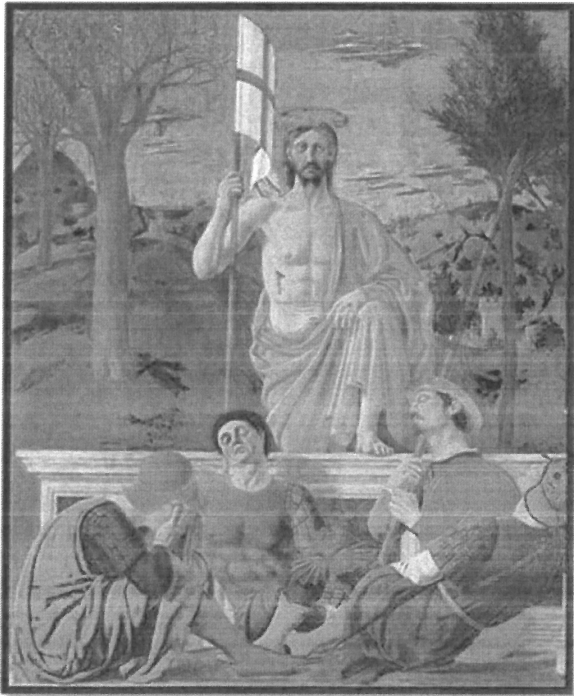
APRIL 2023



Some of the chancery staff at the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau headquarters in Anchorage, Alaska.

ART LECTURE RELIGION AND ART "THE ART OF THE RESURRECTION"

Dr. Laura Walters on Wed, Apr 26, 7pm
Holy Family Ministry Center



"The Resurrection," Piero della Francesca

Urban Hearts

Urban Hearts is a local lay apostolate that equips young adult missionaries to engage in relational mission work with those living on the streets of Anchorage. We are hoping to bring on two full-time missionaries to our team this year, and are looking for possible housing options for them (positions would be volunteer, and would include room/board instead of pay). If you or someone you know has a mother-in-law apartment, extra room, or some kind of reasonable living quarters that you would be potentially willing to rent out at a low-cost to support missionary work, please contact Josef Rutz at 863-7889 or urbanheartsmissions@gmail.com

Vocations Talk

Join Dominican sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Sr. Mary Bernard and Sr. Immaculata for a vocations talk.

April 23rd 4:00pm
St. Patrick Deacon's Hall



Jesse Manibusan visits Alaska!

Catholic songwriter and minister Jesse Manibusan will visit several parishes NEXT WEEKEND! Two special events are open to the public and free to all ages (donations accepted):

Concert

Friday, April 21 at 7:00pm at St. Patrick's Parish

Free Workshop

Saturday, April 22 at 9am-12pm at St. Patrick's Parish

Divine Mercy Sunday

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April 2023

SUN

MON

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April is



Child
Post this
Calendar

Abuse
And each day
make a

Prevention
difference in
the lives of

Month
Children and
Youth

31
Wear Blue Today to begin
our Month-Long Initiative.
(Blue is the color for child
abuse prevention).

01
Donate a toy or stuffed
animal to an agency that
helps when a child
experiences a crisis.

02

Pray that communities will
prioritize the protection
and care of all children,
youth, and families.

03

Learn the risk factors
that create a child and
family to be vulnerable
to child abuse

04

Talk and explore with your
kids about their family,
culture, and heritage.

05

Plant seeds for a garden
that grows flowers that
are blue, such as "Forget
Me Nots."

06

Talk with your kids, about
their family's or
community's favorite
traditions.

07

Play the game, "I-spy" of
things that are blue.

08

Donate diapers to a
shelter or agency that
serves children and
mothers and families in
need.

09

Pray for children who have
been hurt that the comfort
and healing of Christ is
found in the care and
compassion of the Church

10

Learn about resources in
your community families,
such as the 2-1-1, AK
parent helpline and AK
Children's Trust.

11

Talk with your children
about the trusted adults in
their life and qualities they
look for in someone they
trust.

12

Make a pinwheel and
display it in your home to
spread awareness of Child
Abuse Prevention.

13

Talk about what you can do
to take care of yourself to
help with stress and anxiety

14

Make a meal that includes a
food that is blue.

15

Donate new or gently used
clothing or household items
to an agency that helps
children or families

16

Pray that God shows you
how each of us can do our
part to support and care for
children in our community
and world.

17

Learn what your church or
diocese is doing to prevent
child abuse.

18

Talk with children about
places to play where they
feel safe.

19

Share a compliment to a
parent you know about
how they are supportive to
their children

20

Share with someone what
you are grateful for today.

21

As a family, watch a movie
or play a game together.

22

Donate food to a local food
bank.

23

Pray for those whose job it
is to protect and respond to
children in need, that they
find the strength of God to
carry on.

