

# 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

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2022

*John 3:16*

*God so loved the world that he gave  
his only Son, so that everyone who  
believes in him might  
have eternal life.*



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# This Week at Holy Cross

## Mon Oct 31

9am- Mass  
1pm- Aspen Creek Service

## Tue Nov 1- All Saints Day- Holy Day of Obligation

9am- Mass All Saints Holy Day  
7pm- Mass All Saints Holy Day  
7:30pm- Knights of Columbus

## Wed Nov 2

9am- Mass

## Thu Nov 3

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

## Fri Nov 4-Parish Office Closed

9am- Mass

## Sat Nov 5

1pm- Legion of Mary  
12pm- Youth Ministry grades 6-12- Beat That!  
3-4pm- Confession  
3:15pm- First Reconciliation Preparation Class  
5pm- Mass

## Sun Nov 6

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

### Mass Intentions

Email the office to schedule your Mass Intention!

Sat 10/29	ROS George Gates
Sun 10/30	8am- Available! 11am- Special Intention Rachel Gottstien
Mon 10/31 to Sun 11/6	Available!

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

*The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever.*

#### Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

*Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.*

#### Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

*May the Lord encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.*

#### Luke 20:27-38

*He is not God of the dead, but of the living.*

# Reflection

“Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little, / warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing.” Think about places in your life where you tend to fall into sin. Maybe it’s a habit; maybe it’s a sinful reaction born from an understandable desire for self-preservation. Maybe it’s a place in your life where you’re overwhelmed and can’t be bothered to put effort into self-correction. How does God rebuke you, little by little? What small signs do you see that remind you to turn back toward the Lord? “But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; / and you overlook people’s sins that they may repent.”

### Never Quite Finished

I can’t remember the last time I climbed a tree. It was once child’s play, but as an adult it’s a bit of a stretch. So, what is Zacchaeus doing out on a limb in Jericho? He’s no kid. He is grown up and wealthy and, even though despised as a tax collector, has a certain status. Short in stature isn’t the whole story. He could have wormed his way to the front of the crowd—it’s a parade move as old as human history.

Luke says Zacchaeus wanted to see who Jesus was. Likely, the stirrings of conversion were already in his heart, so perhaps he also wanted to be seen. But being at the roadside, an arm’s length from this charismatic prophet, might have been a little too close for comfort. Safer to be up a tree where he could check things out. Safer, that is, until Jesus looked up.

Of the many aspects of Zacchaeus’s story, the choice to observe at first from a safe distance is especially resonant. Conversion is uncomfortable and hard and never quite finished. I tend to want detachment from the suffering around me and to reject the idea that I might have extorted anything from anyone. Too often I come up short, reluctant to climb down from my comfortable perch.

But near or far, curbside or tree, doesn’t really matter. Over and again, Jesus looks up and calls me by name.

Peter Dwyer

*Peter Dwyer is recently retired as director of Liturgical Press and publisher of Give Us This Day.*

### On the Way Home from Mass...

How would it feel for Jesus to call out your named and ask to stay in your house?



**All Saints Day This Tuesday**

Mass is offered at 9am & 7pm on this Tuesday 11/1.  
All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Save the Date: Nativity Fundraiser for WYD**

Support our World Youth Day participants in a nativity figurine silent auction after all Masses Nov 6-13.

**Faith Formation classes**

Oct 30: Everyone in Family Session for All Saints Party!

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

**OCIA/RCIA: Sacraments for Adults**

To learn more about the faith, or receive sacraments as an adult, call Dcn Sandon: 947-9168, the group meets Tue evenings at 7pm.

**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.

**Library Volunteer Needed**

We're looking for a volunteer parish librarian. No experience necessary! Contact Debbie Wickler at 952-1879.

**Liturgical Ministries Meeting**

Liturgical ministries meeting has been rescheduled for Mon Nov 21 at 6:30pm. Contact Julie Thomas for information.

