

# 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 in Ordinary time Jan 22, 2023

*Matthew 4:23*

*Jesus proclaimed the  
Gospel of the kingdom  
and cured every disease  
among the people.*



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## This Week at Holy Cross

### Mon Jan 23

9am- Mass  
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

### Tue Jan 24

9am- Mass  
5:30pm- Confirmation Class  
7pm- OCIA

### Wed Jan 25

9am- Mass

### Thu Jan 26- Office Closed

9am- Mass  
6:30pm- Screwtape Letters

### Fri Jan 27-Office Closed

9am- Mass

### Sat Jan 28

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

### Sun Jan 29

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

### Mass Intentions

Call or email the office to schedule your intentions.

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### Mass Readings for Next Week

**Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**

*I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly.*

**Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10**

*(Matthew 5:3) Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

**Corinthians 1:26-31**

*God chose the weak of the world.*

**Matthew 5:1-12a**

*Blessed are the poor in spirit.*

### Reflection

There will be a lot of light imagery in the coming weeks; this week is about becoming light for others. For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, this echoes the slow but sure lengthening of days we see in the early months of the year (while in the southern half of the world, these light images can serve as a reassurance as days begin to grow shorter).

#### Not to Remain Alone

If there was anyone in this world who might have been tempted to make his life a one-man show, it was Jesus. The temptation was there. The devil put him on top of the temple and whispered in his ear: "Be a stuntman, be admired by all, jump down and use your influence with your Father. Let angels carry you down on their wings. Show them a piece of good circus work, and your name will be on the lips of all."

He refused, just as he had already refused that other temptation to stay alone at home and forget about changing this world and its humanity. That is why he picked Simon and Andrew, John and James, Mary Magdalen and the other Mary, you and me. It was in that community that they went out and preached and healed and chased away evil and the devil itself. There is much we could learn from all this . . .

We, his followers, are not allowed to remain alone, safe and secure, washed in the blood of the lamb, with clean hands in the ivory towers of our apparent righteousness. We, his followers, are asked to associate ourselves with him and with one another in an organized and efficient drive to chase away the evils that terrorize our societies. We are called together not only to pray and to sing *alleluia* and *praise the Lord*. We are called together to heal all the areas of life where we live and work.

If we don't do that, if we remain alone, if we only pray, we belong to the deadwood of human history. The deadwood he, Jesus, carried to his death on the cross.

Let us associate, let us move together with him in the direction of the Kingdom, which in that case, will be at hand, indeed.

Fr. Joseph G. Donders, adapted from *Praying and Preaching the Sunday Gospel*

*Joseph G. Donders (d. 2013) was a member of the Missionaries of Africa and professor of mission studies at Washington Theological Union.*

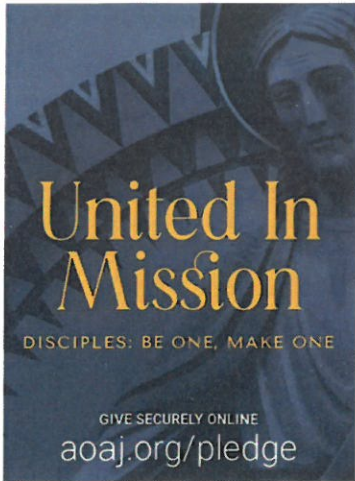
### On the Way Home from Mass...

When Jesus called the first disciples to follow him, I wonder how they felt?



Ministry Schedule for next week (Jan 28/29)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)		Joseph Salao Adelina Dizon	Ray Meliton Diedre Williams	Jessie Maglaqui	Bell Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)		Joe and Rose Webb	Kristen Rehmann Alice Garrod	Marilyn Kerr	Garrouette Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)		Lora and JR Rivera	Mary Anne Green	Teresa Mitchell	Gallo Family



