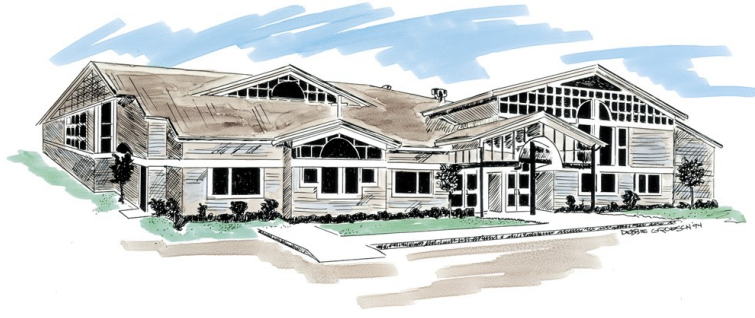


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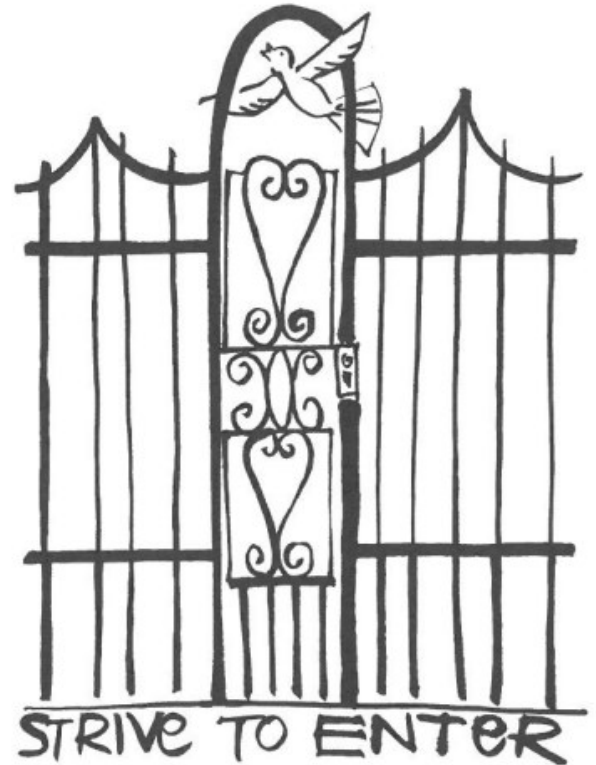
*There are different ministries,
but the same Lord.
You then are the Body of Christ.
Everyone of you is a member of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022

*I am the way, the truth and the
life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father,
except through me.*



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Aug 22

9am- Mass

1pm- Aspen Creek Service

Tue Aug 23

9am- Mass

Wed Aug 24

9am- Mass

Thu Aug 25

9am- Mass

Fri Aug 26 -Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Aug 27

1pm- Legion of Mary

3-4pm- Confession

5pm- Mass

Sun Aug 28

8am- Mass

9:15am- Faith Formation

11am- Mass

12pm- Rosary

Mass Intentions

Email the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

Mon 8/15	ROS Romeo Suganob Sr. ROS Estina Suganob ROS Juanito Mongaya Sr
Wed 8/17	ROS Michael Quinn
Sat 8/20	Available!
Sun 8/21	8:30am- For the People of the Parish 11am- Available!
Mon 8/22- Sat 8/27	Available!
Sun 8/28	8am- For the People of the Parish 11am- Special Intention Stella Harmon

Next Sunday's Readings

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favor with God.

Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, everyone who humbles himself will be exalted.

Reflection

This part of the gospel is where Jesus lays out the reality of the kingdom of God: not everyone will make it. This feels counter-intuitive—that the same Jesus who goes in search of a lost sheep, and embraces the Prodigal Son, will tell evildoers to depart. However, there is a satisfaction in the agency we are granted in this week's gospel. We have the choice within our own hearts, and exemplified by our actions, to love others as Christ loves us, or to not. "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." It is easy to desire to do good. It is far more challenging to put it into practice.

