

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2022

*My sheep hear my voice,
says the Lord;
I know them,
and they follow me.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Aug 15

9am- Mass
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Aug 16

9am- Mass

Wed Aug 17

9am- Mass

Thu Aug 18

9am- Mass

Fri Aug 19- Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Aug 20

1pm- Legion of Mary
3-4pm- Confession
5pm- Mass
6-6:15pm- Dist. of Holy Communion

Sun Aug 21

8am- Mass
9:15am- Faith Formation
11am- Mass
12-12:15pm- Dist. of Holy Communion
12pm- Rosary

Mass Intentions

Email the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

Sat 8/13	Available!
Sun 8/14	8:30am- For the People of the Parish 11am- Available!
Mon 8/15- Sat 8/20	Available!
Sun 8/21	8am- For the People of the Parish 11am- Available!

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug 21, 2022

Isaiah 66:18-21

They shall bring all your brothers & sisters from all the nations.

Psalms 117:1, 2

Go out to all the world & tell the good news.

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Those whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

Luke 13:22-30

They will come from east & west & recline at table in the kingdom of God.

Reflection

It might seem alarming to some that Jesus says that he came to bring division, not peace. Jesus is talking about the cost of doing the will of God. He speaks of accomplishing something great- the realization of God's kingdom- & doing so with the kind of passion & fortitude that might harm our relationships with others. Others might have lukewarm responses to discipleship, an attitude that could cause rifts & conflicts. Jesus challenges us to continue to work & make this our highest priority.

The Fire in Our Belly

During these days—and weeks & months—when it feels as if the entire world is on fire, oh how we wish the blazing would just stop already. Same with the ever-deepening divisions. Enough. Too much.

We know, we know. Jesus is not talking about destructive, death-dealing fire in today's Gospel. What John the Baptist says earlier of Jesus is a comforting corrective: *He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit & fire* (Luke 3:16). Similarly, this Pentecost plea: *Come, Holy Spirit, come. Fill us with the fire of your love.*

We know, we know. Jesus wants nothing more than for us to live peaceably with one another: *Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste, & no town or house divided against itself will stand* (Matt 12:25). & there's this: *I pray, Father, that they may be one as we are one* (John 17:21-22).

The thing is, when the fire in our belly is of God, tension—even division—is inevitable. Ask Jeremiah. Ask John the Baptist. Ask Jesus.

This love stuff can be so very hard. We shouldn't be surprised if the world seems hell-bent on getting us to tamp it down. But as a Church, we should know better. St. Paul admonishes us: *Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances* (1 Thess 5:19-20). So if the "fire-prevention" efforts come from within the Church—God, that hurts. It burns. Because *there is a baptism with which we are baptized . . .*

Receive the light of Christ . . . keep the flame alive.

We know, we know. These are not just words. This fire is not just of God. It is God. Fiery Love is who we are as disciples of Christ. & of this blazing beauty, there can never be too much.

Mary Stommes

Mary Stommes is an oblate of St. Benedict & the editor of Give Us This Day.

On the Way Home from Mass...

What questions do you have about today's Gospel? Do you think that Jesus wants families to be divided or not? Why could his message have that effect?



Registry & Photo Directory:

Weekends in August

Part 1: Registry Update

Holy Cross is updating our registry & parishioner contact info (name spelling, address, phone, & email). Accurate data saves us money as a parish: from paper mailings to books to fees, etc.

Part 2: Photo Directory

During this process, we're also creating a Holy Cross Photo Directory. This is a great way to build community & learn the names of your fellow parishioners. The Directory will be accessible for free online, or you can purchase a printed copy. We will not include your contact info in the directory: just your photo & name. Dressing up is optional!

How to Participate:

Stick around after any Mass in Aug to update your data & have your picture taken. If you'd like to help with photos, staging, or data updates, please sign up in the foyer, or contact Sheila, 907-250-6234 or Alice, 907-529-1161.

Faith Formation begins Aug 21

Classes & small groups for kindergarten through post-Confirmation & Adults begins Aug 21. Learn more & register online: holycrossalaska.net/formation. We are still looking for volunteers for these classes/roles:

- Gr. 3-5 Co-Teacher
- Family Session Volunteer
- Gr. 6-8 Small Group Volunteers (2)
- Post-Confirmation Co-Teachers (2)

United In Mission
DISCIPLES: BE ONE, MAKE ONE
GIVE SECURELY ONLINE
aoaj.org/pledge

16% Holy Cross families participating (61 families)

99% Total amount raised (\$40070)

Mass Time is Changing!

Beginning Aug 21, Sunday Mass will be held at **8am**, instead of 8:30am. Sat 5pm & Sun 11am remain the same.

Weekly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary at 12:15pm every Sunday. All are welcome to attend!

A Holy Happy Hour

A group of parishioners are having a "Drinking with the Saints" social Fri, Aug 19, 6pm. Bring a side dish, contact Anna for the address.

Piano for Sale

Our old faithful piano is looking for a new home. Funds raised will help to offset the cost of our "new" piano. Contact the office, or talk to Sheila or Ryan from music after Mass.

