

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2022

*Let your face shine upon
your servant;
and teach me your laws.*

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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Sep 5- Office Closed **Happy Labor Day!**

9am- Mass

1pm- Aspen Creek Service

6:30pm- Maintenance Meeting

Tue Sep 6

9am- Mass

7:30pm- Knights of Columbus

Wed Sep 7

9am- Mass

Thu Sep 8

9am- Mass

Fri Sep 9 -Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Sep 10

1pm- Legion of Mary

3-4pm- Confession

5pm- Mass

Sun Sep 11

8am- Mass

9:15am- Faith Formation

11am- Mass

12pm- Rosary

Mass Intentions

Email the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

Sat 9/3	Special Intention Salao Family
Sun 9/4	8:30am- For the People of the Parish 11am- Available!
Mon 9/5 to Sun 9/18	Available!

Next Sunday's Readings

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

I will rise and go to my father.

Timothy 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

Luke 15:1-32

There will be great joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

Reflection

How many times in your life have you recommitted to being a "better person" and decided to "love more"? If you're like most Catholics, you've gone through the motions of commitment more than a few times. We do it multiple times a year in the liturgy when we renew our baptismal promises. But, as Catholics know, making a commitment to following the gospel and church teaching is not the same as following them, because it's hard to reorient our lives toward Christ. It takes planning and decisive action. It takes effort to follow the Lord. "For the corruptible body burdens the soul / and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns."

Alive to the Love

It's a stark choice Jesus offers me in today's Gospel, and one that Luke makes no attempt to soften: Turn your back on what you cherish above your own life, your sons and husband. Walk away from your work. Leave behind all you possess. Deny all that defines you: mother, daughter, wife, teacher. Follow me.

I might be tempted to think it an impossible choice, the stuff of saints and martyrs, not meant for chemistry professors and suburban mothers of twenty-something sons. You can't mean me, Lord. Right?

But a dozen years ago, I did leave behind my work and household, family and students to follow Jesus to Jerusalem, to Calvary. I spent thirty days in silence, stripped of even my voice, living in a tiny room with only a single drawer to hold my possessions, making the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola. I returned having caught a glimpse of the possibilities in the impossible.

Ignatian Exercises rest on just this call. To recognize that everything I have, everything I am, everything and everyone I encounter are not mine to hold on to. All creation is God crying out to us in love. Everything I see and touch holds the possibility of drawing me more deeply into that love. The tattered trash bag quivering in the tree behind the church. The woman who badgers me for a ride to the halfway house. Even the truck driver who ran me off the road when I was biking. Follow me, says Jesus, be alive to the possibilities in each encounter. Reach out to restore, to accompany, to forgive.

Take up your cross, insists Jesus. It is not an invitation to grit your teeth and endure the arduous. It's a call to stretch out your arms and embrace in love the rough and the uncomfortable, the difficult and—perhaps—even the impossible.

Michelle Francl-Donnay

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On the Way Home from Mass...

What are some ways that we could make Jesus first in our lives?

Faith Formation for ALL AGES

Catholic Story Time for Babies & Toddlers

Parents/grandparents of babies, toddlers, or preschoolers: we invite you to join us for an up-and-coming story time ministry. Help us choose the day of the week and time by marking your preferences at the black table in the foyer. More info soon!

Faith Formation classes for grades K-12 & Adults

No class on Labor Day weekend. Join us next Sunday:

September 11:

Grades K-5 + parents in Family Session
Grades 6-12 in classrooms
All other adults in classrooms

September 18:

Grades 6-12 + parents in Family Session
Grades K-5 in classrooms
All other adults in classrooms

For more information, and to register,
visit us online: holycrossalaska.net/formation

Sacrament Prep: First Communion

Students in grades 2+ are preparing to receive First Reconciliation in November and First Communion in April. It's not too late to join! Sign up for classes online at holycrossalaska.net/formation

Confirmation

Students in grades 8+ are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2023. It's not too late to join! Sign up at holycrossalaska.net/formation

OCIA (Adults)

Formerly known as "RCIA" (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults," the OCIA ("Rite of..." became "Order of...") is designed for those who are not yet baptized, but are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and those who are baptized (Catholic or Christian) but have not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation.