2022 "United in Mission" Annual Appeal Report As of November 16, 2022			
Diocesan Goal for Holy Cross	\$ 40,620		
Parish Goal for Holy Cross *	\$ 58,620	\$ 18,000	Last 3 Yr Avg Rebate Amt
Total Pledged	\$ 51,125		125.9% of Diocesan Goal 87.2% of Parish Goal
Number of Pledges	\$ 75		
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Diocesan Goal	\$ 10,505		
Total Pledged (Over/Under) Parish Goal	\$ (7,495)		
Total Pledged Paid	\$ 47,980		
Total Pledged Unpaid	\$ 3,145		
Total Rebate for Holy Cross **	\$ 7,360		
* The averaged rebate amount per year for the past three years (FY20-FY22) is \$18,000.			
** The rebate is the paid portion of the "Total Pledged Over Goal" amount. This rebate is not considered ordinary revenue like weekly collections or online giving and because it's not ordinary income, the rebate amount is not assessed or taxed at 16.7% by the Archdiocese. In other words, the rebate is tax free and paid at 100% to Holy Cross.			
<b>DONATIONS FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL APPEAL ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED.</b>			
<b>HOW TO MAKE AN ANNUAL APPEAL DONATION</b>			
There are 2 ways to make a donation. 1) Go to Archdiocese website: <a href="http://www.aoaj.org/appeal">www.aoaj.org/appeal</a> to make a secured donation online or 2) Place your donation (check or cash) in an United in Mission envelope. These envelopes are available at Holy Cross in the pews and hallway. Please submit your envelope to Fr. Pat or Fr Dan. If paying by check, please make the check payable to the Archdiocese of Anchorage/Juneau. Also, please indicate when making your donation online or by envelope that you are a Holy Cross parfishioner.			
Thank you for donating and sharing your treasure to the 2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal.			

Next week consider donating to the Catholic School Special collection.  
Thank you for your generosity!



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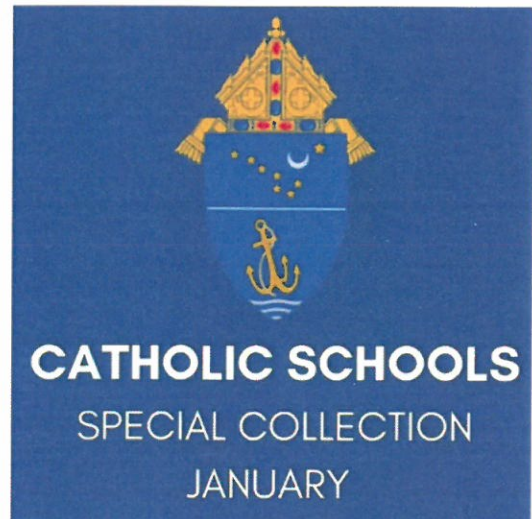
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*"The work of handing on the faith to children... helps the whole family in its evangelizing mission." – Pope Francis*

# HOLY CROSS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DEC 2022

• **Month Ending (ME): Dec 2022**

*(5 weekends + 1 Holy Day - Christmas)*

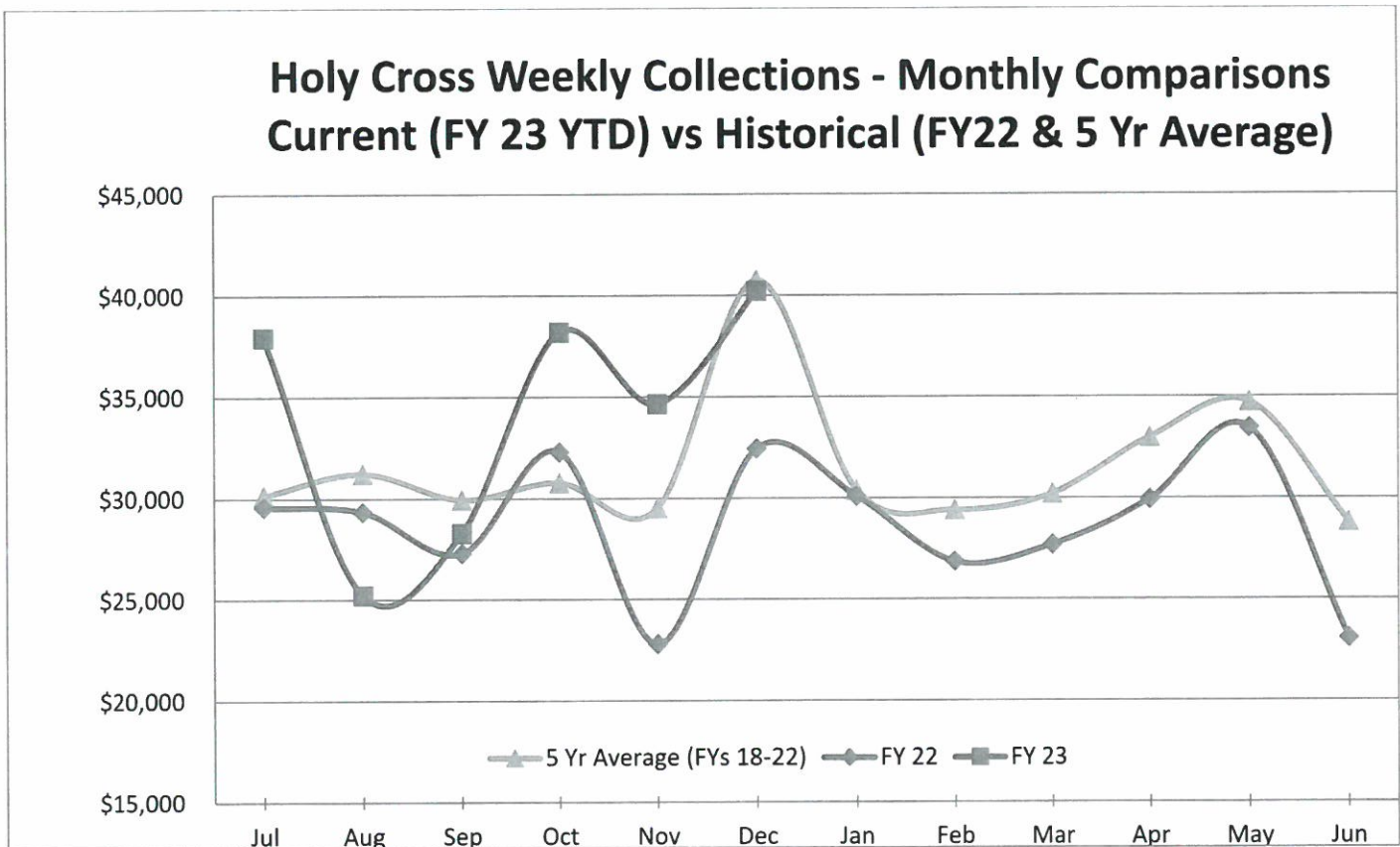
Offertory "Goal" for ME: \$ 36,635  
 Offertory "Actual" for ME: \$ 40,225 (109.8%)