**Priesthood Discernment Retreat: Dec 9-10**

Any man (age 18+) who is interested in learning about the priesthood is invited to the Dec 9-10 retreat. Contact Fr. Arthur: 694-2170 or [frarthur@roraff.com](mailto:frarthur@roraff.com)

**Camperships to St. Therese's Camp**

The 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. Info: [holycrossalaska.net/camp](http://holycrossalaska.net/camp)

**Job opportunities around our Archdiocese:**

Learn more at [aoaj.org/jobs](http://aoaj.org/jobs)

- Director of Holy Spirit Center in Anchorage
- Accounting Associate at the Chancery
- Comptroller for the Archdiocese
- Tribunal Administrator

**Take a Peek: Red Bulletin Board**

We are beginning a new series of bulletin board posts for the National Eucharistic Revival, which will feature Eucharistic miracles (from Blessed Carlo Acutis's website of Eucharistic miracles). This week's is from 2013 in Mexico. Check out the red bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, or visit [miracolieucaistici.org](http://miracolieucaistici.org) or [carloacutis.com](http://carloacutis.com)



*"With God, all things are possible, " all people of faith and conscience are invited to attend the closing 40 Days for Life services. We will gather on the west side of Lake Otis in the parking lot of E. 40th Ave. Everyone is welcome!*

Ministry Schedule for next week (Nov 5/6)						
Mass	Music	Sacristan	Servers	Readers	EM	Hospitality
Sat 5 pm	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Matt Williams	Olivia and Sebastian Maglaqui	Diedre Williams Deb Seidl	Brenda Lannen	Maglaqui Family
Sun 8 am	Ryan Meliton (walk-ins welcome)	Mike Webb	Joe and Rose Webb	Eilisa Maes Jason Hlasny	Ron Reinhardt	Garroutte Family
Sun 11 am	Sheila Soukup (walk-ins welcome)	N/A	Kaosi Morah Rowdy Reynoso	Michelangelo Cana Megan Green	Janina Chelbowski	Julie Thomas Kaira Brooks



## Friends of Catholic Social Services



Catholic Social Services is excited to announce that Sr. Lucia Lam Nguyen, a Daughter of Charity of the St. Vincent de Paul Community, will be supporting our guests and clients through art and music. This new program needs art supplies and musical instruments to help support our guests. Please contact Kelly Mullin at [kmullin@cssalaska.org](mailto:kmullin@cssalaska.org) if you have any questions or would like to donate supplies.

Supplies needed: acrylic paint, canvas, watercolor, watercolor paper, pen, drawing pencils, sketch books, notebooks, coloring books, dual markers, digital piano, guitar, ukulele, hand drums, small drums, and shakers.

### **New volunteer opportunities in Supportive Family Services!**

Parent Cafés will be held at Clare House every Tue morning, now until Nov 21 from 10am-12pm. We need volunteers to help with childcare so moms can spend some time in community with their case managers.

### **Strengthening Families**

This class will take place every Mon evening from now until Dec 19 from 6pm-9pm and it is open to the community. During this class families will eat dinner together, then children under the age of 7 will go to childcare while the older youth and their parents or guardians will learn together. If you are interested in more information or you would like to register, please contact Emily Hooyer at [ehooyer@cssalaska.org](mailto:ehooyer@cssalaska.org). Volunteers are needed for childcare as well as dinner donations. Volunteers can sign up to bring a main dish, salad, bread, or dessert- we would love to share your favorite dish!

Some of the skills taught in this class series to both parents and children ages 7-17 are:

- positive disciplining
  - family meetings
  - family meals
  - my time for each child
  - monitoring children
  - working through how to abstain from drugs/ alcohol
- and much more!



**We would love your support as we begin these new classes!** If you would like to help with childcare, please contact Kelly directly at [kmullin@cssalaska.org](mailto:kmullin@cssalaska.org) or 717-3093. If you would like to help supply an item for dinner, please sign up on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49abaf29a3f8c52-strengthening>

### **In-Kind Donation Needs:**

**Supportive Family Services:** donations can be delivered to 3710 E 20th Ave, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm  
Coloring books, Crayons and Markers

**Brother Francis Shelter:** donations can be delivered to 1021 E 3rd Ave, 7 days a week 9am-7pm  
Jackets, Gloves (not knit please), Sweatshirts/pants, Jeans, Sweaters, Socks and Underwear (new only please)