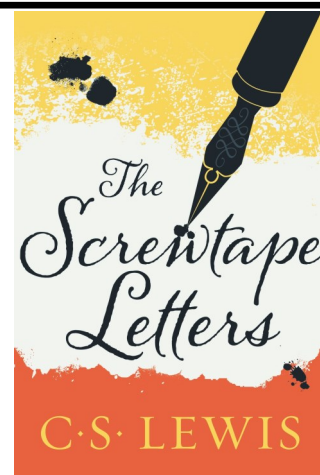
Deacon Sandon Broek will be preparing adults to receive the sacraments this Easter Vigil. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, contact Deacon Sandon at 947-9168. We are choosing a date soon, and want to accommodate your schedule.

Screwtape Letters: Study begins this Thursday!

This small group study explores the Catechism in light of C.S. Lewis's spiritual and fictional classic, *The Screwtape Letters*. Lewis's book addresses spiritual warfare from the fictional perspective of demons, whose human "subject" struggles to choose virtue over vice.

Our first study night will be **Thursday, September 9, at 6:30pm**. We will meet at Holy Cross for the first few gatherings and may transition to hosting the event in parishioner's homes; contact Anna to confirm the location before you come.

Cost: free—bring your own catechism and borrow a copy of the *Screwtape Letters*, or buy a book for \$10.



Ministry Schedule for next week (Sep 10/11)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Pat Seidl	Jerica Manaois Daniel Muldoon	Ray Meliton	Jessie Maglaqui	Susan Gallardo Matt Williams
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	NA	Henry and Annalise Maes Jerica Manaois	Alice Garrod Julie Kentch	John Hoppe	Clara Hoppe Faith Roberts
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	Maureen Retzel	Kaosi Morah Rowdy Reynoso	Mary Anne Green	Ninia Dizon Steve Thomas	Degenhardt Family

Youth Ministry: attend the Out of the Darkness Anchorage Walk

The Out of the Darkness Community Walk is a journey of remembrance, hope, and support. It unites our communities and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the ways in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives and the lives of those we love and care about.

Holy Cross Youth Ministry will attend the walk in solidarity with those who struggle with mental health and those impacted by suicide. All ages are welcome. You are also welcome to bring a copy of a photo of a loved one to display in their memorial tent (photos should be labeled and submitted with a protective covering).

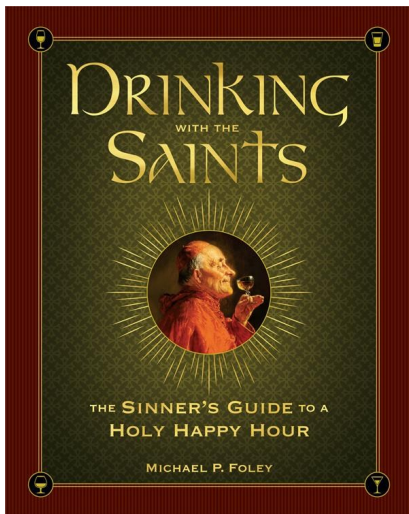
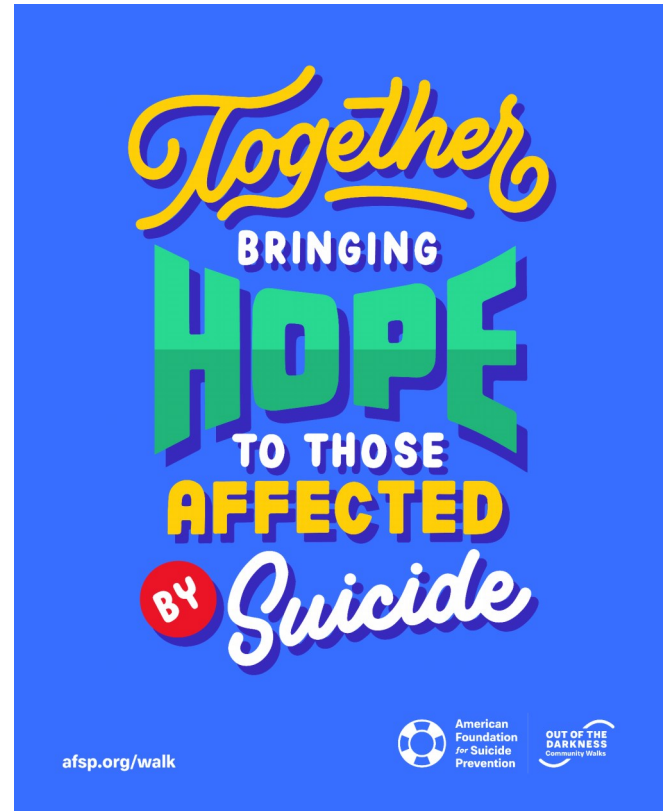
Date: September 10, 2022

Location: meet at Cuddy Family Midtown Park: 201 E. 40th Ave (near the Lousacc Library)

Start Time: 11:00 am

Learn more at supporting.afsp.org

***If you or someone you know is in a crisis, please call 1-800-273-8255 or text TALK to 741-741



A Holy Happy Hour

A group of parishioners are having a "Drinking with the Saints" social the 3rd Friday of every month (location rotates between parishioner homes). Social includes dinner, drinks, and the life stories of saints of the month. This social is for adults AND

young adults. Next date: **Sept. 16, 6pm.** Bring a side dish, contact Anna for the address.