Basket @ Mass/Mail: \$ 23,732 (59.0%)  
 Online Giving: \$ 13,809 (34.3%)  
 Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 2,684 (6.7%)

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

Offertory "Goal" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 197,829 (Weekly Average: \$7,327)  
 Offertory "Actual" for Fiscal YTD: \$ 204,517(103.4%) (Weekly Average: \$7,575)

Basket @ Mass/Mail \$ 122,150 (59.7%)  
 Online Giving: \$ 77,999 (38.1%)  
 Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 4,368 (2.2%)



### Income Statement – Previous Year Comparison

	FY 23 Budget	FY 23: Jul – Dec Actual	FY 22: Jul – Dec Actual	Previous Year Change
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 434,000	\$ 221,084	\$ 184,013	\$ 14,631
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$ 434,000	\$ 203,663	\$ 188,548	\$ 6,829
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,421	\$ (4,535)	\$ 21,956

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

## Save the Date: Lent & Easter

Ash Wednesday (Feb 22) 9am & 7pm

Holy Thursday (Apr 6) 7pm

Good Friday (Apr 7): 3pm Stations of the Cross & Liturgy at 7pm followed by confessions. The Good Friday Faith Walk will also happen downtown.

Easter Vigil (Apr 8) 8pm (no 5pm Mass)

Easter (Apr 9) 8am & 11am

### Weekly during Lent:

Tues 6:30-7:30pm: Confession & Adoration

Fri 6pm Stations, followed by Soup supper



## Considering Catholic Education?

Holy Cross offers financial aid scholarships to students attending Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Anchorage Juneau. It is not too late to apply! Contact the office to get an application.

Email [office@holycrossalaska.net](mailto:office@holycrossalaska.net)



## Holy Cross Faith Formation Director

The current Director of Faith Formation, Anna Schulten, is

leaving in May 2023. Applications are now being accepted for her successor. The Director of Faith Formation is responsible for the development, supervision & coordination of all evangelization programs in the parish, ensuring that the mission & vision of missionary discipleship is fulfilled, with a particular focus on the parish's children, youth & young adults. He/she is responsible for coordinating the recruitment, training, support & appreciation of ministry catechists. The Director of Faith Formation reports directly to the Pastor. This is a full-time paid position. Download the description at [holycrossalaska.net/apply](http://holycrossalaska.net/apply)

To apply, & for more information, contact Fr. Pat Travers at [pjtravers@att.net](mailto:pjtravers@att.net).

## Monastery New Beds Needed

The Monastery is looking for new beds for the new addition to the building. If you can help, please contact Fr. Pat. Continue to pray for an increase in religious vocations.



# Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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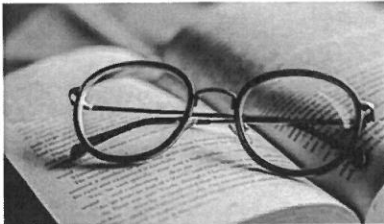
# Confirmation Service Projects

Each year, Confirmation students lead the way in community outreach as they prepare to receive the sacrament this spring. Please consider supporting a cause you care about:



## Homeless Outreach

ASHER, AIDAN, AND ROWDY  
DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 29



## Glasses Drive

OLIVIA  
FEBRUARY 4 - MARCH 11



## Fleece Blanket Project

SUSIE, NORA, AND JACK  
FEBRUARY 12 - MARCH 5

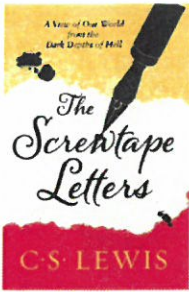


## Supporting Animal Shelters

ROSA, CARSTEN, AND DRAKE  
MARCH 26 - APRIL 16

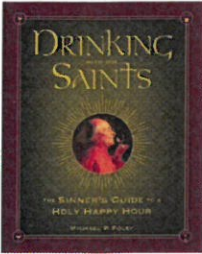
Information on future projects will be shared in the bulletin in the weeks surrounding the project. Thank you for your support!

# GROW YOUR FAITH THIS SPRING!



## Screwtape Letters

Our book study continues meeting on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm (thru Feb. 26). Each week stands on its own & does not require any pre-study or past context: we read & discuss everything during our meeting. New faces always welcome!



## A Holy Happy Hour

### CORRECTED DATE– this Friday!!

A group of Holy Cross parishioners host a monthly social called “Drinking with the Saints,” where we gather for a potluck dinner, drinks, & a discussion based on the lives of that month’s saints. Join us January 27 (6pm drinks, 6:30pm dinner) at Pat and Deb Seidl’s house. To RSVP and for more information, contact Deb at (907) 301-4180.

## Faith Formation: 50% off & Financial Aid

It’s not too late to sign up for Faith Formation classes! Although sacrament preparation classes begin in the fall each year, families can sign up for Family Session & classrooms anytime. Join us for the spring semester for half off the fall registration costs: 1 child: \$40, 2 children: \$60, 3+ children: \$75.

Financial aid is also available. Learn more, view the calendar, & sign up online: [holycrossalaska.net/formation](http://holycrossalaska.net/formation)

## Middle School & High School Spring Retreat

Save the Date: Feb. 24-25 at St. Therese’s Camp in Wasilla for students in 6-12th grade. Sledding and/or tubing day included, weather permitting. More information coming later this month.



*Lumen Christi's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala and Auction!*

WE'RE BACK TO AN IN-PERSON  
EVENT FOR 2023 AND CAN'T WAIT  
TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

**Corporate Table for 8: \$1,250**

**Family Table for 8: \$700**

**Individual Tickets: \$95**

Please scan this code or visit our event website at <https://lumenchristiak.ejoinme.org/Gala2023> for more information or to purchase tickets!

CAN'T ATTEND BUT STILL WANT TO PARTICIPATE?  
SILENT AUCTION BIDDING WILL REMAIN ONLINE!  
THE BIDDING WEBSITE WILL OPEN IN FEBRUARY!

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## St. Therese's Camp 2023

Register for summer 2023 at [www.stthereseak.com](http://www.stthereseak.com)! Camp is for kids entering grades 3-8 in fall 2023. High school camp is for kids entering grades 9-12 in fall 2023.

- June 4-9
- June 11-16
- June 18-June 23
- June 25-30: high school week
- July 2-7: high school week
- July 16-21
- July 23-28

St. Therese’s Camp offers a week-long residential Catholic camp experience. We share the joy of the faith in a powerfully fun way. Early bird rate until March 1 is \$357 for grades 3-8 and \$373 for high school; registration goes up after that. Register soon and save money! Campers registered before May get a free camp t-shirt. Some financial aid is available. Call 907-232-2066 or [campdirector@stthereseak.com](mailto:campdirector@stthereseak.com) for more information.

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## 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:	01/9-15/2023		
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	5,197	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,924	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,121</b>	
Over/(Under) Goal:	\$	794	
Actual vs. Goal (%):	110.8%		
<b>Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:</b>			
<b>Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY23 YTD Period</b>			
FY23 YTD Period: 7/1/2022 to 12/31/2022			
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	50.0%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	397,600	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	209,142	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	198,800	
Over/(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	10,342	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	105.2%		
<b>Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period</b>			
FY23 YTD Period: 7/1/2022 to 12/31/2022			
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	122,150	58.4%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	4,368	2.1%
Online Giving:	\$	77,999	37.3%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
Other:	\$	4,625	2.2%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>209,142</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit [holycrossalaska.net/give](https://holycrossalaska.net/give)

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