Holy Cross Catholic Church



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2022

1 Peter 1:25 The word of the Lord remains forever. This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

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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



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This Week at Holy Cross

Mon Oct 3

9am- Mass

1pm- Aspen Creek Service

6:30pm- Maintenance Meeting

Tue Oct 4

9am- Mass

9:45am- Catholic Story Time

5:30-7pm- Confirmation Class

7:30pm- Knights of Columbus

Wed Oct 5

9am- Mass

Thu Oct 6

9am- Mass

6:30pm- Screwtape Letters

Fri Oct 7-Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

Sat Oct 8

1pm- Legion of Mary 3-4pm- Confession 3:15pm- First Reconciliation Preparation Class 5pm- Mass

Sun Oct 9

8am- Mass

9:15am- Faith Formation

11am- Mass followed by Rosary

Mass Intentions

Email the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

Sat 10/1	Available!
Sun 10/2	8am- People of the Parish 11am- ROS Stanley Berzinski
Mon 10/3 to Thu 10/6	Available!
Fri 10/7	ROS Marcella Mitchell
Sat 10/8 to Sun 10/9	Available!

Next Sunday's Readings 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to the man of God and acknowledged the Lord.

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Timothy 2:8-13

If we persevere we shall also reign with Christ.

Luke 17:11-19

None but this foreigner has returned to give thanks to God.

Reflection

The gospel this week gives us more insight into how fully God, in the person of Jesus, understands humanity. It's not enough to tell us to do good; Jesus leads his disciples in such a way that they realize they can pray for the desire to change their actions and to grow their faith, instead of just changing their actions and being done with it. This level of personal agency gets at the heart of true Christian formation. It's deeper than following Christ in word and deed. It also requires working toward orienting one's heart toward Christ.

When God Does Not Intervene

No one knows anything about Habakkuk except what is in his book. The political enemies on his horizon are the Chaldeans, a "fierce and impetuous nation" whose "horses are swifter than leopards, more menacing than wolves at dusk" [Hab 1:6,8]. They seize dwellings not their own. They gather captives like sand. Apocalypse is right around the corner. But Habakkuk's argument is not with them. His argument is with God. Why is God letting the bad guys win? What has happened to the God of justice? Habakkuk thought he knew who God was, but the Chaldean menace is messing with his head. The Divine Listener will not listen. The Divine Savior will not save. Meet cognitive dissonance, circa 600 BCE.

Against all odds, Habakkuk decides to remain faithful even if God won't. He stations himself on the rampart of his fortress and waits for God to answer his complaint. *How long*?...

When God finally answers him, the news is not good.

The Chaldeans are serving a purpose, God tells Habakkuk. Their arrogance will circle back on them, but that is not your business. Your business is to write the vision—to write it so plainly that even those who hurry by can read it. "For there is still a vision for the appointed time," God says to Habakkuk; "it speaks of the end, and does not lie." If it seems slow, wait for it. It is on its way; it will arrive right on time (2:3).

But what about the meantime (the *very* mean time)? The spirit of the proud "is not right in them," God says, "but the righteous live by their faith" (v. 4).

Lots of people think Paul said that, since it shows up more than once in his letters, but Habakkuk said it first.... [B]efore Jesus and after Jesus, God's people have always lived by faith—by continuing to do what they know is right, regardless of what the leopards and wolves are doing. At the same time, Habakkuk reminds us that the faithful do not cease to be faithful when they call God to account. Job did it. Jeremiah did it. Depending on how you read Jesus' last words from the cross, he did it too.

The fact that these laments have ended up in Scripture tells us there is something sacred about them, something we need not fear doing ourselves.

Barbara Brown Taylor, Always a Guest

Barbara Brown Taylor is a best-selling author, professor, and Episcopal priest.

On the Way Home from Mass...

Would you like to ask Jesus to increase your faith? What might God do with your increased faith?



Happening at Holy Cross

Catholic Story Time for Babies & Toddlers

Parents/grandparents of babies, toddlers, or preschoolers: join us for story time Tuesdays, 9:45am. *Note the new time, after 9am daily Mass.

Faith Formation classes

October 9: Grades K-5 + parents in Family Session Grades 6-12 in classrooms All other adults in classrooms

New families, info online: holycrossalaska.net/formation

OCIA/RCIA: Sacraments for Adults begin Tues!

Classes begin this Tuesday, Oct 4 from 7—8:30pm (meet in parish library) and meet every other Tuesday. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, or receive sacraments as an adult, contact Deacon Sandon at 947-9168.