24

Learn or teach someone
how to prepare a favorite
family recipe.

25

Talk about the qualities of
someone you trust

26

Draw and color together a
picture of a place where
you feel safe.

27

Talk about what you did or
can do to help someone
smile today.

28

Prepare and share a meal
together and everyone help
with clean up.

29/30

Donate books or school
supplies to a local school or
daycare center

HOLY CROSS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAR 2023

• **Month Ending (ME): Mar 2023** (4 weekends)

Offertory "Goal" for ME: \$ 29,308
 Offertory "Actual" for ME: \$ 30,689 (104.7%)

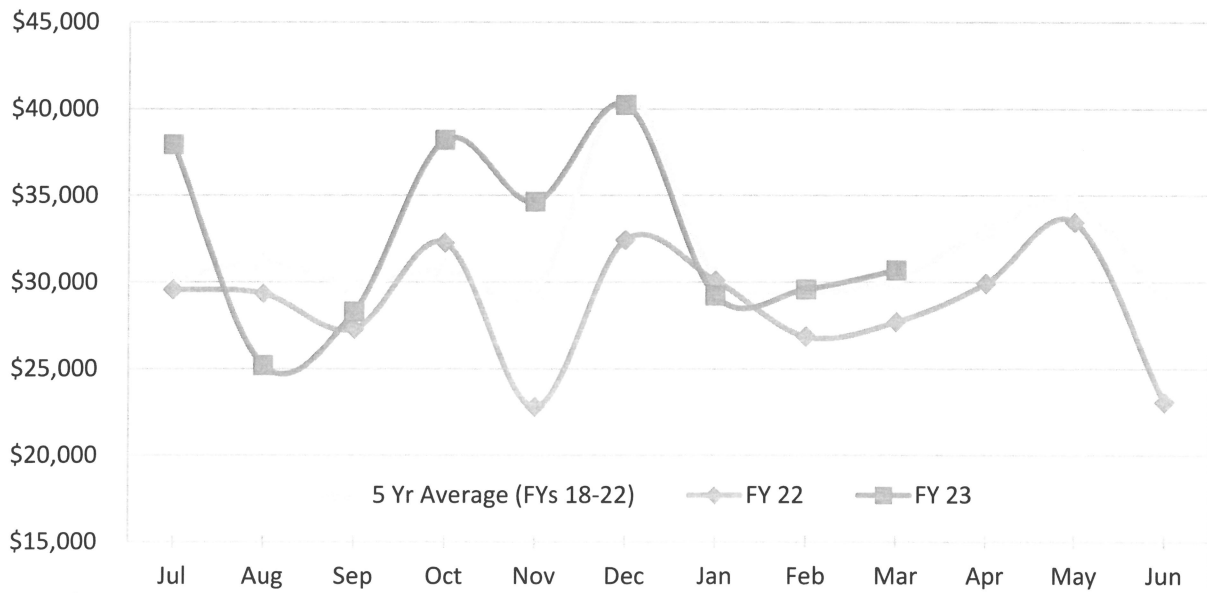
Basket @ Mass/Mail: \$ 17,259 (56.2%)
 Online Giving: \$ 13,430 (43.8%)
 Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 0 (0.0%)

• **Fiscal Year 2023 – Year to Date (YTD) July 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023**

Offertory "Goal" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 285,753 (Weekly Average: \$7,327)
 Offertory "Actual" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 294,034 (102.9%) (Weekly Average: \$7,539)

Basket @ Mass/Mail \$ 172,148 (58.6%)
 Online Giving: \$ 115,950 (39.4%)
 Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 5,936 (2.0%)

