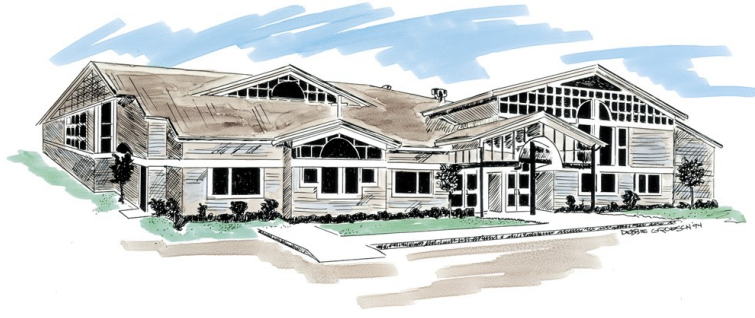


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*There are different ministries,  
but the same Lord.  
You then are the Body of Christ.  
Everyone of you is a member of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:5 & 27

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2022

*Hebrews 4:12*

*The word of God is living and effective,  
discerning reflections and thoughts  
of the heart.*



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# This Week at Holy Cross

## Mon Oct 17

9am- Mass  
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

## Tue Oct 18

9am- Mass  
5:30pm- Confirmation Class

## Wed Oct 19

9am- Mass

## Thu Oct 20

9am- Mass  
9:45am- Grandparenting with Grace  
6:30pm- Screwtape Letters

## Fri Oct 21-Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass  
Confirmation Retreat Begins

## Sat Oct 22

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

## Sun Oct 23

8am- Mass  
9:15am- Faith Formation  
11am- Mass followed by Rosary

## Mass Intentions

Email the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

Sat 10/15	ROS Pedro Jagualing
Sun 10/16	8am- ROS Benigna Kionisala 11am- ROS Evangeline Macaraeg
Mon 10/17 to Tue 10/18	Available!
Wed 10/19	ROS Cicly Horan
Thu 10/20-Fri 10/21	Available!
Sat 10/22	ROS Luisito Reyes ROS Faralito Medina
Sun 10/23	8am- Available! 11am- People of the Parish

## Next Sunday's Readings

### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.*

#### Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

*The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

#### Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

*From now on, the crown of righteousness awaits me.*

#### Luke 18:9-14

*The tax collector, not the Pharisee, went home justified.*

## Reflection

In this gospel, Jesus uses the example of someone who won't give up, who continues to ask, over and over, for what she justly deserves until a disinterested party, the judge, relents and gives in. If this judge, who can't be bothered to do his job, relents in the face of persistence, how much more will our Lord, who desires to help us, be moved? Bearing this in mind, we should not give up when it seems that our prayers aren't being answered.

## Not Just Any Kind of Prayer

There is a vivid contrast in today's parable—between the worldly-wise and unscrupulous judge, who is waiting for the usual bribe, and the seemingly inexperienced widow, who has been defrauded of her property after the death of her husband. What is really at issue, however, is the wisdom of the agnostic judge, who lives in the "real world," and the apparent naivete of the poor widow who is relying on the help of God, in whom she trusts implicitly. The judge trusts in his cleverness; the widow trusts in the God of her prayers.

We must note, however, that it is not just any kind of prayer that will merit a response. Effective prayer in this case is a doggedly persistent and persevering prayer. We are not told how long we must pray in order to finally receive God's response, but the answer seems to be as long as it takes. One important caveat must be observed: our prayer must be for justice—that is, for the good that God sees in our situation, rather than some illusory goal that is not ultimately in our best interests.

The most perfect prayer of trust is found in those few but emphatic words of Jesus as he confronted his death in the garden of Gethsemane. He asks first of all for the humanly comprehensible liberation from his plight. But his implicit faith in his heavenly Father's goodness enables him to rise above the merely human plane and to accept his Father's decision, come what may: "Not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). In a secular, self-centered universe, such a cry will be considered naive, but in the universe that includes God and a life beyond this one, these words of trust are the most perfect expression of human wisdom and generosity.

Fr. Demetrius Dumm, adapted from *Praying the Scriptures Demetrius Dumm, OSB (d. 2013), was a monk of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania and a professor of New Testament studies at St. Vincent Seminary for almost fifty years.*

## On the Way Home from Mass...

What do we pray about? Sometimes it is easier to pray when we need something, but what else can we talk to God about? Do we listen to God responding to us as well?



