

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

John 14:23

*Whoever loves me will keep my
word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and
we will come to him.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon May 6

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

Tue May 7

9am- Mass
6:30pm- Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wed May 8

9am- Mass

Fri May 10

9am- Mass

Sat May 11

12pm– Ladies Tea Party
1pm- Legion of Mary
3-4pm- Confession
5pm- Mass for our School Graduates
followed by Reception

Sun May 12

8am- Mass
11am– First Communion Mass
followed by Rosary

Mass Intentions

Call/email office to schedule your Mass Intentions.
Sun 8am Mass is offered for People of the Parish.

Vocations Cross

Sign up to pray with the vocations cross outside the sanctuary.
Manaois Family will pray with the vocations cross
this week.

Mass Readings for Next Sunday

Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26: *It is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us become with us a witness to the resurrection.*

PSALM 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

John 4:11-16: *Whoever remains in love, remains in God, and God in him.*

John 17:11b-19: *That they may be one just as we are one!*

Reflection

Capricious Love

Our two children often ask why we love them. My wife and I always answer, “because you’re our children and every day we make the conscious decision to love you without measure.” “That sounds capricious,” my son said. He is right. As they grow older, they continue to ask the same question, at times with some skepticism. It is like they are awaiting the day when the answer will change.

Sometimes they don’t make the best decisions or they fall short of their potential. As we discern those moments together, then they ask: “Do you still love me?” We say, “Yes!” Then they ask, “Why?” We respond, “Because you’re our children and every day we make the conscious decision to love you without measure.”

I appreciate their puzzled looks. It will take most of their lives to realize that they don’t have to earn our love. We love them because they are our children and every day we make the conscious decision to love them without measure. All we do, all we give them, is a free expression of our love as parents.

How many times have we asked whether God actually loves us? What about wondering if God loves others who are not like us? We don’t always accept that God’s love for us is free and abundant. God gave us new life in Jesus and bestows the Holy Spirit freely because of love.

Here is one way to embrace Jesus’ invitation to remain in his love: to know ourselves loved abundantly and capriciously as God’s children. All else will follow from there.

Hosffman Ospino

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Parish Ministries Service Groups

Altar Servers- Jerica Manaois: 230-9418
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 Library- Maureen Retzel: 441-0460
 Liturgical Ministries Coord.- Julie Thomas: 538-1109
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 Prayer Chain- Joan Gillis: 346-3147
 Readers- Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
 OCIA- Sandon Broek: 947-9168
 Sacristan- Matthew Williams: 632-4252
 Youth- Jerica Manaois and Luke Broek: 306-9363
 Young Adult and Adult- Jerica Manaois: 306-9363

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE
 WHO HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED!!

*Dylan Bell
 Owen Clark
 Acela David
 Matthew and Mikel Dimatulac
 Brian and Luke Fundeen
 Penny Higgins
 Casen Kallman
 Wisdom Ozlyn Marquez
 Graciela and Jacob Nunes
 Landon Sabino
 Eleanor Marie Suralta
 Brayden Ulep
 Sophia Gutiérrez Valencia
 Julius Villaflores*

Ministry Schedule for next week (May 11/12)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Olivia & Sebastian Maglaqui	Cheryl Chapman David Alzheimer	Jess Manaois	Jones Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Joe & Rose Webb	Julie Kentch Julie Kentch	Pam Webb Marilyn Kerr	Dora Castillo Clara & Rosa Hoppe
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Lora & JR Rivera	Mary Anne Green Michelangelo Canale	Carol or Tony Blazka Matt Williams	Richard Degenhardt Mikel Dimatulac



FAITH FORMATION

2023 -2024 Year in Review

Aug

* Began with Genesis. Very appropriate.

Oct

- * Circle of Grace./D.U.P.E. Safe environment.
- * Liturgical Ministries Fair.
- * Learned about value of Stewardship.

Dec

- * Importance of giving thanks.
- * Made Gratitude Jars.
- * *Polar Express*. Christmas pajama party.

Feb

- * Order of the Mass.

Apr

- * Beatitudes.
- * Ten Commandments.
- * How to Pray Rosary.

Sept

* Church Tour. Proper names/location of items in sanctuary, sacristy, and fellowship hall.

Nov

- * Saints. Pick your favorite and learn more.
- * Different countries' Christmas traditions.

Jan

- * Seven Sacraments.

Mar

- * Stations of the Cross.
- * Holy Week video and Easter egg hunt.

May

- * Celebrate Mother/Father's Day.
- * Make coupon books to redeem with Parent(s).

Use the QR code to
register today!



Faith Formation Classes

Registration for 2024-25 is open!