THIS WEEK in our Archdiocese

Chris McKenna at Lumen Christi

Please join Lumen Christi Catholic High School as they welcome Mr. Chris McKenna from "Project Young Eyes" a nationally recognized and award winning organization dedicated to helping create safer digital environments for kids. Mr. McKenna will be presenting "The Digital Culture of Kids: Building a Framework of Trust" Oct 6 at 7pm in the Lumen Christi Gym.

Eucharistic Revival From Archbishop Bellisario

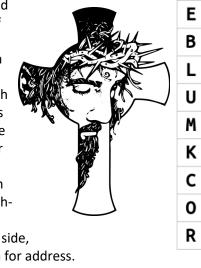
The Eucharistic Revival is a multi-year, nationwide initiative of the USCCB. The first year of the Revival is focused on general catechesis at the Archdiocesan level. Monthly video presentations focusing on a greater understanding of the Eucharist and who we are as a Eucharistic people will be available soon. These presentations could be used to form small groups at the parish level to engage and discuss the topics presented. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the National Eucharistic Revival. May God bless our effort to grow deeper in our love for the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Confirmation Volunteers

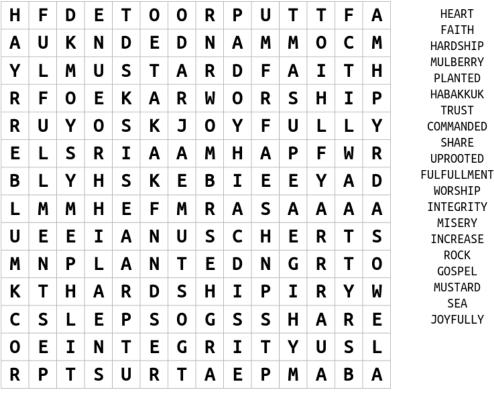
We are looking for volunteers, but especially needed are <u>2 men</u>, to join us for this year's Confirmation Retreat: Oct 21-23, at St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla. Volunteers help with overnight chaperoning, food crew, and/or small groups for part or all of the weekend. Contact Anna for more info.

A Holy Happy Hour: Fri, Oct 28

This social, led by a group of parishioners and based on the book "Drinking with the Saints," is moving to the 4th Friday for this month only (location rotates monthly). **Oct 28**, **6pm.** Bring a side, contact Anna for address.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Play this puzzle online at : https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/4105288/

Ministry Schedule for next week (Oct 8/9)						
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat	Ryan Meliton	Leo Gallardo	Joseph Salao	Dave Alzheimer	Julie Spradling	Maglaqui Family
5 pm	(walk-ins welcome)		Sebastian Maglaqui	Ray Meliton		
Sun	Ryan Meliton	John Hoppe	Joe and Rose Webb	Paul Clark	John Hoppe	Dora Castillo
8 am	(walk-ins welcome)		Jerica Manaois	Kristin Rehmann		Henry Maes
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	N/A	Lora Rivera Lilly Vogt Jerica Manaois	Joslyn Childs	Teresa Mitchell	Degenhardt Family

PARISH MINISTRIES SERVICE TEAM

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- Knights of Columbus Pat Seidl: 242-1127
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- Legion of Mary Mercy Acheson: 223-4822
- Library- Debi Wickler: 952-1879
- Liturgical Ministries Coordinator-Julie Thomas: 538-1109
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- Music Ministry Sheila Soukup: 250-6234
- Prayer Chain Joan Gillis: 346-3147
- Readers Jason Hlasny: 242-6655
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Financial Corner

TITHING UPDATE

How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?					
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$	7,077			
Weekly Tithing Period:	9/19-25	/2022			
Income Sources					
Weekly Collections:	\$	3,818			
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-			
Online Giving:	\$	2,949			
Total:	\$	6,767			
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	(310)			
Actual vs. Goal (%):		95.6%			

Year to Date (YTD) Income Comparison: Actual versus Budaet Total Incomes for FY22 YTD Per

Actual versus Budget Total Incomes for FY22 Y ID 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 (%):	Γ	103.7%			
Breakdown of Actual Total Income for F	Y	22 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%



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GRATITUDE

For the Thanks Giving Send Off for The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Missouri

On behalf of my Sisters, living and in heaven, I would like to Thank You for the Mass and Reception you hosted on Saturday, September 24, 2022.

We have been blessed to minister with various members of the Archdiocese from 1983-2022. While we no longer will be able to serve in the Archdiocese after I leave, you will always be our Alaskan Family and our prayers for, and with you, will continue.

Piglet, philosopher, and Pooh Bear's best friend, (also a friend of mine), expressed GRATITUDE quite well when he noticed 'that even though he had a very small HEART, it could hold a rather large amount of GRATITUDE'.

Our HEARTS are larger than Piglet's, but they too can hold a 'rather large amount of GRATITUDE' and right now are almost overflowing.