This Way to Jerusalem

The last shall be first, and the first shall be last.

We have heard the phrase so often that it has become practically meaningless. We nod in agreement, presuming to be among the last who will one day be first. But today's Gospel challenges that presumption. What if I am among the first who is going to be last?

The question makes me so uncomfortable I want to push back.

Tell me this, Jesus: You say the door is locked and you're not going to open it. But didn't you just tell us to "knock and the door will be opened" (Luke 11:9)?

You say, Jesus, that you're not letting me in because you don't know where I'm from. But then you welcome all kinds of people from who knows where—strangers rolling in from the east, the west, the north, and the south. It doesn't seem to matter where *they* are from!

If I am honest, this Gospel passage makes me want to reflect no further, put down the readings, and get on with the day.

But I know I should sit with the discomfort. Doing so, I notice something: Jesus' words come while he is "making his way to Jerusalem." He is heading to his Passion. He is heading to his death. Jesus' caustic warning is not aimed at people but at presumption. It is not enough to hang out with Jesus, eating with him and listening to him.

Discipleship means following him to the very end—whether we fall at the front or the back of the line.

Edward P. Hahnenberg

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On the Way Home from Mass...

The kingdom of God requires an active engagement on our part. How can we be more intentional about what we say or do?



Registry & Photo Directory: Weekends in August

Part 1: Registry Update

Holy Cross is updating our registry & parishioner contact info (name spelling, address, phone, & email).

Part 2: Photo Directory

We're also creating a Holy Cross Photo Directory. This is a great way to build community & learn the names of your fellow parishioners. We won't include your contact info in the directory: just photo/name.

How to Participate:

Stop by after any Mass in August to update your data & have your photo taken. Talk to the photographer for info.

Faith Formation begins this Sunday!

Not registered? No problem! Stop by the sign in table to complete a form and join us this weekend!

This weekend: grades K-5 + parents in Family Session
Grades 6-12 and all other adults in classrooms

Next weekend: grades 6-12 + parents in Family Session
Grades K-5 and all other adults in classrooms

No class on Labor Day weekend

More online: holycrossalaska.net/formation

We're still looking for volunteers— contact Anna for info.

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

Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, C.M. released the Synod Report for the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau it is available for viewing at aoaj.org

Marriage Retreat Oct 7

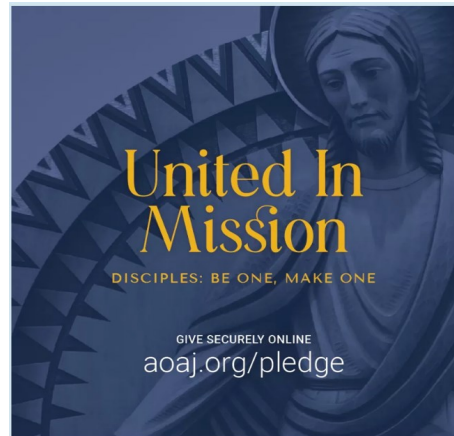
If you and your spouse have drifted apart over time, the Retrouvaille marriage program, is dedicated to healing and renewing the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman. Retrouvaille, gives couples an opportunity to grow close again, and to learn techniques for keeping your marriage refreshing. For confidential information or to register for a weekend experience on Oct 7, call 863-8000; anchorage@helpourmarriage.org; or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

St Benedict Bowlers

St. Benedict's Mixed Bowling League is looking for you! We are fun, social group that bowls at Jewel Lake Bowl on Sundays at 4:30 from Sep-Apr. No experience needed. Bring your 4-person team or we can help you find a team. Knights of Columbus League is also looking for bowlers on Wed at 7pm. They are a 3-person team league. You don't have to be a member of St. Benedicts or Knights of Columbus for these leagues, but you must commit to the entire season. Call Beth 230-2810 for more details.