Registry & Photo Directory: Thank you!

Thank you to the dozens of individuals and families who participated in this project. If you've not yet updated your contact information, please call the office or complete the form online: holycrossalaska.net/registration

You can also submit a photo for the directory via email: send to Anna at formation@holycrossalaska.net.



The Power of Healing..... Retrouvaille

For confidential information or to register for the next Retrouvaille of Alaska program beginning with a weekend experience Fri, Oct 7, call 907-863-8000; email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org; or visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.org



The Bishop's Attic Board of Directors is actively recruiting new volunteer members. This group of leaders is dedicated to the store's mission of raising funds for the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau while providing low-cost wares and entry-level employment for the community. Serving on the Bishop's Attic Board of Directors is a unique opportunity to contribute your time and talent to a worthy Catholic faith-based organization. If interested, please contact Sharen Walsh at sawalsh@acsalaska.net or (907) 229-6314.

**COME & SEE 2022
PRIESTHOOD
DISCERNMENT
RETREATS**
AT SAINT THERESE'S CAMP
Under 18 years old: Sept. 23-24
18 years and older: Dec. 9-10

**Cost: \$20
all included while
supplies last**

**VISIT
WWW.STCAK.COM TO
REGISTER AND FOR
INFO**




Archdiocese
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Priesthood Discernment Retreats

This two-day, one night retreat will include talks from local priests addressing their calls, living the priesthood, discernment, delicious food, the sacraments and fellowship. Any man interested in learning more about the priesthood is encouraged to attend.

Cost: Thanks to a generous donor, spaces are \$20 per person while funds last (normal cost is \$65; additional scholarships also available). Covers 5:30PM Friday night through lunch Saturday afternoon.

- Sep 23-24 for men under 18 years old
- Dec 9-10 for men over 18 years old

For more info contact Fr. Arthur Roraff: (907) 694-2170 or frarthur@roraff.com

Daughters of Charity Vocations Retreat for Women

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 information and registration is available online at daughters-of-charity.com or contact Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C., at srllaguna@doc1633.org or (213) 210-9903.

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Join Us!