**Clare House:** donations can be dropped off at 4110 Spenard Rd, 7 days a week from 10am-6pm  
Liquid detergent, Dish soap, Dryer sheets, Paper towels

**RAIS:** Sewing classes has begun and the women are creating wonderful clothing for themselves and their families! RAIS clients are in need of fabric and thread, elastic different sizes, scissors, and zippers. In addition, gift cards to Joann Fabric and Crafts, Michaels and Walmart offer the clients an opportunity to pick out fabric they love. To coordinate a time to drop off fabric, please contact Maddy [mmedina@cssalaska.org](mailto:mmedina@cssalaska.org) or 907-891-3752.

### **Are you looking for a way to serve your community and work with our neighbors in need?**

#### **Join the team at Catholic Social Services!**

Chief Development Officer

Claims and Billing Clerk

Complex Care Guest Services Staff

Family Disability Services Direct Care Provider

To see our current job openings, visit <https://www.cssalaska.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>

# FAITH FORMATION LETTER

Hi, everyone!

I wanted to start with an update of Faith Formation at Holy Cross: this past year and a half has been nothing short of groundbreaking. Integrated family ministry has always been important, but in this time and place, it has *actually worked*.

It's incredible to watch parents and kids learn and grow and laugh together, to spend retreats getting to dive deep in our faith, to create space for adults to connect and share the joy of the gospel. Faith Formation facilitates encounters: building bridges between parents and kids, needs and knowledge, the human and the divine. The heart of Faith Formation is Jesus, the community, and putting family and all the messiness that comes with it at the heart of our ministry.

We have 60+ kids and 40+ families enrolled in this year's Faith Formation; a dozen will be receiving First Communion, and 15 will receive Confirmation. This is all made possible by an entire tribe of adults and volunteers who share faith with one another and the next generations. Holy Cross is not a building. Holy Cross is us, the face of every parishioner, and you are the lifeblood of this parish.

I want to remind you of all this because, as sad as I am to announce it, at the end of May next year, my husband Mark and I will be moving back to Indiana—so yes, I'm leaving, but **not yet!** There is still so much good to accomplish between now and then. We're making this announcement super early so that we can start looking for a new person and make a smooth transition.

I've told so many people this over the past months: this really is my dream job. We are doing amazing work – important work – and how could I walk away from all this we are building? It's because Holy Cross – the people, not the building – have reminded me that family is at the core of what we do. If I really believe that, Mark and I can't be the godparents or aunts and uncles that you only see once a year at Christmas.

If I do believe in family ministry – and I do – then my husband and I have to be Christ to our godchildren and our nieces and nephews, and for us, that means being physically present. And while biological children aren't a part of our future, Mark and I agree that being geographically connected to parents, siblings, and cousins is a top priority in our hope to adopt and grow a family of our own someday.

Alaskans are amazing, because I know a lot of you have a similar story: your families aren't geographically close by, either. You find your family and build your community wherever you are – that's what we've done here in Alaska for the past 7 years. But we believe that God is inviting us to a new chapter in our lives, and no matter how difficult the transition, we are willing to give it a try.

What's next? In most ways, everything is continuing just as it has been. I'm here through the end of the year for classes and sacraments. Behind the scenes, we are preparing for the next Director of Faith Formation: let's start praying for him or her, now, and let's also start looking! If you know someone might be interested, visit our website or contact the office for a copy of the job description.

And with all my heart, a very genuine *thank you* – I'm looking forward to the rest of our time together.

Anna Schulten

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# RELICS: THIS WEEKEND!

We will have a table of relics available for veneration in church during Faith Formation class (9:15 – 10:45am). All are invited to meet and venerate over 2 dozen saints!

## WHAT IS A RELIC?

A relic is an item connected to a saint: usually a part of the saint's physical remains, or something they owned.

A relic is housed in a small gold case called a reliquary, with the saint's name, usually written in Latin.

When we ask for a saint's intercession, we ask them to pray to Jesus for and with us. By venerating, or honoring, their relics, we remember them in a special way.