Jason Evert at St. Michael's Parish

St Michael's Parish in Palmer have the privilege to sponsor Jason Evert Sat Aug 27 at 7pm: *Why be Catholic* (\$20 fee online or at the door) and *Parenting for Purity* on Sun Aug 28 at 7pm (free for all). Contact Fr Michael Shields 302-8781.



Thank you for your support! Holy Cross has exceeded our goal! All funds raised form this point on will return to our parish.

Ministry Schedule for next week (Aug 27/28)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Pat Seidl	Jerica Manaois Daniel Muldoon	Deb Seidl Julia Morrison-Lugo	Julie Spradling Deacon Bill	Manaois Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	NA	Henry and Annalise Maes Jerica Manaois	Jason Hlasny	Ron Reinhardt	Dora Castillo Faith Roberts
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	NA	Kaosi Morah Rowdy Reynoso	Megan Green	Mercy Acheson Julia Morrison-Lugo	Leigh Rivera Mary Anne Green

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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: \$	7,077
Weekly Tithing Period:	8/8-14/2022
Income Sources	
Weekly Collections: \$	3,292
Holy Day/Holiday Collections: \$	-
Online Giving: \$	2,143
Total: \$	5,435
Over /(Under) Goal: \$	(1,642)
Actual vs. Goal (%)	76.8%
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:	
Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period	
FY22 YTD Period:	7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022
FY22 YTD Complete (%):	100.0%
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2022: \$	344,500
Actual Total Income for Period: \$	357,409
Budget Total Income for Period: \$	344,500
Over /(Under) Budget for Period: \$	12,909
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%)	103.7%
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY22 YTD Period	
FY22 YTD Period:	7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail): \$	188,833 52.8%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail): \$	3,798 1.1%
Online Giving: \$	152,196 42.6%
2021 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates): \$	12,582 3.5%
Total: \$	357,409 100.0%



Online Giving

To sign up online giving visit holycrossalaska.net/give

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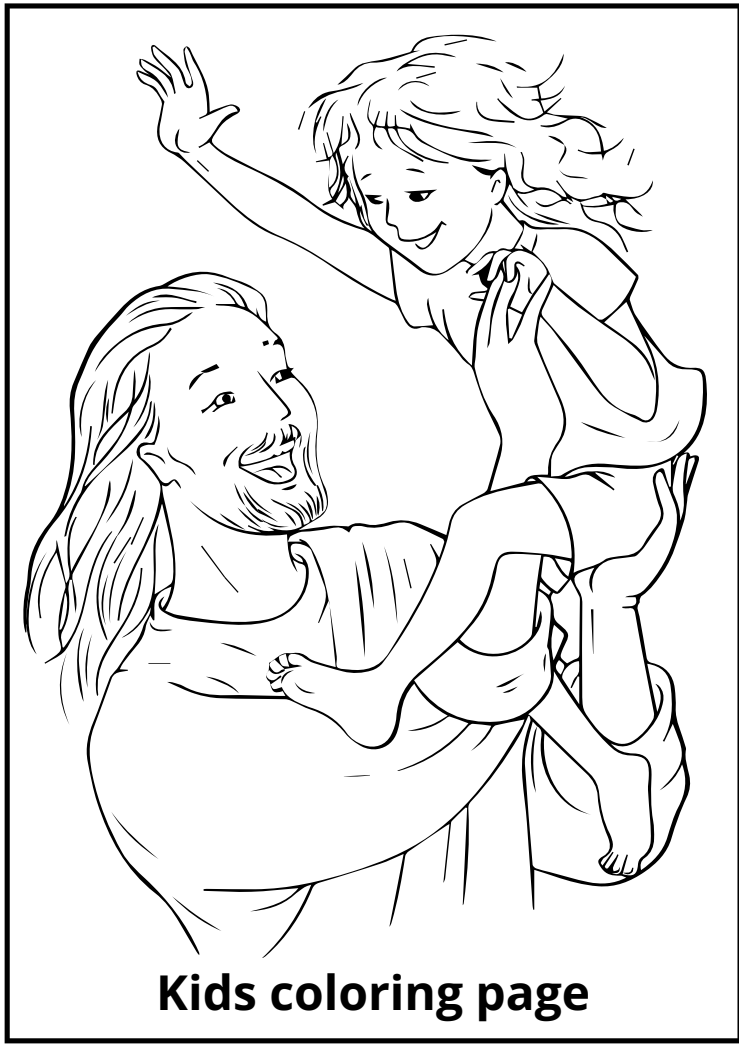