September 30- October 2, 2022
In Person - Los Altos Hills, CA

**Religious Vocation
Discernment Retreat!**
Is God Calling You to be a Sister?

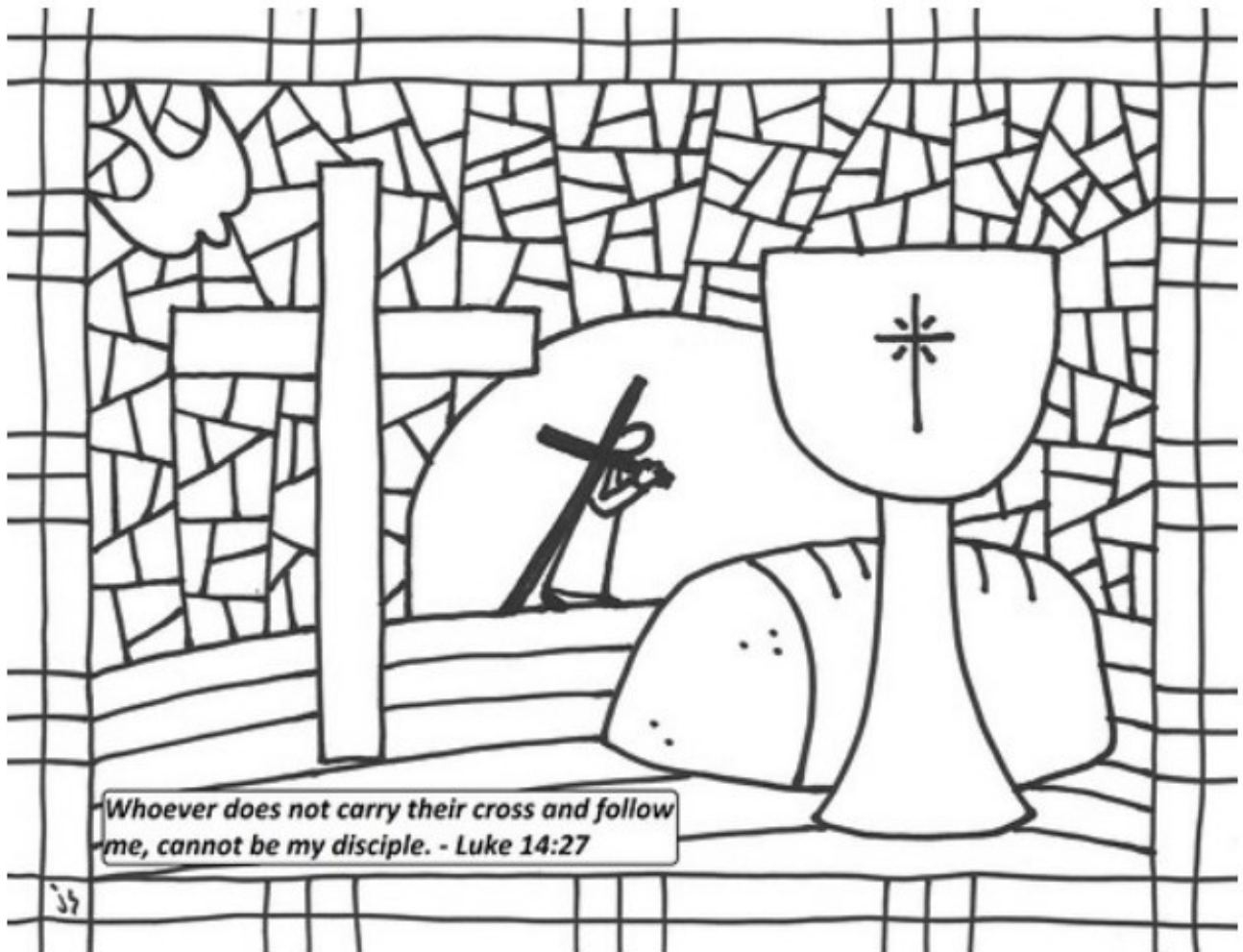


HUNGER ACTION MONTH



Every September, people all over the nation recognize Hunger Action Month, a time to take a stand against hunger in America. This year the need is higher than ever, and St. Francis House Food Pantry is helping 500 households per week. By raising awareness about hunger, donating food, and supporting local food banks, you can help fight hunger and make sure that every person has access to the food they need.

Take Action!



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Community Pregnancy Center

Like our ongoing St. Francis Food Drive, Holy Cross supports the Community Pregnancy Center on a weekly basis. Their Mini Depot is used to provide essential items for women, men and babies.

“Our Mini Depot provides material support such as diapers, wipes, car seats, pack-n-plays, clothing and much more to moms, dads and babies. We take clothing up to size 5T.

We can accept most baby items. However items that are broken, extremely dirty or damaged will not be accepted. Items we CANNOT accept are: used car seats and cribs due to possible damage or missing pieces and used breast pumps.

Our current high need items are below:

- Diapers – specifically Newborn, 5 and 6
- Baby wipes
- Strollers
- Rocking Chairs

Pilgrimage for Life

If you are a young person interested in attending and would like to participate in fundraising activities, please contact Anna.

Cost Options:

Full Package: \$1500 (airfare & private room)

Land-Only: \$1000 (no airfare, private room)