## This Sunday: Pancake Breakfast!

Join us after the 11am Mass this Sunday for pancakes!  
Thank you Knights of Columbus for this delicious service.

## Faith Formation classes

October 23: Grades K-5 + parents in Family Session  
Grades 6-12 in classrooms (or on retreat)  
All other adults in classrooms

*New families, info online: [holycrossalaska.net/formation](http://holycrossalaska.net/formation)*

## OCIA/RCIA: Sacraments for Adults

Next class: Oct 18, 7-8:30pm in library. Class meets every other Tuesday. To learn more about the faith, or receive sacraments as an adult, call Dcn Sandon: 947-9168.

## Confirmation Retreat

Pray for our Confirmation students on retreat next weekend! We need **1 more man** to chaperone the boys cabin overnight (Oct 21-23, at St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla). Contact Anna for info.

## A Holy Happy Hour: Fri, Oct 28

This social, led by a group of parishioners, is moved to the 4th Friday for this month only (location rotates).

**Oct 28, 6pm.** Bring a side, contact Anna for address.

## Youth Ministry:

### Beat That! ...and cookies too

Nov. 5, 12-3pm. A minute-to-win-it showdown for teens gr. 6-12: quirky skills and hilarious challenges based on the game "Beat That." At the end, we will make cookies in a jar as a gratitude-themed service project.

### Save the date!

- ◆ Health Ministry- Medication take back Sat/ Sun Oct 22 & 23
- ◆ All Saints Carnival Fri Oct 28, 6-8pm



# NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Visit [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) for information, videos and to subscribe to their newsletter.

## Special Religious Education at St. Elizabeth

Special Religious Education, also known as SPRED, is a program of religious education specifically designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons with developmental disabilities or learning difficulties. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish needs to 6 individuals in one of the following age groups that would like to participate: Children 6-10 years old, adolescents 11-16, young Adults 17-21, or adults 22+. Contact Amber Ellis for info: (501) 328-3753.

## Camperships to St. Therese's Camp

It's that time of the year again when our local Catholic Daughters of the America's are offering (3) Camperships to St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla for the 2023 summer session; for students currently in 6th, 7th or 8th grades. A 250-300 word essay written or typed on "Why is Courage Necessary for Christian Witness"? Applications and more information are available at your Parish or Catholic School office or can be emailed to you by contacting [kewhitney14@gmail.com](mailto:kewhitney14@gmail.com). You can also call Kerry at 907-230-4726. Application and essay must be entirely completed and postmarked no later than January 3, 2023 and sent to the CDA Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 243953, Anchorage, Alaska 99524-3953 or emailed directly to [kewhitney14@gmail.com](mailto:kewhitney14@gmail.com). Please encourage your youth to participate!

## World Mission Sunday

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

## 40 Days for Life

Sept. 28—Nov. 6: Anchorage prayer vigils. Learn more at [linktr.ee/40daysforlifeanchorage](http://linktr.ee/40daysforlifeanchorage)

Ministry Schedule for next week (Oct 22/23)

Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Manaois Family	Jerica Manaois Joseph Salao	Ted Walker Cheryl Chapman	Brent Lannen	Linda Galamgam Susan Gallardo
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Henry & Annalise Maes Jerica Manaois	Alice Garrod	Ron Reinhardt	Clara Hoppe Matthew Walsh
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	N/A	Lora & JR Rivera Jerica Manaois	Ann Dimatulac	Ninia Dizon	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:		10/3-9/2022	
Income Sources			
Weekly Collections:	\$	4,123	
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$	-	
Online Giving:	\$	3,267	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,390</b>	
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$	313	
Actual vs. Goal (%):		104.4%	
<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 9/30/2022		
FY23 YTD Complete (%):	25.0%		
Annual Budget Total Income FY 2023:	\$	397,600	
Actual Total Income for Period:	\$	95,320	
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$	99,400	
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$	(4,080)	
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):		95.9%	
<b>Breakdown of Actual Total Income for FY23 YTD Period</b>			
FY23 YTD Period:	7/1/2022 to 9/30/2022		
Weekly Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	52,852	57.8%
Holy Day/Holiday Collections (Basket/Mail):	\$	110	0.1%
Online Giving:	\$	38,482	42.1%
2022 United in Mission Annual Appeal (Rebates):	\$	-	0.0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>91,444</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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