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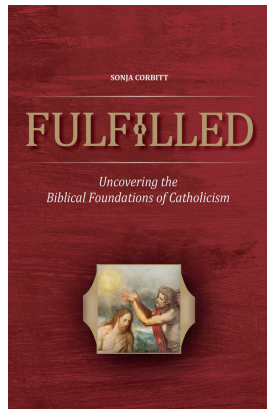
Faith Formation

Registration still open for:

- grade K-2 class
- grade 3-5 class
- grade 6-8 class
- grade 9-12 class
- Adults class
- Sacrament prep class
(First Communion & Confirmation)

**Class meets 9:15 - 10:45am
on Sunday mornings.**

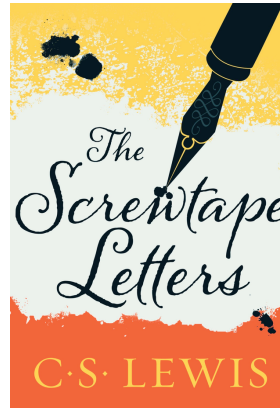
New 2022 Faith Formation Groups for Young Adults & Adults



Beginner bible study
& video series

Fulfilled Bible Study

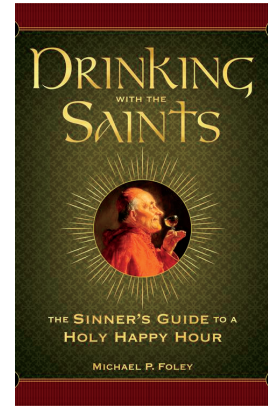
Meet at Holy Cross
every other Sunday
9:15 - 10:45am



Weekday social &
discussion group

Screwtape Letters

Hosted in
parishioner homes
weekly 6:30pm



Social led by a group
of parishioners

Holy Happy Hour

3rd Fridays of the
month; hosted in
parishioner homes

Contact Anna for
more info on dates,
times, & locations
of the next
Screwtape Letters
study and the
Holy Happy Hour
gatherings.

HOLY CROSS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2022

• **Month Ending (ME): Jun 2022** (4 weekends)