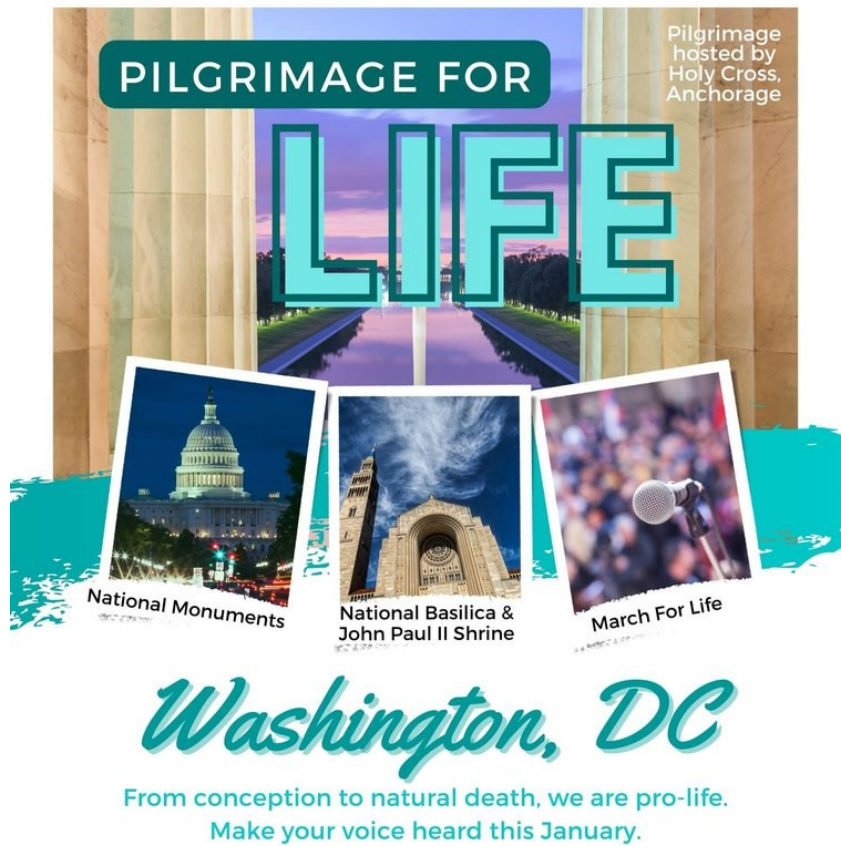
Full Package: \$1050 (airfare & shared room)

Land-Only: \$600 (no airfare, shared room)

Register by September 30 to reserve your slot. Info at holycrossalaska.net/pfl

Healing after Abortion: Project Rachel

Project Rachel is a support service for those impacted by abortion loss. The program is free confidential healing or just someone to talk to about a past abortion. This service is open to all. If you want healing or just someone to talk about a past abortion, please contact us at projectrachelalaska@gmail.com or (907) 297-7781. Outside the Anchorage-Juneau region, call (866) 434-3344 or messenger us. Messages are reviewed daily and phone lines are always open. Visit our Facebook, Youtube or website for info: projectrachelalaska.com



Pilgrimage hosted by Holy Cross, Anchorage

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

National Monuments National Basilica & John Paul II Shrine March For Life

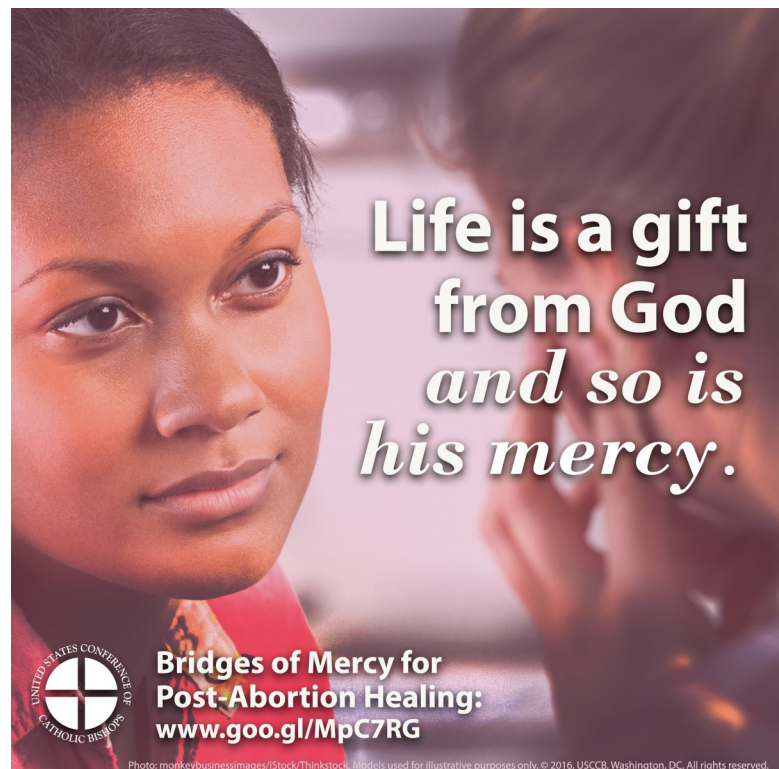
Washington, DC

From conception to natural death, we are pro-life.
Make your voice heard this January.

January 18-22, 2023 | \$600-1500/person

This pilgrimage is for individuals and families of all ages; young people in 8th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Register online by **September 30**: holycrossalaska.net/pfl



Life is a gift from God and so is his mercy.

Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing:
www.goo.gl/MpC7RG

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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:		8/22-28/2022	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	1,945	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	2,672	
Total:	\$	4,617	
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	(2,460)	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		65.2%	
Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison:			
<i>Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Period</i>			
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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