# **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

# Ascension of the Lord May 12, 2024

John 14:18
I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

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#### This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon May 13

9am- Mass

1pm- Aspen Creek Service

6pm-Finance Meeting

6pm- Vacation Bible School Meeting

### Tue May 14

9am- Mass

### Wed May 15

9am- Mass

### Thu May 16

9am- Mass

#### Fri May 17

9am- Mass

6pm- Youth Night

#### Sat May 18

1pm- Legion of Mary

3-4pm- Confession

5pm- Mass

### Sun May 19

8am- Mass

1-4pm- Parish Picnic

#### **Mass Intentions**

Call/email office to schedule your Mass Intentions.

Sun 8am Mass is offered for People of the Parish.

Sun 5/12, 11am— ROS Jackie Childs

#### **Vocations Cross**

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

<u>Del Kolb</u> will pray with the vocations cross
this week.

### Mass Readings for Next Sunday

**Apostles 2:1-11** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

**PSALM 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34** Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 (opt. in Year B, Gal 5:16-25) In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

John 20:19-23 (opt. in Year B, John 15:26-27; 16:12-15) As the Father sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

### Reflection

Those of us who live in a post-ascension world can feel envious of the disciples who got to share this life and this world with Jesus. We might long to hear his voice and encounter his presence as they did. We rely on their witness and their testimony for our own faith. But Jesus is no less present to us; he comes in word and sacrament to be close to us always.

#### Saturated and Consecrated

As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.

St. Ignatius shares a beautiful image of water dropping into a sponge versus water dropping onto a stone. When we are making progress in the spiritual life, he says that the Holy Spirit feels like a drop of water that gently soaks into a sponge versus the evil spirit feeling like water hitting a stone. I believe encountering Jesus in our inner chapel feels like gentle drops of water soaking into a sponge. Over time, as we continue to encounter Jesus, the drops of water saturate the sponge to the point that the sponge can no longer hold the water anymore. The water begins oozing out of the sponge to the surfaces around it. This is how it is with us. Our relationship with Jesus is never just about us; it is about understanding who he is in an experiential, interior way so that we can bring the gifts of this relationship out into the world. It is never only about the love given to us but also about the love we share with others. It's not only about the mercy and healing Jesus gives us but also about sharing this experience of mercy and healing with others. . . .

This gift of friendship with Jesus is available to every one of us. He is inviting us, calling us into relationship. As we say yes to this relationship and begin following his way, we discover and embrace the promises of God that Jesus reveals to us.

Becky Eldredge, The Inner Chapel Becky Eldredge is an Ignatian-trained spiritual director, retreat facilitator, and author. She blogs at beckyeldredge.com.

### **Parish Ministries Service Groups**

Altar Servers- Jerica Manaois: 230-9418

Art & Environment- Marilyn Kerr: 346-1624

Baked Goods & Funerals- Looking for help!

Blessed Sacrament Monastery- Sandon Broek: 947-

9168

Clare House-Leslie Holland: 337-278-7852

Faith Formation-Jerica Manaois: 306-9363

Church Maint/Snow Removal- Mike Likar: 529-9015

Eucharistic Ministers- John Hoppe: 350-7580

Finance- Greg Magee: 575-3197

Parish Nurse Program- Deb Seidl: 301-4180

Hospitality-Renalyn Reynoso: 223-7761

Knights of Columbus- Pat Seidl: 242-1127

Lawn & Garden-Julie Spralding: 636-399-0892

Legion of Mary- Mercy Acheson: 223-4822

Library- Maureen Retzel: 441-0460

Liturgical Ministries Coord.- 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- Jerica Manaois and Luke Broek: 306-9363

# Mother's Day Prayer

Thank you for giving me the gift of my vocation of motherhood. Thank you for my husband and our child(ren). Please help me to be the mom You created me to be. May I seek Your guidance and help to be a wonderful mother to my child(ren). And set a good example of love and faithfulness to You. Amen.



Ministry Schedule for next week (May 18/19)										
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality				
Sat	Ryan Meliton	Pat Seidl	Wisdom Marquez	Ray Meliton	Julie Spradling	Dizon				
5 pm	(walk-ins welcome)		Adelina Dizon		Pat Seidl	Family				
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	John Hoppe	Jaime Tran Casen Kallman	Eilisa Maes Maureen Retzel	Marilyn Kerr Gig Currier	Karin Hermansen Henry Maes				
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Maureen Retzel	Sophia Valencia Rowdy Reynoso	Megan Green	Alvira Taylor Julia Morrison- Lugo	Teresa Cortes Leigh & JR Rivera				

### Search and Serve Retreat

Join our prayerful and reflective discernment retreat.

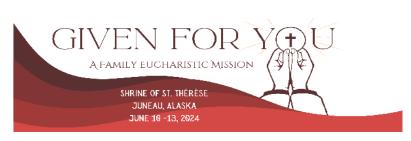
May 22-27, 2024: San Francisco Bay Area

July 6-11, 2024: Evansville, IN

Stay, Pray, and Serve with us. Search your heart. Pray about your future. Housing, Meals and Daily Transportation included.

Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul Contact: Daughters-of-Charity.com/retreats





ALL are invited to gather for a diocesan celebration of the Eucharist in our midst. This event will include activities and talks for all ages, community meals, and opportunities for mass, confession, and adoration.

Please join us!





Fr. Luke Doyle\_currently serves the Archdiocese of Kansas City, and has been named a National Eucharistic Preacher charged with "enkindling the flame of eucharistic faith and devotion."



<u>Sr. M. Karolyn Nunes</u> is the Vocation Director for the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. It is her joy to share the fullness of life and the merciful love of Christ with others and to help them to find the same in God's incredible plan for their lives.

This event is a collaboration between St. Paul the Apostle, the Co-Catheral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Shrine of St. Therese



### Registration is free and open to all!

To register:
Scan code below
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Or Turn in paper
registration to the
Church office







# Ascension of the Lord

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### On the Way Home from Mass

Jesus speaks of miraculous signs that accompany those who believe in him. What signs in our lives show others that we believe in Jesus?



## CLASS OF 2024 — Congratulations! -

Luke Broek Jodie Castillo Martin Samuel Hermansen Yovela Marie Del Rosario Maezelle Palo Tacas Walter Webb







### In-Person Fundraiser Wed, 5/22/2024 6pm

An evening of friends, fun and food and hear all the good things going on at St. Therese's camp.

You'll learn about upcoming projects and how you can make St. Therese's an even better ministry for kids

Saint Coyote Restaurant 135 W. Dimond Blvd, Suite 111 Anchorage, AK

Tickets: \$45.00

Contact: sttheresescampak.com



# TITHING UPDATE

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

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$ 7,894 Weekly Tithing Period: 04/29-05/5/2024 Income Sources Weekly Collections: \$ 6,050 Holy Day/Holiday Collections: Online Giving: \$ 4,356 Total: \$ 10,406

> Over /(Under) Goal: \$ 2,512 Actual vs. Goal (%):

131.8%



This week United in Mission- Be the LIGHT starts. You should have received a letter from Archbishop Bellisario, C.M. asking you to contribute to the annual appeal. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge- Holy Cross Parish's campaign will begin in the Fall.



### Online Giving is available at:

### www.holycrossalaska.net/give

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