**1ST CLASS RELIC:** A saint's physical remains, such as bone fragments or hair.

**2ND CLASS RELIC:** Something a saint owned, wore, or used.

**3RD CLASS RELIC:** Something that has been touched to a saint's relic, such as a rosary, a saint medal, or a prayer card.

Relics cannot be bought or sold, but may be given away. All relics should be disposed of in a dignified way (returned to a church for proper disposal, or buried).



## HOW TO VENERATE A RELIC:

The practice of venerating a relic is similar to kissing the photo of a loved one who has died. Venerating a relic includes honoring the saint and asking for his or her intercession. This act is not superstitious or magical, but an act of love in one's memory. Just as we would ask a friend to pray for us, so too we can ask the saints to pray to Jesus with and for us.

The action of venerating is done by performing a simple gesture. There are many different types of gestures that are appropriate:

- Kissing the relic
- Touching the relic
- Bowing your head
- Standing near the relic in a prayerful attitude
- Making the Sign of the Cross
- Kneeling in front of a relic in prayer (this is different from genuflecting, which is reserved for Christ in the tabernacle and the cross on Good Friday)
- Touching an item (such as a rosary, prayer card, or medal) to the relic to make a 3rd class relic

Any and all of these physical actions should mirror your internal reality: thanking God for the saint and asking the saint to pray with us and for us to God.

**SAINTS OF GOD, PRAY FOR US!**





# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

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

For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. From empowering immigrants in towns along the southern border to advocating for improved housing and educational opportunities in northern and midwestern cities, CCHD-funded groups tackle a wide range of economic and social justice challenges that affect local communities in rural and urban areas.

In areas of Tennessee where coal-mining operations and landfills have caused water pollution and other environmental damage, Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment (SOCM) works with governments and regulatory agencies to limit hazardous waste disposal in landfills and to require environmental cleanup as part of the permitting process for new business operations.

Environmental damage affects all of us, most especially low-income people who are affected by water pollution resulting from mineral extraction, lack of access to healthy foods in urban “food deserts,” and natural disasters caused by climate change. The Church teaches that “the natural environment is

a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone” (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, no. 95). Since the release of *Laudato Si'* in 2015, CCHD has invested more than \$4.3 million in organizations that work to protect the environment and combat pollution. When you support CCHD, you support organizations that work to protect the air, soil, and water for all the members of their communities.

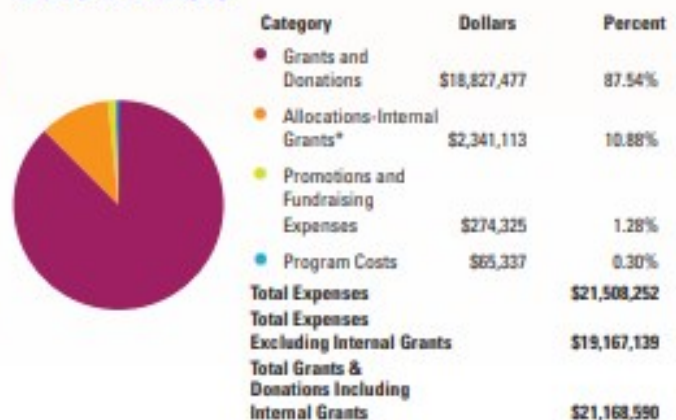
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- **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

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## Financial Corner

<b>TITHING UPDATE</b>	
<i>How did we do last week in meeting our weekly offertory goal?</i>	
Weekly Offertory Goal:	\$ 7,077
Weekly Tithing Period:	10/17-23/2022
<b>Income Sources</b>	
Weekly Collections:	\$ 2,289
Holy Day/Holiday Collections:	\$ -
Online Giving:	\$ 2,894
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,183</b>
Over /(Under) Goal:	\$ (1,894)
Actual vs. Goal (%):	<b>73.2%</b>
<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:	\$ 99,320
Budget Total Income for Period:	\$ 99,400
Over /(Under) Budget for Period:	\$ (4,080)
Actual vs. Budget for Period (%):	<b>95.9%</b>
<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>\$ 91,444 100.0%</b>



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