Synod

As the diocesan phase of the Synod process closes and moves to the regional and international phases Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, C.M. will release the Synod Report for the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. This report will be available on the archdiocese's website at www.aoaj.org

Marriage Retreat Oct 7

Someone once said, "marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth." Retrouvaille, pronounced re*tro*vi', is a French word meaning rediscovery. If your marriage, a union of one man & one woman, is challenging, if communicating is difficult, or if you wonder whether you want to remain married at all, Retrouvaille wants to help you. For confidential information or to register for the next Retrouvaille of Alaska program beginning with a weekend experience on Oct 7, 2022, call 907-863-8000; email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org; or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Vocations Retreat

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to join us for a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat in the Bay Area, California, Sep 30-Oct 2. For single women ages 18-40. More info at daughters-of-charity.com

Ministry Schedule for next week (Aug 20/21)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Olivia Maglaqui Joseph Salao	Cheryl Chapman	Pat Siedl	Maglaqui Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Jerica Manaos Wisdom Marquez	Elisa Maes Maureen Retzel	Mike Likar Deacon Sandon	Faith Roberts Henry Maes
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	NA	Kaosi Morah Adelina Dizon Jerica Manaos	Anna Dimatulac	Deacon Bill Ninia Dizon	Theresa Mitchell Teresa Cortes

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- Youth / Young Adult Ministry- Anna Schulten: 306-9363

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TITHING UPDATE 2022

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

Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	6,577
Weekly Tithing Period:	8/1 to 8/7	
Income Sources		
Weekly Collections:	\$	3,183
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-
Online Giving:	\$	2,998
Total:	\$	6,181
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	(396)
Actual vs. Goal (%):	94.0%	

Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison: Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period

FY22 YTD Period:	7/1/2021 to 05/31/2022	
FY22 YTD Complete (%):	83.3%	
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022:	\$	344,500
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	333,417
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	331,350
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	2,067
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	100.6%	

Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period

FY22 YTD Period:	7/1/2021 to 05/31/2022		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	177,333	53.2%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	3,798	1.1%
Online Giving:	\$	140,637	42.2%
2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	11,649	3.5%
Total:	\$	333,417	100.0%



Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit holycrossalaska.net/give

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ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

August 12, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us always.

Synodality means walking together as Church. The journey requires us to look at Jesus' example of encounter. When our Holy Father, Pope Francis, opened the Synod on October 10, 2021, he began his homily by reminding us that Jesus was always on a journey, walking beside people in his ministry. Pope Francis asked, "Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey?"

A primary objective of the synod process was to journey together as Church to listen and dialogue. Today, in achieving that objective, I am publishing the report on what the participants shared during the local phase of the Synod on Synodality. I invite you to read the report prayerfully on our archdiocesan website at www.aoaj.org.

I thank everyone who participated in the synod and all who prayed for its success. I also thank the members of the synod committee who spent many hours shepherding and organizing the process. Our report has been submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The synod process now moves to the Continental phase, where Catholics from regions of the world will gather and synthesize reports this Fall. In October of 2023, representative bishops from around the world will gather in Rome with Pope Francis to discuss the reports from all continents.

As the Synod process moves forward, may the Holy Spirit continue to guide and direct the efforts of our Holy Father and the worldwide Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M.
Archbishop of Anchorage-Juneau

SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

In the past 30 years, Croatia has undergone significant change. The end of the communist system was followed by the breakup of the former Yugoslavia, of which Croatia was a part. Today, although Croatia is a member of the European Union, the country's economy still struggles with poverty levels close to 20%, and many young people who are educated have difficulty finding jobs. At the same time, new and vulnerable populations such as seniors, people with disabilities, homeless people, orphans, and refugees bring both material and social needs. The communist legacy in this region destroyed civil society and volunteerism, but young Catholics in Croatia, guided by the Church's social teaching, are being empowered to reengage and make a difference.

The 72 Hours Without Compromise project is organized by the Student Catholic Centre Palma and engages young Croats between the ages of

16 and 30, in ten cities and one municipality, by promoting volunteer service to those on the margins. Project participants come together from Thursday evening through Sunday morning; they richly experience the Church's mission by attending the opening and closing Masses of the weekend and learning and applying Catholic principles of solidarity in service to those in need. In the course of service projects, these young people also learn skills they can then use to secure employment.

Support from the Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection has helped make 72 Hours Without Compromise a success, extending it beyond the capital city of Zagreb into cities and towns across the country. When you participate in the collection, you help young people such as these participants to put their faith into action, rebuild the fabric of society, and acquire valuable skills that improve their job opportunities.

More information about the collection and the projects it supports can be found at www.usccb.org/lccee.

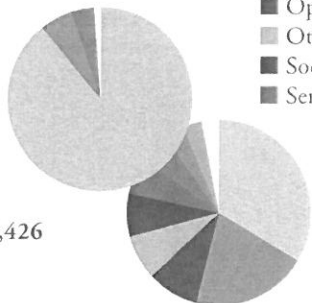
2020 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Number of Grants Approved: 323

Total Amount Approved: \$6,132,936

EXPENSES

■ Grants and Donations	89.28%
■ Program Costs	5.87%
■ Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	3.77%
□ Administrative Expenses	1.07%
Total Expenses	\$6,869,426



PROGRAM AREA	GRANTS	AMOUNT	PERCENT
■ Construction	78	\$2,070,197	33.76%
■ Scholarships	68	\$679,787	11.08%
■ Evangelization	48	\$567,745	9.26%
■ Operational Support	36	\$564,708	9.21%
■ Other	8	\$474,255	7.73%
■ Social Aid	27	\$450,562	7.35%
■ Seminary Support	17	\$394,146	6.43%
■ Equipment/Accommodation Purchase	14	\$326,760	5.33%
■ Vehicle Purchase	13	\$223,803	3.65%
■ Multimedia	8	\$200,973	3.28%
□ Education	6	\$180,000	2.93%



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