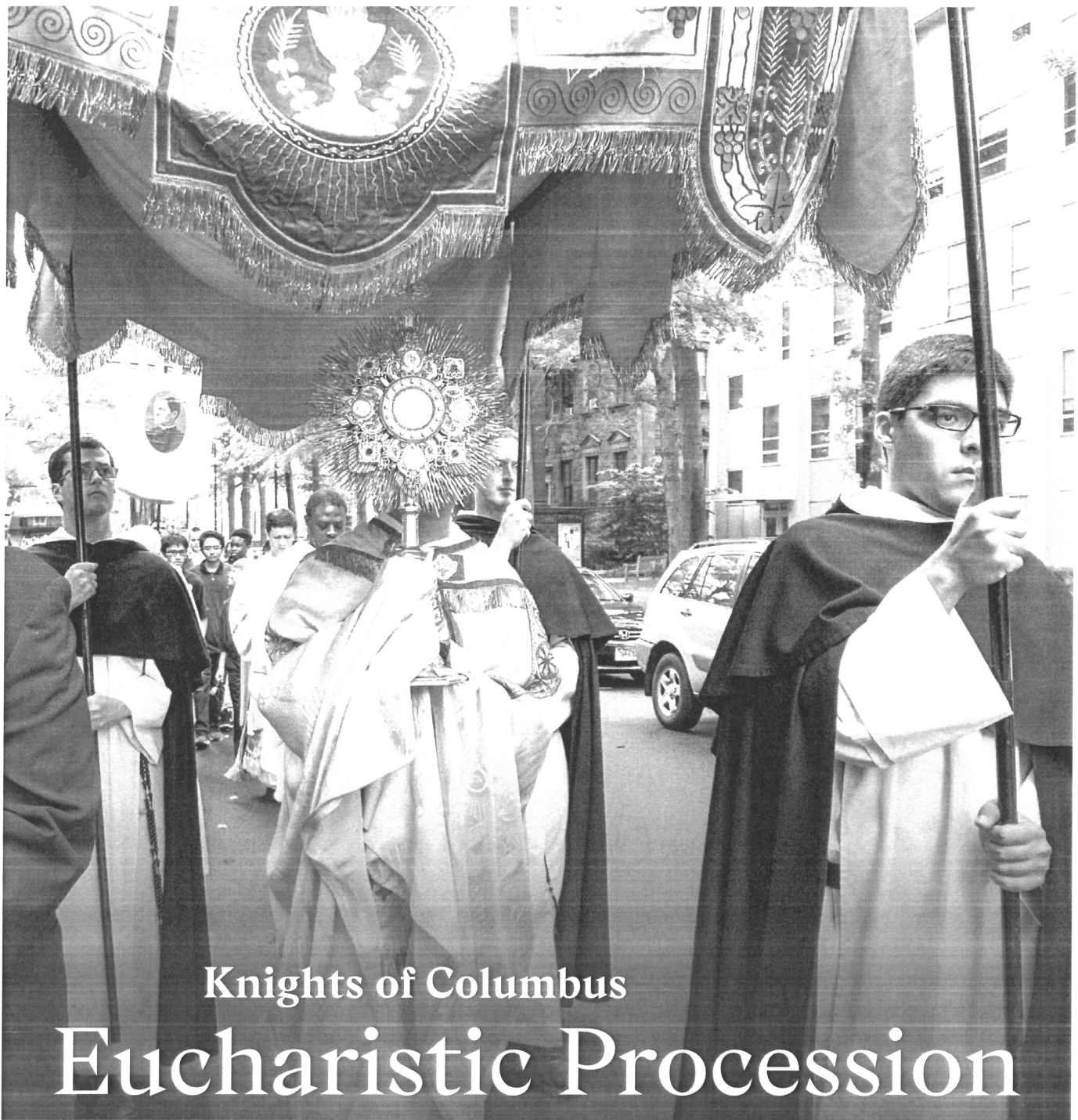
Holy Cross Weekly Collections - Monthly Comparisons Current (FY 23 YTD) vs Historical (FY22 & 5 Yr Average)



Income Statement – Previous Year Comparison

	FY 23 Budget	FY 23: Jul – Mar Actual	FY 22: Jul – Mar Actual	Previous Year Change
Total Income	\$ 434,000	\$ 330,691	\$ 282,644	\$ 48,048
Total Expense	\$ 434,000	\$ 306,399	\$ 304,192	\$ 2,207
Net Income (before depreciation)	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,292	\$ (21,549)	\$ 45,841

Thank you for donating and sharing your treasure with Holy Cross.



Knights of Columbus
Eucharistic Procession

Location: Our Lady of Guadalupe (Anchorage)

Date: 22 April 2023

Time: 09:00 AM

Contact: Local Knights of Columbus



PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

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- Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Clare House- Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852
- Faith Formation- Anna Schulten: 306-9363
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- Parish Nurse Program- Deb Seidl: 301-4180
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- Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127
- Lawn & Garden- Looking for help!
- 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
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- Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
- OCIA- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
- Sacristan- Matthew Williams: 632-4252
- Snow Plowing- Looking for help!
- Youth/ Young Adult Ministry- Anna Schulten: 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:	\$	7,327
Weekly Tithing Period:		04/2-9/2023
Income Sources		
Weekly Collections:	\$	7,258
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	1,605
Online Giving:	\$	4,065
Total:	\$	12,928
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	5,601
Actual vs. Goal (%):		176.4%

Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison: Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period

FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 3/31/2023	
FY23 YTD Complete (%):		75.0%
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	415,600
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	308,139
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	311,700
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(3,561)
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		98.9%

Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period

FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 3/31/2023		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	172,148	55.9%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	5,936	1.9%
Online Giving:	\$	115,950	37.6%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebate Paid To Date): *	\$	8,175	2.7%
Other:	\$	5,930	1.9%
Total:	\$	308,139	100.0%

* Pending Rebate Payment = \$4,190



Online Giving

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