To register or for more information, go to:

holycrosslaska.net/register



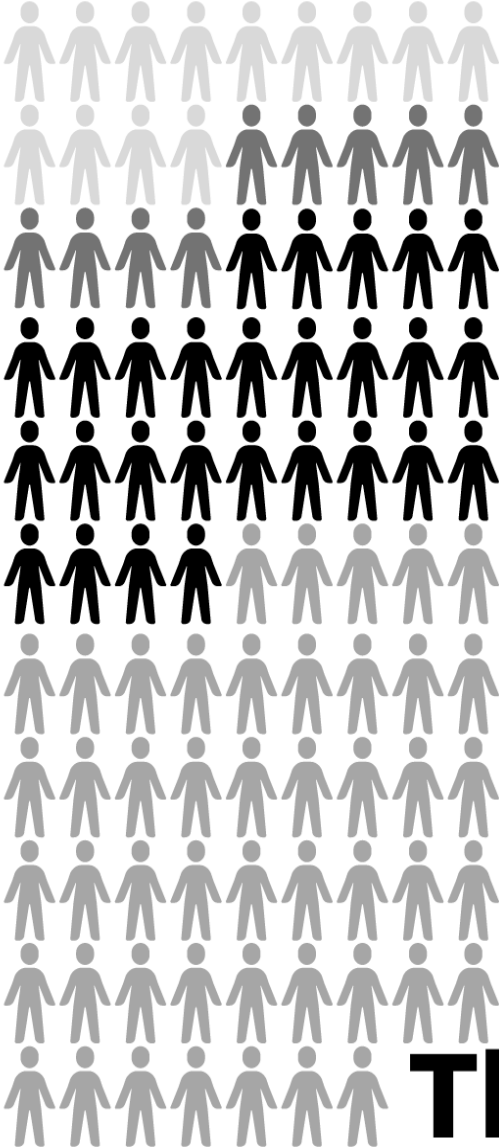
Faith Formation begins August 18, 2024 and ends May 4, 2025.

Classes meet Sundays and run from 9-10:45am.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Learn more by contacting Deacon Sandon.

FAITH FORMATION

2023 -2024



That's a wrap!

69 students  in Faith Formation this year.

13 students  were Confirmed.

9 students  received First Communion.

27 volunteers  supported this ministry.

Thank you!

Sixth Sunday of Easter

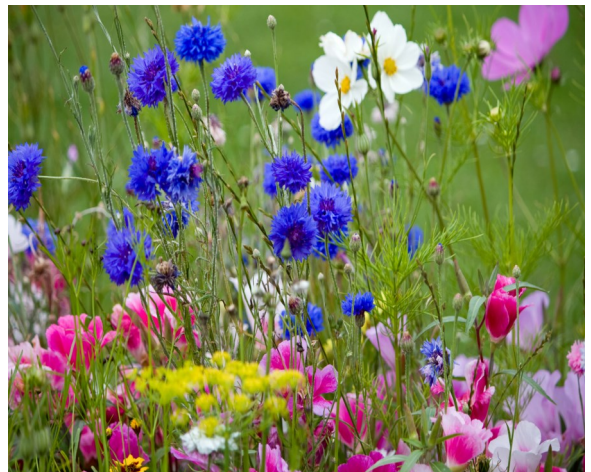
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NOGREATERLOVE
 SPEAKINTONGUES
 LIFETHROUGHHIM
 EXPIATION
 LOVEONEANOTHER
 CORNELIUS
 NOPARTIALITY
 HOLYSPIRIT
 GODISLOVE
 FRIENDS
 JOY
 GLORIFYINGGOD
 GOBEARFRUIT
 RADIANT

On the Way Home from Mass

Jesus said, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

How would you describe complete joy?



Saturday, May 11th Happenings

AFTERNOON



Holy Cross Ladies Tea Party
Sat, 5/11/2024 12pm
\$15.00
Ticket sales end May 5th

Wear: Dress and Hat
Bring: Tea cup
Sip tea, share conversation.
Should be a quite an affair.

EVENING



Graduate Mass
Sat, 5/11/2024 5pm

Graduates

Wear: Cap and gown
When: 4:30 pm Gather in library.

Cake and punch reception following.



3rd Annual Young Adult Retreat

Topic: **The Eucharist.** "The source and summit of the Christian life."

Leader: Deacon Columban Hall, OP from Holy Family.

Check-in: Fri, 5/10/24 6pm

Check-out: Sun, 5/12/24 12pm

Cost: \$120.00

Contact: Rudy Poglith 907-232-2066

TITHING UPDATE

How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$ 7,894

Weekly Tithing Period: 04/22-28/2024

Income Sources

Weekly Collections: \$ 3,438

Holy Day/Holiday Collections:

Online Giving: \$ 3,180

Total: \$ 6,618

Over /(Under) Goal: \$ (1,276)

Actual vs. Goal (%): 83.8%

Next weekend we
celebrate:

*Ascension of
Jesus!*





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I also provide a Free Home Evaluation!



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