Wherever we are, however we serve, let us continue together to answer God's CALL to BE Christ's Continuing Presence in the World!

Gratefully, Sister Joan (and Sister Loretta, of course)

St. Francis of Assisi's **PET BLESSING** Sunday, Oct. 9 at 1:00pm at Holy Cross

Pets of all kinds welcome (on a leash or in a carrier). Humans need not be Catholic to attend!

Bonus: Money-Saving Tips for Pet Owners

Because of the recent economic climate, many pets are being returned to shelters.

A Holy Cross parishioner has volunteered to lead a brief talk on money-saving tips for pets: shots, grooming demonstration, affordable foods, etc.

Join us immediately after the Pet Blessing to watch a demonstration and listen in!







What is Parish Nursing?

Parish nursing is a "specialized practice of professional nursing that focuses on the intentional care of the spirit as part of the process of promoting holistic health and preventing or minimizing illness in a faith community." (ANA & HMA, 2012)

We are seeking RNs who are interested in assisting with the Holy Cross Parish Nurse Program.

- Save the Date -

National Take Back Medication Day: Oct. 29, 2022 (info after Mass Oct. 22-23) **Grandparenting with Grace** Thursdays 9:45 - 10:45am October 15 - November 17

Learn more: contact Deb Seidl, RN MPH BSN, at (907) 301-4180.



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GRANDPARENTING WITH



A SIX-WEEK BOOK STUDY THURSDAY MORNINGS 9:45 - 10:45 OCT 15 - NOV. 17

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> THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND. SIGN UP SHEET IN THE HALL.

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KICKOFF PRAYER SERVICE

Saturday, October 1 at 3:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church 2901 Huffman Road, Anchorage

Join us as we praise God in prayer and song - grateful for His gift of life - and ask Him to help us end abortion in our city. *We are blessed that Priscilla Hurley of Anchorage will share her story of a life redeemed and healed.* When 3 months in utero, Priscilla survived an attempted abortion; then, as a young woman, she lost two children to abortion and worked in an abortion facility. Come hear her painful but encouraging journey and be educated and inspired!



For more information and to sign up: https://linktr.ee/40daysforlifeanchorage



The fall 40 Days for Life prayer vigil runs from

September 28 at 7:00 am to November 6 at 7:00 pm.

PLEASE JOIN US OCTOBER 1 AND THROUGHOUT THE VIGIL!

faith...

In today's Gospel we learn a little bit about faith. In fact, Jesus says we only need a tiny bit of faith to do amazing things. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, He said, you can tell a tree to throw itself into the sea and it will!

But what is faith? Faith is believing. We have faith in our parents and teachers. That means that we believe what they tell us and we trust them. We have faith in our friends too. Faith in God is a little bit different, though. It is a gift He gives us so that we can believe in Him.

When we are baptized God gives us the gift of faith. Then it's up to us to use it. We use that gift when we decide to believe in God and what He tells us in the Church and the Bible.



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The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 2nd, 2022

What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading when the apostles asked Him to give them more faith?

Sort out the letters by number and put them in the spaces below.

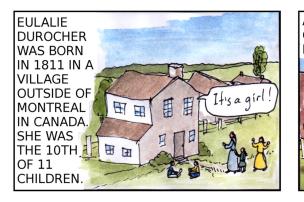


"If you have faith the size of a

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you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Luke 17:5-10

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher October 6





SHE WAS KIND TO

EVERYONE BUT VERY

STRICT WITH HERSELF.

SHE FELT CALLED TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE BUT WAS TOO SICKLY TO JOIN THE CONVENT.





FOR 13 YEARS SHE WAS THE HOUSE-KEEPER FOR HER BROTHER, A PRIEST.



BLESSED MARIE-ROSE LIVED ONLY SIX MORE YEARS. SHE DID MUCH PENANCE AND WAS QUITE STRICT WITH THE OTHER SISTERS. THEY WERE POOR AND OFTEN PEOPLE SPOKE BADLY ABOUT THEM BUT SHE WOULD NOT GIVE UP HER WORK TO BRING CHILDREN TO GOD. SISTER MARIE-ROSE DIED WHEN SHE WAS 38.

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Mustard Seed Word-Find

M U S T A R D F A U P R O O T E D R L I N C R E A S E B P S E E D P A P E L O B E Y O I L R A T H I S S D I R N I F A I T H E Y T O U R Z L S D O E T T R E E E H U D H A V E S A Y

Here is part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The APOSTLES SAID to the Lord, "INCREASE OUR faith." The Lord REPLIED, "If you HAVE FAITH the SIZE of a MUSTARD SEED, YOU would SAY to THIS MULBERRY TREE, 'Be UPROOTED and PLANTED in the SEA and it would OBEY you.