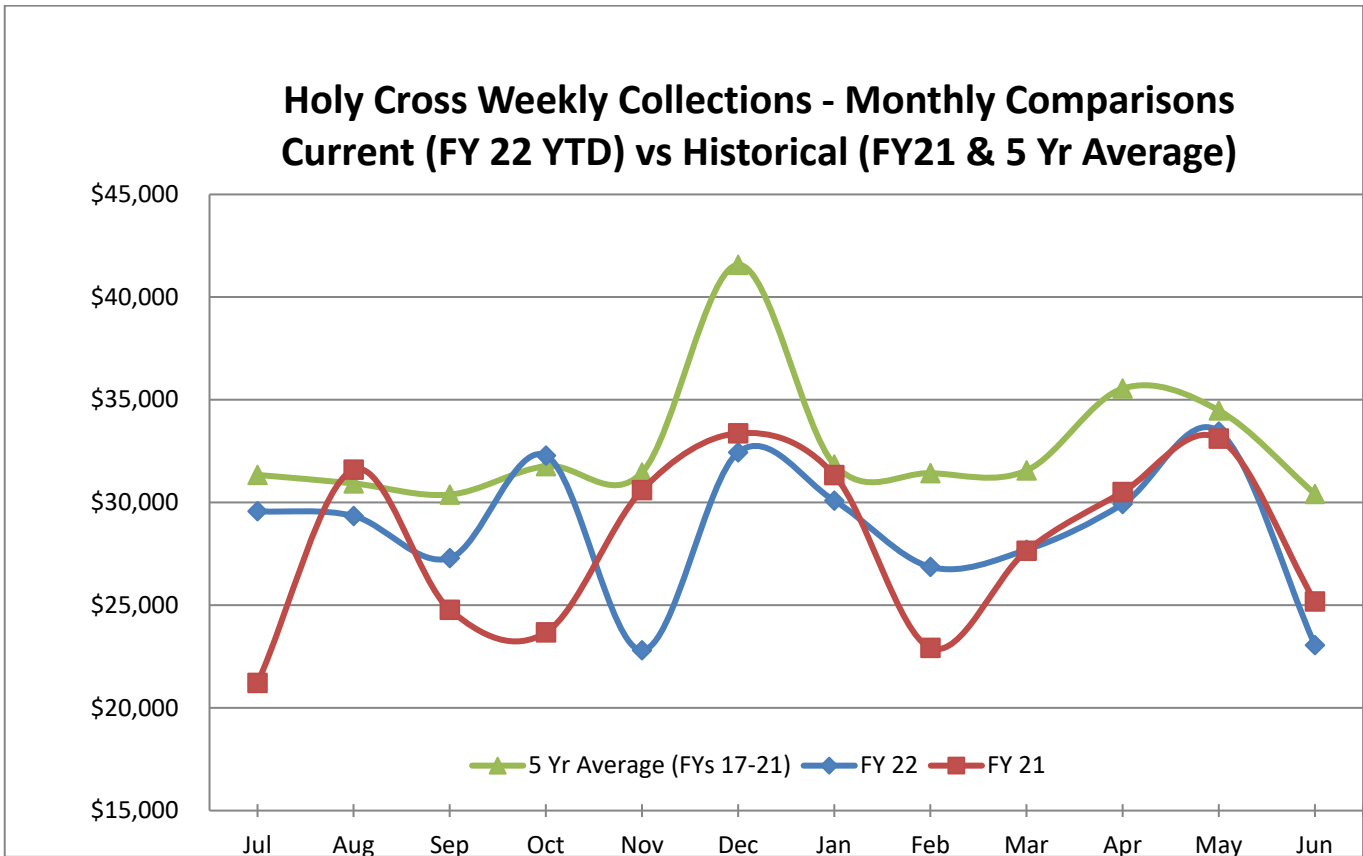
Offertory “Goal” for ME: \$ 26,308
 Offertory “Actual” for ME: \$ 23,059 (87.7%)

Basket @ Mass/Mail: \$ 11,500 (49.9%)
 Online Giving: \$ 11,559 (50.1%)
 Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 0 (0.0%)

• **Fiscal Year 2022 – Year to Date (YTD) July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

Offertory “Goal” for Fiscal YTD: \$ 342,000 (Weekly Average: \$6,577)
 Offertory “Actual” for Fiscal YTD: \$ 344,828 (100.8%) (Weekly Average: \$6,631)

Basket @ Mass/Mail \$ 188,833 (54.8%)
 Online Giving: \$ 152,196 (44.1%)
 Holy Days/Holidays: \$ 3,798 (1.1%)



Income Statement – Previous Year Comparison

	FY 22 Budget	FY 22: Jul – Jun Actual	FY 21: Jul – Jun Actual	Previous Year Change
Total Income	\$ 360,000	\$ 374,954	\$ 388,457	\$ (16,064)
Total Expense	\$ 405,000	\$ 394,989	\$ 328,884	\$ 66,105
Net Income	\$ (45,000)	\$ (20,035)	\$ 59,573	\$ (79,608)

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